

**Collection:** STRINGFIELD, WILLIAM WILLIAMS, PAPERS  
Western North Carolina  
East Tennessee  
Shenandoah Valley, Virginia  
  
1860-1914

P.C. 109.1

**Physical Description:** 37 items: Notebook, diaries, correspondence, envelopes, newspaper clippings, manuscript.

*(Microfilm copy of this collection is filed as P. 101.1N)*

**Acquisition:** From Biennial Reports: 1918-1920, diary (1864), manuscript, "History of Thomas' Legion," and sketch of 69th Regiment N.C.T., no donor listed [Transferred from Civil War Collection, June, 1963]; 1930-1932, diary (1864), and 20 letters (1860-1890), presented by W. W. Stringfield, Waynesville, N. C.

**Description:** William Williams Stringfield, born 1837, Nashville, Tenn., son of Thomas Stringfield, a Methodist minister; reared and educated at Strawberry Plains, Tenn. Confederate service: 1861, private, 1st Tennessee Cavalry under General Zollicofer; 1862-1865, major and colonel, Thomas' Legion (69th Regiment, N.C.T.) in East Tennessee, Shenandoah Valley, and Western North Carolina. Postwar: settled in Waynesville, Haywood County, N. C.; farmer, merchant, hotel keeper (White Sulpher Springs Hotel), and legislator (1883, 1901, 1903). In 1871 married Maria M. Love, daughter of James R. Love of Haywood County and sister-in-law of William H. Thomas.

The collection consists of a ledger, dated 1899, used to record 223 pages of reminiscences and genealogy; entries copied from war diaries (January, 1861-August, 1864); and an article on Cherokee Indians (later published in the North Carolina Booklet, III, June, 1903). Outstanding are the reminiscences about his father, who fought with Andrew Jackson; references to William G. Brownlow, editor and governor of Tennessee; William H. Thomas, Indian agent and commander of Thomas' Legion; and Andrew Johnson; and comments on secession, immigration, conscription, slavery, East Tennessee sentiment, mountaineers and Indians of Western North Carolina, and the postwar Methodist Church.

The original war diary of January-August, 1864, and fragments of two other diaries (August-October, 1864, and October-November, 1864) are in the papers. These describe the activities of the 69th Regiment and the observations of the diarist in upper Tennessee and the Shenandoah Valley.

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Included are two histories of the 69th Regiment, one a fragment of Stringfield's manuscript for his article in Walter Clark's Histories of the Several Regiments and Battalions from North Carolina in the Great War, 1861-1865 (Raleigh and Goldsboro: State of North Carolina, 1901), III, 729-761; the other is the same account in a newspaper article arranged for a prospective pamphlet.

Most of the twenty-four (24) letters are from his family describing the war at home in Strawberry Plains, Tenn., and later in Emory, Va., where they took refuge. Of special interest are the letters from his sister Mary Stringfield (later Mrs. J. W. Ray). Included is a letter of December 16, 1860, from R. A. Love to his father James R. Love with references to the impending war.

Finding Aids

Main Entry Card

Date Card

1860-1868

Geographic Card

Tennessee--East

Virginia--Shenandoah Valley

North Carolina--Western

Autograph Cards

Bishop, B. W. S.

[Stringfield], Mary

Love, R[obert] G[ustavus] A[dolphus]

Subject Cards

BROWNLOW, WILLIAM GANNAWAY--references

DAVIDSON, ALLEN T.--politics

ETHNIC GROUPS--Indian--Cherokee

GORDON, JOHN B.--Reference

HENRY, JAMES L.--Reference

IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION--Civil War--effect on

JACKSON, [THOMAS J.] STONEWALL--Grave site

JACKSON, ANDREW--Reference

JOHNSON, ANDREW--Anecdotes

POLITICS--Churches--Civil War

RECONSTRUCTION--Methodist Church

RELIGION--Methodists--Civil War

SECESSION--Prediction of

SLAVERY--Exposition of

STATES RIGHTS--Secession--analysis of

STRINGFIELD, THOMAS--Sketch of

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TENNESSEE--Knoxville--prior 1860  
    --Strawberry Plains College  
THOMAS, WILLIAM HOLLAND--References  
TRAVEL--Mississippi River  
VANCE, ROBERT B.--Sketch of  
WAR--CIVIL--Churches  
    --Conscription  
    --Deserters  
    --Indians  
    --Prewar events  
    --Thomas' Legion  
    --Units--69th Regiment, N.C.T.  
        --Thomas' Legion  
    --Women--teaching, etc.

Finding Aid completed by Ellen Z. McGrew, 10 October, 1967.

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NUMBER: P. C. 109.1 (Addition)

NAME OF COLLECTION: William Williams Stringfield Papers  
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DATES: ca. 1860s

ACQUISITION INFORMATION:

Gift of Mr. Samuel J. Sloan, [REDACTED], Waynesville,  
N. C. 28786.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 photograph

HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION: Color photograph of portrait of Colonel  
William Williams Stringfield.