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**JOHN DANIEL IMBODEN PAPERS, 1847-1892**

This microfilmed collection contains letters and papers of John Daniel Imboden, who served as a Brigadier General in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. Also included are miscellaneous receipts, surveys, several Confederate loan agreements, certificates, and accounts. The original papers were microfilmed by the Margaret I. King Library, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky.

**JOHN DANIEL IMBODEN (1823-1895)**

John Daniel Imboden was born near Staunton, Virginia, February 16, 1823. He attended a country school until his sixteenth year, after which he had two terms at Washington College. Thereafter he taught school for a time, studied law, and opened an office in Staunton. He was twice the representative of his district in the legislature and an unsuccessful candidate for the Virginia secession convention. He entered Confederate service at the very beginning of war as captain of the Staunton Artillery, a light battery which he commanded at the initial capture of Harper's Ferry. After service at First Manassas he organized the First Virginia Partisan Rangers (later called the 62nd Virginia Mounted Infantry) and took part in the battles of Cross Keys and Port Republic under Stonewall Jackson.

Promoted brigadier general to rank from January 28, 1863, Imboden conducted a famous raid into Northwestern Virginia, where he severed the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and captured several thousand cattle and horses. On the retreat from Gettysburg, he was instrumental at Williamsport in saving the trains of the army. He later captured the garrison at Charlestown, West Virginia, and fought gallantly during Early's Valley campaign of 1864.

Incapacitated by typhoid in the autumn of 1864, General Imboden served during the balance of the war on prison duty at Aiken, South Carolina, following which he settled in Richmond and resumed his law practice. During the later years of his life he resided in Washington County, Virginia, where he pioneered in developing the mining resources of the area. His death occurred at Damascus, a small town which he had founded, on August 15, 1895; he is buried in Richmond.

[Warner, Ezra J., *Generals in Gray* (New Orleans: Louisiana State Univ. Press, 1959), p. 147.]