

# **Christiancy and Pickett Families Papers**

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Christiancy and Pickett Families Papers

**Span Dates:** 1835-1998

**ID No.:** MSS84388

**Creator:** Christiancy family

**Creator:** Pickett family

**Extent:** 1,000 items ; 2 containers plus 1 oversize ; 0.6 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Summary:** Families related by the marriage of George E. Pickett (1864-1911) to Ida Elizabeth Christiancy in 1891.

Correspondence, diary, military certificates, notebooks, genealogical material and other papers relating to the Christiancy and Pickett families, including letters of Henry Clay Christiancy and his brother James Isaac Christiancy, Union Army officers during the Civil War; Confederate General George E. Pickett (1825-1875) and his wife, La Salle Corbell Pickett; and George E. Pickett (1891 or 2-1959).

## 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.

### People

Christiancy family.

Christiancy, Henry Clay, 1841-1925. Henry Clay Christiancy papers.

Christiancy, James Isaac, 1843-1899. James Isaac Christiancy papers.

Pickett family.

Pickett, George E. (George Edward), 1825-1875. George E. Pickett papers.

Pickett, George E. (George Edward), 1891 or 1892-1959. George E. Pickett papers.

Pickett, La Salle Corbell, 1848-1931. La Salle Corbell Pickett papers.

### Subjects

Gettysburg, Battle of, Gettysburg, Pa., 1863.

### Places

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Administrative Information

### Provenance

The papers of the Christiancy and Pickett families were given to the Library of Congress by Suzanne Pickett Zbar in 1999.

### Processing History

The papers of Christiancy and Pickett families were arranged and described in 2000. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

### Transfers

Some photographs have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of the Christiancy and Pickett Families Papers.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the Christiancy and Pickett families is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of the Christiancy and Pickett families 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.

## Preferred Citation

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

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of the Christiancy and Pickett families span the years 1835-1998 and consist of correspondence, writings, photographs, military papers, notes, genealogical material, estate papers, newspaper clippings, an account of monies, and a diary, chiefly relating to the Civil War.

The Christiancy family papers include letters written from 1862 to 1864 by Henry Clay Christiancy (1841-1925) and his brother James Isaac Christiancy (1843-1899) who were Union army officers from Michigan serving in Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania. Henry wrote mostly to his wife, Charlotte Elizabeth "Libbie" Brigham Christiancy, and James to his father, Isaac Peckham Christiancy. Included also is an annotated transcription of Henry's diary from 1862 to 1864 which also contains photographs and maps. In 1863, James Christiancy became General George Armstrong Custer's adjutant. His letter dated May 23, 1864, contains "Rebel trophies" consisting of a star cut from the uniform of Colonel H. Clay Pate of the Fifth Virginia Cavalry, a bar cut from the uniform of a lieutenant, and a postage stamp.

Pickett family papers consist of notebooks relating to Confederate General George E. Pickett (1825-1875) and his wife, La Salle Corbell Pickett, and the general's military certificates. The notebooks, 1835-1998, include original correspondence, transcriptions, writings, newspaper clippings, notes, pamphlets, genealogy, photographs, and estate papers. A majority of the items relate to Pickett's "Charge" at the Battle of Gettysburg. Included also is an 1837 account of money paid to invalids, widows, and children kept by J. C. (James Charmberlayne) Pickett, an auditor with the United States Department of the Treasury. The twentieth-century correspondence was mostly written to and from George E. Pickett (1891 or 2-1959) about his grandparents and Pickett family genealogy. In 1998, the ashes of La Salle Corbell Pickett were reinterred next to her husband's grave in the Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia.

The two families became related when George E. Pickett (1864-1911), married Henry Clay Christiancy's daughter, Ida Elizabeth, in 1891.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by name of person.

## Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	Christiancy, Henry Clay
BOX 1	Correspondence, 1863-1864
BOX 1	Diary, 1862-1864
BOX 1	Miscellany, 1925, undated
BOX 1	Christiancy, James Isaac, 1862-1864
BOX 1	Pickett, George E.
BOX 1	Military certificates, 1846-1851 <i>See Oversize</i>
BOX 1	Notebook
BOX 1	1835-1865, 1875, 1909-1913, 1931-1933, 1945-1946, 1950-1959 (2 folders)
BOX 2	1977-1979, 1998, undated
BOX 2	Pickett, J. C. (James Chamberlayne), 1837 <i>See Oversize</i>
BOX 2	Pickett, La Salle Corbell, 1875, 1900-1910, 1916-1934, 1955-1958, 1997-1998, undated (3 folders)
BOX OV 1	Oversize, 1837-1851
BOX OV 1	Pickett, George E.
BOX OV 1	Military certificates, 1846-1851 (Container 1)
BOX OV 1	Pickett, J. C. (James Chamberlayne), account, 1837 (Container 2)