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**GEORGE ALEXANDER MARTIN (1833-1915) PAPERS**

The microfilmed collection includes the records and writings of Col. George Alexander MARTIN, including accounts with clients 1863-1909. Also included are scrapbooks of clippings and articles on Confederate and postwar activities, articles by MARTIN on the birth and demise of the Confederacy, and nine letters (1871-1889) concerning business and state politics.

**GEORGE ALEXANDER MARTIN (1833-1915)**

George Alexander MARTIN, son of James Green MARTIN and Maacah FOREMAN, was born 3 September 1833, in Norfolk, Virginia. He attended the University of Virginia where he received his law degree. He married 3 September 1857 Georgia Alice WICKENS, daughter of J. Edward WICKENS and Alice WHITE, of Princess Anne County, Virginia.

George A. MARTIN was a captain in Company B, 20th Battalion, Virginia Heavy Artillery, in 1863. On 2 December 1864, he was made a Lieutenant-colonel of the 38th Virginia Infantry. He was assigned to General COLSON in the defense of Lynchburg, Virginia.

After the war, MARTIN was a lawyer in New York City. He returned to his native Norfolk where he resumed his law practice. He served as a Senator from Norfolk City and Princess Anne County in the Virginia legislature in 1881-1882. He was appointed to the State Railroad Commission in 1883. In 1885, he was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates from Norfolk County and served until 1889. During his term, he was instrumental in the establishment of a state hospital in Petersburg. He retired from active practice in 1913 and died in Norfolk on 15 January 1915.

[Robert K. Krick, *Lee's Colonels* (Dayton, OH: Morningside Bookshop, 1979), pp. 244-245; Lyon Gardiner Tyler, *Encyclopedia of Virginia Biography*, Vol. 4 (New York: Lewis Historical Publ., 1915), pp. 237-238; Letter, Peggy Haile, Sergeant Room, Norfolk Public Library, 28 November 1995.]