

John S. Mosby Collection
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John Singleton Mosby (1833-1916)

- * **J. S. Mosby to Pauline [wife]**, August 6, 1862; a.l.s.
Writes from Richmond after release from capture. He sends home some Yankee goods, and feels the Federals lost more than they gained in getting him, as he now carries important information to Lee. *[remains in Markham Box]*

- * **Farewell Address to Troops**, April 21, 1865; a.n.s.
In this single-page document Mosby disbands his ranger organization, "in preference to surrendering it to our enemies." Also donor note from Capt. Robert S. Walker, of Mosby's command.

- * **Farewell Address to Troops**, April 21, 1865. Handwritten copy.
A half-page copy of the above, not in Mosby's hand.

- * **Farewell Address to Troops**, April 21, 1865. Handwritten copy.
Note-size version, not in Mosby's hand. MS-880517.

- * **Farewell Address to Troops**, April 21, 1864 [sic.]. Photocopy.
Photocopy of another note-size version, not in Mosby's hand and with an interesting mistake in the date. (Donor's note attempts an explanation.)

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. Aristides Monteiro**, September 19, 1865; a.l.s.
In this letter Mosby chastises Monteiro for not writing, and urges him to come visit in Warrenton. Notes that while in Alexandria, [Va.] over the summer, the Federals put him under arrest two days there, and ordered him never to return.

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. A. Monteiro**, December 1, 1866; a.l.s.
Mosby talks in this letter of trips to and from Baltimore, regretting he missed the doctor on his last return from that city. Says he is doing "very well" at his law practice, if only the "infernal Yankees" would leave everyone alone.

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. Aristides Monteiro**, November 1, 1867; a.l.s.
A brief note in which Mosby promises to write Monteiro a letter of introduction to a Baltimore business acquaintance.

- * **J. S. Mosby to A. A. E. Taylor**, May 27, 1869; a.l.s.
Writing from Warrenton, Va. Mosby replies to an inquiry by saying he remembers breakfasting at a home near Seneca, Md. during the war. He sends along a signed carte-de-visite. *[remains in Kynett Book]*

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. A. Monteiro**, June 28, 1879; a.l.s.
Mosby writes from Hong Kong, where he says he is serving with a U. S. commission. He describes a triumphant visit by Gen. Grant, and predicts that Grant will be the next U. S. president. Mosby also enquires about the state of Virginia politics. (see *Letters of J. S. Mosby*, pp. 52-53)

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. Aristides Monteiro**, March 25, 1890; a.l.s.
In this 4-page letter Mosby compliments the doctor on his reminiscences, though he corrects the number of men in the rangers as having been closer to 400 than 800. Mosby ends this with a juicy bit of gossip about a former comrade. (see *Letters of J. S. Mosby*, pp. 62-63)

- * **Mosby, Beverly C. [son] to John S. Mosby**, May 5, 1890, in which Bev writes glowingly of Dr. Monteiro's book. (Mosby passed the letter along to Monteiro with a letter of his own, dated May 7, 1890.)

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. A. Monteiro**, May 7, 1890; a.l.s.
A short letter--made shorter by the cutting off of Mosby's signature. Mosby to contribute to Monteiro's memoirs, as he is busy writing his own. A reference is made to an included letter from Mosby's son Beverly (now filed separately in Mosby: Ephemera).

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. Aristides Monteiro**, June 5, 1890; a.l.s.
Mosby asks the doctor to send accounts of the Lee Monument dedication. He writes that he is sorry to have missed the event, but glad to hear that his men turned out in great numbers. Makes some caustic observations on Jubal Early's comments about "turning Republican." (see *Letters of J. S. Mosby*, pp. 64-65)

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. A. Monteiro**, June 7, 1890; a.l.s.
With the Lee Monument ceremony still on his mind, in this brief letter Mosby urges the construction of a statue of Stuart, and says he will give \$100 toward it.

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. Aristides Monteiro**, June 10, 1890; a.l.s.
In this quick note, Mosby sends his regrets that he cannot attend his command's summer reunion.

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. A. Monteiro**, September 30, 1891; a.l.s.
Writes that he has authored an article on Gettysburg for Belford's Magazine, and has no doubts it will "provoke some controversy."

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. Aristides Monteiro**, November 18, 1891; a.l.s.
A hasty notes in which Mosby says that he has just arrived in Washington, D.C. and will be visiting Richmond. Mosby is anxious to know whether Monteiro has read the above-mentioned article.

