

Battle and Adams family papers

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
Creator:	Adams family.
Creator:	Adams, James Norman, 1844-1862.
Creator:	Battle family.
Creator:	Battle, Jesse Sumner, 1829-1864.
Title:	Battle and Adams family papers
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Biographical/Historical Note

Jesse Sumner Battle (1829-1864) was born in Greene County, Georgia. He was educated at Mercer University and married Nancy Elizabeth Thomas Culbreath in 1850. In 1862, he joined the Confederate States Army. He served first with Captain Lane's Company, Pendleton's Reserve Corps of Artillery, then transferred to Company C of the 11th Georgia Artillery Battalion (Sumter Artillery). He was killed in a mine explosion near Petersburg, Pennsylvania, on July 3, 1864. He was survived by his wife and three children: Pulaski Erstus Battle, Mattie Elizabeth Battle, and John Armistead Battle.

James Norman Adams (1844-1862) was the son of Zelotus and Anne O. Chivers Adams. He enlisted in 1861 at Decatur, Georgia. He served first with Company C, Cobbs Legion, Georgia Volunteers, then in Captain Glenn's Company (Stephen's Rifles), Georgia Legion. He was not reported killed in action, but in 1863 his father submitted an affidavit proving his death on September 14, 1862 at the battle of Crampton Gap, Maryland.

Norman Adams' sister, Ellen Tree Adams, married Pulaski Erastus Battle, the son of Jesse Battle.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of the Civil War letters of Jesse Sumner Battle and James Norman Adams. Included is another notebook containing typed copies of these letters, an extensive genealogy of the Battle and Adams families, and addenda on some of the more famous members of the families, e.g., Thomas Holley Chivers, etc. The collection also contains two photographs of James Norman Adams and a copy of John D. Battle's published *Civil War Letters of Jesse Sumner Battle, C.S.A. and James Norman Adams, C.S.A.*

Index Terms

Adams family.
Adams, James Norman, 1844-1862.
Battle family.
Battle, Jesse Sumner, 1829-1864.
Battle, John D., (John Dillard)
Chivers, T. H., (Thomas Holley), 1809-1858.
Confederate States of America. Army. Cobb's Legion. Infantry Battalion.
Confederate States of America. Army. Georgia Artillery. Battalion, 11th (Sumter Artillery)
Genealogies (histories)
Georgia--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
Letters (correspondence)
Photographs.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

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Publication Note

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Container List

Item

- 1 Notebook containing the original letters of Jesse Sumner Battle and James Norman Adams, circa 1861-1864 (1 vol. (42 documents).)

Item

- 2 Notebook containing supplementary materials

Item

3 Photographs of James Norman Adams (2.0 items.)

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4 Indexes of surnames in *Civil War Letters* (2.0 items.)

Item

5 Norman Adams to his sister, Ellen Tree Adams, 1861 November 2 (Original letter, copy of letter, and typed transcript.)

Item

6 Norman Adams to his father, Zelotus Adams, 1862 June 3 (Copy of original letter and typed transcript.)

Item

7 Fragment of letter, Norman Adams to unknown correspondent, undated (Original and copy.)

Item

8 *Civil War Letters of Jesse Sumner Battle, C.S.A. and James Norman Adams, C.S.A.*, ed. by John D. Battle, Jr., M.D. (Cleveland Heights, Ohio), 1979 (86.0 p.)