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CALL NUMBER: GEN MSS 463

CREATOR: Confederate States of America

TITLE: Confederate States of America collection

DATES: 1861-1865

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2.3 linear feet (3 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Correspondence and official documents originating from various CSA government departments and from individual Confederate states, 1861-65. Includes correspondence of Jefferson Davis, Confederate cabinet members and congressmen, and other officials, as well as official reports of Civil War battles and events, estimates of expenditures and appropriations, petitions, special orders, forms, passes, receipts, bonds, tax records, and other documents. While the bulk of the material is administrative in nature, many of the documents, such as tax records and discharge papers, concern particular individuals, and there are a few letters from private citizens, such as one to President Davis from two women who offer to go behind enemy lines. The collection also includes designs for an alternate Confederate flag.

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Collection of papers acquired by gift and purchase from various sources, indicated on individual folders where known. For further information, consult the appropriate curator.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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Processing Information

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Scope and Contents

The collection contains correspondence and official documents originating from various CSA government departments and from individual Confederate states, 1861-1865. The bulk of the material is bureaucratic in nature (e.g. reports and official correspondence), but there are a few letters from private citizens, and many of the documents, such as army discharge papers and medical certificates, concern particular individuals. Information about specific Civil War battles and events can be found throughout the collection in letters and reports. The papers are organized into three series: *Correspondence*, *Documents*, and *Other Material*.

[Series I, Correspondence](#), is organized into two subseries: Correspondence of Jefferson Davis and Other Correspondence. The first consists of letters to President Davis, from members of his Cabinet and from citizens, and four brief letters of transmittal from Davis to the CSA Congress. Letters from Cabinet members include two detailed reports from Stephen R. Mallory, Secretary of the Navy: one concerns a naval engagement at Hampton Roads, Virginia, in 1862; the other concerns the seizure of the CSS *Florida* in the neutral port of Bahia, Brazil, by the USS *Wachusett* on October 7, 1864. One of the three letters from citizens is from two women in Georgia who offer to undertake dangerous missions behind enemy lines for the Confederate cause.

The second subseries, Other Correspondence, consists chiefly of correspondence between cabinet members and congressmen concerning government business, but also contains letters from Army generals and other officers reporting on military actions, including the battle of Malvern Hill. Also included are

letters from the Spanish and French Consuls, and a letter from Indian Agent Douglas Cooper concerning the Confederacy's relations with the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations.

[Series II, Documents](#), consists of reports, estimates of expenditures and appropriations, petitions, forms, passes, receipts, certificates, orders, bonds, tax records, and other official documents issued or collected by the CSA and by individual Confederate state governments. It is organized into nine subseries: Army, Congress, Department of State, Medical Purveyor's Office, Navy, Treasury Department, War Department, Individual State Governments, and Other Documents.

Army documents concerning specific regiments or divisions include field returns from the Second Georgia Battalion and General R. H. Anderson's Division; Casualty and Capture reports from General William Mahone's Division (formerly Anderson's Division); a report on the actions of General Rode's Brigade at Seven Pines; and a guard report of the Thirty-Third North Carolina Regiment. Other Army papers include a "List of Ordnance left on Morris Island on the night of its evacuation," a "Ladies' address to the Soldiers of Longstreet's Corps," and documents concerning prisoners of war and military hospitals.

Other CSA government documents include petitions to the Secretary of the Treasury and the Senate to raise the salaries of government employees due to rapid inflation of Confederate currency; special orders suspending Habeas Corpus in Salisbury, North Carolina and Atlanta, Georgia; documents from Mississippi and South Carolina concerning the use of slaves in the CSA Army; resolutions passed in Pocahontas County, Virginia, concerning the inadequacy of defenses provided by the Confederacy against invasion; and several proposed designs for an alternate Confederate flag.

Other Documents contains a statement or appeal by former United States Acting Secretary of War William R. Drinkard regarding his neglected application for the post of Chief of the Bureau of War in the Confederate Government, and a pass issued by the United States Army in 1867, granting a North Carolina citizen permission to carry a gun.

[Series III, Other Material](#), contains paper and envelopes said to have been taken from the Confederate Congress Hall during the seizure of Richmond, and two canvas letter or money bags.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1861-1865

0.21 linear feet (36 folders)

This series is organized into two subseries: Jefferson Davis and Other Correspondence. Each is arranged alphabetically by sender.

