SUMMARY INFORMATION

Title: Charles M. and Frances G. Furman Civil War Correspondence
Dates: 1861-1865
Accession #: 1959-012
Creator: Charles Manning Furman, 1840-1934
Frances Emma (Garden) Furman, 1842-1883
Physical Description: .42 linear feet (1 box)
Languages: Collection material in English.
Processing: Abbie Howard started processing the collection in 2011. Brian Neumann transcribed the collection in 2011. Scanning of the correspondence was completed in 2012. The finding aid was completed by Julia Cowart in 2015 and updated in 2017.
Collection Summary: Correspondence between Charles and Frances during their courtship, betrothal, and early marriage.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition:
This collection was originally part of the Furman Family Papers (Acc. 1959-012) which were preserved by Ann Eliza Furman (1812-1897) and donated by Mrs. Walter J. Herbert in 1959. This collection was made into its own collection in March 2011.

USING THE COLLECTION

Access Restrictions: None.

Preferred Citation: [Identification of item], Charles Manning Furman and Frances Garden Furman Civil War Correspondence, [Folder #], Special Collections and Archives, Furman University, Greenville, S.C.
**Biographical Sketch:**

Charles Manning Furman was born on July 8, 1840 in Society Hill, S.C., to James C. Furman and his first wife, Harriet Davis.

Charles moved to Greenville and attended Furman University from 1853-1859. He enlisted in the C.S.A. on May 1, 1861 in Charleston and served from 1861-1865, first in the Second South Carolina Regiment and then as captain of Company A, 16th South Carolina Regiment. Following the conclusion of the war, Charles studied and practiced law for a time; however, he spent a large part of his life teaching. He taught at Bladensburg, M.D. and at Bethel College, K.Y., returning to practice law in Greenville, S.C. from 1877-1892. Charles served as Assistant U.S. Attorney from 1886-1889. He quit his law practice and served as the first chair of the English department at Clemson College, S.C., retiring in 1913. Furman died on April 12, 1934 in Bishopville, S.C.

Frances Emma Garden was born on February 6, 1842 to Alester Gibbes Garden and Elizabeth Richardson. Charles and Frances married on February 8, 1864 in Camden, S.C. and they had five children together – Constance Theodora (1864), Harriet Elizabeth (1866), Alester Garden (1867), Anne Eloise (1871), and Charles Manning III (1873). Frances died on March 3, 1883.

Furman married his second wife, Sallie Villepigue, in 1888 at Camden, S.C.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT**

This collection contains correspondence between Charles and Frances during their courtship, betrothal, and early marriage. The entire collection has been digitized and is available to researchers in the Digital Collections Center. Transcriptions of the correspondence is included.

**ARRANGEMENT**

This collection is arranged chronologically.

**Related Material:**

- Charles Manning Furman papers, 1836-1875, South Caroliniana Library, University of South Carolina.
- Furman family collection, 1894-1896, approximately 1925, Clemson University - Robert Muldrow Cooper Library
COLLECTION INVENTORY

Box 1

Folder

1. Correspondence, March 19, 1861 - December 22, 1861
2. Correspondence, January 12, 1862 - July 11, 1862
3. Correspondence, January 18, 1863 - December 26, 1863
4. Correspondence, January 10, 1864 - September 26, 1864
5. Correspondence, January 25, 1865 - February 10, 1865
6. Spreadsheet and transcriptions of all correspondence (1 of 3)
7. Spreadsheet and transcriptions of all correspondence (2 of 3)
8. Spreadsheet and transcriptions of all correspondence (3 of 3)