Frame / Description

1. U.S. Archives Seal

2. War Department Collection of Confederate Records – Selected Documents from the Correspondence Files, 1861-1865. (The National Archives – Washington: 1948.)


4. Letter from G.W. Cunningham to Major William Cross (November 7, 1864), re: employment of Union prisoners in area mills and factories (including Graniteville, Augusta, and Eagle).

5. Letter from Mrs. N.G.B. Chaffee of Augusta, Ga., to the Honorable Mr. [James A.] Siddons, Secretary of War, C.S.A. (June 6, 1864), re: permission to visit husband (with an escort) in case of illness or injury.

6.-9. Letter (14 pages, non-sequential) from Miss M.A. Buie of Edgefield, S.C., to Mr. [General] Randolph, C.S.A. Secretary of War [November 7, 1862?], describing her devotion to the war effort on behalf of the C.S.A., and William Gregg’s endorsement of her activities (especially the provision of clothing, uniforms, and other necessities for the soldiers). These frames (6./9.) contain pp. 1-4 and 9-12, respectively. See also Frames 11./12. (pp. 13-14) and Frames 58./59. (pp. 5-8) for the remainder of this letter.

10. Letter from Mr. R.W. Barnwell of Graniteville, S.C., to the Honorable James A. Siddons (July 29, 1864), introducing William Gregg and requesting favors of assistance on Gregg’s behalf.


13. Letter from William Gregg to the Honorable James A. Siddons, Secretary of War, C.S.A. (November 10, 1863), re: the release of salt provisions taken by Confederate troops in Augusta, originally intended for constituents of Graniteville, as well as allowance of cloth supplies to flow unimpeded between Graniteville Mills and C.S.A. government entities.
14. Request from the Secretary of the C.S.A. on behalf of [Miss] M.A. Buie (November 7, 1862), re: endorsement of her clothes collection activities for Confederate soldiers; affirmative reply made December 1862.

15. Letter from William Gregg to the Honorable R.W. Barnwell (July 10, 1863) requesting assistance in applying for arms in order to properly defend Graniteville and Vaucluse factories against Northern troops.

16. Letter from James Gregg to the Honorable L.P. Walker, Secretary of War (March 11, 1861?), re: solicitation of a cloth order for Vaucluse Factory.


19.-20. Letter from William Gregg (Graniteville, S.C.) to the Honorable James A. Siddons, [C.S.A.] Secretary of War (November 30, 1862), re: inquiries regarding wholesale prices mandated by C.S.A. law (specifically, at 70% of production costs) of cloth produced by Graniteville Factories.

21. Answer to preceding inquiry (Frames 19./20.) to the effect that only Congress has the power to amend such laws, and that the War Department cannot act upon the matter. (Reply of December 8, 1862 – was received December 4, 1862.)

22.-23. Letter from J. Rhodes Browne of Eagle Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ga., to Major G.W. Cunningham, Augusta, Ga. (November 1, 1864), re: employment of federal prisoners in Eagle Factories and strongly advising against such actions. Concern also expressed for conscripted Eagle workers and C.S.A.’s recognition of their contributions and sacrifices.

24. [Duplicate of Frame 23.]

25. Letter from J.J. Gregg to General George W. Randolph, C.S.A. Secretary of War (June 5, 1862), re: exemption of Vaucluse Factory employees from active service.

26. Reply (n.d.) to the effect that the War Department is powerless to issue orders dealing with army appropriations, and that such orders must emanate from Congress itself.

27. Letter to the Honorable George A. Trenholm from A.W. Thomson (March 14, 1865), re: seeking indemnity (compensation) from the government in matters of lost or stolen goods being transported by railroad.
28. Letter from James J. Gregg to General George W. Randolph, [C.S.A.] Secretary of War (May 21, 1862), re: release of two C.S.A. soldiers to return to Vaucluse Factory to fill the position of a key (unconscripited) worker who had died.

29. Letter from J.J. Gregg to Colonel A. [S.?] Bledsoe, Assistant Secretary of War -- C.S.A. (June 17, 1862), re: inquiry as to whether or not C.S.A. conscripts of Graniteville Companies (including Vaucluse) would be exempted from service.

30.-31. Postscript to the letter given below (Frames 32./35.). The printed articles to which the letter refers may be viewed in Frame 3 of this reel.


36. Letter from R.W. Barnwell to the Honorable James A. Siddons, [C.S.A.] Secretary of War (Graniteville, S.C., July 11, 1863), on behalf of William Gregg, re: request for arms for 100 men for protection against factory raids and assaults from Union troops. [N.B.: Poor reproduction quality.]