JEFFERSON DAVIS

Incoming

b. 1, f. 1	Cowdin, Virginia G., Liberty, Miss., regarding her book <i>Ellen, or, The Fanatic's Daughter</i>	1861 Mar 17
b. 1, f. 2	Mallory, S. R., Secretary of the Navy "Official report of the Naval Engagement between the James River Squadron [...] and the enemy's fleet in Hampton Roads"	1862 Mar 11
b. 1, f. 3	Mallory, S. R. Accompanies a copy of the report of Lieutenant Commander Charles Manigault Morris on the seizure of the CSS <i>Florida</i> by the USS <i>Wachusett</i> in the port of Bahia, Brazil on October 7, 1864; the report consists of copies of letters written by Morris, the ship's Paymaster Richard Taylor, CSA agent James Dwyer, L. de Videcky, and Antonio Joachim da Silva Gomes, President of the Province of Bahia	1865 Feb 11
b. 1, f. 4	Memminger, C. G., Secretary of the Treasury	1862 Mar 14
b. 1, f. 5	Randolph, George W., Secretary of War "In relation to the seizure, by military officers along several railroad lines, of produce and provisions, and prohibiting their transportation"	1862 Oct 13
b. 1, f. 6	Trotter, Mrs. M. E., and Miss E. P. [Burel?], Danville, Georgia Offering to bear dispatches behind enemy lines	1865 Feb 27
b. 1, f. 7	Roberts, D. B., Parish of St. Helena, Louisiana Proposing a day of fasting	1861 May 24

Outgoing

b. 1, f. 8	To Congress	1862 Apr 11
b. 1, f. 9	To Congress	1862 Mar 8
b. 1, f. 10	To Congress, accompanied by a letter from Secretary of War James A. Seddon	1863 Mar 10
b. 1, f. 11	To Congress, accompanied by a letter from Secretary of War James A. Seddon	1864 Nov 15

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

b. 1, f. 12	Allan, Thompson, Commissioner of Taxes, to P. N. Gilson	1864 Jul 1
b. 1, f. 13	Baker, G. A., CSA Depository, Lexington, Va., to E. C. Elmore, Treasurer	1864 Sep 11

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE (continued)

b. 1, f. 14	Benning, Henry L., 17 Reg Ga. Vols., near Darleytown road, to "Gen" "Report of what the 17th Regiment did at Garnett's House 27 June 1862"	1862 Jul 26
b. 1, f. 15	Bragg, Thomas, Attorney General, to C. G. Memminger	1862 Mar 10
b. 1, f. 16	Bruen, C. T., to M. M. Lipscomb	1864 Jan 14
b. 1, f. 17	Cooper, Douglas H., to Elias Rector, Superintendent of Indian Affairs Regarding the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations	1862 Jan 28
b. 1, f. 18	Cooper, G. P., to James M. Baker	1863 Dec 29
b. 1, f. 19	Cruger, Lewis, Comptroller, Treasury Department, to C. G. Memminger	1864 Jun 28
b. 1, f. 20	Dayan, E. S. to Richard Walker, Senator of Alabama	1864 Oct 27
b. 1, f. 21	Elliott, Stephen D., to John Elliott Written on the verso of a printed notice to voters of the Eleventh Congressional District, Virginia, from John Lechter	1863 May 30
	Faust, L. Augusta, of New Hope, S.C., to Vice President Alexander Stephens See: box 2, folder 58	1862 Mar 21
b. 1, f. 22	[Forio?], H., Colonel, 5th Louisiana Regiment, to General S. Cooper	1862 Aug 1
b. 1, f. 23	Harrison, Burton N. to the President of the Senate	1865 Mar 18
b. 1, f. 24	Henderson, F. M., telegram to W. Smith	1865 Apr 17
	Hunter, R. M. T., Secretary of State, to C. G. Memminger See: box 2, folder 62	1862 Feb 13
b. 1, f. 25	[Lawas?] to C. T. Bruen	n.d.
b. 1, f. 26	Longstreet, J., to General Magruder	n.d.
b. 1, f. 27	Mahone, William, to [J. J.?] Anderson, General Huger's Division Report on the conduct and casualties of the 2nd Brigade of Georgia Volunteers in the Battle of Malvern Hill	1862 Jul 15
b. 1, f. 28	Memminger, C. G., to R. W. Barnwell, Chairman, Committee on Finance Regarding petition for higher salaries by clerks in the Treasury Department See also: box 2, folder 68	1863 Mar 28
b. 1, f. 29	Moncada, Munoz de, Spanish Consul, to Brig. General Thomas Jordan "Submitted to the Hon. Sec. of War for the information of Congress, Febr of 64"	1863 Feb 1
b. 1, f. 30	Navy Department, to Herschel V. Johnson	1865 Feb 13
b. 1, f. 31	Palfrey, Ed. A., War Department, to Lucius J. Gartrell, House of Representatives	1864 Feb 15
b. 1, f. 32	Paul, Alfred, French Consul, to J. P. Benjamin, Secretary of State	1865 Feb 25
b. 1, f. 33	Randolph, George W., to Brig. General H. T. Hays	1862 Aug 5

