Collection Summary
Title: F. W. Pickens and Milledge L. Bonham Papers
Inclusive Dates: 1837-1920
Bulk Dates: 1860-1864
ID No.: MSS36152
Creator: F. W. Pickens (Francis Wilkinson), 1805-1869
Creator: Bonham, Milledge L. (Milledge Luke), 1813-1890
Extent: 400 items
Extent: 3 containers
Extent: .6 linear feet
Extent: 2 microfilm reels
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm79036152
Summary: Governor of South Carolina (F. W. Pickens), and governor of South Carolina, (Milledge L. Bonham). Correspondence, reports, resolutions, military papers, applications for office, petitions, administrative papers, memoranda, and newspaper clippings relating primarily to the governorships of Pickens and Bonham and to the Civil War.

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
Barclay, R. C., active 1861--Correspondence.
Beauregard, G. T. (Gustave Toutant), 1818-1893--Correspondence.
Cobb, Howell, 1815-1868--Correspondence.
Echols, William H., -1909--Correspondence.
Forsyth, John, 1780-1841--Correspondence.
Garlington, A. C. (Albert Creswell), 1822-1885--Correspondence.
Gourdin, Robert N., 1812-1894--Correspondence.
Hayne, J. W. (South Carolina attorney general)--Correspondence.
Mallory, Stephen R. (Stephen Russell), 1813-1873--Correspondence.
Perry, Madison Starke, 1814-1865--Correspondence.
Pickens, F. W. (Francis Wilkinson), 1805-1869.
Walker, Henry Pinckney, 1816-approximately 1890--Correspondence.
Walker, Leroy Pope, 1817-1884--Correspondence.
Walker, W. S. (Confederate army officer)--Correspondence.

Places
Confederate States of America--History.
South Carolina--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
South Carolina--Politics and government--1775-1865.
South Carolina--Politics and government--1861-1865.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Titles
F.W. Pickens papers
Francis Wilkinson Pickens papers
Milledge L. Bonham papers

Occupations
Governors--South Carolina.
Acquisition Information

The papers of F. W. Pickens, governor of South Carolina (1860-1862), and Milledge L. Bonham, governor of South Carolina (1862-1864), were obtained by the Library of Congress through gift and purchase between 1903 and 1926.

Processing History

The F. W. Pickens and Milledge L. Bonham Papers were organized in bound volumes in 1947 and microfilmed in 1967. The finding aid was created in 2016. The finding aid was updated in 2023 by Maria Farmer as part of a division-wide remediation project by the Inclusive Description Working Group.

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Biographical Note

F. W. Pickens

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<td>1829</td>
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<td>1844-1846</td>
<td>Member, South Carolina senate</td>
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<td>1856</td>
<td>Married Lucy Petway Holcombe (died 1899)</td>
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1813, Dec. 25 | Born, Red Bank (now Saluda), S.C.
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1834 | Graduated, South Carolina College (now University of South Carolina), Columbia, S.C.
1836 | Major and adjutant general, South Carolina Brigade, in the Seminole War
1837 | Admitted to the bar and commenced law practice, Edgefield, S.C.
1846-1848 | Lieutenant colonel and colonel, Twelfth Regiment, United States Infantry, during Mexican War
1840-1843 | Member, South Carolina house of representatives
1848-1857 | Solicitor, southern circuit of South Carolina
1857-1860 | Member, U.S. House of Representatives
1861 | Appointed major general and commander, Army of South Carolina, by Governor F. W. Pickens (February); appointed brigadier general (April)
1862 | Entered Confederate Congress
1862-1864 | Governor of South Carolina
1865 | Appointed brigadier general of cavalry, Confederate Army
1865-1866 | Member, South Carolina house of representatives
1878 | Appointed state railroad commissioner, South Carolina
1890, Aug. 27 | Died, White Sulphur Springs, N.C.

**Scope and Content Note**

The papers of Francis Wilkinson Pickens (1805-1869) and Milledge L. Bonham (1813-1890) span the years 1837-1920, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1860-1864. The collection consists of correspondence, reports, resolutions, military papers, applications for office, petitions, administrative papers, memoranda, and newspaper clippings relating primarily to the governorships in South Carolina during the Civil War period of Pickens, 1860-1862, and Bonham, 1862-1864. Topics include military appointments and preparations, slavery, the treatment of enslaved people and free African Americans, and official proclamations and reports relating to the war.


**Arrangement of the Papers**

The collection is organized chronologically in bound volumes.
Container List

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