Guide to the Macon Abernathy Papers, 1861-1878

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ABSTRACT
Consists of three pieces of Abernathy family correspondence discussing the outbreak of the Civil War and the return of Macon, a University of Alabama student, to his hometown of Jacksonville, Alabama, to enlist in a local company. Also contains an 1878 obituary for Major Miles W. Abernathy.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE
Born August 7, 1842, in Jacksonville, Alabama, Macon Abernathy graduated from the University of Alabama in 1861. He served as a private in company G, 10th Alabama Regiment, Wilcox's Brigade, and was mortally wounded at the Battle of Frazier's Farm, Virginia, June 30, 1862. He died at Richmond, July 1, 1862.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE
Two letters from "Brother Macon" at Tuscaloosa to his father and sister in Jacksonville, both dated 1861, discussing his denied requests for furloughs home. A letter from his
father, Miles, to his son in Tuscaloosa, encouraging him to return home to join a local company being raised to fight in the Civil War. Also includes an 1878 obituary of Macon's father, Major Miles Abernathy.