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE (continued)

b. 1, f. 34	Raoul, N. G., to T. J. [Semms?]	1864 Dec 2
b. 1, f. 35	Reagan, John H., Postmaster General, to C. G. Memminger	1864 May 5
	Roane, A., to C. G. Memminger See: box 2, folder 66	1864 Feb 8
b. 1, f. 36	Williams, John S., Brigadier General, to Major General Samuel Jones Regarding operations of troops under his command in East Tennessee, 1863 Jun 27-Oct 15; accompanied by forwarding ALS from Jones to General Samuel Cooper; inscribed "Official Copy: Res. submitted to the Hon. Sec. of War for the information of Congress, Feb 3/64"	1864 Jan 25

Series II: Documents, 1861-1867*0.4 linear feet (54 folders)*

This series is organized into nine subseries: Army, Congress, Department of State, Medical Purveyor's Office, Navy, Treasury Department, War Department, Individual State Governments, and Other Documents. Each subseries is arranged alphabetically by issuing department or, if that is not known, by title.

ARMY

b. 2, f. 37	2nd Georgia Battalion, "Efficient and Non Efficient Report," near Petersburg, Va.	1865 Feb 15
b. 2, f. 38	2nd Georgia Battalion, "Field Return," near Petersburg, Va.	1865 Feb 11
b. 2, f. 39	[33rd North Carolina Regiment], "Report of Guard mounted at the Fair Ground (Camp Branch)"	1862 Feb 15
	[Anderson's Division], "Field Return," brigades of Wilcox, Mahone, Posey, Wright, and [Perry?] Stored in: box 3, folder 91	1864 Jan 10
b. 2, f. 40	"Commutation of quarters" form, for S. J. Grant, Richmond (2 fragments)	1865 Apr
b. 2, f. 41	"Commutation of rations," 2 forms, for privates Scott and Waller	1864 Jul 27
b. 2, f. 42	Contract of William A. Carrington, Acting Medical Director, with Private Physician A.G. Jones	1863 Jan 17
b. 2, f. 43	Discharge paper for Private [N.R.T?] Christopher, of Taylor's Regiment	1863 Jan 14
b. 2, f. 44	General Hospital no. 9, Richmond, "Monthly Certificate of the Continuance of Disability" For Private J. W. Curtis of 62 Va. Infantry, Imboden's Brigade	1865 Mar 22
b. 2, f. 45	Headquarters, Dept. of Tenn., "General Order No. 29, Ladies' address to the soldiers of Longstreet's Corps"	1864 Mar 29
b. 2, f. 46	Headquarters, Department of Henrico, 2 passes to visit prisoners Johnson and Pearce at Libbey Prison	1863-64
b. 2, f. 47	"List of Ordnance left on Morris Island on the night of its evacuation"	1863 Sep 6
	Mahone's (Anderson's old) Division, "Tabular Return of Captures made During the Campaign of 1864" Stored in: box 3, folder 92	[1865]
	Mahone's (Anderson's old) Division, "Tabular Return of Casualties sustained during the Campaign of 1864" Stored in: box 3, folder 93	[1865]
b. 2, f. 48	Military Hospital, Richmond, "Evening Roll Call"	1865 Mar 25
b. 2, f. 49	Military Prisons, Richmond, "Morning Report of Prisoners," 3 reports, 1 dated June and 2 dated December	1863
b. 2, f. 50	Military Prisons, Richmond, receipt for 30 officers, prisoners of war received from Major T. P. Turner	1864 Dec 11

ARMY (continued)

b. 2, f. 51	Office of the Exchange of Prisoners, Richmond, statement regarding exchange of [Lieutenant William Cooper?]	1863 Jun 23
b. 2, f. 52	Office of the Provost Marshal General, pass issued to [B.?] Moore for travel from Little Rock to Texas	1862 Nov
b. 2, f. 53	Pay voucher no. 31, for B. F. Rickard	1864 Apr 30
b. 2, f. 54	Rodes, R. E., General, "Report of operations of his Brigade at Seven Pines," signed D. H. Hill	1862 May 31
b. 2, f. 55	"Surgeon's Certificate of Exemption" for Andrew Crawford, conscript from Augusta Co., Virginia	1864 Apr 18
b. 2, f. 56	Terry, Major General, fragment of an order	[1865 Apr 22?]

