

Alexander R. Lawton account book

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
Creator:	Lawton, Alexander Robert, 1818-1896.
Title:	Alexander R. Lawton account book
Dates:	1883-1896
Extent:	0.1 cubic feet (1 volume)
Identification:	MS 2296

Biographical/Historical Note

Alexander Robert Lawton (1818-1896) was born in the Beaufort district in South Carolina and was the son of Alexander J. and Martha Masse Lawton. Lawton graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1839 and served as a second lieutenant in the 1st U.S. Artillery before resigning his commission in 1840 to study law at the Harvard Law School. Lawton graduated in 1842 and settled in Savannah, Georgia where he entered the fields of law and railroad administration. He favored Georgia's secession from the Union during the Civil War and became colonel of the 1st Georgia Volunteers and was later commissioned as brigadier general in the Confederate States Army on 13 April 1861. Lawton commanded the forces guarding Georgia's coastline before being reassigned to Virginia. In August 1863, he became the second Quartermaster General of the Confederate States of America.

Following the end of the Civil War, Lawton returned to Savannah and continued to practice law at the law firm of Jackson, Lawton, and Basinger. In 1882, he was elected president of the American Bar Association and also formed his own law practice, Lawton and Cunningham, with his son, Alexander Rudolf Lawton and his son-in-law, H. C. Cunningham. In 1887, Lawton was appointed minister of Austria-Hungary by President Grover Cleveland and remained in that position until 1889. Lawton died in 1896 and was buried in Bonaventure Cemetery in Savannah, Georgia.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains an account book belonging to Alexander R. Lawton detailing the accounts he was in charge with as an executor and trustee for estates for members of the Hutchinson family in Savannah, Georgia from 1883 to 1896. Lawton was the executor for the will and estate of Robert Hutchinson, and trustee for Nannie C. Hutchinson Dawson and Ellen L. Hutchinson Ceutaro. Once Lawton died in 1896, these accounts were transferred to his son, Alexander Rudolf Lawton.

Index Terms

Ceutaro, Ellen L.
Dawson, Nannie C. Hutchison.
Estate records.
Hutchison family.
Hutchison, Robert, 1802-1861.
Lawton, Alexander Robert, 1818-1896.
Lawton, Alexander Rudolf, 1858-1936.

Administrative Information

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Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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