Collection Summary
Title: Edward Willis Papers
Span Dates: 1854-1906
ID No.: MSS45898
Creator: Willis, Edward, 1834-1910
Extent: 200 items ; 4 containers plus 4 oversize ; 2.4 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Confederate Army officer and merchant. Correspondence, ledgers, memorandum books, requisition books, newspaper clippings, printed matter, and other papers relating mainly to Willis's service as chief quartermaster of G. T. Beauregard's division in the Confederate Army.

Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People
Beauregard, G. T. (Gustave Toutant), 1818-1893.
Willis, Edward, 1834-1910.

Organizations
Confederate States of America. Army--Supplies and stores.

Places
Alabama--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Campaigns.
Georgia--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Campaigns.
Mississippi--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Campaigns.
Petersburg (Va.)--History--Siege, 1864-1865.
South Carolina--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Campaigns.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
Virginia--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Campaigns.

Occupations
Army officers, Confederate.
Merchants.

Administrative Information
Provenance
The papers of Edward Willis were purchased by the Library of Congress in 1914.

Processing History
The papers of Edward Willis were processed in 1994. The collection was reprocessed and the finding aid revised in 2005.

Copyright Status
The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Edward Willis is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions
The papers of Edward Willis are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.
Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Edward Willis Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Edward Willis (1834-1910) span the years 1854-1906 and document Willis's service as chief quartermaster for G. T. Beauregard's division of the Confederate Army. The collection consists of lists of blockade runners, correspondence, Confederate pamphlets, a ledger, memorandum books, requisition books, quartermaster receipts, drawings, photographs, newspaper clippings, and other printed matter. The papers document defensive operations along the South Carolina and Georgia coasts during the Civil War, the Siege of Petersburg, and the movement of troops in Alabama, Georgia, and Mississippi.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein chronologically.
## Container List

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| BOX 1     | Clippings, 1897-1898 |
| BOX 1     | Confederate pamphlets |
| BOX 1     | 1860-1862  
(2 vols.) |
| BOX 2     | 1863-1865  
(2 vols.) |
| BOX 2     | Correspondence |
| BOX 2     | 1861, Oct. 24-1862, Aug. 5  
(2 vols.) |
| BOX 3     | 1862, June 27-1864, Dec. 8  
(3 vols.) |
| BOX 3     | 1864-1865 See Oversize |
| BOX 3     | Ledger, 1862 See Oversize |
| BOX 4     | Memorandum books, 1864-1865  
(3 vols.) |
| BOX 4     | Quartermaster records |
| BOX 4     | Lists, 1862-1864 |
| BOX 4     | Receipts, 1861-1863 |
| BOX 4     | Requisition books, 1861-1864 See Oversize |
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| BOX OV 1  | Correspondence, 1864-1865 (Container 3) |
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| BOX OV 3  | Requisition books (Container 4) |
| BOX OV 3  | 1861, Oct.-1862, Feb. |
| BOX OV 4  | 1862, Feb.-1864, Oct. |