

GORDON, JOHN BROWN, 1832-1904.

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Gordon, John Brown, 1832-1904.
Title: John Brown Gordon papers, 1876-1904
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 196
Extent: .25 linear feet (1 box) and 1 oversized papers box (OP)
Abstract: Papers of Confederate veteran, Georgia Governor and United States Senator John Brown Gordon including correspondence, a biography, an engraving, and photographs from 1876 to 1904.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on access

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Related Materials in This Repository

Joseph Emerson Brown papers

Source

Unknown, prior to 1955.

Citation

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Processed by MRD, prior to 1960.

Collection Description**Biographical Note**

John Brown Gordon, governor of Georgia and United States Senator, was born February 6, 1832, in Upson County, Georgia, and died January 9, 1904, in Miami, Florida. He is buried in Atlanta's Oakland Cemetery. In 1854, he was admitted to the Georgia Bar, married Fanny (Frances) Haralson, and began to practice law in Atlanta. He was elected captain of the "Raccoon Roughs" at the start of the Civil War and was promoted to lieutenant general by the end of the war. He was elected to the U.S. Senate (1873), resigned (1880), ran for governor of Georgia (1886; re-elected 1888), was again elected to the U.S. Senate (1891-1897). He served as commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans (1890-1904), was author of *Reminiscences of the Civil War* (1903), and toured America with a lecture on "The Last Days of the Confederacy" during his last years.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of papers of John Brown Gordon from 1876-1904, including correspondence, a biography, an engraving, and photographs. The letters were written by Gordon during his tenure as a U.S. senator and as Georgia's governor; there is also a letter written to Gordon's wife, and a letter written by his daughter Frances Gordon Smith. Topics include political offices, veterans' affairs, Reconstruction activities, and Gordon's lecture tour. A general order from the United Confederate Veterans, a printed letter from the Gordon Monument Association, a biographical sketch of Gordon, an engraving of Gordon, and family and miscellaneous photographs are also included.

Arrangement Note

Arranged by record type.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Correspondence, 1876-1903
OP1	1	Engraving, "John B. Gordon, Soldier and Statesman," no date
1	2	J.B. Gordon Monument Association, 1904
1	3	Newspaper clippings
1	4	Photograph, Fanny Gordon
1	5	Photographs, John B. Gordon
1	6	Photograph, Harralson sisters
1	7	Photograph, reunion of the "Raccoon Roughs"