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. A. Monteiro**, April 20, 1892; a.l.s.
In this letter Mosby asks the doctor to make sure a letter sent to a mutual friend, Mr. Babcock, arrives at the latter's proper Richmond address. Babcock is to send a bust of Mosby, by [Edward] Valentine, to J. S. Mosby, Jr. in Colorado.

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. Aristides Monteiro**, July 8, 1892; a.l.s.
On business in Mexico, Mosby writes that his son never received the Valentine bust, and he asks Monteiro to investigate why.

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. A. Monteiro**, June 21, 1893; a.l.s.
In this one-page letter Mosby sends regrets that he missed being in Richmond [Va.] on May 31, but says his daughters enjoyed their visit and were "delighted" to meet the doctor.

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. Aristides Monteiro**, January 24, 1894; a.l.s.
Writing from San Francisco, Mosby grieves over the death of their comrade Babcock, adding that the latter had never sent the Valentine bust to Mosby, Jr. and could Monteiro please look to the matter.

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. A. Monteiro**, March 1, 1894; a.l.s.
Still pursuing the acquisition and possible repair of his bust, Mosby advises the doctor to seek out the sculptor Valentine for cost estimates. Mosby sends regards to Joe Bryan.

- * **J. S. Bryan to Dr. Aristides Monteiro**, April 1, 1894; a.l.s.
Writing from Alexandria, Mosby sends his greetings, but doubts that he can get down to Richmond. He congratulates Monteiro on locating the bust, and reissues his request to repack it and send it off to Mosby, Jr. in Colorado.

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. A. Monteiro**, April 3, 1894; a.l.s.
Still in Virginia, Mosby thanks the doctor for mailing the Valentine bust, and promises to get to Richmond around the 16th of the month, staying at The Ballow Hotel. (*see Letters of J. S. Mosby*, pp. 65-66)

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. Aristides Monteiro**, April 14, 1894; a.l.s.
In this note Mosby says a change of travel date has postponed his Richmond visit until the 25th of April. Mosby says his daughters will accompany him, and that they will all stay at the Exchange Hotel.

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. A. Monteiro**, April 19, 1894; a.l.s.
Yet another brief correspondence in which Mosby shares his latest travel plans. He says he received a telegram from Joe Bryan informing him that the proprietor of Ford's Hotel has offered his family free lodging, and so will be staying there instead of the Exchange Hotel.

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. Aristides Monteiro**, May 5, 1894; a.l.s.
 Mosby asks that Monteiro convey his thanks to everyone in Richmond for their kindnesses during his recent visit. He refers to his article on Gettysburg in Belford's Magazine, unhappy with the editors crediting him as "Col. Mosby." (see *Letters of J. S. Mosby*, p. 66)

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. A. Monteiro**, May 8, 1894; a.l.s.
 In this hurried letter, Mosby informs the doctor that his plans have changed, as his daughters wish to go to the "celebration at Fredericksburg." Mosby asks Monteiro if he, too, will come?

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. Aristides Monteiro**, May 12, [1894]; a.l.s.
 This note is short and somewhat bittersweet; Mosby says he was bored in Fredericksburg, and missed seeing the doctor and Joe Bryan.

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. A. Monteiro**, May 25, 1894; a.l.s.
 Mosby here sends regards to all his Virginia cronies, and asks the doctor to send him a long letter with all the local news.

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. Aristides Monteiro**, June 4, 1894; a.l.s.
 A long letter for Mosby, in which he says his Reminiscences, now out in book form, were originally written for the Boston Herald. He asks for the second time if Monteiro gave Mosby's Gettysburg article to [Lewis] Ginter, and he corrects Monteiro's published account of Mosby's youthful indiscretions (shootings). (see *Letters of J. S. Mosby*, pp. 67-68)

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. A. Monteiro**, June 9, 1894; a.l.s.
 In this pithy letter, Mosby writes of receiving a description of the unveiling ceremonies [Richmond's monument to Confederate Soldiers & Sailors] from friend Ben Palmer. He disagrees with fellow vets who deny slavery was the cause of the war. (see *Letters of J. S. Mosby*, pp. 68-69)

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. Aristides Monteiro**, July 21, 1894; a.l.s.
 Written from San Francisco, Mosby concentrates on the recent strike in California, commenting that he feels the strike emphasizes the need for a strong central government: he prefers Emperor Wilhelm to [labor organizer] Eugene Debs. (see *Letters of J. S. Mosby*, p. 69)

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. A. Monteiro**, July 23, 1894; a.l.s.
 Confides that he has written an article at his daughter's request for a newspaper syndicate, and says he has mentioned Monteiro's name. Mosby suggests that the doctor ask Joe Bryan if he wants the article for his newspaper, the Richmond Times.

