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Summary Information

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Abstract:	Recollections of the Civil War, as well as cadet life at Clemson College are here collected. Correspondence from Charles Manning Furman (Clemson College Department of English) as well as that of his son recall their experiences in the Civil War, and Clemson College, respectively.

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Biographical / Historical

Charles Manning Furman was born in Darlington County, South Carolina on July 8, 1840. He was the son of Dr. James C. Furman (first President of Furman University), and the grandson of Richard Furman (Founder of Furman University). Charles Manning Furman graduated from Furman University in 1859. He studied law in Charleston until 1861; served in the Second Carolina Regulars during the Civil War, becoming Captain of Company H, Sixteenth South Carolina Regulars. After the war, he taught at Bethel College in Kentucky following the war and then returned to Greenville, South Carolina in 1877 to practice law. In 1886 he was appointed to the Office of Assistant District attorney by President Grover Cleveland and served in that position until 1889. Furman was appointed to the English Department at Clemson College in 1890. He retired in 1912 with the title of Professor Emeritus.

Charles Manning was married twice. His first wife, Mrs. Fannie Garden Furman died in 1884. His second wife, Mrs. Sallie V. Furman died in 1927. Charles Manning Furman died on April 12, 1934. His children by both marriages living at the time of his death were: Alester G. Furman, Charles Manning Furman, Jr., Constance F. Herbert, Annie F. Pendleton, James C. Furman, Sarah F. Pakenham and Kittie F. Coles. Charles Manning Furman, Jr. was the son of Charles Manning Furman, Sr. and his first wife, Frances Emma Garden. He attended Clemson College, graduating in 1896. By 1940 he could be found in private practice as a civil engineer.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains photocopies of a January 25, 1895 letter from Furman, Jr. at Clemson College to "Aunt Dora" concerning school and family news; January 31, 1896 news, including firings of and salary reductions for professors at the College (which include his father, Charles Manning Furman, Professor of English). There is one photocopy of an envelope addressed to Ann E. Furman, Yamasse, South Carolina and postmarked November 8, 1894. In addition, there is a photocopy of a printed/typewritten work that was drafted around 1925, as it states that Furman was aged 84 years. It is a recollection of Charles Manning Furman's time as a combatant in the Civil War. It covers the battles of Franklin and Antietam, Seven Days, General Robert E. Lee and the conclusion of the war.

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Arrangement

Alphabetical.

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Conditions Governing Access

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Received from Susan Payne via Reverend John Furman in 1989 and were accessioned as 89-128. The Civil War recollection was separated from Mss 249 William Bryan Papers in 2003. It was accessioned as 03-143.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- Convict labor -- South Carolina -- Clemson.
- United States -- Personal narratives, Confederate. -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

- Furman, Charles Manning, 1840-1934