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Biographical/Historical Information

Alexander (Sandie) Swift Pendleton was born near Alexandria, Virginia on September 28, 1840. He was the only son of William Nelson Pendleton (Episcopal minister, educator, Confederate General) and Anzolette E. Page. The Pendleton family moved to Lexington, Virginia in October 1853, where William became rector at Grace Episcopal Church. Sandie Pendleton graduated from Washington College (now Washington & Lee University) in 1857, and subsequently enrolled at the University of Virginia, where he was pursuing a Master of Arts degree when the Civil War began in April 1861.

He received a commission as 2nd Lieutenant in Provisional Army of Virginia and reported to Harper's Ferry on June 14, 1861. Within weeks, he was asked by General Stonewall Jackson to join his staff as an ordnance officer --- Jackson had known Pendleton from their days together in Lexington, where Jackson was a Professor at the Virginia Military Institute. Pendleton subsequently served as Jackson's Assistant Adjutant General (Second Corps), and the relationship between Pendleton and Jackson was a close one-- it was said that Jackson "loved him like a son." Following Jackson's death at Chancellorsville in May 1863, Pendleton remained as AAG under General Richard S. Ewell and would later serve under Gen. Jubal A. Early. Pendleton married Kate Corbin in December 1863, and the newlyweds were expecting their first child when he was mortally wounded at Fisher's Hill on September 22, 1863. He died on September 23, and in October his body was returned to Lexington for burial. Kate Corbin Pendleton gave birth to a son, Sandie, in November 1864. The child contracted diphtheria and died in September 1865.

Scope and Content Information

The papers consist of Pendleton's miscellaneous Civil War papers, including military orders and dispatches directed to Gen. Richard S. Ewell and others; a note from Pendleton to his father concerning the death of General Stonewall Jackson in May 1863; a request for a leave of absence, and other documents.

Contents List

Dispatch to Maj. Gen. Richard S. Ewell. 1862 August 2.

Scope and Content

General Jackson orders the 9th Louisiana Infantry Regiment to report to Gen. A. P. Hill.

General Order 78. 1862 August 2.

Scope and Content

All soldiers sent to hospitals must have certificate from their regimental surgeons.

Dispatch to Gen. Ewell. 1862 August 5.

Scope and Content

Requests names of officers involved in enrolling conscripts.

General Order 15. 1863 March 4.

Scope and Content

Regarding reports of property used during encampments; staff officer furloughs; enlisted men may not be employed as servants by any officer.

Note. 1863 May 10.

Scope and Content

From Pendleton to his father announcing the death of Stonewall Jackson.

Letter. 1863 May 21.

Scope and Content

To Major Wells J. Hawks.

"...I shall leave here. It is terrible almost makes me sick. Gen. Hill will I think from what I can learn be certainly appointed. There is a talk of making 3 Corps & giving Ewell one."

General Order 44. 1863 June 15.

Scope and Content

By order of General Ewell, giving thanks for victory.

Note. 1863 September 4.

Scope and Content

Major Wells J. Hawks' request for a leave of absence.

Document. 1863 December 22.

Scope and Content

Maj. Wells J. Hawks to proceed to the Valley District to procure subsistence supplies.