Guide to The Herbert C Kay Collection Wyles Mss 218

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Abstract: Collection of American Civil War Union and Confederate correspondence concerning military strategy and life during the period. A portion of the collection includes an assorted group of correspondence relating to important nineteenth and twentieth century figures in American and global history.
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Content Description
The collection contains letters from various authors, ephemera, and currency during the American Civil War. The majority of the letters relating to the Civil War are addressed to or from high ranking military officers from both the Union and Confederate State between 1861 to 1869. Many of the letters detail military strategy and specifics. Of particular note, a portion of the collection consists of various correspondence relating to important national and international figures like Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, Queen Victoria, Stephen King, Jay Gould, and John F. Kennedy.

Arrangement
The collection is arranged into two series. Series I. Civil War Correspondence is grouped by the subjects affiliation to either the Union and Confederacy chronologically. Series II. Assorted Correspondence is arranged in chronological order.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Politics and war
Correspondence
Generals -- United States -- Correspondence
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Military personnel -- Union
Generals -- Confederate States of America

Series I. Civil War Correspondence 1861-1869

box 3 Letter regarding Battle of Shepherdstown September 16
box 8 Fractional currency, Fifty cents 1863

The Union
Letter from Jay Cooke 1861 September 21
General
Jay Cooke was an American financier who helped finance the Union war effort during the American Civil War and the postwar development of railroads in the United States. Cooke opened the private banking house of Jay Cooke and Company in Philadelphia, which the state of Pennsylvania borrowed $3,000,000 to fund its war efforts.

Letter to General Randolph Barnes Marcy 1862 November
General
Randolph Barnes Marcy (1812–1887) was an officer, and later Inspector General, in the United States Army. He is known for his frontier guidebook, the Prairie Traveler (1859), based on his own experience of pioneering the West.

Letter from General William T. Sherman 1862 December 23
General
William Tecumseh Sherman (1820 – 1891) was an American soldier, businessman, educator, and author. He served as a general in the Union Army during the American Civil War, known for his “hard war” military strategy of total war against the Confederacy.

Civil War correspondence- Union transcription and invoices 1862-1863

General O. O. (Oliver Otis) Howard engraving 1863 July
General
Engraving with printed facsimile signature.

Letter from Major General O. O. Howard to Major General Daniel Adams Butterfield 1863 July 1
General
Daniel Adams Butterfield (1831 – 1901) was an Union General in the American Civil War and Assistant U.S. Treasurer.

Letter from Brig. General Walter Chiles Whitaker to Major General George Henry Thomas 1863 November 24

Union Civil War Letters 1863
General
Letters sent to family by Wilbur M. Clifford.

Letter from Ulysses S. Grant to Major General Benjamin F. Butler 1864 July 27

Letter from Ulysses S. Grant to Major General Ambrose Everett Burnside 1864 October 17

Letter from General William T. Sherman 1869 May 25

The Confederacy

Signed letter from Robert E. Lee, San Antonio, Texas 1860 September 15
General
A special order in secretarial hand and signed by Robert E Lee.

Letter from Wilcox Young, Charleston, South Carolina 1861 April 5
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Quartermaster Virginia forces, reimbursement letter 1861 May 16

Letter from T.J. Jackson (Thomas Jonathan “Stonewall” Jackson) to Colonel S. Bassett French 1862 March 28
Letters from T. J. Jackson to Mrs. Osborne 1862 September 29
General
A thank you letter to Mrs. Osborne and mention Bunker Hill.

Confederate Civil War letters and transcripts 1862-1863
Letter to Duke of Somerset 1863 July 9
General

Letter from General James Longstreet to General D. H. (Daniel Harvey) Hill 1863 March 23
General
Both confederate generals and known personal friends.

Confederate Correspondence, copies of letters, transcriptions, invoices, and Confederate money 1863
General
Correspondence and transcripts collected in a booklet.

From General Joseph Wheeler to General Braxton Bragg 1864
General
Braxton Bragg (1817-1876) was a Confederate General. The letter contains a discussion of the enemy's strategy.

Robert E. Lee photograph and autograph 1864 June 15, 1869 March 20, 1994
September 19
General
Engraving with printed facsimile signature.

Confederate bond 1865 March 9
Letter signed by Admiral David Dixon Porter, engraving by U.S. Mississippi Squadron 1863 March 28
General
Letter issuing orders to go to Memphis, Tennessee.

Confederate dollar bills circa 1860s
Letter to Major General D.H. (Daniel Harvey) Hill undated

Series II. Assorted Correspondence 1805-1979

Letter from R. Morris to Cary and Tilghman, Baltimore, Maryland 1789 October 29
Letter "My Dear Lord," from Horatio Nelson to Lord Gardner 1805 April 19
Letter from Duke Wellington to Lady Salisbury 1813 August 3
Abstract of bonds for securing duties on goods 1817 April 2
Expense account of Lieutenant W.S. Rosecrans, Corps of Engineers 1847
Personal letter 1860 July 14
Bowdoin College Class of 1861 1861
General
A yearbook with photographs and signatures of Bowdoin College Class of 1861.

Letter about the Maddox Fleet 1868 March 8
Letter from Jay Gould to H.N. Smith, Erie Railway 1868 September 3
General
Jason "Jay" Gould (1836–1892) was a leading railroad developer and speculator during America's Gilded Age.

Letter to Colonel R.H. Ramsey 1869 April 19

Horace Greeley 1871 August 17
General
Horace Greeley (1811–1872) was the founder and editor of New York Tribune.

Letter from Military Division Headquarters of the Missouri, General P.H. Sheridan 1877 December 7

Letter from Charles George Gordon to Sir Richard Burton, Cairo, Egypt 1877 December 26

Letter from Lord Woseley to Sir Thomas[?] Kaken, War Office stamp 1885 February 6

Letter from Charles George Gordon to Sir Richard Burton, Cairo, Egypt 1877 December 26

Letter about Ezekial Clark 1886 June 18

Proclamation from Queen Victoria circa 1800s
General
Proclamation from Queen Victoria granting Order of Saint Michael and Saint George to Percy Sanderson, Esquire.

Letter from Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi 1900 May 30
General
Letter to Hermann Kallenbach from Gandhi thanking him for a donation.

Letter from the Transvaal Prime Minister's Office to H.R. Nicholson 1919 October 11

Monaco (French) stock certificate 1948 November 18
General
Societe Anonyme Monegasque stock certificate.

Letter from John F. Kennedy circa 1950-1960s
General
Letter of inquiry.

Letter from Stephen King 1979 August 8

Letter to Minister of War undated
General
Signed by Napoléon Bonaparte.

Le Comite De Salut Public, signed by Lazare Carnot undated
General
Committee of Public Safety of the National Convention to the Administration for Portable Firearms.

Letter about the Duke of Wellington undated