Redwood and Cannon families papers, 1843-1865

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Redwood and Cannon families papers, 1843-1865
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 295
Extent: 1 microfilm reel (MF)
Abstract: Microfilm copy of the papers of the Redwood and Cannon families of Mississippi and South Carolina including various plantation records, Confederate Army documents, the diary of a Union soldier, letters, photographs, and memorabilia.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical Note
George E. Redwood, who was of English descent, came from Alabama to Columbus, Mississippi where he entered the cotton business. He married Callie Cannon, the daughter of Henry E. and Amanda M. Cannon. Charlie Cannon, brother of Callie Cannon was killed at Chickamauga during the Civil War and was buried at Dalton, Georgia. George Redwood was also soldier in the Civil War and served for some time in charge of conscriptions.

Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of a microfilm copy of the Redwood and Cannon families papers from 1843-1865. The collection includes a plantation account book containing a list of property in cash, notes, real estate, slaves, farm equipment and supplies, and a "Negro Hiring" list for the years 1844-1852 giving the names of slaves, of the persons who hired them and the amount paid for the year's services. A diary of an unknown Civil War soldier, evidently from Kentucky and fighting on the Union side, begins early in October 1861 and ends April 13, 1864. The diary was picked up on the battlefield (date and place unknown) by George E. Redwood. It recounts the soldier's enlistment, drills and camp life, war news and rumors he heard, the weather, and his company's movement (primarily through Kentucky and Tennessee). Letters are from George Redwood to his wife, from Henry Horn to "Eliza," and from a Cannon woman telling of Charlie Cannon's death. Official documents include compiled service record, passes, and orders.