

William D. Wilkins Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: William D. Wilkins Papers

Span Dates: 1847-1863

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1861-1863)

ID No.: MSS61935

Creator: Wilkins, William D. (William Duncan), 1826-1882

Extent: 130 items; 2 containers; .8 linear feet; 1 microfilm reel

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: United States Army officer and lawyer. Correspondence, diary, and newspaper clippings relating to Wilkins's service in the Mexican War and the Civil War.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Personal Names

Wilkins, William D. (William Duncan), 1826-1882.

Organizations

Libby Prison.

Subjects

Mexican War, 1846-1848.

Locations

Maryland--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Campaigns.

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Prisoners and prisons.

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Virginia--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Campaigns.

Occupations

Army officers.

Lawyers.

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The papers of William D. Wilkins, United States Army officer and lawyer, were given to the Library of Congress by Mrs. Frank Paull Mitchell in 1985. An addition was purchased in 1999.

Processing History:

The papers of William D. Wilkins are described in *Library of Congress Acquisitions: Manuscript Division, 1985*, p. 33.

Copyright Status:

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of William D. Wilkins is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions:

The William D. Wilkins Papers are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Microfilm:

A microfilm edition of part of these papers is available on one reel. Consult a reference librarian in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan.

Preferred Citation:

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, William D. Wilkins Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of William Duncan Wilkins (1826-1882) span the years 1847-1863, with the bulk of the items dating from 1861 to 1863, and consist of correspondence, a diary, and newspaper clippings. The collection contains correspondence written to Wilkins by his mother, Maria Wilkins, while he was serving as a lieutenant in the United States Army during the Mexican War and letters written from locations in Maryland and Virginia by Wilkins to his wife, Elizabeth Wilkins, during the Civil War. His diary accompanied by a newspaper article chronicles Wilkins's captivity as a prisoner of war at Libby Prison in Richmond, Virginia, from August to September 1862.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	Diary, 1862 <i>Available on microfilm. Shelf no. 22,323</i>
BOX 1	Family correspondence
BOX 1	1847-1861 (3 folders)
BOX 1	1862
BOX 1	Jan.-May (5 folders)
BOX 2	June-Dec. (2 folders)
BOX 2	1863, undated (4 folders)
BOX 2	Miscellany, undated