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**Collection number**

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**Physical Characteristics**

The collection consists of 8 items.

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# Biographical/Historical Information

Francis Marshall Boykin was born in Isle of Wight County, Virginia on March 1, 1837. His ancestors fought in the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, and his father, General Francis Boykin, was a member of the Virginia Senate. Boykin entered the Virginia Military Institute in July 1853 and graduated in 1856. He engaged in teaching until 1861. During the Civil War, he served as a Lt. Colonel in the 31st Virginia Infantry Regiment. Boykin served throughout the war and was briefly imprisoned at Johnson's Island. After the war, he was in the tobacco business in Richmond, Virginia. Boykin married Ellen B. George, and they had three children (Hamilton, Anna, Ellen). He died on May 5, 1906 in Richmond.

# Scope and Content Information

The collection consists Civil War papers (8 items, all dated 1861), including two commission documents, extracts from orders, a letter from Governor John Letcher ordering Boykin to proceed to Grafton and communicate with Col. Thomas J. Jackson (Stonewall), one letter bearing the signature of Gen. Robert E. Lee.

# Arrangement

The items are arranged in chronological order.

# Contents List

## **Virginia Volunteers Commission Document. 1861 April 29.**

### **Scope and Content**

Appointing Boykin to rank of Major; signed by Governor John Letcher.

## **Letter, from Governor John Letcher. 1861 April 29.**

### **Scope and Content**

Orders Boykin to proceed to Grafton and contact Col. Thomas J. Jackson.

## **Letter, from Maj. General Robert E. Lee. 1861 April 29.**

### **Scope and Content**

Orders Boykin to muster into service volunteer companies and to take position near Grafton to protect the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

## **General Orders, number 4. 1861 April 29.**

### **Scope and Content**

From Headquarters, Richmond. Officers required to submit returns of their commands and to abide by regulations concerning military correspondence.

## **General Orders, number 5. 1861 April 29.**

### **Scope and Content**

Regarding officers' obligations with regard to expenditures and record keeping.

## **General Orders, number 6. 1861 April 29.**

### **Scope and Content**

Appointing Lt. Col. Henry Heth and Maj. James R. Crenshaw acting Quartermaster General and Acting Commissary General, respectively.

## **Virginia Volunteers Commission document. 1861 December 14.**

### **Scope and Content**

Appointing Boykin to rank of Lt. Colonel; signed by Governor John Letcher.

## **Extract, Special Orders Number 267. 1861 December 16.**

### **Scope and Content**

Assigning Lt. Col. Boykin to the 31st Regiment Virginia Volunteers.