

Andrew J. West papers
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Biographical or Historical Note

Andrew J. West was born in 1844. His grandfather, Andrew West, was one of the first white settlers in Monroe County, Georgia. His father, James F. West, was murdered in Vera Cruz, Mexico. His mother was a daughter of Captain Henry Butts.

Before he was sixteen, Andrew J. West entered the Confederate Army as a member of the Troup Light Guard from LaGrange, Ga., which became Company E. Forty-first Georgia regiment. He fought with this army in Shiloh, Bethel Springs, Purda, Tupelo, Perryville, Murfreesboro, Big Black, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, the Atlanta Campaign, Franklin, Nashville, and was seriously wounded in two of these battles. He was mentioned in the official reports for his bravery, and was twice promoted by special distinction, receiving a captain's commission under a special act of the Confederate Congress.

After the war, he went into the wholesale grocery business and later began his own real estate business in Atlanta. He served on the staff of a number of governors of the state, and was named adjutant general of the Georgia Division, United Confederate Veterans, and was a director of the Cotton State Exposition. By his first wife, Eugenia Tompkins West, he had two children, Henry Francis West and Eugenia West, born Olivia.

Both children married, though neither had children. Henry Francis West married Myrtice Scott and Eugenia married Ira C. Jones. Henry Francis West joined his father in the real estate business. Eugenia (Genie) West Jones moved to Los Angeles, California in 1908 and taught kindergarten in the Los Angeles Public Schools for 40 years. She died there and is buried in Altadena, California

By his second wife, Eva Morgan, General West had one daughter, Clifford, who marriage William Lawrence Henry and had a son, William Lawrence Henry, who never married.

General Andrew J. West died on 11 October 1917 at seventy-three years of age, and was buried in Oakland Cemetery in Atlanta.

Scope and Content

The Andrew J. West papers include correspondence, photographs, books, scrapbooks, family genealogy, and printed material on clubs, organizations, and his military career. It also contains a scrapbook of Henry Francis West.

Organization Note

This collection was not organized by series. The items were individually listed in the original order in which they were received.

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