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SAMUEL BALDWIN MARKS YOUNG (1840-1924) LETTERS

The collection includes two letters from Lt. Gen. Samuel Baldwin Marks YOUNG, Marion, Massachusetts, 19 and 25 June 1905, to Gen. Thomas Taylor MUNFORD, Lynchburg, Virginia, remembering their meeting near Lynchburg at the end of the Civil War.

SAMUEL BALDWIN MARKS YOUNG (1840-1924)

Samuel Baldwin Marks YOUNG, son of Capt. John YOUNG, Jr., and Hannah SCOTT, was born 9 January 1840, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. [Who Was Who In America, Vol. 1 (1897-1942) (Chicago: Marquis Who's Who, 1943), pp. 1392-1393.]

During the Civil War, YOUNG served for a brief time in Company K, 12th Pennsylvania Infantry. Later, he commanded the 4th Pennsylvania Cavalry. He was breveted a brigadier general on 9 April 1865 "for gallant and meritorious service during the campaign terminating with the surrender of the insurgent army under Gen. R. E. LEE." [Francis B. Heitman, *Historical Register and Dictionary of the United States Army (1789-1903)*, Vol. 1 (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1903), p. 1067.]

Samuel B. M. YOUNG was honorably mustered out of service on 1 July 1865. He was later appointed an officer in the United States military and continued in service until he was "retired by action of law" on 9 January 1904. At the time of his retirement, he was Lieutenant General in command of the army and served as Chief of Staff for President Theodore ROOSEVELT. [Who Was Who, loc.cit.]

Samuel B. M. YOUNG, of Washington, D.C., died 1 September 1924. [Ibid.]

THOMAS TAYLOR MUNFORD (1831-1918)

Thomas Taylor MUNFORD, son of George Wythe MUNFORD and Lucy Singleton TAYLOR, was born 29 March 1831, in Richmond, Virginia. He was educated at the Richmond Academy and was graduated from the Virginia Military Institute in 1852. During the Civil War, he was commander of the Second Virginia Cavalry. He was in command during the retreat from Petersburg to Appomattox Courthouse in 1865. The command was disbanded at Lynchburg, "as it was not included in Gen. Lee's capitulation." [Munford Family Notes, FF2369, Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, VA. Paper...written by my father (Thomas T. Munford)..."]

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THOMAS TAYLOR MUNFORD (1831-1918) (Contd)

Following the Civil War, MUNFORD, a civil engineer, constructed an iron bridge over Blackwater Creek in Lynchburg, Virginia. It was the first "iron bridge ever built in Lynchburg." He also developed several iron mines in the counties of Bedford and Botetourt. In his later years, he returned to his cotton plantations in Alabama. [Munford Family Notes, loc.cit.]

Thomas Taylor MUNFORD died 27 February 1918 at his plantation at Uniontown, Alabama. He was buried in Spring Hill Cemetery, Lynchburg, Virginia. [Obituary, Lynchburg News, 1 March 1918, p. 2 col. 2.]