Descriptive Summary:

Creator:	Nathan B. Holder
Title:	Nathan B. Holder Papers
Inclusive Dates:	1863-1864
Bulk Dates:	1863
Abstract:	The Nathan B. Holder Papers consist of letters Nathan wrote home during the American Civil War, plus muster rolls of his imprisonment in 1864.
Accession #:	0193
Extent:	4 folders
Language:	Collection is in English.
Repository:	The Texas Collection, Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

Biographical Note:

The Nathan B. Holder Papers contain correspondence and literary productions about Holder's service in the Texas Militia and the Confederate army during the American Civil War.

Nathan B. Holder was born in 1823 in Wilkes County, North Carolina. At some point he came to Texas and married, since he sent his letters to his wife Martha during the war. The couple had an unknown number of children at the time of the Civil War. He enlisted in the 7th Texas Infantry Regiment, Texas Militia, but was captured in November 1863 in Louisiana. He was exchanged and furloughed home, but enlisted again in Company C, 7th Texas Cavalry, part of Bagby's Brigade, Thomas Green's Division. Holder probably participated in the Red River Campaign in 1864, but was captured again at Cross Bayou, Louisiana, in August 1864. This time he was taken to Elmira prison in New York, where he died on 1 March 1865.

While hard to read due to photocopying, the letters provide valuable information about the Trans-Mississippi area of the Civil War, and an eyewitness account of army life.

Sources:

Braddy, Scott D. "Nathan B. Holder." http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=32710973_. Accessed 17 August 2011.

The American Civil War Research Database. "Soldier Data: N.B. Holder." http://asp6new.alexanderstreet.com/cwdb/cwdb.object.details.aspx?handle=person&id=200667437. Accessed 17 August 2011.

Scope and Content:

The Nathan B. Holder Papers were acquired in one gift from Mrs. Roy Holder at an unknown time, but noted as being here in 1970.

The collection begins in 1863 with correspondence from Nathan to his wife Martha. These letters continue through 1864. The literary series contains muster rolls from Nathan's second imprisonment at Elmira, New York.

Organization and Arrangement:

The Nathan B. Holder Papers are arranged in 2 series: I. Correspondence, and II. Literary Productions.

Restrictions: The collection is open for research.

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Index Terms:
United States—History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
United States—History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Prisoners and prisons.

Related Materials: None.

Separated Materials: None.

Custodial History:

Acquisition:	Collection was acquired in one gift at an unknown time. Gift of Mrs. Roy Holder.
Citation:	Nathan B. Holder Papers, Accession #0193, Box #, Folder #, The Texas Collection, Baylor University.

Processing Information: Finding aid completed by Paul Fisher, 8 August 2011.

Container List:

Series I. Correspondence

BOX NUMBER	FOLDER NUMBER	FOLDER TITLE	DATES
1	1	Correspondence	February-October 10, 1863

BOX NUMBER	FOLDER NUMBER	FOLDER TITLE	DATES
1	2	Correspondence	October 21-November 1863
	3	Correspondence	March-May 17, 1864
	4	Correspondence	May 22-August 9, 1864

Series II. Literary Productions

BOX NUMBER	FOLDER NUMBER	FOLDER TITLE	DATES
1	5	Literary: Muster Rolls	1864