

BEAUREGARD, G.T. (GUSTAVE TOUTANT), 1818-1893.

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Creator: Beauregard, G.T. (Gustave Toutant), 1818-1893.
Title: G. T. Beauregard papers, 1861-1893
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Extent: .25 linear ft. (1 partial box)
Abstract: Letters of Confederate General Pierre Gustave Toutant Beauregard relating to troop maneuvers and other aspects of Beauregard's Civil War career, as well as letters of a more personal nature to family and friends after the Civil War.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Biographical Note

Pierre Gustave Toutant Beauregard (May 28, 1818-February 20, 1893), Confederate general, the son of Jacques Toutant Beauregard, a plantation owner, and Helene Judith Reggio, was born near New Orleans and lived there most of his life. His early education was in New Orleans and New York. Beauregard graduated from West Point in 1838 second in his class, served in the Mexican War, receiving a brevet for gallant conduct, and in 1853 was commissioned Captain. He was assigned to New Orleans as Chief Engineer in charge of drainage, 1858-1861, then served briefly in 1861 as Superintendent of West Point, resigning to enter the Confederate Army. He is known for his command at the bombardment of Fort Sumter, his performance at the battle of Bull Run, and his defense of the South Carolina and Georgia coast toward the end of the war.

After the Civil War, Beauregard served as president of the New Orleans, Jackson, and Mississippi Railway (1866-1870), manager of the Louisiana Lottery (1870-1888), and in 1888 was appointed commissioner of public works of New Orleans. He died in New Orleans on February 20, 1893 and is buried in Metairie Cemetery. Beauregard was the author of three books: *The Principles and Maxims of the Art of War*, 1863; *A Report on the Defense of Charleston*, 1864; and a *Commentary on the Campaign of the Battle of Manassas*, 1891. Biographical information was taken from *The Dictionary of American Biography*; *P. G. T. Beauregard, Napoleon in Gray*; and *Beauregard: The Great Creole*.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of 83 items, divided into two groups. The first group of 22 items relates to troop maneuvers and other aspects of Beauregard's Civil War career. These include letters and notes to and from various troop commanders, reports on the return of troops after the Battle of Manassas, one item regarding a cypher, and five poems dedicated to the general. Correspondents include Joseph Emerson Brown (1821-1894), Jefferson Davis (1808-1889), Charles Colcock Jones (1831-1893), Joseph Brevard Kershaw (1822-1894), William Whann Mackall (1818-1891), and Mary Eliza (Perine) Tucker. Also included are letters from Beauregard to Braxton Bragg (1817-1876), Thomas Jordan (1819-1905), Quincy Adams Gillmore (1825-1888), and Julian Keith Sass (1813-1865).

A second group of Beauregard letters and mementoes, filed together as the "Larendon letters," consist mainly of letters of affection and general family news to his granddaughter Lauré Beauregard Larendon, dating from 1888-1893. Other family correspondents include Julia (Beauregard) Larendon, the general's daughter; Charles A. Larendon, his son-in-law, and Toutant Beauregard, his brother. Also contained in this group are letters from Mrs. Elizabeth Washington (Foote) Cheves; Annie Chambers Ketchum (1824-1904); Joseph Surand; Augusta Jane (Evans) Wilson (1835-1909); and a copy of an address by Theodore Kosciuszko (1746-1817) dated November 1, 1816.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Letters and papers, 1861-1868
1	2	Larendon letters, 1860-1893 [includes personal and family letters and mementos]
1	3	Photograph: Beauregard monument, New Orleans, Louisiana
1	3	Ribbon: "General G.T. Beauregard Charleston's Gallant Defender"
