Descriptive Summary

Creator: Waddell, James D., 1832-1881.
Title: James D. Waddell papers, 1862-1864
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 269
Extent: 1 microfilm reel (MF)
Abstract: Microfilm copy of the correspondence and biographical memoir of James D. Waddell, a lawyer and Confederate officer of Abbeville District, South Carolina.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access
Unrestricted access.

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Source
Loaned for filming.

Citation
[after identification of item(s)], James D. Waddell papers, Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library, Emory University.

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Biographical Note
Colonel James D. Waddell (1832-1881), a native of Abbeville district, South Carolina, was born December 22, 1832, the son of Reverend Isaac W. Waddell, and a grandson of Dr. Moses Waddell, many years President of the University of Georgia. His mother, formerly Miss Sarah Rebecca Daniel, was a member of a well-known family of Greene County, Georgia. When quite
young, he moved with his parents to Marietta, where his father was pastor of the Presbyterian
Church until his death. Here James grew up to manhood. He graduated from Franklin College
(University of Georgia) with the class of 1853, receiving one of the honors of his class. The
following year he completed the study of law and was admitted to the bar. He entered into co-
partnership with Colonel E. D. Chisolm, and settled at Cedartown in Polk County. Early in
1857 he was married to Miss Medora Sparks, a daughter of Thomas H. Sparks of Polk County,
Georgia. Mrs. Waddell died in the spring of 1880. Mr. Waddell practiced law until 1861, when
he went into the military service as a Captain in the 20th Georgia regiment. He was promoted
during the succeeding year, first to the rank of Major and then to that of Lieutenant Colonel, and
in the next year to the rank of Colonel of his regiment. Colonel Waddell died on December 15,
1881.

Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of a microfilm copy of the papers of James D. Waddell including 13
letters and the first 9 pages of a small book, A Brief Memoir of the Late Colonel James D.
Waddell Embracing Tributes to His Memory, published in Cedartown, Georgia in 1882 shortly
after his death. The remaining 44 pages (not microfilmed) of the book contain public addresses
and literary articles by Colonel Waddell.

Arrangement Note
Arranged in chronological order.
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