

G. T. Beauregard

A Register of His Papers in the Library of Congress

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Collection Summary

Title: Papers of G. T. Beauregard

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Creator: Beauregard, G. T. (Gustave Toutant), 1818-1893

Extent: 6,500 items; 54 containers; 5.6 linear feet; 9 microfilm reels

Language: Collection material in English

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

Abstract: U.S. and Confederate Army officer, engineer, railroad executive, and public official. Correspondence, scrapbooks, and military papers, including letterbooks, headquarters records, telegrams and dispatches, orders, endorsements, and rosters. The bulk of the papers, 1861-1865, relate primarily to Beauregard's career as a general in the Confederate Army, especially at Fort Sumter and Charleston, South Carolina; Manassas and Petersburg, Virginia; Shiloh, Tennessee; Corinth, Mississippi; and Atlanta, Georgia. Other topics include Beauregard's work as an engineer, public official, and railroad executive in New Orleans and his service under General Winfield Scott in the Mexican War.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Names:

Beauregard, G. T. (Gustave Toutant), 1818-1893
Bonham, Milledge L. (Milledge Luke), 1813-1890--Correspondence
Bragg, Braxton, 1817-1876--Correspondence
Cobb, Howell, 1815-1868--Correspondence
Cooper, Samuel, 1798-1876--Correspondence
Davis, Jefferson, 1808-1889--Correspondence
Evans, Augusta J. (Augusta Jane), 1835-1909--Correspondence
Hampton, Wade, 1818-1902--Correspondence
Hardee, William Joseph, 1815-1873--Correspondence
Hill, D. H. (Daniel Harvey), 1821-1889--Correspondence
Hood, John Bell, 1831-1879--Correspondence
Johnston, Joseph E. (Joseph Eggleston), 1807-1891--Correspondence
Jordan, Thomas, 1819-1895--Correspondence
Lee, Robert E. (Robert Edward), 1807-1870--Correspondence
Longstreet, James, 1821-1904--Correspondence
Pickens, F. W. (Francis Wilkinson), 1805-1869--Correspondence
Polk, Leonidas, 1806-1864--Correspondence
Ripley, R. S. (Roswell Sabine), 1823-1887--Correspondence
Scott, Winfield, 1786-1866
Totten, Joseph Gilbert, 1788-1864--Correspondence
Van Dorn, Earl, 1820-1863--Correspondence
Walker, Leroy Pope, 1817-1884--Correspondence
Confederate States of America. Army
United States. Army

Subjects:

Atlanta Campaign, 1864
Bull Run, 1st Battle of, Va., 1861
Engineering--Louisiana--New Orleans
Lotteries--Louisiana
Mexican War, 1846-1848
Railroads--Louisiana--New Orleans

Shiloh, Battle of, Tenn., 1862
Charleston (S.C.)--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
Charleston (S.C.)--History--Siege, 1863
Corinth (Miss.)--History--Siege, 1862
Fort Sumter (Charleston, S.C.)--Siege, 1861
Georgia--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
Mississippi--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
New Orleans (La.)--Officials and employees
Petersburg (Va.)--History--Siege, 1864-1865
South Carolina--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
Tennessee--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
Virginia--History--Civil War, 1861-1865

Occupations:

Army officers, Confederate
Engineers
Public officials--Louisiana

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The greater part of the papers of G. T. Beauregard, United States and Confederate Army officer, engineer, railroad executive, and public official, was purchased by the Library of Congress in 1915. Other items were donated or purchased from 1909 to 1972.

Processing History:

The Beauregard Papers were processed in 1963. An addition was made in 1978, and the collection was prepared for microfilming in 1984. The finding aid was revised in 2003.

Copyright Status:

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

Microfilm:

A microfilm edition of these papers is available on nine reels. Consult a reference librarian in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan.

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Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1818, May 28	Born near New Orleans, La.
1838	Graduated, United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.
1841	Married Laure Villere

1846	Served as an engineer on staff of General Winfield Scott in Mexico
1847	Took part in Mexican War battles of Vera Cruz, Cerro Gordo, Contreras, and Mexico City
1853	Promoted to captain, United States Army
1858-1861	Chief engineer in charge of draining the site of New Orleans, La.
1860	Married Caroline Deslonde
1861	Superintendent of United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., for five days Resigned from United States Army Appointed brigadier general, Confederate Army, in command of forces at Charleston, S.C. Commanding officer, Department of Alexandria Commanding officer, 1st Corps, Army of the Potomac Promoted to general, Confederate Army
1862	Assistant to General Albert Sidney Johnston, Confederate Army Commander, Army of the Mississippi Commanding officer, Western Department Commander, Department of South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, with headquarters at Charleston, S.C.
1864	Commander, Department of North Carolina and Southern Virginia, Confederate Army Commander, Military Division of the West
1865	Named second in command to General Joseph E. Johnston Chief engineer and general superintendent, New Orleans, Jackson, and Great Northern Railroad
1866-1870	President, New Orleans, Jackson, and Great Northern Railroad
1866-1876	President, New Orleans & Carrollton Railroad Co.
1877-1893	Supervisor, Louisiana lottery
1879	Adjutant general of Louisiana
1888	Commissioner of public works, New Orleans, La.
1893, Feb. 20	Died, New Orleans, La.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Pierre Gustave Toutant Beauregard (1818-1893) consist of a [diary](#), [personal letterbooks](#), military records, the manuscript of "Reminiscences" which served as the basis for Alfred Roman's *The Military Operation of General Beauregard* (1884), [scrapbooks](#), and miscellaneous material spanning the years 1844-1883. All but a few items are dated during or concern the Civil War.

The few early items in the collection relate to Beauregard's career as an engineer in New Orleans and on the staff of General Winfield Scott in Mexico, where Beauregard took part in the siege of Vera Cruz and the battles of Cerro Gordo, Contreras, and Mexico City. The bulk of the correspondence, the military papers, and the "Reminiscences" relate to Beauregard's service as an officer of the Confederate Army. He was in command of the troops at Charleston, South Carolina, when the Civil War

began with the siege of Fort Sumter. The papers also document his role in the battles of First Manassas and Shiloh, in the sieges of Corinth, Charleston, and Petersburg, and in the consolidation of Southern forces after the battle of Atlanta.

Material on Beauregard's career as a railroad executive and public official in New Orleans and supervisor of the Louisiana lottery can be found in his letterbooks. Three volumes of scrapbooks of newspaper clippings are devoted almost exclusively to the Civil War.

Principal correspondents include Milledge L. Bonham, Braxton Bragg, Howell Cobb, Samuel Cooper, Jefferson Davis, Augusta J. Evans, Wade Hampton, William Joseph Hardee, Daniel Harvey Hill, John Bell Hood, Joseph E. Johnston, Thomas Jordan, Robert E. Lee, James Longstreet, F.W. Pickens, Leonidas Polk, R. S. Ripley, Joseph Gilbert Totten, Earl Van Dorn, and Leroy Pope Walker.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in six series:

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