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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 234 BELL, Cincinnatus Douglas, 1833-1908

1 box. 10 folders. 82 items. 1852-1901. Originals, photocopies, typescripts, photographs.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Cincinnatus Douglas Bell was born on 6 August 1833 in Christian County, Kentucky to John F. Bell (1796-1878) and Catherine (Bowcock) Bell (1805-1838). Bell attended Georgetown College and, following graduation in 1854, became a farmer. On 29 October 1857 Bell married Anne M. Peay (1838-1891), the daughter of Austin and Maria A. (Pendleton) Peay. They had four children: John P., Minnie P., Douglas B., and Austin. Bell's second marriage was to Martha U. Buckner (1852-1945).

In 1862, Bell entered the Confederate army in Woodward's Second Kentucky Cavalry and served until the end of the war. During that time he rose to the rank of captain. At the time of his death in 1884, Bell was the owner of 385 acres in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. He was a member of the Masonic and Knights of Honor fraternities of Hopkinsville, and a member of the Salem Baptist Church. Bell died in Hopkinsville on 6 March 1908.

COLLECTION NOTE

The collection consists of two diaries (1862-1863), letters, and personal documents (1852-1901) concerning Cincinnatus Douglas Bell and family. The diaries document Bell's experiences in the Second Kentucky Cavalry, mostly in middle Tennessee. Typescripts of the diaries are included. Letters of Bell include those written to his wife during his military service in Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama; he mourns his separation from her and their young son, describes military life and engagements with Federal forces, makes clear his hostility toward "King" Abraham Lincoln, and declares his commitment to white supremacy. Letters to Bell include several extending sympathy on the death of his daughter Minnie in 1877.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	Cincinnatus Douglas Bell	1852-1901	82 items
Folder 1	Descriptive inventory and associated data		5 items
Folder 2	Cincinnatus Douglas Bell – Diary #1	Dec. 18, 186[2]- April 24, 1863	1 item
Folder 3	Cincinnatus Douglas Bell – Diary #1 (typescript, part 1)	Dec. 18, 186[2]- April 24, 1863	1 item
Folder 4	Cincinnatus Douglas Bell – Diary #1 (typescript, part 2)	Dec. 18, 186[2]- April 24, 1863	1 item
Folder 5	Cincinnatus Douglas Bell – Diary #2	April 25, 1863- August 1863	1 item
Folder 6	Cincinnatus Douglas Bell – Diary #2 (typescript)	April 25, 1863- August 1863	1 item
Folder 7	Cincinnatus Douglas Bell – Letters to Anne (Peay) Bell	Jan. 13, 1862- Sept. 15, 1864, n.d.	19 items
Folder 8	Cincinnatus Douglas Bell and Anne (Peay) Bell – Letters to	Mar. 6, 1852- Apr. 23, 1861	14 items
Folder 9	Bell family letters	1868-1892	42 items
Folder 10	Miscellaneous documents and photos	1889-1901, n.d.	7 items

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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Letters of Bell, written from Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia while serving in Woodward's 2nd Kentucky Cavalry (C.S.A.) during the Civil War, and two diaries kept mostly during his service in Tennessee. Also includes other correspondence of Bell, his wife Anne, and members of the Bell family. Several letters extend sympathy on the death of Bell's daughter Minnie.

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Bacon, William J., b. 1832

Bell, Anne Maria (Peay), 1838-1891 – Letters to

Bell, Eliza F.

Bell, Fannie, 1831-1910

Bell, Kittie B., d. 1889 – Letter to

Bell, John Peay, 1859-1909

Bell, Mary, 1840-1876

Bell, Minnie Pendleton, 1866-1877 – Correspondence

Bell, Minnie Pendleton, 1866-1877 – Relating to

Bell, Mollie

Bringhurst, W. R., Jr.

Burke, Fannie C.

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Civil War, 1861-1865 – Campaigns, battles, military actions – Georgia, 1864 F7

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Civil War, 1861-1865 – Diaries, 1862-1863

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Clardy, T. F. – Relating to

Consolation

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Finell, J. O.

Finell, Lizzie A.

Fletcher, Newt

Forest, Nathan Bedford, 1821-1877 – Relating to F3

Fryer, Pauline C., 1833-1893 – Relating to

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Johnston, Joseph Eggleston, 1807-1891 – Relating to F7
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Peay, Austin, 1844-1898
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Race relations
Radford, Edna
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Ross, C. B.
Shaw, Anne
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Wallace, Mary G.
West, Sudie
Whitlock, Saidee B.
Wisdom, Clara B.
Wisdom, Ruth
Woodward, Thomas G., 1827-1864 – Photo

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