Form of material and dates: Dated 1825-1891. Personal and professional papers of Joseph E. Johnston, native of Virginia, graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, Confederate General, and member of the U.S. House of Representatives, 1879-1881. The correspondence reflects not only Johnston's long military career, but also his strong interest in his family's well-being and especially in the careers of his nephews John Waffield Johnston (1818-1889), a Virginia judge and U.S. Senator, 1870-1883, and John Preston Johnston (1821-1847), a U.S. Military Academy graduate who died in the Mexican War. There are also 17 letters, 1876-1889, to Thomas T. Gantt of St. Louis, Missouri, on politics, sectionalism, and Johnston's views on how the South could have won the Civil War. Johnston seemingly inspired great friendships from other military men and a major portion of his post-war correspondence is with former comrades or opponents in arms.

The Papers also include a journal of Johnston's 1857 survey of the southern boundary of Kansas; 18 volumes of Civil War dispatches and telegrams, several of which were later used as scrapbooks by Johnston's Assistant Adjutant General, Benjamin S. Ewell; accounts and correspondence regarding the sale of Johnston's Narrative of Military Operations, letter books, 1877-1879 and 1883, on his insurance business, a memo book for 1882, and a line engraving, n.d., "5 1/2 x 8 1/4," of Joseph E. Johnston, printed by D. Appleton & Co.

Also included are 2 versions of a diary kept by Thomas B. Mackall with the Army of Tennessee, 1 May - 31 July 1864; typescripts of letters from Johnston's niece Eliza Johnston (later Mrs. Robert W. Hughes) to her brother J. Preston Johnston and her aunt Sarah (Preston) Floyd, while in school in western Virginia, 1839-1841; and letters received by Mrs. Johnston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis McLane, while he was U.S. Minister to England, 1829-1831, and 1845-1846.

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The Joseph E. Johnston Papers in the Robert Morton Hughes Papers at Old Dominion University complement these papers and do not duplicate them.
JOSEPH EGGLESTON JOHNSTON
Biographical Sketch


Raised with 8 brothers and one sister, with at least 3 brothers being older.

Student at the Abingdon Academy.

1825 Cadet, U.S. Military Academy, West Point.

1829 Graduated from West Point, and appointed a 2nd Lt., in the Artillery.

1832-1833 Stationed at Fort Monroe, Va.

1834 Stationed at Fort Mitchell, Alabama.

ca.1837 Resigned from the Army to become a civil engineer.

1837-1838 Member of Powell's expedition to Florida, which routed by Indians.

1838 Recommissioned in the Topographical Engineers.

1845 10 July. Married Lydia McLane, daughter and sister of prominent diplomats from Maryland, no children.

1846-1848 Served in the Mexican War, where his nephew and protegee, John Preston Johnston, died in battle.

1855 Lt. Col., 1st Calvalry.

1857 In party surveying the southern boundary of Kansas.

1860 Quartermaster-general and Brigadier General.

1861 22 April. Resigned from U.S. Army.

1861 May. Appointed Brigadier General, CSA.

1861 Served at 1st Bull Run, and then in command in Northern Virginia; incurred displeasure of Jefferson Davis.

1862 Served in Peninsula Campaign.

1862 May. Badly wounded at Seven Pines.
1862 Nov. Assigned to command armies of Bragg and Pemberton in Tenn. and Mississippi.
1864 June-July. Atlanta Campaign -- relieved of duty for strategy he used.
1865 Feb. Reassigned to Army of the Tennessee.
1865 March-April. Fought in North Carolina, and signed an armistice with Sherman.
1865 Settled in Savannah in insurance business.
1874 Narrative of Military Operations.
1877 Moved to Richmond, Va.
1878-1880 U.S. House of Representatives, and settled in Washington, D.C.
1885 Appointed commissioner of railroads.
1887 Wife died.
1891 March. Died of pneumonia contracted at funeral of William T. Sherman.

SOURCES: Dictionary of American Biography; internal evidence in the papers. 
Boatner, Civil War Dictionary.
JOSEPH E. JOHNSTON PAPERS, 1825-1891

Box 1

Folder 1 1825-1835


25 Jan. 1829. J.E. Johnston, West Point, [N.Y.], to "sister" [in-law], Louisa S. Johnston, Tazewell C[ourt] H[ouse], Virginia. Discusses a recent change [marriage to Ann Bernard] in his father's life which will make it less solitary; must decide by June whether to remain in the Army and choose the Infantry or the Artillery. 2 pp. ALS.

2 June 1829. Andrew Jackson, Washington, [D.C.], to Lewis [sic] [Louis] McLane, n.p. Concerning the death of McLane's father, the office made vacant by his death, and the introduction of Mr. F.B. Ogden by this letter. 2 pp. LS.


18 Nov. 1831. J. Eggleston Johnston, Fortress Monroe, [Va.], to "sister" [in-law], Louisa S. Johnston, Abingdon, Virginia. Is not in love, though from time to time feels tenderness toward and interest in the appearance and conversation of a particular woman. 4 pp. ALS.

13 Nov[ember] 1832. J.E. Johnston, Fort Monroe, [Va.], to his brother, Beverley R. Johnston, Abingdon, Va. Is anxious to see "those who remain" [after the deaths of his father and brother]; saw John Preston "at the university"; comments on the matrimonial propensity of young people; is susceptible to the charms of so many women that they neutralize each other. 3 pp. ALS.
19 Aug. 1833. J.E. Johnston, Old Point Comfort, [Va.], to Louisa S. Johnston, care of Capt. R.T. Bowen, Tazewell Co., Va. Discusses plans for Louisa’s son John [W. Johnston], and the need for John to travel on his own; mentions various relatives he has seen and Jane’s plans; missed seeing “Mama in Richmond.” 4 pp. ALS.

9 January 1834. J.E. Johnston, Fort Mitchell, Alabama, to Beverley R. Johnston, Abingdon, Virginia. Had a miserable march through the country and is in quite a bad humor; describes foiled plans to go to Richmond; the weather has been as cold as a Virginia winter; gossip of Harrison [?] traveling to Augusta, [Ga.], to see a lady. 3 pp. ALS.

25 March 1834. J.E. Johnstone [sic], Fort Mitchell, [Ala.], to Beverley R. Johnston, Abingdon, Virginia. Is going back to Old Point Comfort, [Va.]; describes the “delicious moonlight nights” and the “very pretty Indian girls.” 2 pp. ALS.

23 Sept. 1835. J.E. Johnston, Washington, [D.C.], to Beverley R. Johnston, Abingdon, Virginia. Discussion of money matters; hopes to make a trip to Florida in the winter; talk of a horse race in which he lost $750.00; needs a horse for fox-hunting; cannot visit due to his [BRJ] “bachelor” state. 3 pp. ALS.

