GUide to the James Hall collection
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## Summary Information

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<td><strong>Abstract</strong></td>
<td>Contains a letter to James Hall from his brother, Jeremiah, a Union soldier, dated October 1863, as well as a framed photograph of a soldier notated &quot;James Hall&quot; on the obverse and a pair of eye glasses with their case.</td>
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### Preferred Citation

James Hall Collection, W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama.
Biographical/Historical note

Union soldier serving in support of W.T. Sherman's Army in western Tennessee, 1863.

Scope and Contents note

This collection consists of a letter to James Hall from his brother Jeremiah Hall, a Union soldier, dated 20 October 1863, from Collierville Tennessee. There is also a small framed photograph of a soldier notated "James Hall" on the obverse, as well as a pair of eye glasses with their case.

The letter refers to one of the skirmishes that took place as Sherman's troops were moving east toward Chattanooga in late 1863. Jeremiah's unit was evidently one of those guarding the Memphis and Charleston Railroad, a target of frequent Confederate raids. Collierville was the site of four minor battles during late 1863; the one described was probably that caused by Confederate Brigadier General James Chalmer's raid of mid-October 1863.

The eye glasses and case are in the Artifacts Database (Number 0493) and shelved in the Artifacts Cage in box 6691 on shelf S01-005.

The photograph is in the photograph collection.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Provenance

Gift of Wade Hall, 2004

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## Collection Inventory

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**Box**

- 6691

- Eye glasses and case

- Photograph, framed