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The Papers of
P. G. T. BEAUREGARD

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Biographical Note

- 1818, May 28 Born near New Orleans, La.
- 1838 Graduated from U.S. Military Academy,
West Point
- 1841 Married Laure Villere
- 1846 Served as an engineer on staff of General
Scott in Mexico
- 1847 Took part in battles of Vera Cruz,
Cerro Gordo, Contreras, and Mexico City
- 1853 Promoted to captain
- 1858-61 Chief engineer in charge of draining the
site of New Orleans
- 1860 Married Caroline Deslonde
- 1861, Jan. Superintendent of U.S. Military Academy
for 5 days
Feb. Resigned from U.S. Army
Appointed brigadier general, Confederate
Army, in command of forces at
Charleston, S.C.
June Commanding officer, Department of
Alexandria
Commanding officer, 1st Corps, Army of
the Potomac
July Promoted to general
- 1862, Jan. Assistant to Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston
Apr. Commander, Army of the Mississippi
May Commanding officer, Western Department
Aug. Commander, Department of South Carolina,
Georgia, and Florida, with headquarters
at Charleston
- 1864, Apr. Commander, Department of North Carolina
and Southern Virginia
Oct. Commander, Military Division of the West
- 1865, Feb. Named second in command to Joseph E.
Johnston
Oct. Chief engineer and general superintendent,
New Orleans, Jackson, and Great
Northern Railroad
- 1866-70 President, New Orleans, Jackson, and Great
Northern Railroad

1866-76 President, New Orleans & Carrollton
 (Street) Railroad Co.

1877-93 Supervisor, Louisiana lottery

1879 Adjutant general of Louisiana

1888 Commissioner of Public Works for city of
 New Orleans

1893, Feb. 20 Died, New Orleans

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Pierre Gustave Toutant Beauregard (1818-1893), Confederate Army officer, engineer, railroad official, and public official, consist of a diary (1847), correspondence (largely letterbook copies of letters sent), military papers (headquarters records, letterbooks, telegram books, reports, order books, endorsement books, and other records), the autograph manuscript of "Reminiscences" (the basis for Alfred Roman's The Military Operation of General Beauregard, 1884), and scrapbooks. The papers span the years from 1844 to 1883 with all but a few items dated during or concerning the Civil War.

The few early items in the collection relate to Beauregard's career as an engineer in New Orleans and on the staff of Gen. Winfield Scott in Mexico, where Beauregard took part in the siege of Vera Cruz and the battles of Cerro Gordo, Contreras, and Mexico City. The bulk of the correspondence, the military papers, and the "Reminiscences" relate to Beauregard's service as a general officer of the Confederate Army. He was in command of the troops at Charleston, S.C., when the Civil War began with the siege of Fort Sumter. His role in the battles of 1st Manassas and Shiloh, in the siege of Corinth, Charleston, and Petersburg, and finally in the consolidation of southern forces after the battle of Atlanta is fully documented in the papers.

Material on Beauregard's career as railroad and public official in New Orleans, and supervisor of the Louisiana lottery, can be found in a half-dozen letterbooks. The three volumes of scrapbooks of newspaper clippings are devoted almost exclusively to personal clippings of the Civil War.

Principal correspondents include Milledge Luke Bonham, Braxton Bragg, Howell Cobb, Samuel Cooper, Jefferson Davis, Augusta Jane Evans, Wade Hampton, William J. Hardee, Daniel H. Hill, John Bell Hood, Joseph E. Johnston, Thomas Jordan, Robert E. Lee, James Longstreet, Francis W. Pickens, Leonidas Polk, Roswell S. Ripley, Joseph G. Totten, Earl Van Dorn, and Leroy P. Walker.

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