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**WILLIAM STOKES PAPERS**

**I**

The William Stokes Papers were deposited with the Archives on June 21, 1995 by Addie Stokes Mayfield (Mrs. H. L.), Margaret Gillespie Holroyd (Mrs. Emery), Helen Gillespie Hood (Mrs. Ralph), and Gertrude Gillespie Long (Mrs. H. Karl).

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Scope and Content Note: **The William Stokes Papers mainly consist of personal correspondence from William Stokes (1833-1905) to his wife, Eliza Jane Boulware Stokes (1837-1916), during the American Civil War. William Stokes served in the Confederate Army during the American Civil War with the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment South Carolina Calvary as Lieutenant Colonel. After the conclusion of the war he would be given the rank of Brigadier General by then Governor Wade Hampton. He was born on October 20, 1833, and died on June 30, 1905. The collection includes pre-Civil War, Civil War, and post-Civil War letters and military orders. Also includes writings by historians detailing William Stokes' involvement, and actions by his regiment and other regiments, particularly those from South Carolina, during the Civil War. Most of the letters and orders are dated and identified.**

Transfer of Items: None

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
1	1	DOCUMENTS AND DEEDS OF J. STOKES AND ANN STOKES This series contains documents concerning land deeds, financial records, and appraisals of land, slaves and personal property. This series is in chronological order.	1797, 1819-1833, 1855-1860
1	2	LETTERS FROM CAMPS MARION, HAMPTON, HONEY HILL AND STOKES This series contains letters regarding details of his troop's movement, camp life, and recent events of his unit. Includes reports of a possible attack on Charleston, the conditions of his soldier's health. This series is in chronological order.	Dec. 1, 1861- Mar. 21, 1862
1	3	LETTERS FROM CAMPS STOKES, HONEY HILL, AND NEAR GRAHAMVILLE This series contains letters regarding encounters with the enemy, and near battles at Bluffton. Includes details of the lack of rations, and his contraction of dysentery. Also includes the movement of his headquarters to Grahamville, and his reaction to his newborn son. This series is in chronological order.	Mar. 22, 1862- June 29, 1862
1	4	LETTERS FROM CAMPS NEAR GRAHAMVILLE, JACKSON, AND PRITCHARD This series contains letters regarding the movement of his battalion to Bluffton, SC, and Stokes' trip to Charleston. Also includes comments on Union soldiers' attitudes towards the war and his description of a black brigade. This series is in chronological order.	July 1, 1862- Aug. 31, 1862
1	5	LETTERS FROM HARDENVILLE, CAMP PRITCHARD AND CHARLESTON This series contains letters concerning gun boat attacks on supplies that were located near the water, and recent battles around his camp. Includes a trial of Confederate soldiers and a visit by General Beauregard to supervise an inspection. This series is in chronological order.	Oct. 16, 1862- Dec. 31, 1862

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
1	6	LETTERS FROM CAMPS PRITCHARD AND NEAR PETERSBURG This series contains letters concerning the build-up of enemy forces in Charleston, and description of the abolitionist fleet. Includes his beliefs of the correct southern strategy in the war. Also includes a letter concerning an order from the Secretary of War and a report from General Beauregard. This series is in chronological order.	Jan. 20, 1863- Mar. 11, 1863
2	7	LETTERS FROM CAMP PRITCHARD AND McPHERSONVILLE This series contains letters concerning his recent sickness and a continuous build-up in Charleston of forces. Includes an attempt to attack Charleston against General Beauregard, by a fleet estimated at 130 vessels. Also includes that he went to McPhersonville to replace General Walker, and recent battle at Bluffton. This series is in chronological order.	Mar. 15, 1863- June 16, 1863
2	8	LETTERS FROM GREEN POND (I) This series contains letters concerning recent raids on Green Pond, and attempted escapes made by slaves. Includes a description of a bombardment and an attack on Charleston in which the abolitionist fleet was involved. Also includes descriptions of battles at Forts Sumter, Wagner, and on the Edisto River. This series is in chronological order.	June 18, 1863- July 21, 1863
2	9	LETTERS FROM GREEN POND AND CHARLESTON This series contains letters concerning the continuous attacks on Charleston, and the falling of Fort Sumter. Includes what reinforcements are available in Charleston. Also includes a letter from E. Harleston describing the condition of Charleston. This series is in chronological order.	July 23, 1863- Sept. 16, 1863
2	10-11	LETTERS FROM GREEN POND (II) This series contains letters concerning another failed attempt to seize Charleston. Includes a description of his meeting with President Davis an expedition he made with eighty men. Also includes details of the items his wife was sending him and descriptions of enemy troop movements. This series is in chronological order.	Sep. 17, 1863- Dec. 5, 1863

