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IRVING F. WILCOX (ca.1842-) PAPERS

The collection includes a letter from WILCOX, Danville, Virginia, 3 December 1866, to Gen. J. A. GARFIELD, requesting an army commission (includes a recommendation from Gen. O. BROWN); a printed notice from WILCOX to the people of Sussex County, Virginia, concerning voter registration, 1867; a commission for WILCOX in the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands, 1 January 1868; a petition from tobacco merchants of Lynchburg, Virginia, in support of WILCOX's position as Collector of Internal Revenue, n.d. (ca. 1871); a letter from Edgar ALLEN and others, Washington, D.C., 16 February 1871, supporting WILCOX as an administrator in the Internal Revenue Department; a printed statement of WILCOX vs. United States in U.S. Court of Claims, 1874; a letter from Ed F. WILCOX, Fellows, California, son of Irving F. WILCOX, 1925, concerning gift of above materials to Jones Memorial Library.

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Irving F. WILCOX was born in Ohio, ca. 1842. [1870 Census, Lynchburg, Campbell County, VA, National Archives and Records Service, M-593, Roll 1638, Household 273, Family 273.] During the Civil War, he served in the 1st Regiment, Michigan Infantry. On 5 November 1863, WILCOX, a first lieutenant, was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps. [*Official Army Register of the Volunteer Force of the U.S. Army*, Part 5 (Rep. ed.: Gaithersburg, MD: Van Sickle Military Books, 1987), p. 291.] Apparently, he had lost an eye while serving in the regiment. [Letter, Allen to Sherman, Irving F. Wilcox Papers, MS1477, Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, VA.]

On 30 April 1865, Captain Irving F. WILCOX, of Company E, 14th U.S. Veteran Reserve Corps, was assigned to a provost detachment in the District of Alexandria, Department of Virginia. ["Organization of Troops in the Department of Virginia," *War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies*, Series I, Vol. 46, Part 3 (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1894), pp. 1033, 1043-1044.]

Captain WILCOX served in the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, in Danville, Virginia, beginning 8 December 1865. ["Endorsement of Gen. O. Brown," Letter, Wilcox to Garfield, Irving F. Wilcox Papers, loc.cit.]

On 3 December 1866, WILCOX requested assignment to the regular army. [Letter, Wilcox to Garfield, Irving F. Wilcox Papers, loc.cit.] After 2 March 1867, he was located in Sussex County, Virginia, where he was President of the Board of Registration under the Reconstruction Act. [Printed notice, Irving F. Wilcox Papers, loc.cit.]

On 1 January 1868, I. F. WILCOX, "late Captain V.R.C.," was appointed an officer of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, with the "grade of Captain of Infantry, which work he formerly held." [Commission 1868, Irving F. Wilcox Papers, loc.cit.]

In April 1869, Irving F. WILCOX was appointed Collector of Internal Revenue, 5th Collection District, Virginia. [Wilcox vs. U.S., Irving F. Wilcox Papers, loc.cit.] By 20 June 1870, he was stationed in Lynchburg and was living in the household of William L. FERNALL (FERNALD?). [1870 Census, loc.cit.]

The tobacco merchants petitioned to keep Captain WILCOX as Collector of Internal
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Revenue for Lynchburg, ca. 1871. In the petition, the merchants commented on his "faithfulness, efficiency, integrity, and businesslike fitness..." [Petition, Irving F. Wilcox Papers, loc.cit.] On 10 March 1871, he was removed as Collector of Internal Revenue. [Wilcox vs. U.S., Irving F. Wilcox Papers, loc.cit.]

On 24 September 1874, Irving F. WILCOX, of Portage County, Ohio, was claimant in the U.S. Court of Claims to recover commissions earned while Collector of Internal Revenue for the Fifth Collection District. [Ibid.]

Irving F. WILCOX was deceased by 8 November 1925. [Letter, Wilcox to Librarian, Irving F. Wilcox Papers, loc.cit.]