Guide to the Benjamin Sherwood Hedrick letters
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### Summary Information

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**Preferred Citation note**

Benjamin Sherwood Hedrick letters, W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama.
Biographical/Historical note

Benjamin Sherwood Hedrick, son of John Leonard and Elizabeth Sherwood Hedrick, was born 13 February 1827. He married Mary Ellen Thompson on 3 June 1852 in Chapel Hill, Orange County, North Carolina. The couple had eight children: (1) John Thompson; (2) Charles Joseph; (3) Alice; (4) Jennie; (5) William Adam; (6) Henry Benjamin, (7) Ellen Annabella; and (8) Mary Elizabeth.

Hedrick was a professor of agriculture at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, but was dismissed in 1856 for expressing antislavery views. He moved to Washington, D.C. where he became a patent examiner at the United States Patent Office.

He died on 2 September 1886 in Washington, at the age of 59.

Scope and Contents note

The collection contains letters written to Hedrick by former students and others while they were prisoners of war in Union prison camps, requesting food, clothing, books, tobacco, and money.

Administrative Information

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• United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Prisoners and Prisons

Personal Name(s)

• Hedrick, Benjamin Sherwood, 1827-1886

Subject(s)

• War and Military
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