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Saturday Nov 14th - 46

It has been blowing such Clouds of dust through Camp all day that I have scarcely been able to See my hand before me - This is literally true - Blanket, clothing every thing we eat completely covered Not a drop of rain has fallen Since I have been to the place and 'tis said that none need be expected for weeks to come - I have never So uncomfortably Situated in my life - 'tis enough, with all my anxiety to make one Commit Suicide. We can get no intelligence from the interior and none from the States, at all Satisfactory, and here we have to remain Subjected to all the discomforts in the world combining a Suspense, alone, that is almost intolerable You can help yourself - you must bear my ill humour - the Soldiers in Camp have been "Catching it" for some days - Col Belknap left this morning with two Cos of Replenes on Atilly and an immense Siege train - This looks very like Prosecuting the war - even to San Louis Potosi - and here I am to remain, or if I go, to go afoot - I have just sent to the Post Office and I am informed that the mail that arrived this afternoon will not be opened till to-morrow - This is pleasant again. I want to know if the Navy has taken Veracruz or Tampico - No one can tell - all have heard the rumour - Another Mexicans, quite a Respectable man, killed by the volunteers and thrown into the river. 'Tis dangerous to go out of sight of Camp - Mexicans and volunteers equally to be feared All this is extremely agreeable - I am quite sick to night - to-morrow - or I must consult the Doctor - another item - I got a bunch of onions and potatoes and two Small pumpkins to day - This is Something more than I've had Since I have been here - dont you envy me? Do you object to my eating onions two thousand miles away! Can't help it Mrs Wirt

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To: Mrs Wyche Hunter
Athens Georgia

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Hunter, Nathaniel Wyche, 1811-1849.
Nathaniel Wyche and Sarah R. Hunter papers, 1820-1869.
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Nathaniel Wyche Hunter (1811-1849), graduated from West Point (1833), served in the U.S. Army during the Florida Wars and Mexican War in Company H of the 2nd Regular U.S. Dragoons. Married Sarah R. Golding of Athens, Georgia in 1846.

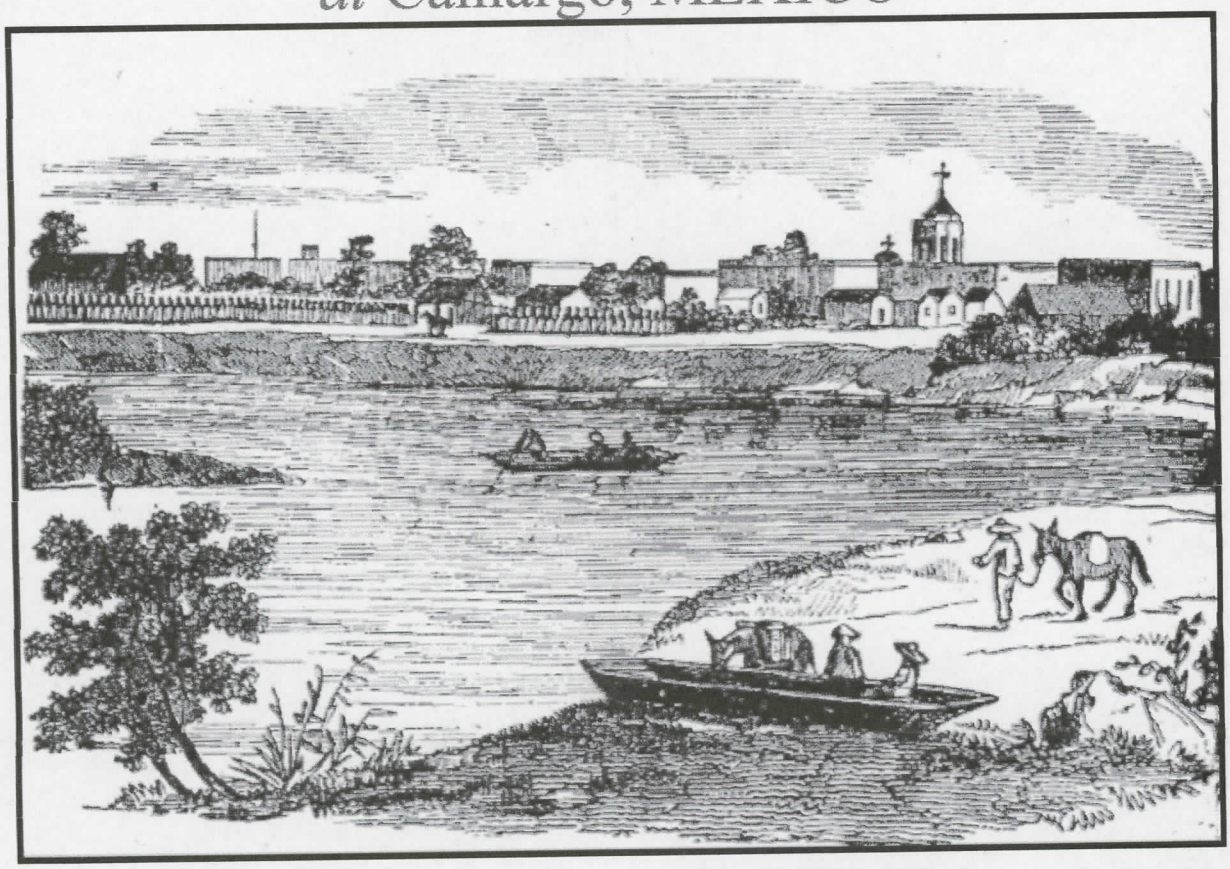
The collection consists of papers of Nathaniel Wyche and Sarah R. Golding Hunter from 1820-1869. The earliest correspondence (1840-1843) is to Sarah R. Golding from family and friends, mainly discussing Athens social life and their experiences at school. The majority of the collection is comprised of correspondence (1843-1846) between Hunter and his fiancee and later wife Sarah R. Golding while he served in the 2nd Cavalry (Dragoons) of the U.S. Army, particularly during the Mexican War. His early letters discuss mostly their budding romance, but later letters describe camp conditions, travel to Mexico, the Mexican countryside, and engagements of his unit. Includes letters from the Augusta Arsenal (Ga.), Fort Columbus (N.Y.), Fort Jessup, Corpus Christi (Tex.), and Camargo (Mexico) with details on the Battle of Palo Alto and Reseca de la Palma (May 1846). The collection contains some official military correspondence such as orders, memos and correspondence documenting the actions of John E. Wool, Zachary Taylor, Irvin McDowell, William Joseph Hardee, and John S. Wood.