Folder 2 1836-1840

18 Feb. 1836. J.E. Johnston, Savannah, [Ga.], to “Bev,” Beverly R. Johnston, Abingdon, Virginia. Is on his way to assist General Scott in the war against the Seminoles; describes his journey south; waiting for a steamboat to take them down the St. John’s River, [Fla.]; describes the Army and gives the number of Indians to be estimated at about 3500, although he thinks that figure is exaggerated; soldiers complaining of having to boil and eat pork; heard from John that all of their Negroes had been sold and that all of the “affairs” were still unsettled; is saddened that Sam [a slave] was sold. 2 pp. ALS.

13 June 1837. J.E. Johnstone, Washington, [D.C.], to “Bev,” Beverly R. Johnston, Abingdon, Virginia. Gives his reasons for resigning; is now employed in the Topographical Bureau; news of Edward and Webb separating, and Edward composing literary works — probably on the life of Patrick Henry; has heard of his [BRJ] “matrimonial intentions” and warns him not to be rash; wishes for him to meet some of the lovely ladies in Washington. 3 pp. ALS.
19 December 1838. J.R. Poinsett, War Department, [Washington, D.C.], to Geo[urge] W. Hopkins, House of Rep[resentative],s, [Washington, D.C.]. Appoints Mr. [John Preston] Johnston to the Military Academy, but cannot appoint Stephen J. Crockett, as regulations allow only one cadet per congressional district. 1 p. ALS.


25 May 1839. J.E. Johnston, New York, [N.Y.], to "Pres," J. Preston Johnston, Alexandria, [Washington], D.C. Tells of upcoming trips to Elizabeth Town, N.J., to meet General Scott at Head Quarters, then on to Trenton, and then to Washington, [D.C.]. He will not, however, be able to stop to visit him [JPJ] due to troop movements; gives travel instructions and descriptions of a new black trunk for him. 3 pp. ALS.

30 May 1839. J.E. Johnston, Elizabeth Town, N.J., to "Pres" [J. Preston Johnston], n.p. Is sorry, but cannot send any money because he doesn't have any; gives more detailed travel instructions for Pres to follow on his trip from Washington, through Baltimore, and on to Philadelphia and Trenton, including the use of a steamboat. 2 pp. ALS.


31 Aug. 1839. J.E. Johnston, Sackets Harbour, [N.Y.], to "Pres," J. Preston Johnstone [sic], West Point, New York. Is glad he is enjoying school so much, and encourages him "to make a good use of the faculties nature has given..."; hopes to visit in the latter part of October; discusses a survey of an area east of St. Regis which will keep him busy outside until the weather turns cool; the President and the Sec. of War have visited, and "peace and tranquility are restored"; tell Lizzie to write. 3 pp. ALS. Including typescript. 2 pp.
17 Oct[obe]r 1839. J.E. Johnston, Sackets Harbour, [N.Y.], to "Pres," J. Preston Johnstone [sic], West Point, New York. Is happy he has become so "naturalized" to school, but cautions him not to rely too heavily on his present knowledge of mathematics; he [JPJ] should feel lucky that his Uncle Bev wrote to him, as he never writes to anyone; will stop by to see him in 10 days, but only for a few hours, as neither have much time; has received accounts of Harvey Michele's "Texas Scheme" from cousin John; other family news. 3 pp. ALS.

18 Nov. [1839]. J.E. Johnston, Botetourt Springs [Roanoke Co., Va.], to "Pres," J. Preston Johnstone [sic], West Point, N.Y. Was disappointed to find that Lizzie was still at Burke's Garden, and not in school -- hopes that will be taken care of soon; news of visit to Edward's farm and his horse "Tigertail"; comments on disposition and application of JPJ. 2 pp. ALS.


11 March 1840. J.E. Johnston, Charleston, [S.C.], to "Bev," Beverly R. Johnston, Abingdon, Virginia. Is on his way back to Washington from Florida; has had gratifying accounts of Pres in school, and urges him [BRJ] to write him; speaks lovingly of Pres and gives Mrs. Carrington much of the credit for his [JPJ] upbringing; discussion of Eliza and her education, or lack thereof; wants family news. 3 pp. ALS.

16 March 1840. J.E. Johnston, Washington, [D.C.], to "Pres," J. Preston Johnstone [sic], West Point, New York. Saw Professor Capt. Blis who gave a satisfying account of his progress at school; has just returned from southern Florida where he spent the winter; comments on the state of military affairs in that territory and a bill before Congress to raise additional forces to fight in the Seminole War; gives advice to read the great authors and Latin "in the original" if there is spare time. 3 pp. ALS.

12 July 1840. J.E. Johnston, Detroit, [Michigan], to "Pres," J. Preston Johnstone [sic], West Point, New York. Gives an explanation of why he could not visit him, and expresses gratification and pride in all of his accomplishments; is located in the country between Lake Huron and Lake Superior, surveying the land for a possible fortification; comments on the abundance of trout and whitefish, and how much Uncle Edward would enjoy fishing there. 3 pp. ALS.
19 Nov. 1840. J.E. Johnston, Washington, [D.C.], to "Pres," J. Preston Johnstone [sic], West Point, New York. Will not be going to Florida for the winter; Edward is considering selling his land and settling in Abingdon, Lynchburg, or Columbia; they had a "perservering" snow storm on the 18th, which signaled the beginning of winter; there is a truce in Florida now, and a group of Seminole chiefs, including Sam Jones, Wild Cat, and Tiger Tail are traveling to Washington to make the final arrangements; hopes that Lizzie will be sent to Washington instead of Richmond, and comments that he would like her to know that he has not proposed to anyone, just like the song "I Don't Propose." 2 pp. ALS.

c. 1840. Subscription list of the Ball Committee, [U.S. Military Academy], for a ball held on the 6th, 1840. 1 p. Ms. Including Xcy of Ms. 1 p.

Folder 3 1841-1860

13 May 1841. J.E. Johnston, Washington, [D.C.], to "Pres," J. P[reston] Johnstone [sic], West Point, New York. Just returned from an extended visit to the Sabine, and is concerned because he has not heard from him in a while. 1 p. ALS.

21 May 1841. J.E. Johnstone [sic], Washington, [D.C.], to "Pres," J. Preston Johnstone [sic], West Point, New York. Will be spending the summer in Mackinac; instructions to get any clothing needed from Sam[uel] Frost, a merchant tailor in New York, [N.Y.], and to have them charged to his [JEJ] bill. 1 p. ALS.

2 June 1841. J.E. Johnston, Washington, [D.C.], to "Pres," J. P[reston] Johnstone [sic], West Point, New York. A school friend of JPP's, Thompson Mason, will be coming soon, and JEJ wishes him to be welcomed and treated well, and also his mother; is still on his journey to Lake Michigan, and is not sure when he will be back by West Point; hopes he [JPJ] is enjoying his furlough, and wishes for him to stop and see Col. Preston, Mr. Hopkins, and Mrs. Merrick. 3 pp. ALS.


