



Whilden family papers, 1854-1920
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Container 11/454

Creator: Whilden, Charles E.

Description: 47 items.

Biographical/Historical Note: Charles E. Whilden worked for the Commissary Department of the U.S. Army in Indian Territories. During the Civil War he was a Confederate soldier in the 1st South Carolina Volunteer Regiment, one of the regiments which made up Gregg's Brigade (later known as McGowan's Brigade). During a battle in Virginia he was wounded while bearing the flag of his regiment. His brother, William G. Whilden, was a merchant of Charleston, South Carolina.

Scope and Content: Papers include correspondence (original letters and transcripts) and miscellaneous items.

Letters (1854-1857) from Charles E. Whilden, in Santa Fe, New Mexico and elsewhere, to William G. Whilden, concern family matters, army life, buffalo hunting, Santa Fe, encounters with Indian tribes including Comanche, Kiowa, Pueblo, and Navajo, and Charles Whilden's ranch outside Santa Fe.

Letter (1864) from Charles E. Whilden at Richmond, Va. to Miss S.E. Alston in South Carolina concerns a blanket which she sent to him and his upcoming furlough to South Carolina. A copy (n.d.) of a letter from Charles E. Whilden (dated 1864) concerns battles near Spotsylvania.

Miscellaneous items include various letters concerning the battle flag of the 1st South Carolina Volunteers and clippings (n.d.) about Charles E. Whilden's heroic actions while bearing the flag of his regiment.

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Search terms:

Alston, Susan Elizabeth, 1830-1880.

Whilden, Charles Edmonston, 1824-1866.

Whilden, William G., d. 1896.

Whilden family.

Confederate States of America. Army -- Flags.

Confederate States of America. Army. Gregg's Brigade.

Confederate States of America. Army. McGowan's Brigade.

Confederate States of America. Army. South Carolina Infantry Regiment, 1st.
United States. Army -- History -- Sources.
Comanche Indians.
Indians of North America -- History -- 19th century -- Sources.
Kiowa Indians.
Navajo Indians.
Pueblo Indians.
Ranches -- New Mexico.
Spotsylvania Court House, Battle of, Va., 1864.
New Mexico -- History -- 1848- -- Sources.
Santa Fe (N.M.) -- Description and travel.
South Carolina -- History -- Sources.
South Carolina -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Sources.
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Sources.
United States -- History -- 1849-1877 -- Sources.
West (U.S.) -- History -- 1848-1950 -- Sources.
Clippings.
Letters (correspondence).

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Civil employee in the U.S. Army in New Mexico, Confederate soldier. Letters (1854-1857) of Charles E. Whilden, in Santa Fe, New Mexico to his brother, William G. Whilden, Charleston regarding New Mexico frontier, Indians, wildlife, and family matters. Other letters (1858-1920) regarding Whilden family history, Charles E. Whilden's confederate army record, and the battle flag of the First South Carolina Volunteers.