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THE AUGUSTUS FORSBERG (1831-1910) PAPERS

The collection includes typescripts and original manuscripts of speeches given by Col. Augustus FORSBERG to Confederate veterans groups and to local chapters of the United Daughters of the Confederacy between 1899 and 1902. Also included is a scrapbook of architectural drawings, signed by Col. FORSBERG, dated 1858.

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AUGUSTUS FORSBERG (1831-1910)

Augustus FORSBERG was born 13 January 1831 in Stockholm, Sweden. He came to America in 1853 and established an architectural firm in Baltimore, Maryland. When told he would be offered a commission in the Union army, he fled to Charleston, South Carolina. He witnessed the bombardment and surrender of Fort Sumter and later designed Charleston's harbor defense works. [Obituary, Lynchburg News, 16 July 1910, p. 6 col. 4.]

During the Civil War, FORSBERG served on the staff of General John B. FLOYD. He was later Colonel of the 51st Regiment, Virginia Infantry. He was severely wounded at the Battle of Winchester and was taken prisoner. He was released 24 July 1865. [Obituary, loc.cit.; Robert K. Krick, *Lee's Colonels: A Biographical Register of Field Officers of the Army of Northern Virginia* (Dayton, OH: Press of Morningside Bookshop, 1979), p. 129.]

Augustus FORSBERG married 23 August 1865, in Lynchburg, Mrs. Mollie (MORGAN) OTEY. He was elected City Engineer in 1866 and served until 1887. He supervised the construction of many prominent Lynchburg structures. As a member of the School Board for nine years, he supervised the construction of the new Lynchburg high school. FORSBERG died 15 July 1910 and was buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery. [Obituary, loc.cit.]