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**Holmes, James Taylor (1836-1916)
Papers, 1911-1912**

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Scope and Content Note

Bound volume of genealogical and historical correspondence to and from Holmes, primarily concerning his ancestor, Obadiah Holmes, and the participation of his Civil War regiment (52nd Ohio Infantry) in the Battle of Chickamauga. Much of the correspondence with fellow veterans involves Holmes' attempt to verify the accuracy of a forthcoming book about the battle ('The Truth about Chickamauga') by Archibald Gracie IV. Collection includes over 600 pages of original letters and typed transcriptions.

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Biographical Note

James Taylor Holmes, oldest child of Asa and Mary Holmes, was born in 1836 and grew up in Harrison County, Ohio. From 1859 to 1862 he was on the faculty of Richmond College, Richmond, Ohio. He enlisted in the 52nd Ohio Infantry Regiment in 1862 and was promoted to the rank of major. After the war, he settled in Columbus, Ohio, serving as an attorney until his death in 1916. He married his wife, Lucy, ca. 1872 and they had 4 children.

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