16 Sept[embe]r 1841. J.E. Johnstone [sic], Buffalo, [N.Y.], to “Pres,” J. P[reston] Johnstone [sic], West Point, New York. Has heard about an epidemic at West Point and is anxious about his [JPJ] health; mention of a cadet Mason, near death and hopes that it is not his friend [Thompson Mason], has been in Buffalo about 15 days and may remain another month; is interested about news from Va. relatives. 1 p. ALS.

13 May 1842. J.E. Johnston, Washington, [D.C.], to “Pres,” J. Preston Johnstone [sic], West Point, New York. Consoles him [JPJ] about the lack of correspondence from his relatives; gives excuse of being ill for his lack of correspondence; tells of his great love for him and mentions also his love of a sweetheart; Cousin Tom’s wedding has been postponed until the Fall; Lizzie is in Columbia and spends her free time at Cousin Margaret’s home; gossip of a possible duel between Mr. [Henry A.] Wise and Mr. [Edward] Stanley [sic] Stanly; talk of Affghan [sic] war and the end of the Florida war [Seminole War]. 3 pp. ALS.


4 April 1843. J.E. Johnstone [sic], St. Augustine, [FLa.], to J. P[reston] Johnstone [sic], West Point, New York. Explains the lack of correspondence during the winter; discussion on his [JPJ] future, involving going into industry or remaining in the Army, giving pros and cons of each; had a pleasant trip to New Orleans, [La.]; comment about women being "pleasant and attractive creatures, beyond denial," but only "when one has nothing else to think of, or to excite him." 3 pp. ALS.

25 May 1843. J.E. Johnston, Washington, [D.C.], to "Pres," J. P[reston] Johnstone, West Point, New York. Will not be able to come to graduation due to detainment "by authority"; gives advice on selection of a regiment or a corp; is on his way to the Northeast Boundary after Houlton, Maine. 2 pp. ALS.


22 June 1847. B. W[atkins] Leigh, Richmond, [Va.], to Joseph E. Johnson, [Mexico?]. Letter of introduction for his son John Wickham Leigh. 1 p. ALS.


Folder 4 1861-1865

10 March [18]61. P.C. Johnston, Richmond, [Va.], to Jo[seph E. Johnston], n.p. Concerns the Secession Convention held in Richmond. 3 pp. ALS.


22 October 1861. J.E. Johnston, H[eal]d Q[uarters], Centreville, [Va.], to General [Samuel] Cooper, Richmond, Va. Reports that Col. [Nathan George] Evans engaged, most of the day yesterday in battle with the enemy, utilizing twelve regts. and five batteries, near the Potomac River; heavy casualties and 200 prisoners taken, as well as six field pieces. 1 p. ALS.


6 Dec. 1861. [?], H[eal]d Qu[arters], 1st Corps, to [?]. List of killed, wounded, and missing in the battle of Ball’s Bluff, [Va.], fought 21 Oct. 1861. 11 p. D.


2 May 1862. J[oseph] E. Johnston, H[eal]d Q[ua]r[ters] Lee’s House, to General [Daniel Harvey] Hill, n.p. 1 p. ALS. Urges keeping the York River open to gunboats [two days prior to the Battle of Williamsburg]; Hill not to command his rear guard and to continue the fire after midnight; adds postscript "I would like to have the vessels sunk."

1 June 1862. "Map of Richmond and vicinity" showing the Confederate line on the morning of June 1, 1862. Map. 1 item.
21 Nov. [18]62. R[obert] E. Lee, Head [Quarter]s, to Gen[era]l Jos[eph] E. Johnston, n.p. Agrees to send Capt. Mason and Lt. Col. Harvey to him as soon as possible; is pleased that he is "again able to take the field." 1 p. ALS.


22 June 1863 - 6 April 1864. Letterbook copies of all or part of 5 or more letters regarding the military and political situations in the Confederacy. 6 pp. LS.

21 Aug. 1863. R[obert A.] Toombs, Washington, Geo[rgia], to J.E. Johnston, Marton, Miss. Sends message urging JEJ to report about the fall of Vicksburg at the Court of Enquiry at Montgomery, [ Ala.]. 1 p. ALS.

22 December 1863. General Order No. 24 from General Joseph E. Johnston, Head Quarters, Brandon, Miss., transferring his command to Lieut. General [Leonidas] Polk. 1 p. PD.

23 December 1863. General Order No. 1 from Lieut. General L[eonidas] Polk, Head Quarters, Meridian, Miss., telling of his assumption of command from General [Joseph E. Johnston]. 1 p. PD.
15 Feb[ruar]y 1864. J.E. Johnston, Dalton, [Ga.], to "Bev," [Beverly R. Johnston], n.p. Discussion of the transfer of Major Barton from Gen[era]l Polk's command to his, and the misuse of Army funds; strategic discussion of upcoming battle in March, the deterioration of their horses, and [U.S.] Grant taking advantage of Longstreet's poor artillery and driving him back into Va.; reminds him to secure all his papers at home as "they will be very important to me after the war"; description of transfer of family silver through Nicati [sic] [Nicketti Floyd Johnston?]. 2 pp. ALS.

1 March 1864. J.E. Johnston, Dalton, [Ga.] to unnamed General, n.p. Regrets losing him because of governmet orders; had high expectations for his help and from his expedition. 1 p. ALS.


16 Feb[ruar]y 1865. W[illiam] W. Mackall, Macon, [Ga.], to "Joe" [Joseph E. Johnston], n.p. Gen[era]l Cobb is to address the people tonight; gives opinion of how to regroup and states that "you [JEJ] alone can bring back the old soldiers to their colors or engage other to join"; describes feeling of bitterness for Mr. [Jefferson] Davis, and that his supporters say "he had proved himself utterly incapable of conducting the war"; talk of Lee's popularity waning also if he "doesn't at once, show independence and pursue a course at least masked by being widely different from Mr. D[avis'], as well as people thinking that he [Lee] did not prevent him [JEJ] from being removed, not to mention not restoring him [JEJ] back." 3 pp. ALS.

16 March 1865. D[aniel] H. Hill, Camp near Smithfield, [N.C.], to Gen[era]l [Joseph E. Johnston], n.p. Concerning statistics of men and supplies; and prefers to have a commander other than Gen. Bragg for he "has made me a scapegoat." 2 pp. ALS.


28 Aug. 1865. J.E. Johnston, Baltimore, [Md.], to Major [?] Cummings, n.p. Is writing a narrative of the war, but has lost many of his papers; asks Cummings' opinions, especially on the subjects of campaigns in Tennessee in 1863 and Georgia in 1864. 3 pp. ALS.

Folder 5 1866-1873

29 June 1866. Circular reporting a meeting of business tenants in Norfolk, [Va.], in which a request was made to lower their rent by one-third to compensate for their loss of business, due to the Federal Government's cessation of aid at the end of the [Civil] War. 1 p. PD.


