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BRAGG, BRAXTON

PAPERS, 1849-1878; 2½ inches, MS, typescript, printed.

The first Chief Engineer of the Gulf, Colorado, and Santa Fe Railway Company, Bragg (1817-1876) located the right-of-way of the line between Galveston and Brenham in 1874, including selection of the site for the first railway bridge connecting Galveston island with the Mainland.

Born in Georgia, Bragg graduated from West Point in the class of 1837, and was ordered to Texas at the outbreak of the Mexican War in 1845. After spending some years at his Louisiana plantation during which time he was active in civil engineering, he became Brigadier General of the Confederacy at Pensacola when the Civil War began. Bragg became a Major General at the Battle of Shiloh and fought also in the battles of Perrysville and Chattanooga. He later acted as military advisor to President Davis in Richmond.

Our holdings include correspondence to and from Braxton Bragg and Mrs. Bragg. Correspondents include James H. Otey, James Duncan, Elise Brooks Ellis, Mrs. Mary F. Love, Elise Hutchings, Mrs. Kate Kirkham, Towson Ellis, T. O. Moore, J. L. Shriver, Samuel S. Shriver, Price Williams, J. H. Simpson, A. C. Story, Dunbar Bragg, E. B. M. Butler, Hugh L. Cole, Harry B. Sass, Albert Somerville, George B. Nicholls, Henry Rosenberg, J. P. Fresenius.

Places associated with the papers include Louisville, Kentucky; Mobile, Alabama; New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; St. Louis, Jefferson Barracks, Missouri; Paris; Columbia, Pennsylvania; Houston, Brenham, Austin, Texas; Wilmington, Delaware; Natchez, Pass Christian, Mississippi; New York.

The Braxton Bragg papers are arranged by date from 1849 to 1878 and include correspondence relative to the following segments of his life:		
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