

# Boatwright, John L.

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University Libraries Division of Special Collections, The University of Alabama
<b>Creator:</b>	Boatwright, John L.
<b>Creator:</b>	Magill, J. W.
<b>Title:</b>	John L. Boatwright Letters
<b>ID:</b>	MSS.1645
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1863-64
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.1 Linear feet (12 letters and envelopes)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	Twelve letters from John L. Boatwright, Confederate Army ordnance office, to his wife, December 22, 1863-May 14, 1864.

### Preferred Citation

John L. Boatwright Letters, W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama.

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## Biographical/Historical note

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Confederate Army ordnance office stationed in Savannah, Georgia at the time these letters were written, 1863-64.

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## Scope and Contents note

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This collection consists of twelve letters from Boatwright, an Ordinance officer in the Confederate Army, stationed at Savannah, Georgia, to his wife in Columbia, South Carolina, although the letters suggest that the Boatwrights were from Virginia. The earliest letter is dated December 22, 1863, the last May

14, 1864. The contents are largely personal; Boatwright was deeply devoted to his wife and in virtually every letter states how much he misses her. The strain of separation was doubtless increased by Mrs. Boatwright's pregnancy (see in particular letter of May 1, 1864). Occasionally Boatwright mentions the situation at Savannah and the course of the war; on April 26, 1864, for example, he alludes to the Army's financial straits. The letter of the following day states that "we are making the grandest of efforts in the world to frustrate the plans of the Yankees this spring" and that "Every Regiment from this place except one has been ordered to the front." There is also a fragment of a letter, possibly to Boatwright, from a J. W. Magill, referring to ammunition, no date.

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## Administrative Information

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Hall, Wade, 1934-
- Civil War
- Georgia--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
- Love and Friendship
- Soldiers--Correspondence
- Southern Life and Culture

- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
- War and Military

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances	
Letters	Box 6476	Folder 2
Letter from John L. Boatwright, Savannah, Georgia, to his wife, Columbia, South Carolina, December 22, 1863 Digital Object: <a href="#">u0003_0001645_0000001</a>		
Letter from John L. Boatwright, Savannah, Georgia, to his wife, Columbia, South Carolina, December 23, 1863 Digital Object: <a href="#">u0003_0001645_0000002</a>		
Letter from John L. Boatwright, Savannah, Georgia, to his wife, Columbia, South Carolina, January 1, 1864 Digital Object: <a href="#">u0003_0001645_0000003</a>		
Letter from John L. Boatwright, Savannah, Georgia, to his wife, Columbia, South Carolina, January 6, 1864 Digital Object: <a href="#">u0003_0001645_0000004</a>		
Letter from John L. Boatwright, Savannah, Georgia, to his wife, Columbia, South Carolina, February 27, 1864 Digital Object: <a href="#">u0003_0001645_0000005</a>		
Letter from John L. Boatwright, Savannah, Georgia, to his wife, Columbia, South Carolina, April 26, 1864 Digital Object: <a href="#">u0003_0001645_0000006</a>		
Letter from John L. Boatwright, Savannah, Georgia, to his wife, Columbia, South Carolina, April 27, 1864 Digital Object: <a href="#">u0003_0001645_0000007</a>		
Letter from John L. Boatwright, Savannah, Georgia, to his wife, Columbia, South Carolina, April 29, 1864 Digital Object: <a href="#">u0003_0001645_0000008</a>		
Letter from John L. Boatwright, Savannah, Georgia, to his wife, Columbia, South Carolina, May 1, 1864 Digital Object: <a href="#">u0003_0001645_0000009</a>		
Letter from John L. Boatwright, Savannah, Georgia, to his wife, Columbia, South Carolina, May 2, 1864 Digital Object: <a href="#">u0003_0001645_0000010</a>		
Letter from John L. Boatwright, Savannah, Georgia, to his wife, Columbia, South Carolina		

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Letter from John L. Boatwright, Savannah, Georgia, to his wife,  
Columbia, South Carolina

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Fragment of a letter, possibly to Boatwright, from a J. W. Magill,  
referring to ammunition, no date

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