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MISCELLANEOUS MANUSCRIPT FILE

Letter to Miss L. C.
Collection Number: 2002 WFCHS MMF

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ACCESSION NUMBER(S): 2016.002 WFCHS

EXTENT: 1 folder

DATE: 1874

SCOPE AND CONTENT: Miscellaneous Manuscript Files (MMF) are small collections typically containing only a folder or two of materials. This folder contains a letter from an unknown man writing from “Oak Grove” to a woman known only by the initials C. L. in February 1874. It may be correspondence initiated by a matrimonial advertisement placed by one or the other. Neither the writer nor the recipient knows the other’s identity. The letter appears to be one in a series of letters exchanged between the two in which one reveals personal details in response to questions posed by the other. Of particular interest is the writer’s perspective on how the end of slavery has changed the lifestyles of once privileged southern women. He also provides his view of former enslaved persons who are now reluctant to work as free servants in white households.

IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Received from Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society

CONTAINER LIST:

Folder 1

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