**BROWN, JOSEPH E. (JOSEPH EMERSON), 1821-1894.**

**Joseph E. Brown papers, 1853-1928**

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**Creator:** Brown, Joseph E. (Joseph Emerson), 1821-1894.  
**Title:** Joseph E. Brown papers, 1853-1928  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 16  
**Extent:** .25 linear feet (1 box) ; 1 microfilm reel (MF)  
**Abstract:** Papers of Georgia governor and United States Senator Joseph E. Brown including commissions for military and public officer's appointments, correspondence, and articles.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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**Source**  
Purchase from Keith M. Read, 1938. Some correspondence was loaned for microfilming by Carol E. Brown.

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Citation
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Collection Description

Biographical Note
Joseph Emerson Brown, lawyer, Georgia governor, and United States Senator, was born April 15, 1821, in Long Creek, Pendleton District, South Carolina, and died on November 30, 1894, in Atlanta, Georgia. Brown was admitted to the Georgia bar (1845); attended Yale Law School (1845-1846); married Elizabeth Grisham (1847); was elected to the Georgia senate (1849); became governor of Georgia (1857-1865); was chief justice of the Georgia Supreme Court (1868); and became a U.S. Senator (1880-1891). He was involved in many business ventures, including real estate, mining and railroads.

Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of papers relating to Joseph E. Brown including commissions for military and public officer's appointments, correspondence, and articles. Correspondence is of or to Joseph E. Brown, his wife, or his family (1853-1928) and concerns his public and business career, local and national politics, and religion; state commissions are for public appointments from the United States government (1859-1861) and from the Confederate States government (1861); military commissions from the Confederate government are for various ranks (1861); articles are about Brown. Correspondents include Charles M. Brown, Elijah A. Brown, Elizabeth Grisham Brown, Frank D. Brown, Julius L. Brown, Joseph L., Brown, Sallie Eugenia Brown, Mary V. Brown Connally, and Henry Benjamin Whipple.

Arrangement Note
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