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Summary Information

Repository	Ouachita Baptist University Library
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Biographical/Historical Note

Joseph Scrivner Ambrose IV was born in 1835 in Clay County, Kentucky, the sixth child of Joseph Scrivner Ambrose III and Hannah Clements Ambrose. J. S. Ambrose IV joined the Confederate States Army as a captain, Company F, 8th Kentucky Cavalry, on September 10, 1862, in Boone County, Kentucky. During the war, Ambrose participated in a Confederate incursion covering hundreds of miles of Union territory during a nearly month-long campaign, known as "Morgan's Raid." Led by General John Hunt Morgan, the legendary raid went deeper into the North than any other Confederate Army campaign, but the men were forced to surrender in July of 1863. Ambrose was held prisoner at the Ohio State Penitentiary, arriving on August 1. In March of 1864, he was moved to Fort Delaware, an island in the middle of the Delaware River, between the states of Delaware and New Jersey. After the war, J. S. Ambrose married Nancy Connley in 1866, in Kentucky, and the couple had two children. Joseph Scrivner Ambrose died December 9, 1896, in Paris, Texas.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains twenty-four letters written by Captain J. S. Ambrose (Captain, Confederate States Army) to his sister (Nannie Dawley of Kentucky) during the Civil War. Ambrose penned all but one of the letters while a prisoner-of-war at the Ohio State Prison and Fort Delaware.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Collection Inventory

1863 August 17, Ohio State Prison

1863 August 25, Ohio State Prison

1863 September 10, Ohio State Prison

1863 October 9, Ohio State Prison

1863 October 27, Ohio State Prison

1863 November 17, Ohio State Prison

1863 December 1, Ohio State Prison

1863 December 6, Ohio State Prison

1863 December 16, Ohio State Prison

1863 December 31, Ohio State Prison

1864 January 28, Ohio State Prison

1864 February 21, Ohio State Prison

1864 March 14, Ohio State Prison

1864 April 3, Fort Delaware

1864 April 28, Fort Delaware

1864 May 28, Fort Delaware

1864 June 21, Fort Delaware

1864 July 26, Fort Delaware

1864 September 25, Fort Delaware

1864 October 13, Fort Delaware

1864 November 1, Fort Delaware

1864 November 23, Fort Delaware

1864 December 22, Fort Delaware

1865 January 22, Fort Delaware

1865 February 8, Fort Delaware

1865 February 26, Fort Delaware

1865 March 6, Fort Delaware

1865 March 15, Baptist College, Richmond, Virginia