

**CHRISTOPHER COWAN ANDERSON COLLECTION**  
PP0001

**Descriptive Summary**

*Creator* Anderson, Christopher Cowan, 1843-1925

*Title* Christopher Cowan Anderson Collection

*Accession Number* PP0001

*Physical Description* Approximately 60 Civil War-era letters, one large accounting ledger, one oval hand-tinted photograph, and other foldered papers in one metal edge flip-top box

*Inclusive Dates* 1860-1880, bulk 1861-1863

*Language Note* English

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**Administrative Information**

*Repository*

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*Citation*

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*Acquisition*

Gift of Mrs. C Anderson Acker (daughter), October 1998

*Processing note*

Inventory prepared by Susan Broome and Daniel Williams

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## Collection Description

### *Biographical Note*

Christopher Cowan (Kit) Anderson was born January 7, 1843, near Jeffersonville, GA, in Twiggs County. He entered Mercer University at Penfield in 1859, but left his senior year to join the 6<sup>th</sup> Georgia Regiment of the Confederate Army. Near the end of the war he served in the cavalry branch of General Robert E. Lee's army, and until his death he maintained that he had never surrendered to the Federal forces at the war's end.

### *Scope and Content Note*

Folders 1-13 contain approximately 60 letters from both C. C. Anderson and Henry Bunn while serving the Confederate Army, as well as between other members of the Bunn family during the Civil War.

Folder 14 contains a White and Lord Leger No. 1, kept with only a few exceptions by Christopher Cowan Anderson, that originally had a complete set of alphabetical pages and about 370 numbered pages. Many pages were cut or torn from the ledger and are missing. The lower portions of a number of other pages were cut or torn from the ledger, as well. The ledger contains the following: 1) White and Lord accounts related to farming equipment with an index to buyers' names in the alphabetical pages at the front (pp. 1-200); 2) County Court Claims for Collection (pp. 218-230) with an alphabetical index (pp. 186-197); 3) Civil War journal (alphabetical pages at front, pp. 1-155, 327); 4) status of soldiers in his company (pp. 115-118, 328, 331-332, 335); 5) List of Company I 6<sup>th</sup> Georgia Regiment, 1861-1865 (pp. 328, 331-332, 335); 6) List of battles in which Anderson, presumably, was engaged (p. 319); 7) Court records (pp. 183-185, 217-240, 325-326, 331, 336, 343-348, 351-354); 8) Entry from November 12, 1877, related to a court hearing in Pulaski County (p. 119); 9) French and English translation of a letter about Bulgarian education, July 4, 1880 (pp. 121-122); 10) Land surveys and astrology measurements (p. 125-132); 11) Essays on women, the Negro race, and a judge (pp 207-208, 211-216, 321, 323, and 325).

Folder 16 contains the hand-tinted photograph of E. H. [?] Martin, November 20, 1862, which was discovered in the home of the donor of this collection. Apparently he is unrelated to the Anderson family. Martin was a 5<sup>th</sup> Sergeant September 19, 1861; elected Jr. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant February 28, 1862; 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in 1862; Captain June 10, 1863. He "[s]urrendered himself to Federal Troops, while home in Georgia on leave of absence, and at once made application to Gen. Cox to take the oath; was sent to Johnson's Island, O., where he was released May 13, 1865" (*The Roster of the Confederate Soldiers of Georgia* volume 6, page 150).

### *Subjects*

Confederate States of America Army  
United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865  
Georgia—History—Civil War, 1861-1865

### *Related Material*

Eugene Mitchell Collection also contains Civil War letters

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### **Container List**

Folder 1/1: Letters from C. C. Anderson, Letters 1-12

Folder 1/2: Letters from C. C. Anderson, Letters 13-23

Folder 1/3: Letters from Henry Bunn, Letters 1-18

Folder 1/4: Letters from Henry Bunn, Letters 19-26

Folder 1/5: Letters from Henry Bunn, Letters 27-38

Folder 1/6: Letters from Henry Bunn, Letter envelopes 39-48

Folder 1/7: Letter from Henry Bunn (father)

Folder 1/8: Letter from H. L. Bunn (brother)

Folder 1/9: Letters from Marcus H. Bunn, Letters 1-2

Folder 1/10: Letter from J. H. Campbell

Folder 1/11: Letters from A. H. Colquitt, Letters 1-2

Folder 1/12: Letters from Sarah Colquitt, Letters 1-3

Folder 1/13: Letters from Frederick D. Wimberly, Letters 1-4

Folder 1/14: C. C. Anderson's ledger containing farm accounts, civil war records and recollections, court records, and miscellaneous items

Folder 1/15: Members of the 6<sup>th</sup> Georgia Regiment buried at Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia, 1861-1864

Folder 1/16: Oval hand-tinted photograph of E. H. Martin, November 20, 1862

Folder 1/17: Biographical file