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## **Biographical / Historical**

Leila James Mosby was the sister of CSA Colonel John S. Mosby, a Confederate officer. Charles W. Russell, the husband to Leila James Mosby, was a diplomat to Persia, now modern day Iran, under President Taft as well as an author.

## **Content Description**

Collection contains family letters and other family accounts from Leila James Mosby and her husband Charles W. Russell. Russell was an officer during the American Civil War for the Confederate Army and an author as well as diplomat to Persia (modern day Iran). Mosby was the sister of Confederate officer John S. Mosby.

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