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. Aristides Monteiro**, August 7, 1894; a.l.s.
This letter more or less repeats the information found in the July 23 missive. Mosby says he has not heard from Monteiro for some time, and wonders if the doctor received the copy of War Reminiscences he sent him. Says he has now written several articles for his daughter Stuart, a newspaper correspondent. (see *Letters of J. S. Mosby*, pp. 70-71)

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. A. Monteiro**, August 9, 1894; a.l.s.
Once again Mosby reviews the articles he has written, and requests that Monteiro write "long letters. . .as often as you can."

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. Aristides Monteiro**, August 10, 1894; a.l.s.
A short letter wherein Mosby adds a few more details on an article concerning his brushes with [Union Maj. Gen.] Sheridan.

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. A. Monteiro**, August 17, 1894; a.l.s.
Mosby says that his first (previously-mentioned) article will be published in the Sunday, August 19th San Francisco Call, in this to-the-point letter. He asks Monteiro to "take more time and write longer letters."

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. Aristides Monteiro**, September 14, 1894; a.l.s.
This letter covers Mosby's low expectations for a book by Fitzhugh Lee-- "never. . .a friend of mine," and their disagreement over whether R. E. Lee headed to Gettysburg looking for a fight. Mosby is particularly livid over an editorial blaming Longstreet for the Pennsylvania disaster. (see *Letters of J. S. Mosby*, pp. 71-72)

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. A. Monteiro**, September 21, 1894; a.l.s.
The gist of this letter deals with a request to have the editor of the Richmond Dispatch send Mosby copies of the Sunday, September 16th issue in which an article by Mosby appeared. (see *Letters of J. S. Mosby*, pp. 72-73)

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. A. Monteiro**, January 3, 1895; a.l.s.
In this Mosby notifies Monteiro of a reunion of their men, which he will attend, to be held in Alexandria [Va.] on January 16. He also encloses a letter from a Suffolk [Va.] woman, who possesses a wartime portrait of Mosby by artist Edward C. Bruce (the portrait is now in the MOC collection).

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. Aristides Monteiro**, January 22, 1895; a.l.s.
Mosby writes of his disgust with editors and printers, both having "butchered" an article of his in a column, "Once A Week." He describes the text as being about [J. E. B.] Stuart, claiming Stuart "made me all that I was in the war." (see *Letters of J. S. Mosby*, pp. 73-74)

- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. A. Monteiro**, January 30, 1895; a.l.s.
This letter, written on bank stationery, covers a three-part article Mosby wrote on [Union Maj. Gen.] Sheridan, in which he boasts he “reduced ‘Little Phil’ to the dimensions of Tom Thumb.” (see *Letters of J. S. Mosby*, p. 74)
- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. Aristides Monteiro**, February 19, 1895; a.l.s.
Once again Mosby reviews his article on Sheridan, lamenting that “the North has always given our command more credit for the damage done them than the South has.” He credits this to jealousy in the army. (see *Letters of J. S. Mosby*, pp. 75-76)
- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. Aristides Monteiro**, April 10, 1895; a.l.s.
Here Mosby instructs Monteiro to write a piece for Mosby’s upcoming Memoirs of the War in Virginia, and asks him to solicit other contributions from Tom Booker, Ben Palmer, and Joe Bryan.
- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. A. Monteiro**, October 18, 1895; a.l.s.
Admittedly writing in haste, Mosby sends a copy of the Baltimore Sun that contains one of his articles, and says the [Richmond, Va.] Dispatch printed the same and “mutilated” it.
- * **J. S. Mosby to Dr. Aristides Monteiro**, January 28, 1896; a.l.s.
Mosby confides he stays busy writing, having just penned a response to Longstreet’s criticism of Stuart. He has also seen a “jesuitical attack” on Stuart by Col. Charles Marshall and calls it “all a lie. . . .It looks like I shall be at war forever.” (see *Letters of J. S. Mosby*, p. 79)
- * **J. S. Mosby to Joseph Bryan**, January 22, 1904; a.l.s.
Mosby encloses a history book review from the Times-Dispatch and asks if the author mentions him. He writes of having just visited Jacksonville [Fla.] and stopped by the grave of John Pelham.
- * **J. S. Mosby to Annie [Mrs. Edward] Fox**, March 16, 1904; a.l.s.
Attempting to answer his cousin’s inquiry about the family tree, Mosby recalls his father saying that President William Henry Harrison was related to the Mosby family.
- * **J. S. Mosby to Joseph Bryan**, October 27, 1904; a.l.s.
A two-page letter of invective against an article by [John] Munson that Mosby feels wrongs [Union Gen.] U. S. Grant by telling “part of the truth.” Mosby also takes a few swipes at a some others, including J. William Jones.
- * **Bryan, Joseph to J. S. Mosby**, October 28, 1904; typescript.
A calm reply to the above outburst by Mosby; Bryan agrees that unfair and untrue statements about Grant reflect more on the southerners who make them than on Grant.