37. Answer to the above letter (July 17, 1863) to the effect that the request could not be met, due to war losses.

38. Letter to [General] George W. Randolph, Secretary of War, Richmond, Va., from William Gregg (for J.J. Gregg), Graniteville, S.C. (May 19, 1862), re: acknowledging favors of May 12 and describing the focus of the Graniteville factory.

39. Letter to the Honorable [George] W. Randolph, Secretary of War, C.S.A., from Samuel Langley [Sr.], Aiken, S.C. (June 18, 1862), re: commission for Samuel Langley, Jr., as a captain among Georgia conscripts. Also, request for a commission for Phillip Gendron Langley as lieutenant to the above.


41.-42. Testimonial from H.A. Duncan and J. (N.) Cornish concurring with that of Colonel W. Peronneau Finley (see Frame 40). Additional testimonials on behalf of Samuel Langley, Jr., for a captaincy by Frederick A. Ford, James H. Giles, A.M. Foster, Thomas J. Heyward, and Giles Mims. Beginning of affidavit from Samuel Langley [Sr.], attesting to his son’s military and academic (classical)
education and acknowledging copies of original certificates of endorsements, as well as social standing of original signers. (Petition acknowledged on June 23, 1862.)


44.-45. Letter from William Gregg to the Honorable I.P. Benjamin, Secretary of War (Kalmia near Aiken, S.C., March 3, 1862), re: on equipping Confederate troops with double-barrel guns and acquiring twenty warships for “…sweep[ing] the seas of the Yankee floating armadas.”

46.-47. Letter from William Gregg to the Honorable C.G. (Menninger?), C.S.A. Secretary-Treasurer (Graniteville, S.C., September 22, 1862), re: passport procurement for William Gregg, Jr., to transfer cloth manufacturing supplies to Louisville; also, inquiries made, re: importation of necessary goods which could not be manufactured in America.

48. List of persons deemed absolutely essential to the proper running of the Vaucluse Factory (n.d.).

49. Letter from J.J. Gregg to General George W. Randolph [C.S.A.] Secretary of War (Graniteville, S.C., May 7, 1862), re: exemptions and/or special service assignments for Vaucluse employees listed above (see Frame 48). Further endorsement at bottom by R.W. Barnwell of the Confederate States Senate.

50. Letter from William Gregg to the Honorable George W. Randolph (Graniteville, S.C., June 29, 1862), re: exemptions (see Frames 48 and 49) – follow-up request.

51. Letter from William Gregg to George A. Trenholm, Esq. (Kalmia [S.C.], December 22, 1864), re: pass procurement for Miss E.L. Biross, a longtime teacher in South Carolina, to return to her family in Canada.

52. Letter from William Gregg to General George W. Randolph, [C.S.A.] Secretary of War (Graniteville, S.C., May 7, 1862), re: list of names (workers) deemed indispensable to Graniteville Factory in Edgefield District, S.C. Endorsed as above (in Frame 49) by R.W. Barnwell, Confederate States Senator, May 7, 1862.

53. Reply to the above (May 12, 1862), to the effect that no action can be taken prior to details being given of the nature of Graniteville Factory and receipt of names to be exempted from conscription.

54.-57. Letter from W.E. Jackson, President of Augusta Factory, to Major G.W.
Cunningham (Augusta, Ga., October 21, 1864), re: relaying the desire to avoid forced conscription for Augusta Factory workers, as well as avoidance of employing Northern prisoners in area factories.

58.-59. Continuance of letter (pp. 5-8) from Miss M.A. Buie to [General] G. Randolph, C.S.A. Secretary of War. (See Frames 6./9. and 11./12. for other pages of this letter.)

60.-61. Petition from A.W. Thomson to the Honorable John C. Breckingridge, Secretary of War, and to George A. Trenholm, Secretary of the Treasury (Columbia, S.C., March 14, 1865), re: reimbursement of value for goods intercepted by Confederate troops at the train depot in Chester, S.C.

62. Certification of indispensability of selected Graniteville Factory employees (with regard to conscription and contract between C.S.A. government and Graniteville Mills for cloth goods) by [General] G.W. Cunningham and A.R. Lawton (October 17, 1864; answered November 1, 1864).

63. Certification…of selected Vaucluse Factory employees…. [As above; see Frame 62.]

64. Reply (January 6-7, 1863) to letter described below (Frame 65). [Overlaid with numerous comments and references by diverse persons.]

65. Letter from Elizabeth Harden to His Excellency M. (L.) Bonham (Graniteville, S.C., December 29, 1862), re: petition for discharge of her son John (aged 16), who had served his tour of duty to the maximum, and for family hardship reasons.

66. List from William Gregg, Jr., of men deemed absolutely necessary for the proper functioning of Vaucluse Factory (October 14, 1864). [See also Frame 63, above.]

