



# SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**Johnson Hagood papers, ca. 1870-1946**  
**SCHS 1041.00**  
**Containers 11/173-195**

**Creator:** Hagood, General Johnson

**Description:** 8 linear ft.

**Biographical/Historical note:** U.S. Army officer. Born in Orangeburg, S.C., he graduated from West Point in 1896 and saw service in Europe during World War I. He was promoted to Major General in 1925. After a political controversy in 1936 Hagood was relieved of command of the Eighth Corps by President Roosevelt and soon afterward retired; in congressional testimony (solicited in confidence but then publicized) he called WPA funds "stage money" and suggested that they would be better used for improvements to army housing. He authored a number of books and magazine articles.

**Scope and Content:** Papers consist of correspondence, writings, military records, genealogical material, and other items. Included are the Civil War memoirs of James R. Hagood (see SCHS 34/0688).

Personal and military correspondence (1884-1945) of Hagood includes letters concerning his attendance at West Point (1891-1896); service at Ft. Trumbull (Conn.), Sullivans Island (S.C.), and Ft. Monroe (Va.) (1896-1908); legislative work at the War Dept. (1908-1912); service in the Philippines (1913-1915, 1920s); service in France during World War I as a regimental commander, chief of staff of communications, and head of the Services of Supply (S.O.S.); service in Germany with Allied occupation troops (1918-1919); the Corregidor project; artillery defense; military policy and legislation; national defense; service as post commander in Omaha (Neb.), San Antonio (Tex.), and elsewhere; military training; army housing; Hagood's congressional testimony critical of WPA appropriations that led to his firing and retirement; and other matters.

Numbered among the correspondents are many politicians and military and governmental officials including James F. Byrnes. Personal and family correspondents include Hagood's wife Jean, brother Lee Hagood, and mother Kathleen T. Hagood. Letters are arranged chronologically and include an index. Many official military records such as orders and reports are included with the correspondence.

Additional military records include papers pertaining to the S.O.S including posters and a bound report; a communication to the Secretary of War from the Chief of Staff regarding military

policy (1910); photographs, a manual, and other items pertaining to the training of soldiers (1925-ca. 1943); and papers (1913-1939), including reports, printed material, and photographs, pertaining to Philippine defenses and Corregidor Island.

Other items include photocopies of clippings mainly concerning Hagood's career and views on various military and political matters; and biographical material on Hagood.

**Note:** Oversize photographs have been removed to the Visual Materials Collection as VM 1041 O/S

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World War, 1914-1918.

Germany -- History -- Allied occupation, 1918-1930.

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South Carolina -- History.

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United States -- Military policy.

United States -- Politics and government -- 1933-1945.

Clippings.

Letters (correspondence)

Military records.

Photographs.

Generals.

**Container list:**

**11/173/1 Hagood, Johnson, 1873-1948**

**Biographical material, N.D. Approx 30 items**

Charleston US army general and Charlestonian. Biographical information on JH's personal life and military career.

**11/173/2-15 Hagood, Johnson, 1873-1948**

**Indexes, 1890-1936. ½ ft.**

US Army General. Indexes to the papers of JH (1890-1936). Indexes of correspondence: alphabetically and subject-wise. Not complete but thorough. Disregard misc. numbers on the indexes. To find correspondence, look for date.

**11/174-176 Hagood, Johnson, 1873-1948**

**Correspondence, 1884-1916. 1 ½ ft.**

Charleston Army officer. Military and personal correspondence (1884-1916) of JH. Military correspondents include General C.J. Bailey, Gen. J. Franklin Bell, Col. Richmond P. Davis, General E.M. Weaver and Gen. Leonard Wood. Correspondence regarding JH's attendance (1891-1896), social life and teaching (1901-1904) at West Point, his service at Fort Trumbull Ct. (1896), Sullivan's Island (1897-1901) including records of artillery practice and letters from Charleston Mayor J. Adger Smythe; service at Fort Monroe, VA (1904-1908); legislative work at the War Dept., Washington DC (1908-1912); service in the Philippines (1913-1915) including work on the Corregidor project; and service and coastal defenses work at Fort Rosencrans, San Diego CA (1915-1916); Personal correspondents (1884-1916) include friends and family in Allendale and elsewhere, an old girlfriend, his mother, Kathleen T. Hagood, his wife Jean Hagood and brother, Lee Hagood (in Russia 1915-1916) and other family members. Partial index of correspondence in 11-173-2/5.