28 Dec[embe]r 1867. J.E. Johnston, Baltimore, [Md.], to "Bev," B.R. Johnston, n.p. Instructions to send a trunk from Edward's adopted daughter to Peter at the first opportunity; contents are papers, possibly articles written for the newspaper he [Peter] published. 2 pp. ALS.


21 April 1868. Handbill advertising a concert at the Opera House in Norfolk, [Va.], to benefit the widows and orphans of Confederate soldiers, sponsored by the Washington and Lee Association. 1 p. PD.
8 June 1869. J.E. Johnston, Savannah, [Ga.], to "John," Judge
[John Warfield] Johnston, n.p. Sympathy note about the
death of his son, Willie. 2 pp. ALS.

23 June 1870. Wade Hampton, Columbia, [S.C.], to Gen. [J.E.]
Johnston, n.p. Asks for a letter of recommendation and
introduction so he may join the Corps of Cavalry in Egypt;
advise him to remain quiet about any disharmony between Mr.
Davis and himself because of upsetting the "thousands who
are friendly to both"; urges him to prepare for publication
his reports to "justify...motive and...actions" by him
[JEJ]. 4 pp. ALS.

27 Dec. [1870]. Arthur C. Cummings, Abingdon, Va., to Gen[eral]
Joseph E. Johnston, n.p. Concerning the condition of the
33rd Regiment, Va. Volunteers, immediately after the close
of the first battle of Manassas, 21 July 1861. 6 pp. ALS.

23 Jan[uary] 1872. G.T. Beauregard, New Orleans, [La.], to
Joseph E. Johnston, Savannah, Ga. Concerns an article on
"the flag question" by Beauregard to be submitted to the
April 1872 Baltimore Southern Magazine; also the state of
the government in Louisiana -- "quasi-revolution." 3 pp.
ALS.

26 July 1872. J.E. Johnston, Warm Springs, Bath Co., Va., to his
nephew, John W. Johnston, n.p. Concerns over brother Peter;
question about the Confederate States' archives; had a
pleasant visit from Mr. and Mrs. Holmes and their young son.
4 pp. ALS.

9 August 1872. Louis T. Wigfall, Baltimore, [Md.], to "General"
[Joseph E. Johnston], n.p. Sends the final draft of his
statement; report only alludes to "saving Lee's army";
struck out his attacks on [Jefferson] Davis who "poor
Floyd" called "Mr. Jefferson Davidson." 4 pp. ALS.

21 December 1872. J.E. Johnston, Savannah, [Ga.], to John [W.
Johnston], n.p. Sends check to furnish brother Peter's new
room; sends holiday greetings. 1 p. ALS.

15 February 1873. W.N. Pendleton, Lexington, Va., to Gen. J.E.
Johnston, Savannah, Ga. Concerning a $500 contribution to
the church; the winter weather; "another tour to raise means
for completing our Church here"; and love to Mr. and Mrs.
Johnston and regards to friends in Atlanta. 3 pp. ALS.

9 March 1873. J.E. Johnston, Savannah, [Ga.], to his grandniece, Sally [(Johnston) Lee], n.p. Her letter was his first news of her grandmother, his sister's [Louisa Smith Bowen] illness; expressions of family love; has had acute rheumatism since January. 3 pp. ALS.

24 March 1873. [Joseph E. Johnston], Savannah, [Ga.], to John W. Johnston, n.p. Talk of funding the repairs needed for the family burial grounds; "Lily" will be traveling to the Springs soon for her annual stay, as prescribed by her physician. 2 pp. ALS.

30 October 1873. J.E. Johnston, Savannah, Ga., to John [W. Johnston], n.p. Wife "Lily" suffering from Neuralgia; grief over death of brother [Beverly]; also settlement of Beverly's estate; financial matters concerned with brother Peter. 1 p. ALS.

7 November 1873. J.E. Johnston, Savannah, [Ga.], to John W. Johnston, n.p. Instructions to buy Beverly's silver tableware at the auction of his personal effects on the 16th if no other close relative wants it; anxious over brother Peter being alone - would like to hire someone to stay with him. 1 p. ALS.

14 Nov. 1873. J.E. Johnston, Savannah, [Ga.], to John W. Johnston, n.p. Discussion of sale of family property, the storing of books, and the distributing of clothes to the poor; in agreement about brother Peter living in a hotel and will send money accordingly. 4 pp. ALS.

9 Dec[embe]r 1873. J.E. Johnston, Savannah, [Ga.], to John W. Johnston, n.p. Since the Army of fifteen years past has changed considerably, he doesn't really recommend that Ben [George Ben Johnston] become commissioned; feels that the Army has lowered its standards, and that there is some prejudice against Southerners; suggests law studies instead. 3 pp. ALS.
Box II

Folder 1 1874


20 June 1874. E.C. Walthall, Grenada, Miss., to General Joseph E. Johnston, Savannah, Ga. Discusses losses of men under his command in the campaign from Dalton to Atlanta. 2 pp. ALS.

25 June 1874. Edmund W. Pettus, Selma, Ala., to General J. E. Johnston, Savannah, Ga. Concerning Pettus' participation in the Dalton and Atlanta campaigns in Stephenson's Division of Hood's Corp. 2 pp. ALS.


4 July 1874. Alpheus Baker, Eufaula, Ala., to General J[oseph] E. Johnston, n.p. Concerning the loss of muskets, positions, panics...in the retreat from Dalton to Atlanta in 1864 and his recollection of events. 8 pp. ALS.


4 Nov[embr]e 1874. J.E. Johnston, Savannah, [Ga.], to John [W. Johnston], n.p. Mr. Fields to re-enclose grave yard; lodging and financial arrangements for brother Peter. 2 pp. ALS.

Folder 2 1875-1878

6 Feb. 1875. J[ubal] A. Early, Richmond, [Va.], to Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, n.p. Concerning Col. Marshall's address as not being an attack against JEJ, but rather a criticism of some statements of JEJ's in regard to the army around Richmond [during the War]. Comments on Marshall's address and includes points of controversy with his recollections with statistical information; corrects JEJ on points regarding himself and statements made about him and his command in JEJ's book; apologizes for mentioning these matters and does not do so to complain; mentions the courtesy and kindness which JEJ always treated him. "You know that when any one undertakes to write a historical account of events, there is a right in the part of those who disagree with the writer, to criticize and analyze his statements." 6 pp. ALS.


3 May 1875. A.D. Banks, Vicksburg, Miss., to General [Joseph E. Johnston?], n.p. Explanation of a delay in payment of a $1000 note. 2 pp. ALS.