67. List…Graniteville Factory. [As above; see also Frame 62.]

68. Memo from C.S.A. Secretary of War George W. Randolph to William Gregg, Esq. (Richmond, Va., May 12, 1862), re: inquiry as to the nature of Graniteville Factories (cotton and/or woolens, not stated in a previous letter from Gregg to Randolph).

69. Memo [copied?] from [Assistant/Adjutant Quartermaster General] A.C. Myers to James J. Gregg and Co. (May 24, 1861), re: request for 10,000 yards of duck (cloth) to be shipped to Richmond – payment to be made in Treasury notes upon delivery of order.
70. Memo (originally relayed by telegraph) from [Assistant/Adjutant Quartermaster General] A.C. Myers to James J. Gregg and Co., (Richmond, Va., May 31, 1861), re: inquiry for available tent cloth and time required to manufacture same.

71. Memo (originally relayed by telegraph; copy sent by mail) from [Assistant/Adjutant Quartermaster General] A.C. Myers to J.J. Gregg and Co. (Richmond [Va.], June 3, 1861), re: inquiry for an additional 10,000 yards for duck cloth under terms of original order of May 24, 1861. [See Frame 69.]

72. Memo (copied?) from [Assistant/Adjutant Quartermaster General] A.C. Myers to J.J. Gregg and Co. (Richmond, Va., July 15, 1861), re: acknowledgment of telegram of July 13, [1861] to the effect that no further cotton duck is required at the present.

73. Memo to Major G.W. Cunningham, Quartermaster, Atlanta, Ga., from Quartermaster General A.R. Lawton (Richmond [Va.], March 11, 1864), re: inquiry as to amount (proportions) of supplies required by the Confederate Army from Graniteville Manufacturing Companies.

74. Memo to William Gregg from Major W.B.B. Cross (Richmond, Va., April 11, 1864), re: acknowledgment of letter and instructions to await contact from Major G.W. Cunningham, who would implement a uniform system of factory management throughout the Confederate South.

75. Letter to Major G.W. Cunningham, Quartermaster, Atlanta, Ga., from Quartermaster General A.R. Lawton (Richmond [Va.], April 9, 1864), re: orders placing Cunningham in charge of cotton and woolen factories in the Confederate South (viz., South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi), and giving him responsibility to ensure that a uniform style of management is implemented throughout mills under his jurisdiction. [See Frame 74.]

76.-77. Letter to Major G.W. Cunningham, Quartermaster, Atlanta, Ga., from Quartermaster General A.R. Lawton (Richmond [Va.], July 9, 1864), re: on matters of appointing bonded agents and establishment of material depots, contractual agreements, etc., for cotton/woolen manufacturing plants within C.S.A. jurisdiction.

78. Letter to Major G.W. Cunningham [Quartermaster], Atlanta, Ga., from Quartermaster General A.R. Lawton ([s.l.] July 28, 1864), re: settling portions of C.S.A. indebtedness via call certificates (securities).

79. Memo to Major G.W. Cunningham [Quartermaster], Atlanta, Ga., from [Quartermaster General] A.R. Lawton ([s.l.] July 30, 1864), re: status of duck (material) order, to be used for hospital tents.
80. Memo to Major G.W. Cunningham, Quartermaster, Augusta, Ga., from Major W.B.B. Cross ([s.l.] September 30, 1864), re: acceptance and disclosure of management terms by Graniteville Factories (and others); also, bond issuance dates.

81. Letter to Major G.W. Cunningham, Quartermaster, Augusta, Ga., from Quartermaster General A.R. Lawton (Richmond [Va.], September 29, 1864), re: transfer by Secretary of Navy of Vaucluse Factory contract to Major Cunningham’s jurisdiction (as well as several other factories); also, information concerning call certificates, bonds, and duties of bonded agents in the Major’s service.

82. End frame.

[82 frames total.]

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GREGG MICROFILM RECORDS

Microfilm Reel No. 2 (“Short”)

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1. U.S. Archives Seal

2. Certificates for money paid for registered bonds of the Confederate States of America under the Act approved February 17, 1864 – General records of the Department of the Treasury – Record Group 56. (The National Archives -- Washington: 1948.)

3.-8. Fronts and backs of C.S.A. deposit certificates (3) dated March 18, 26, and 31, 1864, issued to J.J. Gregg and Co. (March 26 and 31 only) and William Gregg,
Jr., (March 18 only) for money paid for bonds issued under Act approved
February 17, 1864. Gregg assigned certificates to H.T. Wright, et alia, as
payment for taxes. [Frames 3./4.: March 31, 1864, back/front for $11,000;
Frames 5./6.: March 26, 1864, back/front for $400; and Frames 7./8.: March 18,
1864, front/back for $15,700.]

[8 frames total.]

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