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Summary Information

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Biographical/Historical Note

James Forbes Robinson was born in Ireland on November 28, 1830, and came to America in 1835. He graduated from Jefferson College in Virginia in 1852 and then settled in Natchez, Mississippi. In 1854, he moved to Chicot County, Arkansas, where in 1857, he married Mary Elizabeth Gaines, daughter of Dr. Richard Gaines. As of 1860, he was a prosperous lawyer in Lake Village. During the Civil War Robinson served as Captain of the Chicot Guards, which became Company G of the Twenty-Third Arkansas Infantry, Confederate States Army. He rose to the rank of Major. His military service includes the battles of Corinth and Iuka in Mississippi, and the defense of Port Hudson in Louisiana. After the Civil War, Robinson returned to Chicot County, where he owned and operated a large plantation called Deerfield. He served in the Arkansas General Assembly from Chicot County, 1881-1882. He also served for eight years as the chancellor of the Second Arkansas Chancery District Court. After the death of his first wife, he married Maggie G. Chapman in 1880. Robinson died at his home in 1909.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains correspondence and printed material.

Administrative Information

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Collection Inventory

1. Undated: "Your little son Johnnie," Chicot County, Arkansas, to "My dear Father"

2. 1862 September 4: D. Sullins, "Head Qrs. Near Jackson," [Mississippi], to "Maj. Robinson"

3. 1868 "31st": Robert E. Lee, Lexington, Virginia, to "My dear sir"

4. Undated: "D.H. Maury," New Orleans, Louisiana, to "Dear Major"

5. 1868 July 18: E. Kirby Smith, New Castle, Kentucky, to "My Dear Maj."

6. 1870 January 1: Albert Pike, Washington, District of Columbia, to "Dear Robinson"