Guide to the W.J. Russell presidential pardon
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# Summary Information

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**Preferred Citation note**

W. J. Russell presidential pardon, W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama.
Biographical/Historical note

Following the Civil War, there were thirteen "confederate profiles" that disqualified an individual from receiving a "general amnesty." If a "rebel" fell under one of these exclusions, amnesty was denied and an application for a "special personal pardon" from President Johnson was required. Excluded from receiving a "general amnesty" were individuals who:

- were civil or diplomatic agents or officials of the Confederacy
- left judicial posts under the United States to aid the rebellion
- were Confederate Military Officers above the rank of Army Colonel or Navy Lieutenant
- were members of the U.S. Congress who left to aid in the rebellion
- resigned commissions in the U.S. Army or Navy and afterwards aided in the rebellion
- treated unlawfully black prisoners of war and their white officers
- had absented themselves from the United States in order to aid in the rebellion
- were graduates of West Point or Annapolis who served as Confederate officers
- Ex-Confederate Governors
- left homes in territory under United States jurisdiction for purposes of aiding the rebellion
- engaged in destruction of commerce on the high seas or in raids from Canada
- voluntarily participated in the rebellion who had property valued at more than $20,000.00
- had broken the oath taken under the provisions of the proclamation of 8 Dec. 1863

Scope and Contents note

The collection contains Russell's presidential pardon dated 18 September 1865.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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- Legal documents

Personal Name(s)

- Russell, W.J.

Subject(s)

- Government, Law and Politics
## Collection Inventory

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