

BUTLER, TROUP, B. 1825.
Troup Butler papers, 1841-1958 (bulk 1848-1862)

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Butler, Troup, b. 1825.
Title: Troup Butler papers, 1841-1958 (bulk 1848-1862)
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 149
Extent: .25 linear ft. (1 box)
Abstract: Papers of Georgia native Troup Butler, a soldier and Confederate army officer.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Source

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Citation

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Biographical Note

Troup Butler, Confederate army officer, was born in October 1825, the son of Thomas Butler (1798-January 13, 1850) and Hannah Maxwell Butler (d. March 6, 1846). Troup Butler married

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Cora Andrews, October 12, 1852, at Washington, Georgia, and their children were Thomas Butler (d. January 1, 1878) and Julia Butler Toombs.

Troup Butler served with the Georgia Mounted Volunteers in the Mexican War. He returned to military service in the Civil War, enlisting in the Georgia Volunteer Infantry, 17th Regiment, Company E, from Mitchell County, Georgia (Army of Northern Virginia) as a 1st Lieutenant on August 12, 1861. He later reported at the Camp of Instruction at Calhoun, Georgia, on September 25, 1862. On November 28, 1862, he was appointed Captain and Assistant Quarter Master and reported for duty with General Hardee. Butler was later assigned to be Assistant Quarter Master at the Camp of Instruction in Decatur, Georgia, and then served at Macon, Georgia. Troup Butler had resigned his original commission on April 2, 1863. He was relieved from this later service at Macon, and assigned to the 1st Cavalry Battalion, Georgia Reserves, on February 18, 1865. Biographical source: *Roster of the Confederate Soldiers of Georgia, 1861-1865*, Volume 2 (Lillian Henderson, comp.), and genealogical information in the collection.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of papers of Troup Butler from 1841-1958. It includes letters of Troup Butler, family and business correspondence, genealogical information and related correspondence, and photographs. The earliest item in the collection is a letter from Troup Butler to his father, Thomas Butler, written February 18, 1848, while Troup Butler was serving with the Georgia Mounted Volunteers in the Mexican War.

Nine letters in the collection (August 10, 1861-July 5, 1862) date from the period of Butler's earliest Civil War service. The first letter is to Troup Butler from a member of his mother's family, and the remaining letters are from Butler to his wife at home in Gum Pond, Mitchell County, Georgia. Some of Troup Butler's letters were published by columnist Frank Daniel in *The Atlanta Journal* in 1958, and copies of those clippings are included in the collection. The August 15, 1858 letter from Andrew Johnson described in one of the clippings is not with the collection.

Much of the remainder of the collection consists of family and business correspondence to and from Troup Butler and others. One of the early items is a letter offering best wishes to Cora Andrews on her upcoming marriage. Some of correspondence concerns the disposition of family property in Elizabeth, New Jersey. Other items in the collection include correspondence and handwritten charts concerning the genealogy of the Butler and related families. The last item of this material is a letter from Daniel C. Elkin Elizabeth Sturdivant (September 6, 1958), donor of this collection, commenting on his reading of the Troup Butler papers.

Two photographs are the final items in this collection. These black and white reproductions of undated original photographs chronicle some of the generations of the Butler family: one is of Cora Andrews and Troup Butler (great grandparents) with infant Elizabeth Phillips (great granddaughter) and the other is of Cora Andrews Butler (great grandmother), Julia Butler Toombs (grandmother), and Cora Toombs Phillips (mother) with infant Elizabeth Phillips.

Arrangement Note

Arranged by subject.

Container List

Troup Butler

| Box | Folder | Content |
|-----|--------|--|
| 1 | 1 | Mexican War correspondence, 1848 February 18 |
| 1 | 2 | Civil War correspondence, 1861 August 10 - 1862 July 5 |
| 1 | 3 | Articles about Troup Butler letters by Frank Daniel in <i>Atlanta Journal</i> , 1958 |

Butler Family

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| 1 | 4 | Family and business correspondence, 1841-1905 |
| 1 | 5 | Family and business correspondence, n.d. |
| 1 | 6 | Genealogical information and correspondence, 1883, 1895, and n.d. |
| 1 | 7 | Daniel C. Elkin to Elizabeth Sturdivant, 1958 September 6 |
| 1 | 8 | Photographs, no date |
