

Finding Aid of 33MSS-121 Colonel Charles Lambert Russell Journal (January 1, 1862 – February 7, 1862)

Descriptive Summary

Repository: Outer Banks History Center, Manteo, N.C.

Creator: Colonel Charles Lambert Russell

Title: Colonel Charles Lambert Russell Journal

Language of Materials: English

Location: For current information on the location of these materials, please contact the Outer Banks History Center, www.obhistorycenter.net.

Abstract: Colonel Charles L. Russell was born in Litchfield, Connecticut, July 25, 1828. During the Civil War he was placed in command of the 10th Connecticut Infantry Regiment and died on the field during the Battle of Roanoke Island, February 8, 1862. He ordered his men to lie down to become less susceptible to gunfire, but ignored the pleas of his subordinates to do the same.

This collection consists of a journal in 4 unbound signatures and 1 folder of supplementary items, including a photocopy of the journal along with biographical and historical information photocopied from published sources. The journal begins on January 1, 1862 at Annapolis, Maryland. Russell recorded his observations and experiences from the mundane to the sublime while part of the Burnside Expedition, an assembly of eight-odd ships loaded with men, armaments and supplies, that sailed down the Chesapeake Bay to Fort Monroe in Hampton Roads and then into the open ocean to Hatteras Inlet. The expedition took part in the two-day Battle of Roanoke Island, February 7 and 8, 1862, where Russell received a fatal gunshot wound.

Extent: .25 cu. feet

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions: Available for research

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Biographical/Historical Note:

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Collection Arrangement: The journal is arranged chronologically. The supplementary material shows no system of arrangement.

Online Catalog Headings

These and related materials may be found under the following headings in online catalogs.

Subject Terms

Russell, Charles Lambert, 1828 - 1862

Burnside Expedition, 1862

Hatteras Island -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

Roanoke Island, Capture, 1862

Geographical Term

Annapolis (Md.)

Fortress Monroe (Va.)

Hatteras Inlet (N.C.)

Roanoke Island (N.C.)

Related Collections:

33MSS-27 Civil War Era Manuscripts

33MSS-55 Civil War Letters

33MSS-106 Michael Tames Civil War on Hatteras and Roanoke Islands Collection.

Additional information on topics found in this collection may be found in the Manuscript and Archives Reference System (MARS)

<http://www.ncarchives.dcr.state.nc.us>.

Container list:

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