7 June 1875. J.E. Johnston, Savannah, [Ga.], to [Henry Cooper?], n.p. Detailed comments on the Count of Paris' letters concerning the Battle of Seven Pines, defending what himself, Longstreet, [D.H.] Hill, and Smith had reported; also extensive defense of himself and descriptions of his and others' actions at the Battle of Fair Oaks; asks if he received an autograph note of Gen[eral] [Robert E.] Lee. 3 pp. ALS.

27 September 1875. James L. Kemper [Governor of Virginia], Richmond, Va., to General Joseph E. Johnston, n.p. Invitation to attend and act as Chief Marshall at the unveiling of the Foley Statue of ["Stonewall"] Jackson on the 26th of October. 1 p. ALS.
9 Oct. 1875. James L. Kember, Executive Mansion, Richmond, [Va.], to Joseph E. Johnston, n.p. Concerning the recent publication by the press of "our late correspondence"; the desire for you to accept the position of Marshall in chief on the 16th, and Mr. Valentine is interested in executing a bust of you. 1 p. ALS.

24 May 1876. J.E. Johnston, Savannah, [Ga.], to John W. Johnston, n.p. Economic discussion of the Hawaiian Treaty which will remove the rice tariff, and how it will affect the rice farmers in South Carolina, Georgia, and Louisiana; concern over land losing its value and people being forced out of work; alludes to North/South disputes over the problem, stating that the planter will be "unable to stand up under the burden imposed upon him for the benefit of Northern manufacturers"; asks him to vote against the treaty and to relay the same message to Col. [Robert W.] Withers. 1 p. ALS.

13 June 1876. J.E. Johnston, Savannah, [Ga.], to Col. Tho[mas] T. Gantt, [St. Louis, Mo.]. Discusses Southern political systems, the Democratic nomination convention in St. Louis, and Northern attitudes toward the South. 4 pp. ALS. Including typescript. 3 pp.


8 Oct[obe]r 1877. J.E. Johnston, Richmond, [Va.], to John W. Johnston, n.p. Has learned through Judge [Robert W.] Hughes that he [JWJ] will support President Hayes' administration; expresses wish for him to withhold support until he knows more fully the President's "Southern policy"; discussion of JWJ's son applying to West Point or just joining the Army. 2 pp. ALS.

20 Oct[obe]r 1877. J.E. Johnston, Richmond, [Va.], to John [W. Johnston], n.p. Cancellation of plans due to wife's illness; discussion of his friend Haine [?], who was disappointed because the P.O. Dept. appointment was not filled; he is now trying for the office of Marshall, which will be vacant on the expiration of the term of the incumbent, according to [Judge Robert W.] Hughes; hopes he [JWJ] will lend his support to Haine [?]. 3 pp. ALS.
7 Nov. 1877. James Longstreet, Gainesville, Ga., to General J.E. Johnston, Richmond, Va. Expression of friendship; gives correction of Pickett's strength of 4500 instead of 5500 as previously reported. 2 pp. ALS.

12 Nov[embre] 1877. J.E. Johnston, Richmond, [Va.], to John W. Johnston, n.p. Ben has decided to settle in Richmond; [Robert W.] Hughes does not think that it is a wise move since it was flooded with medical men after the war and recommends Norfolk instead; also the comment that there is a strong Catholic influence [in Norfolk] which would also help Ben professionally. 4 pp. ALS.

19 Nov[embre] 1877. J.E. Johnston, Richmond, [Va.], to John [W. Johnston], n.p. Has sent application for Joe's [Johnston] benefit; feels that [Robert W.] Hughes has excellent sense and judgement [referring to his opinions of where Ben should set up a medical practice]. 1 p. ALS.

20 Nov. 1877. J.E. J[ohnston], [Richmond, Va.?], to John [W. Johnston], n.p. More discussion of Ben setting up medical practice in Richmond. 2 pp. ALS.

14 March 1878. J.E. Johnson, Richmond, [Va.], to John [W. Johnston], n.p. Requests that he be sent the Texas-Pacific R.R. Bill so that he may read it, as it is so unlike the Bill passed at the St. Louis Convention of 1875, he feels it will aid the South, and not the North; his friend, John C. Brown, is V[ice] Pres[ident] of the Institution [governing the railroad]?]. 1 p. ALS.

24 September 1878. J.E. Johnston, Richmond, [Va.], to Col. T[omas] T. Gantt, [St. Louis, Mo.]. Discusses economy of the South and resulting problems; anti-military sentiments of the South; and character of Tilden and Hayes. 4 pp. ALS. Including typescript. 3 pp.

4 November 1878. J.E. Johnston, Richmond, [Va.], to Colonel [Thomas T. Gantt, St. Louis, Mo.]. Discussing the Greenbacker philosophy, the Electoral Commission, and the election; his views of the insurance profession; and his impressions of Tilden. 4 pp. ALS. Including typescript. 2 pp.
30 Nov[embeh]r 1878. J.E. Johnston, Richmond, [Va.], to John [W. Johnston], n.p. Again requests a copy of the Texas-Pacific R.R. Bill for his friend Robert Gourdin; would have asked Beverley Tucker to send it, but he is in New Orleans, [La.], directing a convention; discussion of the reduction of the tobacco tax on Southern farmers. 1 p. ALS.

Folder 3 1879-1880
10 Jan[uary] 1879. J.E. Johnston, Richmond, [Va.], to John W. Johnston, U.S. Senate, [Washington, D.C.]. Gives glowing recommendation of Col. [Robert E.] Withers for a Democratic middle class office in the Senate; is glad to hear of his improved health; Gov. Randolph sent a copy of the new Army Bill; asks that he [JWJ] and Col. Withers read his comments on it. 1 p. ALS.

23 Jan[uary] 1879. J.E. Johnston, Richmond, [Va.], to John W. Johnston, n.p. Writes on behalf of their kinsman James Southall who would like to be appointed to the new Geology professorship at the "Va. University." 1 p. ALS.

21 August 1879. J.E. Johnston, Sweet Chalybeate Springs, [Allegheny Co. Va.], to his grand-nephew, [George] Ben Johnston, n.p. Will be happy to give Mr. McCloskey a recommendation on his application for an office; is pleased he sent out a circular; Lily still suffering from rheumatism. 3 pp. ALS.


14 May 1880. J. E. Johnston, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. to Colonel [Thomas T. Gantt, St. Louis, Mo.]. Comments on apparent Southern antipathy to politics; the approaching election, and the Democratic Party; will not be a candidate. 4 pp. ALS. Including a typescript. 2 pp.

25 August 1880. J.E. Johnston, Narragansett Pier, R.I., to Col. T[homas] T. Gantt, [St. Louis, Mo.]. Is recovering from a bad sprain; believes a Democrat will win the Presidency, but a thorough civil service reform is not likely. 2 pp. ALS. Including typescript. 1 p.

12 Sep[tembe]r 1880. J.E. Johnston, Saratoga, [N.Y.], to Colonel [Thomas T.] Gantt, [St. Louis, Mo.]. Compares public morals and their effects on elections with those of 30 years ago, and discusses Hayes' use of the veto; and the ideal beauty of Pattsfield. 2 pp. ALS. Including typescript. 1 p.

