Augusta County Historical Society Acc #226 Horse Hairs Civil War Period

Size: 1 folder (3 items)

Scope & Content

Included in this collection are two plastic sleeves containing hairs from the tails of Traveler and Little Sorrel. Traveler was the much beloved horse of General Robert E. Lee. Little Sorrel was the horse on which Stonewall Jackson was riding when he was shot. Also included is a note written on the front of a small envelope. The note indicates that the writer found the horse hairs in a bible and was returning them. Names of the writer and intended recipient of the note are unknown.

Historical/Biographical Note

Traveler was buried on the campus of Washington and Lee College in Lexington, Virginia. In 1907 his body was exhumed. He was on display at Lee Chapel until 1971 at which time his bones were reburied. Little Sorrel has been on display at VMI in Lexington since the 1940's when the United Daughters of the Confederacy gave the body to the college for display along with other Jackson memorabilia.

Organization/Arrangement

- 1. Plastic sleeve with horse hairs
- 2. Plastic sleeve with horse hairs
- 3. Note written on front of small envelope

Miscellaneous