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INTRODUCTION

This collection contains the Civil War correspondence between Orsono Ayers (O.A.) Williams, a Confederate Army surgeon, and his friends and relatives. The correspondence contains information on family and local news. Additional correspondence may be found in the collections of the Missouri State Museum

DONOR INFORMATION

The Orsono Ayers Williams Papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Alpha Thixton on September 12, 1961 (Accession No. 14).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Dr. Orsono Ayers Williams was born on August 21, 1835, in West Unity, Williams County, Ohio. His family moved to Versailles, Morgan County, Missouri in 1837. Williams graduated from the McDowell Medical College in St. Louis, Missouri, and then returned to Morgan County to practice. He was married to Lucy A. Miller on December 22, 1859. They had a son, William Frederick.

During the Civil War, Williams served as a surgeon in the Confederate Army. He married Alpha M. Davis (it is unknown what became of his first wife) on January 21, 1866 and they had seven children—Porter E., Lucy A., Nannie H., Willie A., Charles B., Vincil O., and Daniel M. In 1882, Williams was elected to the state legislature as a representative for Morgan County. He died of pneumonia on April 29, 1904.

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