10 Nov. 1880. J.E. Johnston, House of Representatives, Washington, [D.C.], to [George] Ben [Johnston], n.p. Has written to Dr. Curry who is a member of the Board of Visitors [of the Medical College of Virginia?] about a professorship; also mention of Ben's bride. 1 p. ALS.

Folder 4 1882-1887

12 June 1882. T.F. Bayard, Washington, D.C., to Mrs. [Lydia (McLane)] Johnston, n.p. Sends picture of his mother, who was a good friend of her [Mrs. Johnston] mother [Catherine Mary (Milligan) McLane]. 2 pp. ALS.

31 July 1882. Hervey [?] McDowell, Chairman, Re-Union Association [for] Harrison's Brigade, Cynthiana, Ky., to General Joseph E. Johnston, Richmond, Va. Invitation to attend the reunion of the First Kentucky Brigade of Infantry "in the late war." 1 p. LS.


2 February 1884. J.E. Johnston, Washington, [D.C.], to Colonel [Thomas T. Gantt], [St. Louis, Mo.]. Praises Frank Blair [Frances Preston Blair, Jr.]; finds the only well-founded sectional prejudice is that of favoring Virginia hams; slavery caused no inferiority of the people; continues a discussion of how the South could have won -- including more arms, a different Confederate President, and a strong move against Grant in late 1862; expresses opinion that Hardee or Stewart would have prevented Sherman's "March to the Sea." 4 pp. ALS. Including a typescript. 2 pp.

3 February 1885. [Charles] A[lLEN] Thordike Rice, New York, [N.Y.], to Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, n.p. Concerning the approaching dedication of the Washington monument and Rice's desire to have Johnston write a letter "which would embody your estimate of Washington in his military capacity" and would be bound in a sheaf for the celebration. 4 pp. ALS.
pre 31 Oct[obe]r 1885. J.E. Johnston, Washington, [D.C.], to Sally [(Johnston) Lee?], n.p. Gives background of a certain picture of General [Robert E.] Lee [and JEJ taken in Savannah after the Civil War], and the photographer's name, D.J. Ryan; sees her father often and describes his [John W. Johnston] new interest in military equipment and habits of ancient and medieval people; her cousin Sue Taliaferro has been staying with them. 2 pp. ALS.

31 Oct[obe]r 1885. J.E. Johnston, Washington, D.C., to Sally [(Johnston) Lee], n.p. Sends desired picture and apologizes for it being faded [referring to a picture of Johnston and Lee taken together in Savannah, Ga. after the war]; is going to New York, [N.Y.], to the funeral "of a valued old friend." 1 p. ALS.

22 Feb[rueary] 1886. James Longstreet, Gainesville, Ga., to [?]. Copy of official report submitted by Major General James Longstreet, 10 June 1862, on the Battle of Seven Pines. 1 pp. Cy of DS.


31 March 1887. J.E. Johnston, Washington, [D.C.], to Sally [(Johnston) Lee], n.p. Has sent photograph of his "lovely darling" [wife, Lydia (McLane) Johnston], and grieves over her death. 1 p. ALS.

25 May 1887. J.E. Johnston, Washington, [D.C.], to Col. T[homas] T. Gantt, [St. Louis, Mo.]. Discusses his proposed trip to St. Louis, and points west to inspect "roads"; hopes [Don Carlos] Buell will be named superintendent of the Coast Survey; discusses condition of [Henry Jackson] Hunt. 4 pp. Including typescript. 2 pp.

30 July 1887. J.E. Johnston, Washington, [D.C.], to his great-grand nephew, "Willie" [William F. Lee], n.p. Complains of extremely hot weather; explains that he has no foreign correspondents from which he could acquire postage stamps [in reference to WFL's stamp collection]. 2 pp. ALS.

5 September 1887. J.E. Johnston, Washington, D.C., to [George] Ben Johnston, n.p. Tells of his office being in his home, and that his hours are 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; invites him to use his home if he [GBJ] attends the medical convention in Washington, [D.C.]. 2 pp. ALS.


22 September 1887. J.E. Johnston, Washington, D.C. to Gen. D.H. Hill, Milledgeville, Ga. Was impressed by his conduct at Yorktown and 7 Pines; applied for his appointment to a vacancy in 1864; the recommendation may have been held up in the office of Gen. [Braxton] Bragg. 2 pp. ALS. Including p.s., from J.E. Johnston to Gen. D.H. Hill, explaining that his questions pertained to what sort of paper he should write -- not because of "the fear of entangling myself." 1 p.


14 December 1887. W[illiam] W. Mackall, Langley, to Jo[s]e[ph] E. Johnston, n.p. Can't hope to see Johnston until the weather warms; discusses financial difficulties related to civil and political rights. 2 pp. ALS.

Folder 5 1888-1890

29 May 1888. J.E. Johnston, Washington, [D.C.], to his great grand-nephew [Sydney Smith Lee], n.p. Reminiscences about family ties with his [SSL] grandparents [Anna Marie (Mason) Lee and Sydne Smith Lee]; is very proud of him and always happy to hear from him. 1 p. ALS.

29 May 1888. J.E. Johnston, Washington, [D.C.], to Col. [Thomas] T. Gantt, [St. Louis, Mo.]. Wishes Gantt would move to Washington and leave his "unfashionable" location; discusses reasons for [Benjamin Stoddard] Ewell being refused a professorship at William and Mary after using at least $15,000 of his own money to save it; his tour of inspection will be delayed until Congress appropriates the money. 2 pp. ALS. Inclunding typescript. 1 p.

26 June 1888. J.E. Johnston, Washington, [D.C.], to Col. T[omas] T. Gantt, [St. Louis, Mo.]. Details Confederate blunders in the areas of buying up cotton to sell for arms, and not moving against McClellan in force in 1862, or putting Lee in command on May 31, [1862?]; also Bragg not capturing Union troops in West Tennessee; troops in Arkansas not being transferred to Mississippi, and Hood being put opposite Sherman instead of Hardee or Stewart. 4 pp. ALS. Including typescript. 2 pp.

26 September 1888. J.E. Johnston, Washington, [D.C.], to "my dear little niece," [Ann Mason Lee, great grand-niece], n.p. Gives account of his recent trip through the Rocky Mountains and on to the Pacific Ocean, and of all the land's beauty. 3 pp. ALS.

30 November 1888. J.E. Johnston, Washington, [D.C.], to Col. T[omas] T. Gantt, n.p. Had no idea of the disaster to the Democratic party; describes situation in Williamsburg as being the consequence of a large number of Negroes brought there by the military occupation; Gettysburg will not be as bad as the effect of Negro supremacy; Henry A. Wise turned Democrat to run for Governor; doesn't understand why Gantt's St. Louis house won't sell; as a child, heard much discussion of the authorship of the "Junius" letters, and feels Lord Lyttelton is a good possibility; death of a niece. 3 pp. ALS. Including typescript. 2 pp.


