

**The Filson Historical Society**

**The Papers of  
Josiah Stoddard Johnston**

The papers of Josiah Stoddard Johnston, soldier, historian and author of Louisville and Frankfort.

For information regarding literary and copyright interests for these papers, see the Curator of Manuscripts, James J. Holmberg.

**Size of Collection**

**1.5 cubic feet**

**Locator Number Mss.\A\J72**

## Biographical Note

- 1833 Born in New Orleans, La.
- 1838 Moved to Ky.
- 1853 Graduated from Yale
- 1854 Received his law degree.
- 1854 Married Eliza Johnson, daughter of George W. Johnson.
- 1862 Joined the Confederate Army.
- 1867 Moved to Frankfort and became editor of the *Kentucky Yeoman* until 1886.
- 1875-  
1879 Served as secretary of state for Ky.
- 1893 Became president of the Filson Club.
- 1896 Wrote A Memorial history of Louisville.
- 1903-  
1908 Associate editor of the *Courier-Journal.*
- 1913 Died and was buried in Cave Hill Cemetery.

For more information consult the Kentucky Encyclopedia.

### **Scope and Content Note**

Papers include military papers and letters, 1862-1912, from his superior officers (Robert E. Lee, Braxton Bragg, Simon B. Buckner, John C. Breckinridge, and John Echols), 1861-1866; diaries, 1850-1853, describing his student career, including being suspended and readmitted to Yale University; diary, 1862-1863, describing Breckinridge's attack on Baton Rouge, La., his trip to Chattanooga, being made aide-de-camp to Braxton Bragg, Confederate troop movements during Bragg's invasion of Ky., being on Simon B. Buckner's staff, and interviews with Jefferson Davis; his writings, including articles on the battles of Perryville and Murfreesboro (Stones River), Bragg's campaign in Ky., messages sent by presidents of the U.S. to Congress, 1789-1885, President Andrew Jackson and the Bank of the United States, Christmas in Louisville, and Napoleon and Washington; report, 1865 Dec. 5, of General John Echols's operation in southwest Va.; note on the battle of Perryville; reports on the battle of Cold Harbor; poem, "The Last Sunset of Summer"; Commonplace book no. 2 containing notes on historical figures and genealogical information; and scrapbooks of newspaper clippings, nos. 1, 3-4, covering the years, 1836-1908.

Also included are the Bible of John Pintard Johnston; papers of Harris Hancock Johnston; military papers, 1861-1864, of General Meriwether Lewis Clark; military correspondence of generals Braxton Bragg and Henry W. Halleck; and papers of George Hancock (1798-1875), including letters and land papers regarding his property in Tx.

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A Josiah Stoddard Johnston  
J72 Papers. 1850-1912.

Box 1

Portrait

- fl. 1 Correspondence, 1862-1877.
- fl. 2 Correspondence, 1888.
- fl. 3 Correspondence, 1891-1896.
- fl. 4 Correspondence, 1897-1899.
- fl. 5 Correspondence, 1900-1901.
- fl. 6 Correspondence, 1903-1912.
- fl. 6a Correspondence (photostats), 1854-1875.
- 7 Letterbook of military correspondence.
- fl. 8 Military papers, 1862-1864.
- fl. 9 Harris Hancock Johnston papers, 1863-1864.
- fl. 10 Meriwether Lewis Clark military papers, 1861-1864.
- fl. 11 Braxton Bragg correspondence with Leonidas Polk, W. S. Rosecrans, and Jefferson Davis, 1862-1863.
- fl. 12 Henry W. Halleck military correspondence with Don Carlos Buell, George H. Thomas, and Horatio G. Wright, 1862.
- pkg. 13- Diary kept at Yale and East Randolph, Mass., 1850-1853.
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Box 2

- 15 Scrapbook no. 3.
- fl. 16 Diary, 1862 July 26-Sept. 8.  
Diary, 1862 Dec. 26-1863 Aug. 29.
- fl. 17 Notes on Johnston's service in the Confederate Army, commissions, etc.
- fl. 18 Report of the battle of Murfreesboro.  
A brief account of the author's (of the report) war history.
- fl. 19 Bragg's Kentucky Campaign, 1863 Jan.
- fl. 20 Memoranda of facts bearing on General Bragg's Ky. campaign, 1863 Jan. 8.
- fl. 21 Bragg's campaign in Ky. by a staff officer. (In six parts.)
- fl. 22 Bragg's campaign in Ky.
- fl. 23 Notes on Bragg's campaign in Ky.
- fl. 24 Article on messages sent by presidents to Congress, 1789-1885.
- fl. 25 Article on Andrew Jackson and the Bank of the United States.

- fl. 26 The first Christmas in Louisville, 1898.
- fl. 27 Christmas in Louisville.
- fl. 28 The last sunset of summer, 1897 Aug. 31.
- fl. 29 Napoleon and Washington, 1895.
- fl. 30 Report of General Echols's operations in Va., 1865 Dec. 5.
- fl. 31 Notes on the battle of Perryville.
- fl. 32 Material on the battle of Cold Harbor including reports of Robert E. Lee and Hancock.
- fl. 33 William Clark will, 1789 Nov. 23.  
Deed for land in Clarksville, Ind.

- pkg. 34 Commonplace book no. 2, 1896-1899.
- pkg. 35 Scrapbook, no. 1 containing newspaper clippings, 1836-1897.
- pkg. 36 Scrapbook, no. 4 containing newspaper clippings, 1879-1908.
- pkg. 37 Commonplace book, 1850-1852.

Box 3

- fl. 38 George Hancock correspondence, 1852-1875.
- fl. 39 Mary Hancock correspondence, 1876-1899.
- fl. 40 George Hancock Texas land papers, 1836-1875.
- fl. 41 Mary Hancock Texas land papers, 1879-1902.
- fl. 42 George Hancock stock certificates in the Trinity Coal and Mining Co., 1839 Aug. 14.
- 43 Pamphlet: Petition of George Hancock and his associates to the Legislature of Tx.
- 44 Pamphlet: William Preston v. William C. Walsh.
- 45 Pamphlet: William Preston v. William C. Walsh and William C. Walsh v. William Preston.
- 46 Pamphlet: William Preston v. William C. Walsh and William C. Walsh v. William Preston.
- 47 John Pintard Johnston Bible.