

BRAGG, BRAXTON, 1817-1876.
Braxton Bragg correspondence, 1861-1864

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Bragg, Braxton, 1817-1876.
Title: Braxton Bragg correspondence, 1861-1864
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 185
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Abstract: Four letters written to Confederate General Braxton Bragg from 1861-1864.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Biographical Note

Braxton Bragg (1817-1876) graduated at West Point in 1833, served in Seminole and Texas Wars and resigned from the army in 1856 and purchased a plantation in Louisiana. February 23, 1861 he was commissioned Brigadier General in the Confederate Army. On December 2, 1863 at Dalton, Georgia he surrendered command of his army to Johnston. His last battle was fought at Kingston, North Carolina. He accompanied President Davis in his flight to Georgia, was captured May 9th and was paroled.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of four letters written to Braxton Bragg from 1861-1864. A May 13, 1861 letter from J.S. Thomas, Tuskegee, Alabama, suggests the use of capsicum (a pepper) as a chemical agent in bombs thrown in order to take Ft. Pickens. A November 17, 1863 letter from H.H. Waters, Secretary of the Executive Dept in Milledgeville encloses a resolution of thanks for Bragg's part in the Battle of Chickamauga. The third letter, December 10, 1863 from physician Josiah Clark Nott in Mobile, Alabama mentions the use of hypnotism on nervous disorders (shell shock?). The final letter is from Herschel V. Johnson, dated June 24, 1864 and also signed by James Alexander Seddon.

Container List

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1	1	Letters, 1861-1864
