

George Alfred Trenholm Papers
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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

Extent: 4 containers

Extent: .8 linear feet

Extent: 2 microfilm reels

Language: Collection material in English

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

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

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 States of America.

Legislators--South Carolina.

Merchants.

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The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of George Alfred Trenholm is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).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

The papers of George Alfred Trenholm 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.

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

Date	Event
1897, Feb. 25	Born, Charleston, S.C.
1828	Married Anna Helen Holmes (died 1885)
1853	Head, John Frazier & Co.
1864-1865	Confederate secretary of the treasury
1865	Imprisoned by Union forces Civil War, Fort Pulaski, Ga., and later pardoned
1874	Elected to South Carolina legislature
1876, Dec. 9	Died, Charleston, S.C.

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.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1 REEL 1	Vol. 1, 1853, Dec. 5-1865, Jan. 3
BOX 2 REEL 1	Vol. 2, 1865, Jan. 4-1867, Aug. 11
BOX 3 REEL 1	Vol. 3, 1867, Oct. 26-1873, Nov. 11
BOX 4 REEL 2	Vol. 4, 1874, Oct. 28-1897, Nov. 1