Guide to the John Rufus Jefferson Papers
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### Summary Information

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<td>Abstract</td>
<td>The collection contains a letter written from Jefferson in New Orleans, Louisiana, to the Postmaster of New Orleans, Louisiana, requesting employment, as well as photocopies of documents issued between Jefferson’s widow and the United States War Department debating his service during the United States Civil War. Also included is a newspaper clipping recounting Jefferson’s service in the Union Army.</td>
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**Preferred Citation note**

John Rufus Jefferson Papers, W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama
Biographical/Historical note

According to a newspaper clipping included in the collection John Rufus Jefferson served as the bugler for Company A, First Alabama Cavalry, a volunteer unit in the Union Army. At the conclusion of the American Civil War, Jefferson moved to New Orleans, Louisiana, where he worked for the police department. He then moved to Ashville, Alabama, where he married Liddie Jefferson. Together they had eight children. In 1924, J. R. Jefferson died at the age of 81.

Scope and Contents note

The collection contains one letter written from Jefferson in New Orleans, Louisiana, to the Postmaster of New Orleans, Louisiana, requesting employment with the postal service. The letter includes references and cites Jefferson’s service as a United States soldier.

Additionally, the collection contains photocopies of Liddie E. Jefferson's (John's widow) application for a widow’s pension as well as papers rejecting her claim. The reason cited for the rejection is that Jefferson’s name was not found on official roles from the War Department despite protestations from Jefferson’s family that he was the bugler boy for Company A, 1st Regiment Calvary, Alabama, Union Volunteers, led by Jerome J. Hinds.

The collection also contains a newspaper clipping from 1961 recounting the Jefferson families’ version of Johns’ service during the Civil War and of the bugle he allegedly played during the war.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Restrictions

None

Processing Information note
## Collection Inventory

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