

John Singleton Mosby Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: John Singleton Mosby Papers

Span Dates: 1861-1904

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ID No.: MSS33696

Creator: Mosby, John Singleton, 1833-1916

Extent: 40 items

Extent: 2 containers

Extent: .4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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Summary: Confederate army officer, lawyer, and author. Correspondence, orders, commissions, reports, circulars, and other material relating mainly to Mosby's Civil War activities.

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

Early, Jubal Anderson, 1816-1894--Correspondence.

Johnston, Joseph E. (Joseph Eggleston), 1807-1891--Correspondence.

Lee, Robert E. (Robert Edward), 1807-1870--Correspondence.

Mosby, John Singleton, 1833-1916.

Mosby, Pauline--Correspondence.

Pelham, John, 1838-1863.

Peyton, H. E. (Henry E.)--Correspondence.

Stephens, Alexander H. (Alexander Hamilton), 1812-1883--Correspondence.

Stoughton, Edwin H. (Edwin Henry), 1838-1868.

Stuart, Jeb, 1833-1864--Correspondence.

Organizations

Confederate States of America. Army. Virginia Cavalry Battalion, 43rd.

Subjects

Guerrilla warfare.

Places

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Campaigns.

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Casualties.

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Prisoners and prisons.

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Public opinion.

Virginia--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Campaigns.

Occupations

Army officers, Confederate.

Authors.

Lawyers.

Provenance

The papers of John Singleton Mosby, Confederate army officer, lawyer, and author, came to the Library of Congress in 1921 and 1991. The 1921 group consists largely of photocopies reproduced from originals lent to the Library by Mrs. Stuart Mosby Coleman. The 1991 group was a gift of Marvin Hayne Kendrick.

Processing History

The papers of John Singleton Mosby were arranged and described in 1997. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

Additional Guides

An itemized description of the bound volume of Mosby's papers is available as an appendix to this finding aid in the Manuscript Reading Room.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of John Singleton Mosby is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of John Singleton Mosby 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, John Singleton Mosby Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of John Singleton Mosby (1833-1916) span the years 1861-1904, with the bulk of the material dating from the 1860s. The first part of the papers consists of a bound volume of thirty-seven items, thirty-six of which are negative photocopies, including correspondence, military intelligence, general and special orders, and military appointments. The papers primarily pertain to Mosby's Civil War activities, including the organization and activities of Mosby's Rangers, treatment of prisoners of war, casualties, the death of Major John Pelham, the capture of General Edwin H. Stoughton, and raids and skirmishes in northern Virginia. Correspondents include Jubal Anderson Early, Joseph E. Johnston, Robert E. Lee, Mosby's wife, Pauline Mosby, Alexander Hamilton Stephens, and Jeb Stuart. The 1991 addition to the papers contains two letters from Mosby to Mary Vernon Williams and an inscribed copy of an 1898 edition of Mosby's book of war reminiscences (first published in 1887).

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by accession and type of material.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Bound vol., 1861-1886, undated
BOX 2	Addition of 1991
BOX 2	Correspondence, Mosby to Mary Vernon Williams, 1903-1904
BOX 2	<i>Mosby's War Reminiscences and Stuart's Cavalry Campaigns</i> , by Mosby (New York: Dodd, Mead and Co.), 1898