CONGRESS

b. 2, f. 57	"An Act to ammend an act entitled An Act to provide revenue from commodities imported from foreign countries"	1861 May 21
b. 2, f. 58	Committee on Flag and Seal, proposed designs for the Confederate Flag Other designs by Mrs. C. C. Clay and Mr. Preston are Stored in: box 3, folders 94 and 94a Artwork by L. Augusta Faust of New Hope, S.C., and J.H.H. of Charleston, S.C.; accompanied by ALS from L. Augusta Faust to Vice President Stephens	1862 Mar
b. 2, f. 59	Petition to the Senate signed by government employees, regarding salaries and currency depreciation	1863 Mar 31
b. 2, f. 60	"Resolutions on the death of Mr. Yancey, by Mr. Clay"	1863 Dec 17
b. 2, f. 61	Senate Journal, manuscript notes	1862 Feb 22

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

b. 2, f. 62	Estimate of Appropriations for April to June, signed by Secretary of State R. M. T. Hunter Accompanied by ALS from Hunter to C. G. Memminger	1862 Feb 13
b. 2, f. 63	Estimate of Expenditures for July to December, signed by Wm. M. Monroe, Secretary of State ad interim	1862
	Passport issued to T. William Pemberton, signed by Secretary of State J. P. Benjamin Stored in: box 3, folder 95	1863 Jul 31

NAVY

	Register for the Sloop "Rapparada" of Charleston, S.C. Stored in: box 3, folder 96	1862 Jun 21
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MEDICAL PURVEYOR'S OFFICE

b. 2, f. 64	Form to accompany Invoice of Hospital Supplies, Atlanta, Ga., signed George S. Mackie	1862 Oct 29
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

TREASURY DEPARTMENT (continued)

b. 2, f. 65	Auditor's report for adjustment to the account of F. W. Sims, proprietor of The Savannah Republican	1864 Jun 24
b. 2, f. 66	Estimate of Appropriation for the purchase of cotton and tobacco, report to the Committee on Finance Accompanied by letter from A. Roane, Chief Clerk of Produce Loan, to C. G. Memminger	1864 Feb 12
b. 2, f. 67	Non Taxable Certificate no. 6912 for one hundred dollars with six percent interest	1864 Dec 16
b. 2, f. 68	Petition to C. G. Memminger, Secretary of State, by clerks in the department for higher salaries due to inflation	[1863]
b. 2, f. 69	4 receipts for Treasury Notes	1863-65
b. 2, f. 70	2 Registered Bonds at four per cent interest, issued to Mrs Gallagher and to John F. Buckhalter	1864
b. 2, f. 71	4 Tax receipts and 2 checks	1862-64
b. 2, f. 72	Tax records of Adam Fix, of Augusta County, Virginia One item, "Tax in Kind, Form No. 2, Estimate No. 9" is Stored in: box 3, folder 97	1864-65
b. 2, f. 73	Transfer Draft for two million dollars, to E. C. Elmore, Treasury	1864 May 23

WAR DEPARTMENT

b. 2, f. 74	Adjutant and Inspector General's Office Special Order 129, suspending Habeas Corpus in Salisbury, N.C.	1862 Jun 5
b. 2, f. 75	Adjutant and Inspector General's Office Special Order 206, suspending Habeas Corpus in Atlanta	1862 Sep 3
b. 2, f. 76	Promotion certificate for Captain Septimus T. Wall, Judge Advocate, Major General Jones' corps	1862 Oct 19
b. 2, f. 77	6 requests to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment of appropriations	1864

INDIVIDUAL STATE GOVERNMENTS

Alabama

b. 2, f. 78	Wilcox County, form letter of agreement of service in the Alabama Militia, signed by Thomas Lee	1862 Mar 5
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Louisiana

	New Orleans City Bond no. 61, for one thousand dollars Stored in: box 3, folder 98	1862 Mar 30
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Mississippi

b. 2, f. 79	State Legislature, Resolution No. 2, "in relation to the practicability of using negro men in the armies [...]"	1863 Nov 23
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South Carolina

