William Gordon letter

Descriptive Summary

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Biographical/Historical Note

W. W. Gordon II (1834-1912) was the son of Sarah Anderson Stites (1806-1882) and W. W. Gordon (1796-1842), who was the first graduate of the United States Military Academy from Georgia (1815), a member of the Georgia House of Representatives and later the Georgia Senate, Mayor of Savannah, and founder and first president of the Central Rail Road and Banking Company of Georgia.

W. W. Gordon II graduated from Yale College and entered the business of cotton factoring in Savannah. During the Civil War, he served in the Georgia Hussars as part of General J.E.B. Stuart's Cavalry. His civic interests included serving with the Georgia State Cavalry after the war; volunteering as a nurse during the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1876 in Savannah as a member of the Savannah Benevolent Association; serving in the Georgia House of Representatives (1884-1890); serving as a Brigadier General of U.S. Volunteers during the Spanish-American War, and at that war's termination, serving as a member of the Commission of the United States for Porto Rico [sic]. His business interests consisted of running W.W. Gordon & Company, a cotton trading company in Savannah; and managing his plantation, Belmont, in Jefferson County, Georgia. In 1857, he married Eleanor (Nellie) Lytle Kinzie (1835-1917) of Chicago, daughter of John Harris Kinzie and Juliette Augusta Magill Kinzie. The children of this marriage were: Eleanor Kinzie Gordon Parker (1858-1933), Juliette (Daisy) Magill Kinzie Gordon Low (1860-1927), (Sarah) Alice Gordon (1863-1880), William Washington Gordon III (1866-1932), Mabel McLane Gordon Leigh, and George Arthur Gordon (1872-1941).

Scope and Content Note

A letter to Carhart and Curd of Macon, Georgia, dealers in hardware and carriage supplies, written June 24th, 1878, signed W.W. Gordon of Savannah. The letterhead indicates that W.W. Gordon was the surviving partner of Tison & Gordon, cotton factors and commission merchants at 112 Bay Street, Savannah, Georgia.

The letter requests a credit and character reference of a W.B. Ware, a man seeking a monetary advance on a cotton crop.

Index Terms

Carhart & Curd.
Cotton trade—Georgia.
Letters (correspondence)
Ware, W.B.

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