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Summary Information

Repository:	University Libraries Division of Special Collections, The University of Alabama
Title:	W. J. Russell presidential pardon
ID:	MSS.0236
Date [inclusive]:	1865 September 18
Physical Description:	0.01 Linear Feet (1 item)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Presidential pardon dated 18 September 1865

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Biographical / Historical

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

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Scope and Contents

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

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Conditions Governing Access

None

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Controlled Access Headings

- Government, Law and Politics

- Legal documents
- Russell, W. J.

General

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