



John Johnson papers, 1862-1906
SCHS 1053.00
Containers 11/252-253

Creator: Johnson, John, 1829-1907

Description: 1 linear ft.

Biographical/Historical note: Chief Confederate engineer at Fort Sumter, and Episcopal clergyman of Charleston, South Carolina.

Scope and Content: Correspondence, scrapbook, journal, and other papers pertaining to the defense of Fort Sumter in Charleston harbor.

Includes letters (1862-1864) from Johnson at Charleston, Fort Sumter, and other Confederate batteries to family members concerning fortifications at Fort Sumter and elsewhere, conditions inside Fort Sumter during bombardments, religion, family concerns, and other war matters. Includes letters (1866-1899) from Gen. P. G. T. Beauregard concerning Johnson's book *The Defense of Charleston Harbor* (1890).

Scrapbook contains official memoranda, oaths, orders, correspondence, copies and extracts of correspondence, requests for supplies, promotion notifications, wage scale for engineers, directives from the C.S.A. Engineer Department of S.C., duties of engineers, lists of engineers, the fortification of Fort Sumter and Charleston harbor, slave labor in the Engineering Corps, designs and defenses for Fort Sumter. Correspondents include D. B. Harris, C. H. Stevens, S. R. Gist, William H. Echols, Alfred Rhett, and others.

Journal (1863) records the bombardment of Fort Sumter and work on the defenses at the fort and nearby batteries.

Original manuscript of Johnson's book, *The Defense of Charleston Harbor*, including Fort Sumter and the Adjacent Islands (1890), an annotated map of "The Attack on Charleston by the Yankee Iron Clad Fleet, April 7, 1863."

Also includes the order book (1863) and letterbook (1864) of Stephen Elliott, Jr., commanding officer of Fort Sumter containing many letters to S.C. Boylston.

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Note: Mrs. I.G. Ball, Mrs. J.C. Bissell, and Dr. Francis B. Johnson; gift; 1956.

Search terms:

Beauregard, G. T. (Gustave Toutant), 1818-1893.
Boylston, S. C.
Echols, William H., d. 1909.
Elliott, Stephen, 1830-1866.
Gist, States Rights, 1831-1864.
Harris, David Bullock, 1814-1864.
Johnson, John, 1829-1907.
Rhett, Alfred, 1829-1889.
Johnson family.
Confederate States of America. Engineer Bureau.
Confederate States of America. Army. Corps of Engineers.
Fortification -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
Military engineering -- Confederate States of America.
Military engineers -- Confederate States of America.
Slave labor -- South Carolina.
Slaves -- South Carolina.
Charleston (S.C.) -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Sources.
Confederate States of America -- Defenses.
Fort Sumter (Charleston, S.C.)
South Carolina -- History -- Sources.
South Carolina -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Sources.
Southern States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783 -- Sources.
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Sources.
United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783 -- Sources.
Letters (correspondence).
Journals (accounts).
Letter books.
Manuscripts for publication.
Maps.
Military records.
Clergy.
Engineers.

Collection Outline and Container listing:**1053.01 PERSONAL PAPERS**

1053.01.01 Johnson, John, 1829-1907. John Johnson papers, 1862-1906 (1 ln.ft.)
11/252/01-06 Correspondence, 1862-1906.
11/252/07-08 Scrapbook, 1862-1865 (1 v.)
11/252/09 Journal, 1863 (1 v.)
11/252-253 Manuscripts, 1890-1907 (ca. 0.5 linear ft.)
11/253/18-19 Miscellaneous manuscripts, 1865-1899 (10 items)

11/253/20 Annotated history book, 1851 (1 v.)

1053.02 RELATED PAPERS

1053.02.01 Elliott, Stephen, 1830-1866. Letters and order book, 1863-1864 (2v.)

11/252/10-11 Letters and order book, 1863-1864 (2 v.)