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**JAMES PETER WILLIAMS (1844-1893) PAPERS**

The collection includes letters written to James Peter WILLIAMS, who was superintendent for the James River and Kanawha Canal in Lynchburg, Virginia. Also included is a contract for repairs on Daniels Island and a timetable (1881) for the Richmond and Allegheny Railroad.

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James Peter WILLIAMS, son of Thomas J. WILLIAMS and Mary S. LEIGH, was born 28 January 1844, at Mt. Laurel, Halifax County, Virginia. By 1860, he had moved with his family to Hanover County, where his father was physician and farmer.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, J. Peter WILLIAMS enlisted 21 April 1861, in Richmond, Virginia, as a private in 1st Company, Richmond Howitzers. He was transferred on 30 June 1862 to the Chesapeake Artillery, under the command of Capt. William D. BROWN. He served in that unit until the Battle of Gettysburg, when he was transferred to 2nd Company, Richmond Howitzers. According to his service record, he was captured 14 May 1865 [sic] and was a prisoner of the Sixth Army Corps.

Following the Civil War, J. Peter WILLIAMS worked as an agent for the James River and Kanawha Canal Company in Lynchburg. He married 5 December 1872 Anna Page KINCKLE, daughter of Rev. William H. KINCKLE and Maria Willis PAGE, of Lynchburg.

By 1885, James Peter WILLIAMS had become Secretary-Treasurer of the Virginia Nail and Iron Works Company of Lynchburg.

James Peter WILLIAMS died 22 January 1893 and was buried in the Spring Hill Cemetery in Lynchburg.

["Marriage of T. J. Williams and M. S. Leigh, 4 June 1839," Wirt Johnson Carrington, *A History of Halifax County* (Richmond: Appeals Press, 1924), p. 508; 1850 Census, Halifax County, VA, National Archives & Records Service, M-432, Roll 948, p. 13, Dwelling 201, Family 202; "Letters of James Peter Williams 1861-1865," Mss., FF2007, Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, VA; Lee A. Wallace, Jr., *Richmond Howitzers* (Lynchburg: H. E. Howard, 1993), p. 148; Lee A. Wallace, *A Guide to Virginia Military Organizations 1861-1865*, Rev. 2nd ed. (Lynchburg: H. E. Howard, 1986), p. 20; 1870 Census, Campbell County, VA, National Archives & Records Service, M-593, Roll 1638, p. 465, Dwelling 2, Family 2; Marriage Register, Lynchburg, VA, Book 2, p. 95; *Lynchburg Daily Virginian*, 9 December 1872, p. 3 col. 3; Richard Channing Moore Page, *Genealogy of the Page Family in Virginia*, 2nd ed. (Bridgewater, C. J. Carrier, 1965), p. 116; *Lynchburg City Directory for 1885-86* (Lynchburg: J. P. Bell, 1885), p. 193.]