26 February 1889. J.E. Johnston, n.p., to Sally [(Johnston) Lee], n.p. Is concerned about her father's [John W. Johnston] relapses, but cannot come to visit yet due to preparing his office for its next occupant; tells of preparation of the court of the great "pension building" for the inauguration ballroom. 2 pp. ALS.
2 April 1889. J. E. Johnston, [Washington, D.C.], to Col. T[homas] T. Gantt, [St. Louis, Mo.]. Discusses use of contributed funds to buy a house for Mrs. [Henry] Hunt and her other funds; and strategies for Congressional aid for her. 4 pp. ALS. Including typescript. 2 pp.

5 March 188[?]. Rob[ert] L. Taylor, Executive Office, Nashville, Tenn., to General Joseph E. Johnson [sic] [Johnston], Washington, D.C. Requests Johnston’s presence at an Inter-State Drill to be held in Nashville. 1 p. TLS.


5 Oct. 1890. W[illiam] F. Smith, Hoffman House, New York, [N.Y.], to [Joseph E. Johnston], n.p. Conveys suggestion of a dinner for the Comte de Paris; suggests dinner be in private, including only Mr. [Robert M.] McLane and a nephew to entertain the Comte’s son. 2 pp. ALS.

Folder 6 1891 & n.d.

16 March 1891. Lamar Fontaine, "Prestwold Place," Shaw, Bolivar Co., Miss., to Gen[eral] Joseph E. Johnston, Washington, D.C. Asks for his expression of approval toward the plans of a Grand Reunion of the "Blue and Gray" to be held at Chicago, [Ill.], during the Exposition in 1893; gives ideas about a parade, and a pavillion being erected to exhibit relics of the [Civil] War from both sides. 2 pp. ALS.

18 March 1891. Jos[eph] Wheeler, Wheeler, Ala., to Gen. Jos[eph E.] Johnston, n.p. Is sorry to hear he has been ill, and hopes that he is recovering "for there are few men whom the old Confederates need as much as...yourself." 1 p. LS.


22 March 1891. Jo[hn] A. J. Creswell, Washington, D.C., to Governor [of Maryland] Robert M. McLane, [Baltimore, Md.?]. Regrets that he will not be able to attend the funeral service of [Mclane’s brother-in-law] JEJ; expressions of sorrow and sympathy. 2 pp. ALS.


n.d. Calling card [?] from J.W. Hancock [?], n.p., to "Miss Lizzie," n.p. 1 p. ACS.

n.d. S. Rogers, n.p., to Mrs. [?] McLane, n.p. Accepts invitation to call; invites Mrs. McLane to join Mr. and Mrs. Milman and her for breakfast. 2 pp. ANS.


n.d. Draft with corrections and changes in several different handwritings of the report of operations of General Joseph E. Johnston in the Department of the Mississippi and East Louisiana, to be substituted for the incomplete report of 27 May 1863. 44 pp. Df of D.


n.d. One United States three-cent postage stamp.


n.d. Line engraving, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4" of J.E. Johnston. Printed by D. Appleton & Co. 1 item.
Box III

Folder I ELIZA M. JOHNSTON CORRESPONDENCE

11 March [1839 or 1840]. "Daughter" [Eliza Johnston], Roanoke Female Seminary, [Botetourt Springs, Va.], to "aunt" [Mrs. Sarah B. Floyd, Burkes Garden, Va.]. Reports on the great improvements in the school; is pleased her aunt has a good gardener and describes their gardens at school; did not practice her music enough at home so Mr. Bozzaotra criticizes her time; lists the gloves, corsets, shoes, and handkerchiefs she needs, and asks for Corinne in French. 2 pp. TCy.

20 March 1839. Eliza [Johnston], Roanoke Academy, [Botetourt Springs, Va.], to [John] Preston [Johnston], [c/o Mr. Benjamin Hallowell, Alexandria, D.C.]. Comments on various aunts and uncles, including "Uncle Joe" [Joseph E. Johnston]; unhappy that she will not see Preston for 2 years; mentions that the school has 25 or 26 students - mainly ones who were at "Liberty." 1 p. TCy.


19 October [1839]. "Sister" [Eliza Johnston, Burkes Garden, Va.], to "brother" [John Preston Johnston, West Point, N.Y.]. Imagines that Preston's letters to her have gone to the Springs, where she plans to go to attend at least one more session of Uncle E[ward William Johnston]'s school; would be there now except neither Uncle Ben nor Uncle John can take her; inquires about Uncle Jo[seph E. Johnston]. 1 p. TCy.

26 Nov. 1839. [Eliza Johnston, Burkes Garden, Va.], to [John] Preston [Johnston, West Point, N.Y.]. Wanted to join Uncle Jo[seph E. Johnston] at the Springs but it meant Aunt Sally would be alone too long; lengthy news of various aunts and uncles and the possibility that some of them may move to Texas. 2 pp. TCy.

19 Feb. [1840]. "Sister" [Eliza Johnston], Roanoke Female Seminary, [Botetourt Springs, Va.], to "brother" [John Preston Johnston, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.]. Asks for more frequent letters; only time for writing letters is one hour at night; has no news of relatives. 2 pp. TCy. Including TCy of N from Edward W[illiam] Johnston, [Botetourt Springs, Va.], to [John] Pres[ton Johnston, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.], 22 Feb[ruary] 1840, sending news of Jo[seph E. Johnston] who is at Cape Florida but will probably go to Washington late in the month, and from there be sent to the Northern frontier. 2 pp. TCy.


5 March 1840. "Sister" [Eliza Johnston], Roanoke Female Seminary, [Botetourt Springs, Va.], to [John] Pres[ton Johnston, West Point Military Academy, N.Y.]. Sends news of various relatives including report that Uncle Jo[seph E. Johnston] is expected to return to Washington this month. 2 pp. TCy.


24 June [1840?]. E[lliza Johnston], Roanoke Female Seminary, [Botetourt Springs, Va.], to "brother" [John Preston Johnston, West Point, N.Y.]. Describes a recent picnic given by Mrs. General Watts with mint julip lacking in water; mentions various aunts and uncles; and inquires about a missing portrait of Uncle Benjamin. 2 pp. TCy.
1 July 1840. [Eliza M. Johnston], Botetourt Springs, [Va.], to "aunt" [Sally B. Floyd, Abingdon, Va.]. Sends her report for June with an explanation of a few bad marks; describes Mr. Goodswick of Richmond, the new dancing master; inquires about Uncle John [B. Floyd]. 2 pp. TCy.

