

George Robertson, Jr. letters

Descriptive Summary

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Biographical/Historical Note

Major George Robertson, Jr., lived in Savannah and Blackshear, Georgia. He served in the Confederate States of America Army. His father, George Robertson, Sr. (ca. 1796-1880) was born in Savannah, where he was in the newspaper business.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of letters to and from George Robertson, Jr., 1861-1864. Most of them are addressed with first names only. Most of the letters pertain to Robertson's experiences as a commissary officer in the Confederate army, as well as the experiences of his correspondents. One letter from J. Haring to Robertson, mentions the difficulties of travel from Charleston to Richmond and describes the barren, desolate countryside between Petersburg and Richmond; he also mentions two battles near Petersburg and armies under major General Whiting and General Beauregard. Robertson's letters mention his duties as a CSA officer, and in his 1864 letter talks about a raid in Thomasville and gives instructions about evacuating to Columbus or Augusta.

Index Terms

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Container List

Item 1: Geo. Robertson, Jr. to Simeon?. Savannah, 1861 August 25-27 (3.0 p.)

Talks about the unusually good health of inhabitants of Savannah during the past summer, recruiting of men from Southwestern Georgia; his rank and duties a commissary officer in the C.S. Army; defenses being built along the coast.

Item 2: Sister Jennie? to George and from Father to son George. At Home, 1863 November 14 (4.0 p. ALS.)

The portion from his sister gives news of family and friends and mentions how they would rather that George be at home attending to his studies; also talks about the death of Hannah. The portion from his father to George tells him to be more careful about spelling and grammar, that he, father, is sending money, asks for news about George's brother, and gives moral advice.

Item 3: J. Haring to "my dear friend" George Robertson, Jr.?. Jackson Hospital, Richmond, 1864 May 22

Item 4: J. Haring to "my dear friend" George Robertson, Jr.?. Jackson Hospital, Richmond, 1864 October 20 (4.0 p.)

Talks about death in his friend's family and death of Major Locke; gives directions on what should be done with his trunks and personal papers in Savannah; mentions General Hood's activities in north Georgia; talks about conditions at Jackson Hospital in Richmond, sends regards to Mrs. Robertson and other friends.

Item 5: George Robertson, Jr.? to Anna. Charleston. S.C., 1864 December 29 (2.0 p.)

Talks about news of a raid which destroyed Thomasville and hopes enemy has not been near; talks about job as a commissary officer, rationing troops at Pocatigo; asks about family; gives instructions about evacuating to Columbus or Augusta; mentions friends; talks about enjoying his job and army life.