Collection Summary
Title: George Alfred Trenholm Papers
Span Dates: 1853-1897
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1863-1876)
ID No.: MSS43166
Creator: Trenholm, George Alfred, 1807-1876
Extent: 400 items ; 4 containers ; .8 linear feet ; 2 microfilm reels
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Confederate secretary of the treasury, cotton merchant, and South Carolina legislator. Personal and official correspondence, Confederate Treasury records and archives, notes, bills, bonds, and a seal of the Confederate Treasury.

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
Davis, Jefferson, 1808-1889--Correspondence.
Kenner, Duncan Farrar, 1813-1887--Correspondence.
Laffite, Jean--Correspondence.
Seward, William H. (William Henry), 1801-1872--Correspondence.
Trenholm, George Alfred, 1807-1876.

Organizations
Confederate States of America. Department of the Treasury.

Subjects
Finance, Public--Confederate States of America.

Places
Confederate States of America--Economic policy.
Confederate States of America--History.

Occupations
Cabinet officers--Confederate State of America.
Legislators--South Carolina.
Merchants.

Administrative Information
Provenance
The papers of George Alfred Trenholm, Confederate secretary of the treasury, cotton merchant, and South Carolina legislator, were purchased by the Library of Congress in 1921.

Processing History
The George Alfred Trenholm Papers were organized in bound volumes in 1948 and microfilmed in 1989. The finding aid was created in 2016.

Copyright Status
The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of George Alfred Trenholm is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).
Access and Restrictions

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Microfilm

A microfilm edition of these papers is available on two reels. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, George Alfred Trenholm Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

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<td>1897, Feb. 25</td>
<td>Born, Charleston, S.C.</td>
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<td>1828</td>
<td>Married Anna Helen Holmes (died 1885)</td>
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<td>1853</td>
<td>Head, John Frazier &amp; Co.</td>
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<td>1864-1865</td>
<td>Confederate secretary of the treasury</td>
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<td>1865</td>
<td>Imprisoned by Union forces Civil War, Fort Pulaski, Ga., and later pardoned</td>
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<td>1876, Dec. 9</td>
<td>Died, Charleston, S.C.</td>
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Scope and Content Note

The papers of George Alfred Trenholm (1807-1876) span the years 1853-1897, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1863-1876. The collection consists of bound volumes of personal and official correspondence, Confederate Treasury records and archives, notes, bills, bonds, and a seal of the Confederate Treasury. Correspondents include Jefferson Davis, Duncan Farrar Kenner, Jean Laffite, and William H. Seward.

Arrangement of the Papers

The collection is organized chronologically within four bound volumes.
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