

Claudius Charles Wilson papers

Descriptive Summary

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Biographical/Historical Note

Claudius C. Wilson (1831-1863) was born in Effingham County, Georgia, and educated at Emory College in Oxford, Georgia. He read law and was admitted to the bar in Savannah in 1852, and practiced in partnership with Rufus E. Lester under the firm name of Wilson and Lester. In 1859, he was elected Solicitor General of the Eastern Circuit (U. S. Court), but resigned in 1860. He entered the Confederate States Army as Captain of Company I, 25th Regiment, Georgia Infantry Volunteers, and was commissioned as Colonel of the Regiment in September 1861. He served at various points in South Carolina and on the Georgia Coast. In 1863, the Regiment was attached to Gen. Joseph E. Johnston's command in the Vicksburg Campaign. He was ordered to Georgia and commanded a brigade under Gen. W.H.T. Walker at Chickamauga. He was recommended for promotion to Brigadier General for his distinguished service, but before he served in this capacity, he became sick and died at Ringgold, Georgia, November 27, 1863. See *Generals in Gray* by E. J. Warner (1959), 339, and *Men of Mark in Georgia*, ed. by W.J. Northen (Atlanta, 1911: reprinted Spartanburg g, S.C. 1974) 111, 269-271.

Scope and Content Note

The correspondence in this collection, most of it from Claudius Charles Wilson to his wife Kate, describe various camps and battlefronts during the Civil War. Letters were sent from various locations including Savannah, Georgia, area camps at Fort Pulaski, Causton's Bluff, Thunderbolt, Camp Mercer (Tybee Island), and Camp Wilson; Camp Gist, Camp Holmes, and Camp Clingman near Wilmington, North Carolina; and Charleston, South Carolina. Other locations include Chickamauga River, Lookout Mountain, the front lines of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and various places in Mississippi.

Other papers include Confederate States Army correspondence, orders, personnel and supply records, and evacuation and return documents. Included are four Confederate imprints, one of them unique. There are also deeds to property, insurance policies on dwellings, bills of sale for slaves, and a few papers concerning Wilson's legal affairs.

Index Terms

Bills of sale.
Deeds.
Lawyers.
Letters (correspondence)
Slave bills of sale--Georgia.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Personal narratives, Confederate.
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Container List

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- 1 Correspondence, 1860 May 6-1862 June 27 (23.0 items.)
Letters to his wife, Kate, from Charleston, Fort Pulaski, Savannah, Camp Mercer (Tybee Island), Camp Wilson (near Savannah), Camps Gist and Holmes (near Wilmington, North Carolina), Thunderbolt, Camp Smith, Causton's Bluff.

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- 2 Correspondence, 1862 July-1863 July (27.0 items.)
Letters to his wife from Causton's Bluff, Camp Clingman (near Wilmington, North Carolina), Charleston (South Carolina), various places in Mississippi.

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- 3 Correspondence, 1863 September-1903 August 24 (18.0 items.)
C.C. Wilson's letters to his wife from near Chattanooga, Chickamauga River, Lookout Mountain,

and on the lines in front of Chattanooga, September-October 1863. The letters of December 1863-January 1864 are condolences on the death of C.C. Wilson from Gen. W.H.T. Walker, Nathaniel O. Tilton, Whitefield Harrington. The letter of October 21, 1865 is from Rufus E. Lester to Mrs. Wilson, regarding conditions in Savannah and Thomas M. Norwood. The letter of August 24, 1903 is from Lester Karow to his mother, Anna Belle (Wilson) Karow telling of his travels in the West.

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- 4 Military (Confederate States Army), 1861 January-October
The first item is *Rules for the Government of the Savannah Artillery, 1861* (unique Confederate imprint). The remainder is correspondence, orders, and other materials regarding routine matters such as personnel, supplies, etc.

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- 5 Military (Confederate States Army), 1861 November-1862 February (22.0 items.)
The November 1861 papers concern the evacuation of Hilton Head and Tybee Islands and returns of Companys A, E, and H, 25th Regiment, Georgia Volunteers. The remainder is the same as above with returns of Companys B and C, 25th Regiment, Georgia Volunteers (December 1861).

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- 6 Military (Confederate States Army), 1862 March-April (25.0 items.)
Routine military matters. Includes printed G.O. 30, Adj. and Insp. General's Office (Confederate imprint).

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- 7 Military (Confederate States Army), 1862 May-December (30.0 items.)
Routine military matters.

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- 8 Military (Confederate States Army), 1863 March-1865 August 25 and undated
Routine military matters. Includes two Confederate imprints, G.O. 134, Adj. and Insp. General's Office (1863) and *Report of the Majority of the Committee on State Endorsement of the Confederate Debt*, issued by a joint committee of the Georgia General Assembly, 1863 (not military).

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- 9 Personal and legal business, 1861-1862 (18.0 items.)
Sixteen checks by C.C. Wilson, drawn on the Savannah Bank, December 1861-June 21, 1862;

R.H. McIlvaine to Wilson and Lester regarding his case with Crawford, September 9, 1861; John Thompson to C.C. Wilson regarding a case, January 10, 1862.

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10 Legal documents and miscellaneous, 1852-1877 (13.0 items.)

Includes deeds; insurance policies; bills of sale for slaves, etc.; Timber, Lumber and Wood Trains schedule, 1868; invitations to the anniversary celebration of the Phi Gamma Society, Emory College, Oxford, Georgia, 1877, and Georgia Hussars Complimentary Ball to the Charleston Light Dragoons, 1857.