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**Braxton Bragg (1817-1876) Papers, 1856-1876 (bulk 1861-1864)**

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**DONOR INFORMATION**

Collection was donated by William K. Bixby, except letter dated December 27, 1861, which was purchased from J.K. Smith in January 1917.

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Braxton Bragg was born March 21, 1817, in Warrenton, North Carolina. After graduating from West Point in 1837, he served in the Seminole Wars and Mexican War. He married Eliza (Elise) Brooks Ellis in 1856. In early 1861 he commanded state forces in Louisiana, and in March of that year was appointed brigadier general and ordered to Pensacola, Fla. In April 1862 he became a full general in the Confederate army. He died September 27, 1876, in Galveston, Texas.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection consists of correspondence of Braxton Bragg, primarily to his wife, that documents his Civil War service in Louisiana, Florida, Kentucky and Tennessee. It also includes several items regarding Bragg's home, Greenwood Plantation, in Louisiana. The correspondence is arranged chronologically with a reference file at the beginning of the collection.

**The following abbreviations have been used in this inventory:**

ALS Autograph Letter Signed (a letter entirely in the hand of and signed by the author)

DS Document signed

## **Reference File**

1916-1920 Correspondence of William Bixby regarding the collection. 4 items.

## **Correspondence of Braxton Bragg**

- 8 Feb 1856 Notes concerning the purchase of Greenwood Plantation. 2 pages
- 11 Jan 1861 ALS Braxton Bragg, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to his wife. Regards surrender of forts in Louisiana. 4 pages
- 13 Jan 1861 ALS Braxton Bragg, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to his wife. Briefly describes affairs in Louisiana. 3 pages
- 11 Mar 1861 ALS Braxton Bragg, Pensacola, Florida, to his wife. Describes situation of troops in the area. 3 pages
- 14 Mar 1861 ALS Braxton Bragg, Marine Hospital, near Fort Barrancas, Pensacola Harbor, to his wife. Discusses the possibility of an attack on Fort Pickens. 4 pages
- 11 Apr 1861 ALS Braxton Bragg, Barrancas Barracks, Florida, to his wife. Describes continued arrival of volunteers and their disorderly conduct. 4 pages
- 19 Apr 1861 ALS Braxton, Barrancas, Florida, to his wife. Regards Fort Pickens and the unpreparedness of Confederate troops. 3 pages
- 24 Apr 1861 ALS Braxton Bragg, Barrancas, Florida, to his wife. Discusses situation at Fort Pickens. 4 pages
- 25 May 1861 ALS Braxton, Barrancas, Florida, to his wife. Regards situation at Fort Pickens and removal of the government to Virginia. 4 pages
- 28 May 1861 ALS Braxton Bragg, Barrancas, Florida, to his wife. Regards affairs of the army. 4 pages
- 17 Jun [1861] ALS Braxton Bragg, Barrancas, Florida, to his wife. Briefly mentions progress of the war. 7 pages
- 4 Jul [1861] ALS Braxton Bragg, Barrancas, Florida, to his wife. Mentions affairs of army in the area. 4 pages
- 7 Jul [1861] ALS Braxton, Barrancas, Florida, to his wife. Regards general war news and briefly mentions health of troops. 7 pages
- 1 Sep 1861 ALS Braxton Bragg, Barrancas, Florida, to his wife. Discusses rumors about the army. 4 pages

- 27 Dec 1861 ALS J[udah] P. Benjamin, War Department, Richmond, Virginia, to Bragg, Pensacola, Florida. Offers Bragg the command of the Trans-Mississippi Department and discusses the importance of Missouri to the Confederacy. 7 pages [purchased from J.K. Smith, January 1917]
- 25 Mar 1862 ALS Braxton, Corinth, Mississippi, to his wife. Provides account of military operations and mentions behavior of Confederate troops. 8 pages
- 8 Apr [1862] ALS Braxton Bragg Corinth, Mississippi, to his wife. Provides account of the Battle of Shiloh. 8 pages
- 22 Jul 1862 ALS Braxton Bragg, Tupelo, Mississippi, to his wife. Regards military operations. 3 pages
- 18 Sep 1862 ALS Braxton, Munfordville, Kentucky, to his wife. Describes military operations in the area. 3 pages
- 20 Jun 1863 ALS Braxton Bragg, Shelbyville, to his wife. Regards military operations. 4 pages Photostat only.
- 22 Sep 1863 ALS Braxton Bragg, 9 miles from Ringgold, [Georgia], and 9 from Chattanooga, to his wife. Provides account of Battle of Chickamauga, including casualties. 6 pages
- 27 Sep 1863 ALS Braxton Bragg, Mission Ridge, 3 miles from Chattanooga, to his wife. Describes end of Battle of Chickamauga, including problems with Leonidas Polk. 3 pages
- 14 Nov 1863 ALS Braxton Bragg to his wife. Regards personal affairs. 3 pages
- 21 Apr 1864 ALS Wade Hampton, Columbia, South Carolina, to Braxton Bragg. Requests that Captain Lowndes be allowed to remain on his staff. 3 pages
- 16 Apr 1867 ALS Patton Anderson, near Australia Landing, Bolivar County, Mississippi, to [Braxton Bragg]. Describes situation in the south. 4 pages
- 22 Apr 1870 Legal document concerning Greenwood Plantation. 4 pages
- 13 May 1870 ALS A.C. Story, Chicago, Ill., to Braxton Bragg, New Orleans. Regards Bragg's case to regain possession of Greenwood Plantation. 2 pages
- 15 Dec 1870 ALS Braxton Bragg, Memphis, Tennessee, to his wife. Regards personal affairs. 4 pages
- 8 Mar 1872 ALS A.C. Story, New Orleans, to Braxton Bragg, Mobile, Ala. Regards trial for Greenwood Plantation. 1 page

- 5 May 1872 DS Alvan N. Gardner and Henry St. Paul, Mobile, Alabama. Deposition regarding Greenwood Plantation. 4 pages
- 11 May 1874 ALS H.D. Clayton, Clayton, Alabama, to Braxton Bragg, Mobile, Alabama. Regards narrative by General Johnston. 3 pages
- 16 Sep 1876 ALS S.B. Maxey, Paris, to Braxton Bragg, Galveston, Texas. Regards personal affairs. 4 pages