

A1186**Mosby Monroe Parsons (1821-1865) Papers, 1847-1869**

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DONOR INFORMATION

The bound volume containing the register of officers of Parsons' Division was donated by Mildred Parsons Standish in June 1906. Acquisition information regarding the remainder of the collection is not available.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Mosby Monroe Parsons was born May 21, 1821, in Charlottesville, Virginia, and as a young man moved to Cole County, Missouri, where he studied law. After serving in the Mexican War, he served in the state senate and as state attorney general. During the Civil War he commanded the 6th Division, Missouri State Guard, and a brigade in Price's army. Austin M. Standish, Parsons' brother-in-law, served as his chief of staff. Following the war Parsons traveled with several of his men to Mexico where he was killed in August 1865.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Mosby Monroe Parsons Papers consist primarily of family correspondence and papers regarding Parsons' Division in the Civil War. The collection also contains the Civil War-era diaries of Dr. and Mrs. Robert J. Bell.

The following abbreviations have been used in this inventory:

ALS Autograph Letter Signed (a letter entirely in the hand of and signed by the author).

- 4 May 1847 ALS Charles D. Bruce, Louisville, Kentucky, to Polly Ann Duncan Linn, Jefferson City, Missouri, regards information on Col. Linn who was killed by Indians in 1781. 3 pages
- 3 Jun 185? ALS Jeanie Snow[?], Berlin, to Mildred regards death of Mildred's husband. 4 pages
- 16 Aug 1861 ALS M.M. Parsons, Camp Springfield, Missouri, to his son Kearny discusses general feeling about the war. 2 pages
- 1862-1864 Register of officers in Parsons' Division, Missouri Volunteers, kept by Captain Austin M. Standish. (original) 191 pages
- 1862-1864 Register of officers in Parsons' Division, Missouri Volunteers, kept by Captain Austin M. Standish. (preservation photocopy)
- 13 Dec 1862 True copy of General Order No. 2, signed L.A. Pindall, Van Buren, Arkansas, reports the death of Lt. Gus A. Parsons, Missouri 9th Battalion Sharpshooters, from disease. 2 pages
- Jun-Aug 1863 Fragment of diary of Dr. Robert J. Bell, surgeon in the 10th Missouri Infantry, Parsons' Division, describes activities in Arkansas, with accounts of marches, the Battle of Helena and depredations of Union troops. 34 pages (Includes typescript, 28 pages)
- Jan-Aug 1864 Fragment of diary of Dr. Bell's wife describes her activities while in Arkansas and Louisiana with her husband. 24 pages (Includes typescript, 37 pages)
- 26 Nov 1864 ALS M.M. Parsons, Arkansas, to sister Missouri Parsons, Jefferson City, Missouri, regards family matters. 1 page
- Dec 1864 Pad of paper with recollections of Mildred P. Standish describes a journey from St. Louis to Arkansas and Louisiana. 27 pages
- 21 Jan 1865 ALS R.J. Bell, Camden, Arkansas, to Col. S.S. Anderson asks to keep two mules for transportation of his wife, endorsed by M.M. Parsons. Includes typescript. 4 pages
- 10 Feb 1865 ALS M.M. Parsons, at quarters, to sister Mrs. M. Standish asks her to fix his pantaloons. 1 page
- 16 Feb 1865 ALS M.M. Parsons, Camden, Arkansas, to son, Stephen Kearny Parsons, St. Louis, regards education and family matters. 2 pages

- 5 Jun 1865 ALS M.M. Parsons, Shreveport, Louisiana, to his parents briefly describes surrender of Shreveport and explains his plans to go to Mexico and Brazil. 4 pages
- 31 Aug 1866 ALS L.A. Pindall, St. Louis, to Mildred Standish, Jefferson City, Missouri, regards Parsons' papers. 4 pages
- 3 Feb 1869 ALS L.A. Pindall provides an account of Parsons' death in Mexico. 4 pages
- Sept no year ALS Mary L. Barr, Boonville, Missouri, to cousin H.B. Linn regards family matters. 2 pages
- no date Biographical sketch of Mosby Monroe Parsons. Includes typescript. 5 pages
- no date Biographical sketch of Austin Martin Standish. Includes typescript. 3 pages
- no date Paper entitled "An Historical Sketch of the Sixth Division, Missouri State Guard," by J.C. McNamara. 37 pages