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Richard L. Farr Papers. Inclusive: 1858-1889, undated; bulk: 1858-1865

Summary Information

Creator	Farr, Richard L. Farr, Elizabeth K.
Extent (quantity/size)	1 document box and 1 oversized box.
Abstract	The Richard L. Farr Papers consist of correspondence between Richard L. Farr and his wife Elizabeth K., as well as between other Farr family members and friends. Most of the correspondence dates from Richard's service in the 30th Georgia Infantry during the American Civil War.

Subjects

Georgia -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865.

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Archivist's Notes: Birth and death dates of Richard Loyal and Elizabeth K. Farr children:

George: circa 1858 December-1859 November
Richard J.: 1862 July 25-?
David Washington: 1865 April 3-1950 February 20
Frances Marion: 1866 May 5-1946 May 17
Susan G.: 1870 December 18-circa 1871
Amanda E.: 1872 December 17-?

Birth and death dates of Richard Loyal and Minerva Eliza Lowom Farr children:

Cora Lee: 1894 November 24-1980 October 15
Jesse C. Nixon: 1896 February 11-1954 June 13
Lydia Vstula: 1897 December-?
Walter D.: 1900 March 5-1984 November 14

Scope and Content

The Richard L. Farr Papers were acquired as a gift from Eula Dee Haney, of Dallas, Texas, on June 12, 1958. The collection spans from 1858 to 1889, although most of the items are from 1858 to 1865. The correspondence series constitutes almost the entire collection; there are only a few literary productions.

Administrative/Biographical History

Richard Loyal Farr was born in Fayette County, Georgia, on 1839 April 6, to the farming family of Jesse H. and Elizabeth Nixon Farr (both of whom were born circa 1804). Around 1858, Richard married Elizabeth K. (circa 1837-?). Together they had at least six children. On 1893 June 29, presumably after Elizabeth's death, Farr married Minerva Eliza Lowom (1869-1918). Together they had at least four children.

In the 1860 census, Farr is listed as a farm laborer. He and Elizabeth were living with his parents at the time. Two years later, on 1862 August 24, Farr enlisted as a private in Company G, the "Fayette Volunteers," 30th Georgia Infantry. The 30th Georgia was organized at Milledgeville, Georgia, in the fall of 1861. The regiment participated in many Civil War battles, including those in the Chickamauga Campaign, the Atlantic Campaign, the Vicksburg Campaign, and the 1864 Tennessee Campaign. Farr became sick shortly after enlisting and remained in the hospital for much of 1863. By the end of that year, Farr was working as a nurse at Bell Hospital in Rome, Georgia, and Buckner Hospital in Newnan, Georgia.

Farr participated in something like a Baptist revival while working at Bell Hospital in September 1863, and he later sent a tract and a testament back to his family.

After the war, Farr returned to Georgia and back to farming. He died on 1921 February 8, in Clay County, Alabama.

Related Resources

Related citations

Ayres, Linda S. "Providence Cemetery, Delta, Clay County, Alabama." *USGenWeb Archives*.

<http://files.usgwebarchives.net/all/day/cemeteries/providence2.txt>. Accessed 2013 March 5.

"Farr, Richard L." *National Park Service Soldiers and Sailors Database*. <http://www.nps.gov/civilwar/search-soldiers-detail.htm?soldierid=94d5cd9b-dc7a-df11-bf36-b8ac6f5d926a>. Accessed 2013 March 5.

"Fayetteville, GA, 1860 U.S. Census." *Heritage Quest Online*.

<http://persi.heritagequestonline.com/hqoweb/library/do/census/results/image?sumname=farr&givenname=jesse&series=8&state=12&countyid=637&hitcount=1&p=1&um=um%3Aproquest%3AUS%3Bcensus%3B8507898%3B51102691%3B8%3B12&searchtype=1&offset=0>

Accessed 2013 March 5.

Rigdon, John. *Historical Sketch & Roster: The GA 30th Infantry Regiment*. Powder Springs, GA: Eastern Digital Resources, 2004.

Archival Arrangement

The Richard L. Farr Papers were organized prior to this finding aid. They were, with a few exceptions, arranged chronologically. In addition to a handful of inventories, a detailed calendar was previously prepared. The calendar includes detailed descriptions of each letter or item and an index of names appearing in the collection.

Currently, the Richard L. Farr Papers are organized into two series: I. Correspondence and II. Literary Productions. The chronological arrangement was maintained and the few exceptions to this ordering were corrected.

Series 1: Correspondence. 1858-1879, undated

Administrative/Biographical History

This series consists of correspondence between Richard L. Farr and his wife Elizabeth K., as well as between other Farr family members and friends. The majority of the correspondence was exchanged during the Civil War.

Item List

Box 1. Folder 1. Correspondence: General, 1858 August 29-1859 February 24
Box 1. Folder 2. Correspondence: General, 1859 September 8-1860 April 22
Box 1. Folder 3. Correspondence: General, 1860 May 17-December 4
Box 1. Folder 4. Correspondence: General, 1861 February 11-1861 June 2
Box 1. Folder 5. Correspondence: General, 1861 July 8-1862 February 27
Box 1. Folder 6. Correspondence: General, 1862 May 8-October 22
Box 1. Folder 7. Correspondence: General, 1863 February 9-March 10
Box 1. Folder 8. Correspondence: General, 1863 March 13-April 9
Box 1. Folder 9. Correspondence: General, 1863 April 10-May 28
Box 1. Folder 10. Correspondence: General, 1863 June 7-August 5
Box 1. Folder 11. Correspondence: General, 1863 September 9-October 17
Box 1. Folder 12. Correspondence: General, 1863 October 17-1864 March 18
Box 1. Folder 13. Correspondence: General, 1864 March 28-April 24
Box 1. Folder 14. Correspondence: General, 1864 May 7-May 23
Box 1. Folder 15. Correspondence: General, 1864 May 31-July 4
Box 2 OVZ. Folder 1. Correspondence: General, 1864 August 6
Box 1. Folder 16. Correspondence: General, 1865 March 17-1879 September 7
Box 1. Folder 17. Correspondence: General (1 of 2), undated
Box 1. Folder 18. Correspondence: General (2 of 2), undated

Series 2: Literary Productions. circa 1860s-1889, undated**Administrative/Biographical History**

This series consists of a few manuscript literary productions, including some financial accounting, birth dates of some of Richard L. and Elizabeth K. Farr's children, and a poem.

Item List

Box 2 OVZ. Folder 2. Literary Productions: General, circa 1860s
Box 1. Folder 19. Literary Productions: General, 1889 August 2, undated