

Jefferson Davis bail bond

Descriptive Summary

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Title:	Jefferson Davis bail bond
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Biographical/Historical Note

Jefferson Davis (1808-1889) was born in Kentucky, but his family soon settled in Mississippi where they became prominent planters. IN 1828, Davis graduated from West Point and entered the army for seven years. He returned to his plantation in Mississippi but rejoined the army upon the outbreak of the Mexican War in 1845. In 1847, Mississippi voters sent him to the United States Senate. He resigned in 1851 but returned to Washington in 1853 as Secretary of War in the cabinet of President Franklin Pierce. He held this post until 1857 when he once again returned to the United States Senate. He withdrew from the senate in 1861 following Mississippi's secession from the Union. In February, 1862, Davis was inaugurated as president of the Confederate States of America. He served throughout the life of the Confederacy. He captured by Federal forces in May 1865 at Irwinville, Georgia. He spent two years as a state prisoner at Fortress Monroe. He was never brought to trial and was released on bond in 1867. He died in New Orleans.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of a facsimile of the bail bond of Jefferson Davis, accepted by the United States Court at Richmond, Virginia, in November, 1867. The document is signed by Davis, Horace Greeley, Augustus Schell, Cornelius Vanderbilt, and several other prominent citizens.

Index Terms

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Item 1: Bail bond of Jefferson Davis, accepted by the United States Court at Richmond, Virginia, 1867 November (1.0 p.) (Facsimile)