27 Oct. 1840. Eliza [Johnston, Burkes Garden, Va.], to [John] Pres[ton Johnston, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.]. Writes before leaving for Richmond where she looks forward to spending the winter; inquires about "Cousin Eliza" Carrington and "the General"; knows Uncle Edward [W. Johnson] is hurt that she is going to Mr. Perieo's school instead of returning to his. 2 pp. TCy.


3 February [1841?]. "Sister" [Eliza Johnston], n.p., to "brother" [John Preston Johnston, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.]. Writes of many friends and relatives who are ill or dead. 1 p. TCy.

15 April n.y. "Daughter" [Eliza Johnston], Botetourt Springs, [Va.], to "Aunt" [Mrs. Sarah B. Floyd?], n.p. Must work hard the rest of the session for she found herself behind upon her return; needs corsets, handkerchiefs and a white dress. 1 p. TCy.

n.d. "Daughter" [Eliza Johnston], n.p., to "Aunt" [Mrs. Sarah B. Floyd?], n.p. Regrets her Aunt's uneasiness but feels it is groundless and that "Uncle" will return home soon; has little time because of the concert and review lessons; needs shoes for she has "nearly danced out" those she has. 1 p. TCy.


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Box IV

Vols. 1-6

16 May - 29 October d[1857]. Diary of Joseph E. Johnston while surveying the southern boundary of Kansas, with a glossary of Indian place names on the inside front cover. 52 pp. MsV. Including Cys of Ls relating to the Kansas expedition. 2 pp. Also including Johnston's personal accounts, 1 November 1858 - 22 June 1859. 15 pp. Also including miscellaneous financial notes. 7 pp. MsV. 1


13 June 1861 - 3 Aug. 1862. Dispatch Book of Joseph E. Johnston, with copies of his resignation from the Union Army and appointment in the Confederate Army, as well as notes by Benjamin S. Ewell on various letters. 68 p. MsV. Including a Cy of LS from L[eonidas] Polk, Demopolis, [Alabama?], to Gen[eral] J.E. Johnston, n.p., 4 May 1864. 1 p. Also including "Directions given by Gen[eral] Johnston for the evacuation of the line at Yorktown," n.d. 2 pp. Also including a memorandum of agreement, 18 April 1865, between General Johnston and Sherman for the surrender of the Confederate troops, with associated letters and notes by B.S. Ewell. 10 pp. [Portions of this volume were copied for the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion.] MsV. 3

28 Jan. 1862 - 22 July 1863. Dispatch Book of Joseph E. Johnston while in the Dept. of Northern Virginia and in the Dept. of the West. 237 pp. MsV. Including index to the first 52 pp. Also including a Telegram Book for 1 Feb. - 3 March 1862. 9 pp. MsV. 4

4 Dec. 1862 - 22 Dec. 1863. General Orders of Joseph E. Johnston while commanding the Dept. of the West. 21 pp. MsV. Including NCls: 1863-1864, collected by B.S. Ewell about J.E. Johnston. 44 pp. Also including loose NCls, mainly 1891, on Johnston's death and funeral. 12 pp. [The General Orders were copied for the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion.] MsV. 5

24 Nov. 1862 - 23 Nov. 1863. Dispatch Book of Joseph E. Johnston while commanding the Dept. of the West. 270 pp. MsV. [This volume was copied for the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion.] MsV. 6

9 May - 21 Aug. 1863. Telegram Book of General Joseph E. Johnston while in command of the Dept. of the West, including his dispatches during the siege of Jackson, Miss. 64 pp. MsV.

6 July - 10 October 1863. Dispatch Book of Joseph E. Johnston while commanding the Dept. of the West. Most dispatches are from Morton on Meridian, Miss. [Parts of this volume were copied for the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion.] 72 pp. MsV.

8 August 1863 - 20 October 1864. Dispatch Book of Joseph E. Johnston while commanding the Dept. of the West. Most letters are from Meridian, Miss., or Dalton, Ga., and some are lengthy reports of Johnston's command. 103 pp. MsV.

28 Dec. 1863 - 27 June 1864. Dispatch Book of Joseph E. Johnston. 131 pp. MsV. Including a report of Benjamin S. Ewell's visit to Richmond, 6-20 April 1864. 16 pp. Also including B.S. Ewell's comparison of the campaigns in Virginia and Georgia in the spring and summer of [18]64. 10 pp. Also including tabulations of strengths and losses, 7 December 1863 - 9 July 1864. 3 pp. Also including a narrative by B.S. Ewell, 5 August 1864, on Johnston's removal from command. 2 pp. [Copied for the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion.]

1 Jan. 1864 - 15 Feb. 1865. Dispatch Book of Joseph E. Johnston. 54 pp. MsV. Including Cys of Ls, 26 April 1862 - 28 June 1863, from J.E. Johnston, to L[ydia (McLane) Johnston]. 10 pp. Also including telegrams, 4-20 May 1864. 4 pp. Also including a Report, 15 Feb[ruar]y 1865, of General Hood while commanding the Army of Tennessee, 18 July 1864 - 23 January 1865. 17 pp. Also including statistics on the "Manassas Army," Dec. 31, 1861. 1 p. Also including Df. of L[s?] by Benjamin S. Ewell, n.d. 2 pp. [glued in]. [Portions of this volume were copied for the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion.]
Box VI

Vols. 1-9

5 May 1864 - 3 March 1865. Dispatch Book of Joseph E. Johnston during the Atlanta and Carolinas campaigns. 121 pp. MsV.


25 Feb. - 8 May 1865. Dispatch Book of Joseph E. Johnston during the Carolinas campaign and the surrender of his troops. 48 pp. MsV. Including Returns of Troops, 17 March - 24 April [1865]. 5 pp. Also including a memo on wounded Confederate and Federal troops. 1 p. Also including NCIs regarding Johnston, 1864. 37 pp., and loose clippings. 2 pp. [Portions of this volume were copied for the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion.]

4 March - 22 April 1865. Telegram Book of Joseph E. Johnston during the Carolinas Campaign. 188 p. MsV.

11 March - 29 April 1865. Telegram Book of Joseph E. Johnston during the Carolinas Campaign and the surrender of forces. 237 pp. MsV.

20 March - 3 May 1865. Telegram Book of Joseph E. Johnston during the Carolinas Campaign and the surrender. 204 pp. MsV.


1882. Memorandum Book of Joseph E. Johnston. Gives accounts for travel in North Carolina and Virginia, as well as population counts of cities in those states; also account of Joseph E. Johnston with Pan Electric Association. 11 pp. MsV.
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7 June 1872. J E Johnston, Savannah, Ga., to Col. [Benjamin S Ewell]. Asks Ewell to assist him in determining the strength of Lee’s army when he attacked McClellan in June, 1862. Wonders if Ewell had heard his brother [Gen Richard S. Ewell] say what the strength of his division and Jackson’s were when they joined Gen Lee. 2 pp ALS. (Includes typescript.)