Civil War Covers -- Scrapbook

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Descriptive Summary
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Undetermined.

Scope and Content of Collection
The collection contains a scrapbook with approximately 136 unused Civil War Union covers (envelopes), ca. early 1860s. All covers are illustrated, many printed in one or more colors, usually blue or red. Many are patriotic in nature, portraying figures such as Washington and Lincoln. Others are printed with caricatures or political cartoons, accompanied by slogans, often derogatory towards the South, secessionist states, and Jefferson Davis. Examples include an image of a hangman's noose, with the caption "Good 'Noose' for Traitors"; a drawing of a skull and snake, with the caption "Vanity, Treachery &
Death. Secession Emblems”; and an illustration of a zebra, with the caption “Why, here's Jeff Davis. How is this? He's taken off his skin. Ah, yes, I see, he only was a Jackass who stepped in”.


UCSB Special Collections has other two other collections containing Civil War covers, namely:

- Civil War Covers. Wyles SC 922.
- Grant [Campbell] Collection, 1864-1865. More than 300 mainly unused Union covers. Wyles, Mss 49.

Civil War covers were produced in large numbers and many survive. Other institutions with collections of covers include the Connecticut Historical Society and Western Reserve Historical Society, both of which have descriptions on their websites.

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