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

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2	12	LETTERS FROM POCATALIGO, COOSAWHATCHIE AND R. RISHER This series contains letters concerning Stokes taking Colonel Rutledge's command, and a battle at Port Range Ferry. Includes a review made by General Beauregard and a description of how much of Stokes' command was sent to Florida. Also includes a letter from R. Risher concerning Stokes' taxes. This series is arranged chronologically. This series is in chronological order.	Jan. 12, 1864- Mar. 16, 1864
2	13	LETTERS FROM COOSAWHATCHIE AND FROM VARIOUS PLACES ON THE MARCH TO RICHMOND This series contains letters concerning Stokes' regiment moving to Virginia to report to General Butler. Includes statements that his regiment will meet at Greensboro before leaving. Also includes descriptions of the towns and people of Columbia, Camden, Greenville, and Lancaster, SC; Charlotte, and Salisbury, NC; and Richmond, and Clarksville, VA. This series is in chronological order.	Mar. 17, 1864- May 27, 1864
3	14	LETTERS FROM THE VARIOUS PLACES THAT "BUTLER'S BRIGADE" MARCHED IN VIRGINIA This series contains letters concerning the battle of the Peninsula in which Stokes was engaged, and the skirmishes that took place after. Includes a description of his pursuit of Sheridan towards Fredricksburg. Also includes descriptions of General Lee, and his tactics against General Grant. This series is in chronological order.	May 29, 1864- July 10, 1864
3	15	LETTERS FROM MALONE'S AND WEB'S FARM, RHEAM'S STATION SOUTH ANNA, AND ASHLAND, VA This series contains letters concerning camp conditions and attacks made into Maryland, and expeditions near the enemy for oats and cattle. Also includes descriptions of their movements to Richmond to counter enemy movements by Grant. This series is in chronological order.	July 14, 1864- Aug.15, 1864

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
3	16	LETTERS FROM THE MARCH TO RICHMOND AND FROM THE PURSUIT OF THE ENEMY AROUND RICHMOND This series contains letters concerning a battle at Chaffin's Farm, and Rheam's Station, the picket line that was established by Stokes after the battles. Also includes a meeting with General Lee and the promotion for Stokes to command the cavalry line. This series is in chronological order.	Aug. 17, 1864 Sept. 26, 1864
3	17	LETTERS FROM BURGESS MILL, ARMSTRONG MILL, AND CAMP BUTLER This series contains letters concerning the decimated ranks of the army and comments by Beauregard about Stokes. Includes details of the enemy attack on his picket line. Also included are his concerns for southern independence and an order from General Lee regarding replacement soldiers. This series is in chronological order.	Sept. 27, 1864- Oct. 25, 1864
3	18	LETTERS FROM BUTLER'S CAMP ON QUAKER ROAD AND BELOW PETERSBURG, VA This series contains letters concerning a battle near Hatches Run and movements by Grant and Sheridan. Includes a description of the condition of his Regiment and comments on the upcoming northern election which Lincoln is expected to win. This series is in chronological order.	Oct. 28, 1864- Nov. 20, 1864
3	19	LETTERS FROM BELFIELD AND STORMY CREEK This series contains letters concerning Sherman's march in Georgia and a battle at Stormy Creek. Also includes a description of an expedition to Belfield. This series is in chronological order.	Nov. 22, 1864- Dec. 9, 1864
3	20	LETTERS FROM CAMPS AT COLUMBIA, SC; AND CHARLOTTE, THOMASVILLE, RALEIGH AND WAYNE COUNTY, NC. This series contains letters concerning a possible court martial for Stokes and supplies he is sending to his wife. Includes movements by Sheridan and a description of the destruction caused by Sherman's army. This series is in chronological order.	Feb. 2, 1865- Apr. 1, 1865

