

Edward Willis Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Edward Willis Papers

Span Dates: 1854-1906

ID No.: MSS45898

Creator: Willis, Edward, 1834-1910

Extent: 200 items

Extent: 4 containers plus 4 oversize

Extent: 2.4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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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 LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

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.

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The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Edward Willis is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).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

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Blockade running, 1861-1906 (4 folders)
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 <i>See Oversize</i>
BOX 3	Ledger, 1862 <i>See Oversize</i>
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 <i>See Oversize</i>
BOX 4	Scrapbooks, 1854-1884, undated (2 vols.)
BOX OV 1	Oversize
BOX OV 1	Correspondence, 1864-1865 (Container 3)
BOX OV 2	Ledger, 1862 (Container 3)
BOX OV 3	Requisition books (Container 4)
BOX OV 3	1861, Oct.-1862, Feb.
BOX OV 4	1862, Feb.-1864, Oct.