- * **J. S. Mosby to Joseph Bryan**, April 18, 1905; a.l.s.
A few lines regarding Mosby's change of address to his daughter's house in Washington, D. C. He sends along to Bryan a letter from Charlie Dear.
- * **Dear, C. H. to J. S. Mosby**, April 15, 1905; handwritten.
Three pages of flattery regarding a recent article of Mosby's in the [Richmond, Va.] Times-Dispatch, and the honor of having served as one of "Mosby's Men."
- * **J. S. Mosby to Joseph Bryan**, April 23, 1905; a.l.s.
Feeling slurred by charges from the men of the former 14th Pennsylvania cavalry, Mosby vents his spleen, says the Times-Dispatch editors would not run his refutation. He refers, favorably, to correspondence with Judge Campbell.
- * **Bryan, Joseph to J. S. Mosby**, June 9, 1905; typescript.
Bryan writes of being confined to bed, and reading on the life of Lord Nelson. He compares Mosby to Nelson, and asks Mosby to write him upon arrival in "Indian Territory."
- * **J. S. Mosby to Joseph Bryan**, August 19, 1905; a.l.s.
Incensed over an upcoming book claiming his authorship, Mosby asks that the Times-Dispatch print his statement that the book is a fraud.
- * **Bryan, Joseph to J. S. Mosby**, August 21, 1905; typescript.
Bryan assures Mosby that he knows the distributors of the fraudulent "Mosby" book, and that he will write and prevent release of the same. Bryan also invites his friend to stay in Fredericksburg with him.
- * **Bryan, Joseph to J. S. Mosby**, August 25, 1905; typescript.
An unsigned note saying that the distributors of the fake Mosby book are withdrawing from that project, although they do not identify the publishers
- * **Stillings, E. B. to Col. J. S. Mosby**, May 3, 1906; typescript.
A Bostonian writing in the wake of a recent Mosby trip to Massachusetts, praising the visit as having "done much good for the country at large."
- * **Stillings, E. B. to Col. J. S. Mosby**, May 5, 1906; typescript.
In this Stillings thanks Mosby for six bottles of "regimental punch," to be distributed amongst Mosby's recent Boston hosts.
- * **J. S. Mosby to Blakely [sister]**, June 11, 1907; photocopy.
Says he will finish his book (reminiscences) this month, although he is waiting for a certain photograph of Gen. Stuart from Stuart's nephew Henry. Mosby claims that "of all the Virginians who followed Stuart I am the only one who has defended him."

* **J. S. Mosby to Annie [Mrs. Edward] Fox**, September 20, 1908; a.l.s.

In this short and sweet note, Mosby sends family greetings, and returns an endorsement for Mrs. Fox's application to join the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

* **J. S. Mosby to Curt Muller**, April 11, 1912; a.l.s.

A few lines, wherein Mosby informs Muller of an article of his on "Stonewall" Jackson due out the end of May. [*Pasted in Rare Book--971101.1, which remains in the Payne Collection; see ephemera: book, The Memoirs of Colonel John S. Mosby*]

see

* **Lee, Robert E. to Mr. George Palmer**, June 6, 1865; a.l.s.

Lee returns a Mosby letter and says he sees no other course than for Mosby to take the "special application" providing amnesty.

