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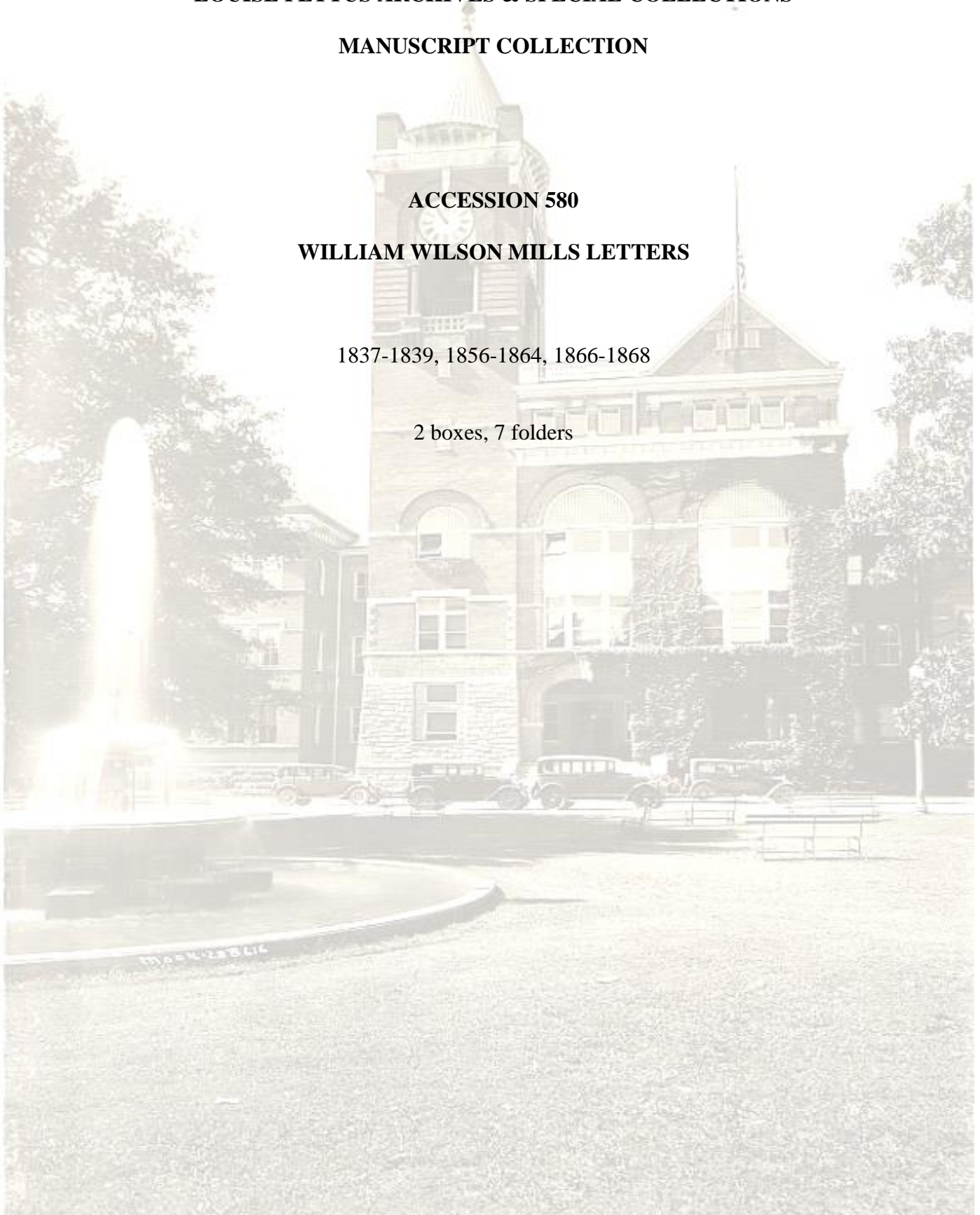
**MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION**

**ACCESSION 580**

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1837-1839, 1856-1864, 1866-1868

2 boxes, 7 folders



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**I**

The correspondence of William W. Mills, were received as a gift from Mrs. Edith Cooper, a descendant of William W. Mills, via Dr. Robert Cooper on April 30, 1984 by the College Archives

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: .50  
Approximate number of pieces included: ca. 1000

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Scope and Content Note: **This collection contains correspondence, but includes some notes and newspaper clippings on the Mills family of Mayesville, S.C. during the periods 1837-1839, 1856-1864, and 1866-1868. This collection mainly consists of letters from family to Reverend William Wilson Mills (1837-1905) while a student at South Carolina College in Columbia, SC, and while a Confederate soldier in the 9th Regiment Co. F of the South Carolina Volunteers. Mills was also at Manassas, Monticello Hospital in Charlottesville, VA and was finally transferred to an arsenal in Charleston, S.C. Also included are letters received while he was a student at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Columbia, SC. The Letters from Mill's sisters concerned events at home in Mayesville, S.C. and her life at Harmony boarding school in S.C. A great deal about education in the years noted can be discerned from the correspondence as well as some general description of Civil War events. There is also some general information on the business farming.**

Transfer Items: None.

## II

### DESCRIPTION OF LETTERS

\*All letters are arranged in chronological order

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
1-2	1-4	<p>PRE-CIVIL WAR</p> <p>This series consists of letters depicting college life for Rev. William Wilson Mills (1837-1905) and boarding school life for his sister Sally. Information pertaining to teachers, subjects studied and study habits is included in the letters. General insights about the running of a farm such as hired help, acres planted and yield and costs and profits are touched upon in the letters from Mills' father, William Elias Mills (1816-1901). The letters also include some minor sketches of social life.</p>	1837-1839, 1856-1862
2	4-5	<p>CIVIL WAR</p> <p>The letters in this series pertain to Rev. Mill's military service for the Confederacy. Mills' enlisted in the 9<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the S.C. Volunteers and was stationed in Manassas, Va. He soon became ill and was later stationed at an arsenal in Charleston, SC after a stay in Monticello Hospital in Charlottesville, Va. It seems he saw only limited active duty and none after his transfer to Charleston where he spent the remainder of the war. The letters do not related, however, some general events in the war as well as a few specifics from Mill's father who described military operations out of Camp chestnut in Georgetown, SC under Col. Witherspoon and General P.G.T. Beauregard.</p>	1862-1864
2	5-6	<p>POST CIVIL WAR</p> <p>This series mainly concerns Mills' life at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Columbia, SC. Some general information on education is included in the letters. Mills goes on to become a minister after graduating from the Theological Seminary</p>	1866-1868
2	7	<p>MISCELLANEOUS</p> <p>This series mainly consists of undated letters from Mills' family and acquaintances in Mayesville, SC describing the life there. There are also a couple of newspaper clippings and personal notes written by Mills which include inspirations/poetry and quotes from the Bible and the <i>Invalid's Hymn Book</i>.</p>	nd