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JOHN THOMAS ELLIS (1827-1863) CASH BOOK

The collection includes a record of disbursements (1855-1861) made by John Thomas ELLIS of Pedlar Mills, Amherst County, Virginia. Also included is a paper by Susan Kay WILLIAMS concerning the cash book, including a list of names appearing in the book.

JOHN THOMAS ELLIS (1827-1863)

John Thomas ELLIS, son of Richard Shelton ELLIS and Emily Henrietta DOUGLASS, was born 16 March 1827 at *Red Hill*, Amherst County, Virginia. He was graduated from the Virginia Military Institute in 1848 and taught school for two years in Bedford County, Virginia. He later became a merchant in Amherst County. ELLIS married ca. 1851 Mildred GARLAND, daughter of Samuel Meredith GARLAND and Mildred Jordan POWELL, of Amherst County.

In 1857, John Thomas ELLIS became commissioner of the revenue for Amherst County. At the beginning of the Civil War, he joined the 19th Virginia Infantry, mustering in at Charlottesville on 24 May 1861. He was promoted to Captain of Company H on 1 July 1861. On 29 April 1862, he was promoted to Major and on 14 September 1862 became a Lieutenant-Colonel. He was wounded in the thigh at the Battle of Gaines Mill, Virginia, in 1862, and was killed in action on 3 July 1863, during the charge of PICKETT's Division on Cemetery Hill at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. ELLIS was buried in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia.

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