

**BEAUMONT LETTERS COLLECTION,
1861**

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INTRODUCTION

The Beaumont Letters Collection was donated by Richard Lewis Johnston of Maryville, Tennessee. The collection consists of correspondences written by Frank Beaumont to his wife during his service in the Civil War, circa 1861. The collection consists of approximately 6 items arranged into 1 box. Access to this collection may be permitted for the purposes of personal and scholarly research. The Montgomery County Archives requires that the following credit line be used in all publications to identify that the image or document used is from its holdings: *Courtesy of the Montgomery County Archives*. Specific citation of where the image or document is located (collection, box, folder, etc.) should be made in an acknowledgements section, footnote, or bibliography.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Beaumont Letters Collection contains 6 correspondences written by Frank Beaumont during his service in the Civil War, circa 1861. The letters were found in 1954, by Richard Lewis Johnston's family in a house in New York which previously belonged to Francis Cummings. It is believed that Francis Cummings was a descendant of the Beaumont family. The Johnston family attempted to contact relatives of the Beaumont and Cummings family to return the letters. The Johnston family sent some of the letters found in the house to Francis Cumming's sister, Patsy. Richard Lewis Johnston donated the remaining letters in 2010.

Frank Summerfield Beaumont was born in Montgomery County, TN. He was a partner in Barnes & Beaumont and resided on the southeast corner of 3rd Street and Franklin Street in Clarksville, Tennessee. Beaumont enlisted in the Confederate Army on May 23, 1861, and served as a Captain of Company H of the 14th Tennessee Infantry Regiment. In October of 1861, Beaumont died of typhoid fever at Warm Springs, Virginia, and is buried at Riverview Cemetery.

The 14th Tennessee regiment was organized at Camp Duncan, Montgomery County, Tennessee, June 6, 1861, and remained in camp for instruction until July 12, 1861. Then they were ordered to Virginia, formed into a brigade with the 1st and 7th Tennessee Regiments under Brigadier General Sam R. Anderson. These regiments were ordered to report to General Loring in Pocahontas County, Northwestern Virginia. On September 5, they marched to Cheat Mountain, and returned to Middle Mountain on September 17, 1861. On October 1, 1861 they moved to Greenbrier and remained there for six weeks. On November 7, they went into winter quarters at Huntersville, Virginia.

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

1. Letter—Frank S. Beaumont to Laura Beaumont, Letter, circa 1861 (torn in 2 pieces)
2. Letter—Frank S. Beaumont to Laura Beaumont, Letter, circa 1861
3. Letter—Frank S. Beaumont to Laura Beaumont of Clarksville, TN, Letter, 15 July 1861
4. Telegram—Frank S. Beaumont to Laura Beaumont, South Western Telegraph Company Telegram, from Bristol, TN, 24 July 1861
5. Letter—Frank S. Beaumont to Laura Beaumont, Letter, from Huntersville, VA, 3 August 1861
6. Letter and Copy of Meeting Proceedings—John J. Bavs (spelling illegible) to H. F. Beaumont, Letter, 11 October 1861 with enclosed copy of Meeting Proceedings for the death of Frank Beaumont (2 Pages)