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- * **Commission as Captain, March 19, 1863.** Photostat.
- * **Commission as Major, March 26, 1863.** Photocopy. [*original remains in the Public Library, East Hampton, Massachusetts*]
- * **Telegram "looking out for Mosby,"** by [Union] Maj. Gen. P. H. Sheridan, November 26, 1864. Copy.
- * **Telegram re "Mosby's death,"** December 30, 1864. Copy.
- * **Reminiscences of war, Mosby's reputation, written 1865 and reviewed 1870,** by Gen. W. H. Payne. [*remains in Payne Collection notebook, p. 6*]
- * **Mosby, Stuart [daughter] to Dr. Aristides Monteiro, July 5, 1894,** in which newspaper correspondent Stuart asks the doctor to speed his input on an article she is distributing for her father.
- * **Payne, Gen. W. H. to Gen. Bradley T. Johnson, September 6, 1894.** Payne explains that the Lincoln conspirator Louis Payne was born "Louis Powell," and no relation. He recollects knowing Payne/Powell when the latter served with Mosby, and enjoyed a favorable reputation in the Warrenton, Va. area. [*remains in the Payne Collection notebook*]
- * **Reminiscences of aiding Mosby during war, written 1899,** by Mrs. Matthew (Roberta) Gilmour. Endorsed by Mrs. N. V. (Janet) Randolph. [*remains in SWC, Box 1*]
- * **Pamphlet, "Mosby and Grant,"** Richmond Times-Dispatch, January 31, 1904. Description of their relationship, prompted by death of fellow-Republican Gen. James Longstreet.
- * **Book, Stuart's Cavalry in the Gettysburg Campaign, copyright 1908,** by John S. Mosby. Clipped autograph attached. [*Rare Book--971101.2, gift of C. Muller, remains in Payne Collection, Rare Books*]
- * **Obituary of J. S. Mosby,** Richmond Times-Dispatch, May 31, 1916. Photocopy. Two copies.
- * **Book, The Memoirs of Colonel John S. Mosby, copyright 1917,** Charles Wells Russell, ed. Contains pasted note in Mosby's hand to donor Muller. See correspondence, April 11, 1912. [*Rare Book--971101.1, gift of C. Muller, remains in Payne Collection, Rare Books*]

* **Ballad written for unveiling of Mosby monument, Warrenton, Va., June 19, 1920,**
by Beverly R. Tucker. Two copies.

* **Postwar recollections of Mosby, circa 1906, written 1940,** by Curt Muller.
Muller recounts living adjacent to Mosby for a year in Washington, D. C., during
which Mosby befriended him, and gave him autographed books from his personal
library. *[these remain inside books in the Payne Collection, Rare Books]*

see also

- * **CSA Collection**, 43rd Battalion Virginia Cavalry
- * **McIlhany, H. Quartermaster Papers**, 43rd Battalion Virginia Cavalry
- * **UCV Collection: Va. Camp Records**, Mosby Reunion Rolls for 1904/1905, 1909/1910, 1911/1912, 1913/1914
- * **Prints & Sketches Collection** (see Inventory)

**John S. Mosby Collection:
Cross-Reference of Officers In 43rd Battalion Va. Cavalry
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Chapman, Samuel Forrer (Captain, Chaplain)

- * Muster roll of Company E, 43rd Regiment Va. Cavalry, for 1 July 1864 - 31 August 1864, Samuel F. Chapman, Captain. *[remains in Muster Rolls/VA]*
Brother of W. H. Chapman.

Chapman, William Henry (Captain; Lt. Colonel)

- * Penned a reminiscence in March 1924, of service with Lt. W. Ben Palmer.
[remains in P-673A]
Brother of S. F. Chapman.

Palmer, William Benjamin (Agt.-Lieutenant)

- * A letter from S. M. Davis to Palmer of 8 January 1900, recollecting the hanging of some of Mosby's men by Custer's command. . . and Custer's complicity.
[remains in D-294]

- * A long letter from G. N. Desaussey to W. Ben Palmer of 3 December 1915, lauding fellow veteran Gordon McCabe's defense of the depiction of the Lee statue to the ladies of the CMLS. *[remains in M-586, McCabe correspondence]*

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Scope and Content Note: The John S. Mosby Collection contains all the known correspondence and ephemera of **John Singleton Mosby (1833-1916)**, held in the Eleanor S. Brockenbrough Library. It is unusual in that only two of the items date from the war, one a private letter home, and the other Mosby's order of April 21, 1865, disbanding his command. As reflected in the finding aid, the majority of the material covers the postwar years, 1866-1912, encompassing Mosby's resumption of his law practice, his service in the U. S. government during the Hayes administration, and his voluminous freelance writing. In addition there is a separate list of ephemera (defined here as correspondence and articles on--but not by--Mosby), with a cross-reference to those ephemera items that remain elsewhere in the manuscript collection. Also listed is a cross-reference of ESBL manuscripts relating to the officers of Mosby's command.

Spanning a forty-six year period, the papers reveal Mosby's life as a notable veteran dealing equitably with his place in the restored Union. Also included in the finding aid is a cross-reference to Mosby letters that appear in Adele H. Mitchell, comp., The Letters of John S. Mosby, an exercise which reveals the paucity of known wartime Mosby correspondence (and places the ESBL holdings in better perspective).

Arranged chronologically, the finding aid includes a date and brief description of each item in the collection. Under **see**, the correspondence of Robert E. Lee is singled out as of particular interest, as he advises Mosby, through a third party, to simply apply for a pardon like everyone else. Under **see also**, are directions to other pertinent ESBL collections.