**11/177-178 Hagood, Johnson, 1873-1848**

**Correspondence, 1917-1919. 1 ½ ft.**

US Army General. Military and personal correspondence, memos, orders, and other material regarding Hagoods' service as coastal artillery commander (1917); communications officer and chief of staff in the services of supply in France (1917-1918); commander with the American Occupation troops in Germany (1918-1919) and artillery commander at Camp Eustis, VA (1919). Correspondents include: Gen. C.J. Bailey, Manila, Philippines; Gen. J.G. Harbord, Frank R. McCoy, Gen. J. Franklin Bell, Jean Hagood, Lee Hagood in Russia and many other family members and army officers. Correspondence regarding the Philippines (1917); WWI in France, military policy, the services of supply, various social contacts in France, the Coastal Artillery Corps, military legislation, orders, procedure and other matters during the war years. Chronologically arranged. See indexes in 11-173 for partial listing of correspondents.

**11/182-184 Hagood, Johnson, 1873-1948**

**Correspondence, 1926-1945, 1 ¼ ft.**

US army general stationed in the Philippines (1926-1929), Omaha, NB (1929-1932) and San Antonia, TX (1933-1936). Military and personal correspondence of JH regarding the Adjutant general and War Dept. matters, artillery defenses, the Civilian Conservation Corps, military legislation, court martial matters including the George Baltzell case, efficiency reports, military efficiency, national defense, the National Guard, paperwork reductions, the Philippines, Omaha NB, and San Antonia TX and other military bases, West Point, Military training, and army housing. Also material regarding Congressional testimony (1935) that led to JH's firing and retirement from the army with many fan letters from negotiations, criticism of the Works Progress Admin. and President Franklin Roosevelt. Military correspondents include Rep. Thomas L. Blanton, Tex; Gen. Frank C. Bolles, Gen. Robert L. Bullard, Sen. James F. Byrnes, Gen. Malin Craig, gen. Hugh A. Drum, Gen. John L. Gulick, Gen. J.G. Harbord, Gen. Stuart Heintzelman, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Gen. Frank R. McCoy, Rep. Thomas S. McMillan, Rep.

J.J. McSwain, George C. Marshall Jr., Gen. V.H. Moseley, Gen. Frank Parker, Gen. Charles P. Summerall. Personal correspondence with Jean Hagood and other regarding family matters including the marriage, marital difficulties, and death of Kitty Hagood Gambrell. Sec indexes 11-173 for thorough but not complete index. Chronologically arranged.

**11/185/1-18 Hagood, Johnson, 1873-1948**

**News clippings, 1890-1947. ½ ft.**

Charleston army general. News clippings (1890-1947, but mostly 1930s) regarding JH's service in the military, his criticisms of the War Department and other military matters, transfers, his service in the Philippines, Omaha, NB, and San Antonio, TX, his tours of US Military bases, training of recruits, prohibition (1932-1933), military preparedness, and much material including editorials and cartoon regarding Hagood's firing (1936). Also material regarding family matters and many other military matters.

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**Philippine Papers, 1913-1929. ½ ft.**

Army office serving in the Philippines. Memos, articles, correspondence, and misc. material of JH while serving the Philippines. Material regarding the Corregidor project and the Coastal defense of Manilla Bay (1914). Articles included are: The Old Army Game, Ft. McKinely, Philippines; The Manchin Law and Detached Service (1919); the Strength at Corregidor (1927); What about the Philippines; Polishing Up Camp Stotsenburg (1924); Coast Defense Maneuvers (1914); and other misc. memos, articles, and letters. Material regarding JH's Bontac trip, a trip to Cagayan Valley with photographs of natives, misc. photographs, directory of US personnel in the Philippines (1915, 1928-1929) and copies of a US military base newspaper in the Philippines.

**11/187-188 Hagood, Johnson, 1873-1948**

**Book mss. 1917-1933. ¾ ft.**

World War I army officer, author. Typescripts, notes, articles regarding JH's experiences during WWI. Typescript early version, mss. fragments, maps, photographs of JH's Caissons Go Rolling Along; a memoir of service in Germany during the US Army occupation (1918-1919). Much material regarding WWI and military operations (1931). Mss, notes, and writings used for JH's book, The Services of Supply (1927) and other articles. Included are articles, "Organization of the S.O.S" (1919); The Truth About the S.O.S. in France; Solving the War's Biggest Problem; prospectus and correspondence regarding the S.O.S book; slowing up the S.O.S.; SOS-organization of the general staff. Misc. S.O.S. material and transcript of "Some Accomplishments of the S.O.S."

**11/188-189 Hagood, Johnson, 1873-1948**

**Military policy and training, 1926-1936. ½ ft.**

US Army General. Writings, memos, correspondence, and orders of JH regarding military policy and training. Compilations of articles, correspondence, order, military policy statements and other material of JH and other for the manual: Rational Defense, (2 vols., 1936). Material regarding effective military defense systems. Also manuscripts, booklets, correspondence, orders, policy statements, photographs, and other material regarding the training of soldiers (ca. 1926-1936).

