

**The Filson Club Historical Society**

**John J. Klink, Jr. Papers**

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**Size of Collection**

**.33 cubic feet**

**Locator Number: Mss./ A/ K65**

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### **Biographical Notes**

John Klink (1840-1892), the son of German immigrants, joined the Confederate Army as a member of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Georgia Cavalry Regiment and was promoted to First Lieutenant. After the war, Klink returned to his home in Louisville, Kentucky, but soon emigrated to Brazil where he established a plantation near Sao Paulo. He married a 15 year old Brazilian, but they had no children. After the overthrow of the monarchy, Klink became disillusioned with Brazil and wanted to return to the United States, but died before he did so.

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### **Scope and Content Note**

The collection is primarily concerned with Frank Rankin's search for information about his collateral ancestor, John Klink, Jr. During the 1970s and 1980s, Rankin corresponded with people knowledgeable about Confederate expatriates in Brazil, and with the descendants of John Klink's wife. Two original letters regard Klink's disillusionment with Brazil by 1892 and advice to his widow from his mother. The collection also includes photocopied and original records from Klink's 3<sup>rd</sup> Georgia Cavalry Regiment, and those from Charles Klink's 17<sup>th</sup> Georgia Infantry Regiment. Charles Klink was John Klink's uncle. Other items in the collection are reprints from magazines published by Confederate descendants which examine the communities established in Brazil, newspaper obituaries, and Charles Klink's photocopied will.



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### **Folder List**

- Folder 1: Correspondence, 1871-1987
- Folder 2: Records and Reports, 1861-1865
- Folder 3: Magazines and Periodicals, 1951-1987, no date
- Folder 4: Newspaper Clippings, 1892, 1965-1967, no date
- Folder 5: Photographs, no date
- Folder 6: Genealogy and Miscellaneous, 1961, no date