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BIOGRAPHY

Cincinnatus Douglas Bell was born on 6 August 1833 in Christian County, Kentucky to John F. Bell (1797-1878) and Catherine (Bowcock) Bell (d. 1837). Bell attended Georgetown College and, following graduation in 1854, became a farmer. On 29 October 1857 Bell married Anne M. Peay, the daughter of Austin and Maria A. (Pendleton) Peay. They had four children: John P., Maria P., Douglas B., and Austin.

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.

COLLECTION NOTES

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 to Bell include several extending sympathy on the death of his daughter Minnie in 1877.

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Letters of Bell, written from Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia while serving in the Confederate Army 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.

1 box. 10 folders. 82 items. Originals, photocopies, typescripts, photographs.
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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

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