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### Summary:

Title: Elizabeth Cometti Collection [Microfilm]

Span Dates: 1861-1869

Creator: Various

Repository: Marshall University Special Collections, Morrow Library (Huntington, WV)

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Access to Collection: Open

Extent: 1 microfilm reel

Donor: Elizabeth Cometti

### Search Terms:

West Virginia History

Correspondence and Letters

Civil War

Microfilm

### Biographical Notes:

The materials in this collection are microfilm copies made from materials selected from the Southern Historical Collection at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill by Elizabeth Cometti, previous Marshall University history faculty member. Specifically, materials taken from the W. R. Redding Papers, 1861-1865 and the William Thomas Sutherlin Papers, 1842-1892.

W. R. Redding (died 1864) was a Confederate officer in the 13th Georgia Volunteers. Additional information on the Redding Collection may be found on the University of North Carolina's website: <https://finding-aids.lib.unc.edu/03348/>

William Thomas Sutherlin (1822-1893) was a farmer, leaf tobacco dealer, and tobacco manufacturer of Danville, Va. He also served as mayor of Danville, president of the Danville Bank, a delegate to the Virginia secession convention, and a Confederate officer. Additional information on the Sutherlin Collection may be found on the University of North Carolina's website: <https://finding-aids.lib.unc.edu/03327/>

### Scope and Content:

This collection consists of a microfilm copy of items selected by Elizabeth Cometti about West Virginia taken from the Southern Historical Collection at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, specifically materials taken from the W. R. Redding Papers, 1861-1865 and the William Thomas Sutherlin Papers, 1842-1892. The Redding materials are from 1861 while Redding was stationed in Virginia, to his wife, Elizabeth M. Redding, in Randolph County, Ga.. He discusses camp life, troop movements and skirmishes, and conditions at home. Sutherlin materials date from 1868 to 1869 and may include

correspondence and other papers relate to the varied business affairs of Sutherlin as tobacco manufacturer and distributor throughout the southeast, as a Confederate major and quartermaster at Danville, Va., as a builder and operator of railroad lines in the vicinity of Danville, or legislation affecting banking and railroads, current politics in relation to economic conditions, requests assistance in various endeavors. The microfilm reel is relatively brief in length and may reflect any of the topics mentioned here.

**Processing Notes:**

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Microfilm

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