The papers also include diaries kept by Hunter from October 1-15, 1846 discussing his trip to Mexico and another from February 21 - March 12, 1848 describing his command of American troops near Monterrey (Mexico); and a diary kept by Sarah G. Hunter from 1848-1849 mainly describing Athens (Ga.) social life and the death of her husband.

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EUTAW RANGERS
at Camargo, MEXICO



"Camargo is a town of some size but is dilapidated and almost destroyed by the overlfow that lately took place of the San Juan River...There are few attractions in or about the place. The curiosity is perfectly satisfied in a short time."
- Capt. Sydenham Moore, Journal, Sept. 1, 1846

- **Sept. 1, 1846:** Company D, along with rest of Alabama regiment, arrives at Camargo aboard the steamboat *Big Hatchie* at about 4 p.m. Encamps alongside Rio San Juan about 1 and 1/2 miles below the town.
- **Sept. 7, 1846:** Company D detached to guard Government stores on opposite shore of Rio San Juan.
- **Sept. 9, 1846:** False alarm of Mexican attack in the night.
- **Sept. 10, 1846:** Company receives mail.
- **Sept. 13, 1846:** Pvt. Cicero L. Kirksey dies in camp at 11 p.m. from measles. Buried on the 14th about 1/2 mile above town.
- **Sept. 16 or 17, 1846:** Company returns to regiment from detached duty.
- **Sept. 28, 1846:** Soldiers at Camargo receive word of U.S. victory at Monterey.
- **Oct. 5. 1846:** Election for 2nd Lt. won by Dr. Anderson.
- **Oct. 9, 1846:** After drilling in rain, dismissed Alabamians run back to camp yelling, leading other troops to believe Mexicans are attacking.
- **Oct. 12, 1846:** Stephen Nunnalee sees a rainbow in the evening.
- **Oct. 25, 1846:** Regiment's officers hold meeting to protest being left behind at Camargo while other troops go ahead to Monterey.
- **Oct. 31, 1846:** Pay-day.
- **Nov. 1, 1846:** Regiment issued regular army uniforms, to replace worn-out cottonade.

- **Nov. 7, 1846:** Capt. Moore's body servant, Peter, dies.
- **Nov. 15, 1846:** Stephen Nunnalee appointed corporal upon resignation of Abram Flinn.
- **Nov. 16 & 17, 1846:** General Pillow drills reluctant Alabama regiment.
- **Nov. 22, 1846:** Pvt. George W. Schoppert dies in camp at 6 a.m. Buried beside Kirksey.
- **Nov. 23, 1846:** Regiment receives orders to go to Tampico.
- **Nov. 24, 1846:** Company D, along with most of regiment, departs Camargo aboard steamboat.

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