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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

WLU.Coll.0011

### Unit ID

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### Unit Date

1861-1887

### Language

English .

### Creator

Davis, Jefferson, 1808-1889

### Extent

0.03 Linear Feet 3 folders

### Repository

Washington and Lee University, University Library Special Collections and Archives

## Administrative Information

### Conditions Governing Access

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## Scope and Contents

This collection includes four telegrams and one letter, 1862-1865, from Davis to C.S.A. Generals Braxton Bragg, Joseph E. Johnston, and Robert E. Lee and Col. William Preston Johnston concerning conduct of the war; nine letters, 1867-1882, from Davis to General William Nelson Pendleton, the majority discussing the preparation of Davis' book, *The Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government*; one letter dated Feb. 4, 1887 from Davis to Mrs. Mary Meredith refusing assistance from Texas friends; one letter dated Sept. 3, 1862 (photocopy) to the Governor of South Carolina concerning the execution of the conscription law passed by the Confederate States of America; one printed broadside dated January 5, 1863, issued by Davis in answer to Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. There is also a clipped signature written in two hands, which has been mounted: 'Very Respectfully and truthfully yours, Jefferson Davis' and an unused envelope with two first national confederate flags printed in red, black, and blue. The text says 'Hon. Jefferson Davis, the Champion of the South.'

## Keywords

Recruiting and enlistment

Slaves -- Emancipation

Slavery -- Justification

Correspondence

Envelopes (Stationery)

Bragg, Braxton

Pendleton, William Nelson, 1809-1883

Confederate States of America. Army

Meredith, Mary

Lee, Robert E. (Robert Edward), 1807-1870

Johnston, Joseph E. (Joseph Eggleston), 1807-1891

## Online Access

View this collection online via W&L's Digital Archive

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Correspondence

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/22026

**Unit Date** 1862-1882, 1887

**Mixed Materials [35101013591891]** Manuscripts Small Collections Box 2 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

### "An Address to the People of the United States" broadside

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/22027

**Unit Date** 1863 January 5

**Mixed Materials [35101013591891]** Manuscripts Small Collections Box 2 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

### Autograph and Envelope

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/22028

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials [35101013591891]** Manuscripts Small Collections Box 2 (box)  
**Container** 6 (folder)