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
4	21	LETTERS AND MILITARY ORDERS DURING THE PRE-CIVIL WAR PERIOD This series contains letters and orders concerning promotions for Stokes and orders to hold elections for other promotions and trials for court martials. Also includes documents listing supplies, men, and the conditions of the 4 <sup>th</sup> South Carolina Cavalry. This series is in chronological order.	Nov. 16, 1833- Dec. 10, 1860
4	22	LETTERS AND MILITARY ORDERS DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THE CIVIL WAR This series contains letters and orders concerning troop movements and army regulations. Also includes orders to hold elections, and orders to report strength and size of the 4 <sup>th</sup> South Carolina Cavalry. This series is arranged chronologically.	Jan. 31, 1861- Mar. 18, 1862
4	23	LETTERS AND MILITARY ORDERS DURING THE SECOND YEAR OF THE CIVIL WAR This series contains letters and orders concerning a promotion for Stokes to Lt. Colonel. Also includes special orders for troop deployment from various states, and other regulations for the Confederate Army. This series is in chronological order.	Mar. 19, 1862- July 20, 1862
4	24	LETTERS AND MILITARY ORDERS DURING THE SECOND HALF OF THE CIVIL WAR This series contains letters and orders concerning Stokes possible court martial, and the forbidding of impressments. Also includes letters concerning weapons that were sent to Stokes, and an order placing Stokes on the Board of Examiners. This series is in chronological order.	Oct. 1, 1862- Sept. 1, 1864
4	25	LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS DURING AND AFTER THE CIVIL WAR This series contains letters and documents concerning the battles of Fredricksburg, and the siege of Vicksburg. Includes post-war documents stating Stokes' allegiance to The United States, and the freeing of all of his slaves. Also includes bills and receipts for various items that were bought by Stokes. This series is in chronological order.	Dec. 10, 1862- Jan. 28, 1884



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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
4	26	LETTERS FROM STOKES AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE FOURTH SOUTH CAROLINA CAVALRY This series contains letters and documents concerning the history of the 4 <sup>th</sup> South Carolina Cavalry. Also includes letters detailing the orders for his slaves and what needs to be done with his cotton, and other crops. No arrangement is made in this series.	Jan. 1, 1965- July 1, 1912
4	27	HISTORIES OF THE 4 <sup>TH</sup> , 5 <sup>TH</sup> & 6 <sup>TH</sup> SOUTH CAROLINA CAVALRIES DURING THE CIVIL WAR This series contains histories of the 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , & 6 <sup>th</sup> , Cavalries, and their movements and battles fought in during the Civil War. Also includes a list of all enlisted with the 4 <sup>th</sup> South Carolina Cavalry and a summarization of all casualties. This series is in chronological order.	1864-1899
4	28	SADDLE SOLDIERS This series contains a copy of a book published by Lloyd Halliburton that follows the 4 <sup>th</sup> Regiment South Carolina Calvary of the Confederate Army through the American Civil War by using the letters of then Lieutenant Colonel William Stokes. The book is:  Halliburton, Lloyd. <i>Saddle Soldiers: The Civil War Correspondence of General William Stokes of the 4<sup>th</sup> South Carolina Cavalry.</i> Orangeburg, SC: Sandlapper Publishing Company, Inc., 1993.	1993