

Charles H. Olmstead military records and letters

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
Creator:	Olmstead, Charles Hart, 1837-1926.
Title:	Charles H. Olmstead military records and letters
Dates:	1860-1865
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Identification:	MS 1606

Biographical/Historical Note

Charles H. Olmstead (1837-1926) was adjutant of the 1st Georgia Volunteer Regiment. Under the command of Colonel A.R. Lawton, Olmstead took part in the occupation of Fort Pulaski at the mouth of the Savannah River. When Col. Lawton was sent to Virginia as general, Olmstead was made colonel of the 1st Georgia Regiment and remained at Fort Pulaski until he was forced to surrender. In 1863, he was at Fort Johnson on James Island, South Carolina, and in 1864-1865 he was with troops in northern Georgia.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of a microfilm copy of the military papers of Charles H. Olmstead. They contain orders, circulars, communications and reports, telegrams, and some letters about military matters written to Olmstead or issued by him, and also copies of communications written by him, all from the Civil War. In addition, there are 23 letters written by Olmstead to his wife who was in Savannah and later in Milledgeville. His letters to Mrs. Olmstead were written from Fort Pulaski, January 1861-March 1862; from James Island, July-October 1863; and from camps in northern Georgia in 1864. They contain many details about his activities and duties, his homesickness, and his estimates of the current situation and speculation about the future.

Index Terms

Circulars (fliers)
Confederate States of America. Army. Georgia Infantry Regiment, 1st (1861-1862)
Georgia--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
Letters (correspondence)
Microfilms.
Olmstead, Charles Hart, 1837-1926.
Orders (military records)
Telegrams.

Location of Originals

Original papers in collection #1856, Southern Historical Collection, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Physical and Technical Access Restrictions

A microfilm reader is required to access this collection.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Unknown.

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Restrictions

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