



Foster family papers, 1861-1869
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Creator: Foster Family.

Description: 28 items.

Biographical/Historical Note: South Carolina family. Henry Poyas Foster, a resident of Summerville, South Carolina, was a Confederate soldier in Hagood's Brigade. His brother Charles, who was born in Charleston, South Carolina, was also in Confederate service. Charles B. Foster was wounded in battle near Ream's Station, Virginia in August of 1864 and died the following month at Alexandria, Virginia.

Scope and Content: Foster family papers consist of correspondence, a transcript of a diary, and a commonplace book.

Correspondence includes letters and transcripts of letters (1862-1865) from Henry Poyas Foster and his brother, Charles B. Foster, mostly to their mother, Harriet S.P. Foster, but also to other relatives, about casualties and bombardments of Fort Sumter, a battle (May 1864) near Petersburg, Virginia, skirmishes, fellow soldiers and officers, the need for clothing, and family matters. Letters are from James Island, S.C., Fort Sumter, North Carolina, and various camps in Virginia.

Papers include a list (n.d.) of casualties, a typed transcript of Charles B. Foster's diary (1864) as a wounded prisoner in a federal hospital before he died, and a commonplace book (1861) compiled for Henry P. Foster by his mother containing prints, quotations, literary passages, and poems, including a poem by Catherine G. Poyas "dedicated to the Army of the Confederate States," and pencil sketches by Harriet S.P. Foster. Commonplace book has later clippings (1862-1869) pasted over many entries, and contains annotations made by Constance Perry Foster, the grand-daughter of Harriet S.P. Foster.

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Search terms:

Foster, Charles Bernard, 1842-1864.

Foster, Harriet Smith Poyas, 1816-1899.

Foster, Henry Poyas, 1846-1919.

Poyas, Catherine Gendron, 1813-1882.

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Confederate States of America. Army -- Military life.

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Virginia -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Sources.
Genre Clippings.
Commonplace books.
Letters (correspondence).
Diaries.
Poems.

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Civil War Papers. 1862-1865. 28 items.

Charleston soldier in Hagood's brigade. Letters and transcripts (1862-1865) of HPF and his brother Charles B. Foster. Mostly to their mother, Harriett S.P. Foster, but also to other relatives. Letters from James Island, Fort Sumter, NC and various camps in VA. Letters regarding war news from Charleston Harbor including casualties and bombardments on Ft. Sumter, a battle near Petersburg, VA (5/1865) and mention of many skirmishes, family matters, comments on fellow soldiers, and officers, need for clothing and other war matters. A list of casualties (n.d.). Also typescript of CBF's diary as a wounded prisoner in a federal hospital before he died.

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Scrapbook, 1862-1866. 1 ms. vol.

Charleston soldier. Scrapbook (ca. 1822-1866) compiled for HPF by his mother, Harriet S.P. Foster. Included are verses and sketches by Catherine G. Poyas and Harriett S.P. Foster, news clippings and prints.