INDIVIDUAL STATE GOVERNMENTS > South Carolina (continued)

b. 2, f. 80	Estimate of the value of a slave furnished for service on the Coast	1864 Dec 1
Texas		
b. 2, f. 81	County of Austin, Oath of Office for Justice of the Peace John Patterson Osterhout	1862 Aug 18
b. 2, f. 82	County of Bexar, sentence passed on Henry, a runaway slave	1864 Sep 1
b. 2, f. 83	County of Fayette, Certificate of Exemption from Military Duty for W. B. Moore	1863 May 7
b. 2, f. 84	Guadalupe County, tax receipt of J. P. Turner	1865 May 26
Virginia		
b. 2, f. 85	Pocahonta County, minutes of a meeting held at Hillsboro	1861 Jun 3
OTHER DOCUMENTS		
b. 2, f. 86	Drinkard, W. R., statement regarding his application for the Office of Chief of the Bureau of War	1861 Dec 13
b. 2, f. 87	[U. S. Army] Headquarters, Military Post of Raleigh, N.C., permission to carry a gun issued to P. F. Pescud	1867 Dec 6

Series III: Other Material, 1863, n.d.*0.02 linear feet (3 folders)*

b. 2, f. 88	Empty envelopes and paper "taken from the Rebel Congress Hall after the evacuation of Richmond" Three of the envelopes are addressed: one to J. M. Baker, one to Mr. Orr, and one to P. N. Gilson from the Office of the Commissioner of Taxes; several of the unused envelopes are made of wallpaper	n.d.
b. 2, f. 89	Package of white foolscap paper manufactured by Greenville Paper Mills, Greenville, S.C.	[1863]
b. 2, f. 90	2 canvas letter bags, one marked "CST," the other "U. S. Ship Marion	n.d.

Oversize*1.67 linear feet (8 folders)*

b. 3 (Oversize), f. [Anderson's Division] "Field Return" (Series II) 91	1864 Jan 10
b. 3 (Oversize), f. Mahone's (Anderson's Old) Division Tabular Return of Captures (Series II) 92	[1865]
b. 3 (Oversize), f. Mahone's (Anderson's Old) Division Tabular Return of Casualties (Series II) 93	[1865]
b. 3 (Oversize), f. Flag designs (Series II) 94	1862 Mar 22
b. 3 (Oversize), f. Design for an alternative Confederate Flag by Mrs. C. C. Clay (Series II) 94a	undated
b. 3 (Oversize), f. Passport of T. William Pemberton (Series II) 95	1863 Jul 31
b. 3 (Oversize), f. Registration of sloop "Rapparada" (Series II) 96	1862 Jun 21
b. 3 (Oversize), f. Tax record of Adam Fix (Series II) 97	1865
b. 3 (Oversize), f. New Orleans bond no. 61 (Series II) 98	1862 Mar 30

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Chickasaw Indians -- Government relations
Choctaw Indians -- Government relations
Flags -- Confederate States of America
Women spies -- Confederate States of America

Morris, Charles Manigault
Randolph, George Wythe, 1818-1867
Reagan, John H. (John Henninger), 1818-1905
Roane, A.
Rodes, Robert Emmett, 1829-1864
Seddon, James A. (James Alexander), 1815-1880
Williams, John S. (John Stuart), 1818-1898

Geographic Names

Confederate States of America
Confederate States of America -- Foreign relations
Confederate States of America -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
Confederate States of America -- Politics and government
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

Corporate Bodies

Florida (Cruiser)
Wachusett (Steamer)

Genres / Formats

Local government records
Military records
Passports
Receipts (financial records)
State government records
Tax records

Names

Allan, Thompson
Benjamin, J. P. (Judah Philip), 1811-1884
Benning, Henry L. (Henry Lewis), 1814-1875
Bragg, Thomas, 1810-1872
Cooper, Douglas Hancock, 1815-1879
Cowdin, Virginia Georgia, 1818-1882
Cruger, Lewis
Davis, Jefferson, 1808-1889
Drinkard, Wm. R. (William R.)
Elmore, E. C.
Harrison, Burton Norvell, 1838-1904
Hunter, R. M. T. (Robert Mercer Taliaferro), 1809-1887
Longstreet, James, 1821-1904
Mahone, William, 1826-1895
Mallory, Stephen R. (Stephen Russell), 1813-1873
Memminger, C. G. (Christopher Gustavus), 1803-1888