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**The Papers of  
Moses Hanibal Wright**

The papers of Moses Hanibal Wright, Confederate soldier from Tennessee.

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**Size of Collection**

**0.33 cubic feet**

**Locator Number Mss.\A\W952**

## Biographical Note

- 1836 Born in Liberty, Tennessee.
- 1854-1859 Attended and graduated from one of the United States Military Academy's five year classes.
- 1859-1860 Joined the Army as a brevet second lieutenant of ordnance and served at Watervliet Arsenal in New York.
- 1861 Appointed full second lieutenant and sent to the St. Louis Arsenal before resigning his commission and joining the Confederate Army.
- 1861-1865 Served with the Confederate Army, rising to second in command of the Confederate Ordnance Dept.
- 1863 Married Miss Sallie McLean Sehon.
- 1868 Located in Louisville, Ky. and prospered in the cotton trade, serving as president of the Louisville Cotton Exchange.
- 1886 Died in Louisville.

### **Scope and Content Note**

Papers include Wright's correspondence while he was a Cadet at West Point Military Academy, 1854-1858; letters he wrote and received during his service in the U.S. Army and as an ordnance officer in the Confederate Army throughout the Civil War; and letters his son and daughter wrote while they were traveling. The correspondence regards, in part, the life of a cadet at West Point, and the situation in Mo. at the beginning of the war. Also included are 1885 editions of Wright's newspaper *The Eagle* (v. 1, nos. 4-12); newspaper clippings; and calling cards.

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W952      Moses Hanibal Wright  
Papers.      1854-1912.

Box 1

fl.    1      Correspondence, 1854-1858.  
fl.    2      Correspondence, 1860-1865.  
fl.    3      Correspondence, 1870-1912.  
fl.    4      *The Eagle* (v. 1, nos. 4-12), 1885 Apr.-Dec.  
fl.    5      Newspaper clippings.  
fl.    6      Miscellaneous: calling cards, receipts, and a report card.  
fl.    7      Miscellaneous: cards and empty envelopes.