**11/190/1-20 Hagood, Johnson, 1873-1948**

**Speeches, 1896-1940. ¼ ft.**

Army general. Speeches (1896-1940, mostly 1930s) of JH. Speeches included are: "Can We Defend America;" "Citizen Soldiers in National Defense" (1924); "Military Courtesy" (1917); "Mother's Day Speech, Paris, 1918;" "National Defense," "Neutrality (1940"; "Pacifism is Dead" (1938); Nation Guard Address (1935); "Prevent War" (1934); Reserve Officers speech, San Antonio TX (1933); speech before the Rocky Mt. Conference on the Causes and Cures of War (1935); ROTC speeches (1930-1934); Texas State Senate speech (1934), "Transportation in the A.E.F." (1926); "The Stars and Stripes Forever" (1932); "We Can Defend America" (1938); West Point Speech (1898)' and "Why do Men Fight" (1937); Alphabetically arranged.

**11/190/21-27 Hagood, Johnson, 1873-1948**

**Fiction, n.d. ¼ ft.**

Army general. Fiction and recollections of JH regarding WWI, France, South Carolina, politics, the military and other topics.

**11/191-193 Hagood, Johnson 1873-1948**

**Writings, 1901-1944. 1 ¼ ft.**

Army general. Writings of JH included printed magazine articles, typescripts and some research. Non-fiction typescript writings include: The Age of Confusion, An American Army, The Headless Army of America (1942); 20 Years of Artillery Organization (1913) aviation in the military (1926-1943); Can the British Hold Out (1941); Coastal Artillery (1924-1925) Congress Holds the Bag; Convicts Never Reform (1939); Distinguished Officers Who Had Difficulties With the War Dept.; What about the Doughboys (1937); Duty, Honor, and Country (1935); Foreign Policy (ca 1940's); The Four Foolish Freedoms; Back of the Lines in France (WWI, 1933); The General Staff (1924); Give Them Rank; Hagood-Moseley Supply Scheme; The Hagood Tripod Mount (1903); Who Broke the Hindenburg Line (1918); I Had A Talk with the President (1936); Inventory Controls; International Police Force (1940s); misc. legislation (1901); Abraham Lincoln; Major Reforms; Make American Strong; General Marshall's Status (1943); Me & My Country; many military policy articles (1915); The Mysterious Long Range Gun; Plan for Better Defense (1944); Reduction of paperwork (ca. 1926-1933); Phantom soldiers; post-war defense (1944); Procedure of the 7th Corps Area; Promotion of Unfit officers (1914-1916); Promotion of Younger Officers; articles on race prejudice; the Rank of Army Commanders (1934) Reorganization in Armed Forces; the Use of Soldier Labor (1934); A Soldier Looks Ahead (1944); Common faults in Staff Officers; Staff officers handbook; Three Great Liars; Terror Under Roosevelt (1936 or 1937); Report of the Test Light Infantry Company: motorized (1936); The Fight Against Venereal Disease (1938-1941) and VD in the Philippines (1933); War Dept. writings (1909-1910) regarding military policy, a message from the President and memos of the chief of staff to the Secretary of War; What are We Fighting For (1940's); Without Honor (1934); Women in World War II; World War II; World Peace Through World Trade (1943); Articles on Gen. Leonard Wood; and the YMCA Role in World War I (1919); Alphabetically arranged.

**11/193/8-17 Hagood, James R. 1843-1869**

**Civil War Memories, 1861-1865. ¼ ft.**

Confederate Colonel. Early version (n.d.) 1928 version and final draft (1944) of Colonel James R. Hagood's "Memoirs of the First S.C. Regt. Of Volunteer Infantry in the Confederate War for Independence" (1861-1865)" edited by Johnson Hagood. Memoirs regarding Hagood's service as one of the youngest Colonel's in the Confederate Army in MD, TN, VA, and the SC Lowcountry with appendix of men serving under him and other statistics.

**11/194-195                      Hagood, Johnson, 1873-1948**

**Genealogical papers, ca. 1902-1945. 1 ft**

Charlestonian. Genealogical writings, letters, charts, and other material collected by JH. Families included are the Allens, Gordon, Hagood, with biographical material regarding Lee Hagood (1846-1890); Gov. Johnson Hagood (1829-1898) and articles regarding Russia and biography of Lee Hagood (b. 1877), the Lartigue family, OHear, Overstreet, Booth, Owens, Small family with diary of China travels (1850-1851) of Strachan Thomas Small; the Tobin family, Whaley, Mitchell, and Marion related families with typescript biography of Edward M. Whaley (1840-1915) of Edisto Island, Williamson, and Elmore families. Also misc. notes and correspondence and genealogical papers for the South Carolina Society, the Cincinnati, and other organizations. Many family photographs.