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**Young H.E. Hitch papers**

1.75 linear feet; 2 half-manuscript boxes, 1 clamshell  
1803-1871, bulk 1863-1864

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**Biographical History:** Young Henry Elkanah Hitch was born on August 30, 1825 in Laurens County, South Carolina. His parents were Joseph N. Hitch, formerly of Somerset County, Maryland, and Rosanna Hitch. Hitch farmed in Laurens County. He married Mary Ann Edwards in 1847. The couple had two sons, John Joseph Hitch and Augustus Lucian Hitch. Hitch served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. He enlisted as a private in the 9<sup>th</sup> South Carolina Reserves on November 17, 1862 and served for 90 days. On February 13, 1863, he enlisted in Company I, 16<sup>th</sup> South Carolina Infantry for the duration of the war. The 16<sup>th</sup> was raised in Laurens County and was referred to as the Greenville Regiment. It was commanded by Col. James McCullough, and was in a brigade commanded by Brig. Gen. States Rights Gist. Hitch served at Jackson, Mississippi during the Vicksburg Campaign and at Chattanooga, Tennessee during the Chickamauga Campaign in 1863. In 1864, Hitch served in Georgia during the Atlanta Campaign. He fought at the Battles of Resaca, Kingston, Cartersville and Dallas. On June 19, 1864, Hitch was killed in a skirmish at Kennesaw Mountain, Georgia. His body was never recovered.

**Abstract:** The Young H.E. Hitch papers consist of the correspondence and papers of Young HE Hitch and members of the Hitch family. The collection documents Hitch's life as a farmer in South Carolina and his experiences as a private in the Confederate Army. The papers include a mathematical workbook dating from 1814 and belonging to Hitch's father, Joseph Hitch. The workbook is lined with newsprint from 1803, with notices of the Louisiana Purchase and advertisements for the recapture of runaway slaves. The papers also include a journal of Hitch's farm work from 1858; a receipt for the purchase of Confederate bonds; examples of Confederate postage stamps; and dozens of letters written by Hitch to his wife and sons while he served in the Confederate Army.

**Scope and Content Note:** This collection documents the personal life and military career of Young H.E. Hitch, through a series of letters, receipts of letters documents the military career and personal life of Young H.E. Hitch.

**Arrangement Statement:** Materials have been arranged chronologically, and maintained in the order in which they were received.

Folders are listed by their location in each box; any given subject may be dispersed throughout the entirety of the collection.

**Note:** The collection served as the basis for the book, *Oh Lordy!: A Story of One Family's Trials During the Struggle for Southern Independence As Told Through the Letters of Private Young H.E. Hitch Company I, 16<sup>th</sup> South Carolina Volunteer Infantry* by Michael G. Hitch and Elinor H. Mowbray. The book contains transcriptions of some of the letters in the collection. Some letters in the book are not included in the collection, while some included in the collection are not in the book.

## **Subject Terms:**

### **General Terms**

Civil war.  
Confederate States of America.  
Kennesaw Mountain, Battle of, Ga., 1864.  
South Carolina  
Military Service --- United States

### **Corporate Names**

9<sup>th</sup> South Carolina Reserves  
16<sup>th</sup> South Carolina Infantry (Greenville Regiment)

### **Personal Names**

Hitch, Augustus L.  
Hitch, John J.  
Hitch, Mary  
Hitch, Sarah  
Hitch, Young H. E., 1825-1864

## Box 1

1. Arithmetic Notebook, Joseph Hitch, 1803-1814

## Box 2

1. Handwriting Notebook, Young H.E. Hitch, 1846
2. Handwriting Exercises, Young H.E. Hitch, 1846 July 5-August 16
3. Letter, Joseph B.F. Bruce to Young H.E. Hitch, 1851 September 30, with notes from 1863 March 22
4. Bill, Martin Wallis to Young H.E. Hitch, 1853 December 5
5. Muster Roll, Beat Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 41<sup>st</sup> Regiment, South Carolina Militia, 1854 January 1
6. Letter, Nan Bruce to Young H.E. Hitch and Mary Hitch, 1854 June 20
7. Letter, William P. Edwards to Young H.E. Hitch and Mary Hitch, 1855 February 2
8. Letter, William Scruggs to Young H.E. Hitch and Mary Hitch, 1855 August 16
9. Letter, Nancy Bruce to Young H.E. Hitch and Mary Hitch, 1855 November 18
10. Letter, Sarah Hitch to Young H.E. Hitch and Mary Hitch, 1856 April 25
11. Letter, Elijah Scruggs and Emily Scruggs to Young H.E. Hitch and Mary Hitch, 1856 May 16
12. Letter, Sarah Hitch to Young H.E. Hitch and Mary Hitch, 1856 September 26
13. Letter, Sarah Hitch to Young H.E. Hitch, 1857 March 20
14. Directions, unsigned, 1857 November 9
15. Journal, Young H.E. Hitch, 1858 January 5-November 13 with notes from 1863 December 13 and 1864 January 6
16. Letter, Caroline Brown and Emily Brown to Young H.E. Hitch, 1858 May 30
17. Letter, J.C. Brown to Young H.E. Hitch, 1859 August 7
18. Receipt, Hunter & Westmoreland, 1859 October 12
19. Letter, J.C. Brown to Young H.E. Hitch, 1860 July 3
20. Letter, Sarah Hitch to Young H.E. Hitch and Mary Hitch, 1860 July 25
21. Tax Receipts, Young H.E. Hitch, 1860-1861
22. Letter, William P. Edwards to Young H.E. Hitch and Mary Hitch, 1861 March 11
23. Receipt, Dewitt Boyd, 1861 April 8
24. Letter, G.L. Brown to Young H.E. Hitch, 1861 June 25
25. Letter, William P. Edwards to Young H.E. Hitch and Mary Hitch, 1861 September 11
26. Letter, William P. Edwards to Young H.E. Hitch and Mary Hitch with codicil from J.P. Garrett, 1861 September 11
27. Letter, Private S.R. Thackston, 3<sup>rd</sup> South Carolina Infantry, to Young H.E. Hitch, 1861 October 7
28. Receipt, War Tax of the Confederate States, Young H.E. Hitch, 1862 July 12

29. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to John J. Hitch and Augustus L. Hitch, undated, possibly 1862 August
30. Orders, Captain S.D. Thackston to Young H.E. Hitch, 1862 August 16
31. Letter, Mary Hitch to Young H.E. Hitch, undated, possibly 1862 October
32. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1862 November 2
33. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1862 December 8
34. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1862 December 10
35. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1862 December 20
36. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1862 December 22
37. Letter, Mary Hitch and John J. Hitch to Young H.E. Hitch, 1862 December 25
38. Letter, John Edwards and Rebekah Edwards to Young H.E. Hitch, 1863 January
39. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1863 January 10
40. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, undated, possibly 1863 January
41. Letter, John J. Hitch to Young H.E. Hitch, undated, possibly 1863 January
42. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1863 January 13
43. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1863 January 14
44. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1863 January 18
45. Letter, J.W. Pitts to Young H.E. Hitch, 1863 January 19
46. Letter, Mary Hitch to Young H.E. Hitch, 1863 January 20
47. Letter, Mary Hitch to Young H.E. Hitch, 1863 January 24
48. Letter, John J. Hitch to Young H. E. Hitch, 1863 January 28
49. Letter, Mary Hitch to Young H.E. Hitch, 1863 January 29
50. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1863 March 31
51. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1863 April 5
52. Letter, L.B. Edwards to John J. Hitch and Augustus L. Hitch, 1863 April 6
53. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to John J. Hitch and Augustus L. Hitch, 1863 April 13
54. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1863 April 18-19
55. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1863 April 19
56. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1863 April 25
57. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, undated, possibly 1863 May
58. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1863 May 1
59. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1863 May 1
60. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1863 May 3-4
61. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1863 May 6
62. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1863 May 9
63. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1863 May 14
64. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1863 May 15
65. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1863 May 16
66. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1863 May 21
67. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1863 May 24-25

68. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to John J. Hitch and Augustus L. Hitch, 1863 May 25
69. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1863 June 2-3
70. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to John J. Hitch, 1863 June 4
71. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Augustus L. Hitch, 1863 June 5
72. Letter and Pastel Sketch, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1863 June 8
73. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1863 June 12
74. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1863 June 15
75. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1863 June 16
76. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1863 June 22
77. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1863 August 11
78. Envelope, Young H.E. Hitch to John J. Hitch, postmarked 1863 August 16
79. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Augustus L. Hitch, 1863 August 20
80. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1863 August 21
81. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1863 September 7
82. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1863 September 13
83. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1863 September 18
84. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1863 October 12-13
85. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Unknown Recipient, 1863 October 17
86. Envelope, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, postmarked 1863 October 28
87. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1863 November 6
88. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1863 November 15
89. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1863 December 19

### **Box 3**

1. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1864 January 2
2. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1864 January 15
3. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1864 January 19
4. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1864 January 25
5. Letter, Sarah Hitch to Young H.E. Hitch, 1864 January 31
6. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1864 February 2
7. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Augustus L. Hitch, circa 1864 February
8. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch and John J. Hitch, 1864 February 7
9. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to John J. Hitch, 1864 February 8
10. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1864 February 28
11. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1864 March 6
12. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to John J. Hitch, 1864 March 7
13. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to John J. Hitch, 1864 March 20
14. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1864 March 23
15. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1864 March 24
16. Receipt, Confederate Bonds, 1864 March 29

17. Envelope, Sarah Hitch to Young H.E. Hitch, 1864 April 16
18. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1864 April 21
19. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to John J. Hitch and Augustus L. Hitch, 1864 April 21
20. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to John J. Hitch and Augustus L. Hitch, circa 1864 April
21. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Ellen \_\_\_\_\_, 1864 April 21
22. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1864 April 25
23. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1864 May 1
24. Letter, John J. Hitch to Young H.E. Hitch, 1864 May 1
25. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to John J. Hitch and Augustus L. Hitch, 1864 May 7
26. Letter, Sarah Hitch to Young H.E. Hitch, 1864 May 9
27. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1864 May 22
28. Letter, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1864 June 2
29. Envelopes, Young H.E. Hitch to Mary Hitch, circa 1862-1864
30. Letter, William Scruggs to Mary Hitch, 1864 June 20
31. Letter, Sarah Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1864 September 15
32. Letter, J.B. Edwards to Mary Hitch, 1865 February 6
33. Letter, John J. Hitch to \_\_\_\_\_ Hughes, 1866 April 11
34. Letter, \_\_\_\_\_ Hughes to John J. Hitch, 1866 May 15
35. Letter, W.C. Hitch to Mary Hitch, 1871 September 10