

See also UPA microfilm:
MF 5750, Series E, Reel 33

Priscilla Munnikhuysen Bond Papers
(Ms. 2155)
Inventory

Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections
Special Collections, Hill Memorial Library
Louisiana State University Libraries
Baton Rouge, Louisiana State University

Reformatted 2007

Contents of Inventory

Biographical/Historical Note	4
Scope and Content Note	4
Series Description(s)	5-19
Index Terms	20-25
Container List	26

Use of manuscript materials. If you wish to examine items in the manuscript group, please fill out a call slip specifying the materials you wish to see. Consult the Container List for location information needed on the call slip.

Photocopying. Should you wish to request photocopies, please consult a staff member. The existing order and arrangement of unbound materials must be maintained.

Publication. Readers assume full responsibility for compliance with laws regarding copyright, literary property rights, and libel.

Permission to examine archival materials does not constitute permission to publish. Any publication of such materials beyond the limits of fair use requires specific prior written permission. Requests for permission to publish should be addressed in writing to the Head, Public Services, Special Collections, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, LA, 70803-3300. When permission to publish is granted, two copies of the publication will be requested for the LLMVC.

Proper acknowledgement of LLMVC materials must be made in any resulting writing or publications. The correct form of citation for this manuscript group is given on the summary page. Copies of scholarly publications based on research in the Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections are welcomed.

Summary

Size.	98 items, 3 manuscript volumes
Geographic locations.	New Orleans, La.; Terrebonne Parish, La.; Vermillion Parish, La.; Alexandria, La.; Harford Co., Md.; Jackson, Miss.
Inclusive dates.	1858-1908
Bulk dates.	1858-1866
Language.	English
Summary.	Resident of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, Priscilla married Howard Bond. Two diaries record Bond's daily activities and observations. Subjects covered include plantation life, runaway slaves, social engagements, hypnotism, and Civil War experiences and thoughts, including participation by African-American soldiers. Collection also includes correspondence, poems, and photographs.
Organization.	Series I, Mittie Bond Diaries, 1858-1865 Series II, Personal papers, 1859-1905
Restrictions on access.	If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm.
Related collections.	N/A
Copyright.	Copyright of the original materials is retained by descendants of the creators in accordance with U.S. copyright law.
Citation.	Priscilla Munnikhuisen Bond Papers, Mss. 2155, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, La.
Stack location(s).	B:15, OS:B
Also available on:	Microfilm 5750, Series E, Reel 33

Biographical/Historical Note

Priscilla Munnikhuysen Bond (called Mittie) moved with her parents, John Anthony Munnikhuysen (b. 1800) and Priscilla Ann Bond (b. 1800), from Maryland to Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana. She had three siblings, Frances Howard (Fanny, b. 1834), William Temminck (b. 1836) and Ann Lee (b. 1845). In 1861, Priscilla married Howard Bond (b. 1839); she had no children.

Scope and Content Note

Two diaries (1858-1865) record Priscilla's daily activities and her observations about contemporary events, social life, friends, and family members. Subjects covered include plantation life; runaway slaves and the customs, marriages and housing of slaves; dances, parties, and other social engagements; experiments in hypnotism; a railroad wreck; economic conditions in Louisiana; and Confederate currency.

Civil War activities described in the diaries include battles at Manassas, Virginia and Mansfield, skirmishes and battles in Terrebonne, Lafourche and Calcasieu Parishes and in the towns of Baton Rouge and Lafayette; desertions by Confederate soldiers; the participation of Negro soldiers in the war; the surrender of Robert E. Lee; and the assassination of Lincoln. Papers include correspondence (1859-1868) from Maryland and Louisiana discussing social matters, the Civil War, and damage to property by Federal troops. Memoranda include a list of books read by Priscilla Bond (1864), and notes relating to her death and burial.

The collection includes poems (some composed by Priscilla), newspaper clippings, photographs of family members and their homes, calling cards, examples of Confederate currency, and a drawing. Artifacts include a doily, plaited hair, pressed botanical specimens, and a sampler. Typescripts of poems, Priscilla's diaries, notes on Priscilla's diaries by Hazel V. McNeal, and genealogical information on the Munnikhuysen family are included.

Series Descriptions

Series I, Diaries, 1858-1865

The two diaries (1858-1865) of Priscilla “Mittie” Munnikhuysen Bond record her daily life and the events surrounding it in Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana. In addition to her original diaries, an edited typewritten copy and a full typewritten transcription are also included. A detailed description of the diaries follows.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Entry</u>
Diary Book 1	
May 21-24, 1858	Concern courtship of Howard Bond prior to his departure for Louisiana, church attendance, and visits with relations and friends including Blanche Archer and George Glasgow, cousin of Mittie, pages 1-2.
May 25	Mentions departure of Howard Bond to Louisiana for 2 year stay, page 3.
May 26-June 28	Expresses religious fervor and devotion to Howard Bond, and comment on family activities and friends including Dr. George Archer, pages 3-11.
July 10-Dec. 25	Comment on family life, local news, personal illness, weather, brilliant comet (Sept. 28), and Methodist Episcopal Church services, pages 11-26.
Feb. 16, 1859	Visited “Medical Hall,” former residence of the late Judge Archer, page 27.
Mar. 4	States Howard Bond plans trip to Gulf of Mexico to collect “curiosities” for “Scientific Association” of Houma, in Terrebonne Parish, p. 29.
Mar. 12, Apr. 6	Describes valley of Thomas Run, Maryland, and relates family and local news; states Howard Bond studies medicine under Dr. Helmick, p. 32-33.
Apr. 10-Aug. 14	Expresses religious fervor and devotion to Howard Bond and family, comments on beauty of native countryside, and mentions family activities, friends, and health, p. 33-73.
Aug. 16	Attended “regular dancing party,” “danced—my conscience did not condemn me,” p. 73.
Aug. 26	Observes 21 st birthday, p. 75.
Aug. 31	Travels by stage to Baltimore, 13 passengers in stage, 1 out, p. 76.
Sept. 1-7	Mentions activities in Baltimore including visit to the Blind Institute, p. 76-77.

- Oct. 12 States brother [William] left for Louisiana, p. 80.
- Dec. 1 States sister, Ann Lee, started Miss Davenport's school in Bel Air, Maryland, and Howard requested parents for her (Mittie's) hand in marriage, p. 85-86.
- Dec. 2 States "Brown," the "Insurrectionist" is to be hanged today, p. 86.
- Dec. 15 Comments on 30th wedding anniversary of parents, p. 88.
Dec. 28-29 Mentions Christmas gifts received and activities, p. 90-91.
- Jan. 1-Feb. 8, Routine entries, p. 91-100.
1860
- Feb. 9 States father celebrates 60th birthday, p 100.
- Feb. 24 States brother celebrates 24th birthday, p. 101.
- May 7 Received letter stating brother leaves Louisiana, p. 101.
- May 22 States Howard Bond is 21 today; regrets that he goes to live with his father, p. 116.
- June 29 Broke engagement with Howard Bond, p. 124.
- July 4 Saw Charles the Fifth comet, p. 126.
- Aug. 27-29 Mentions Howard's request that engagement be renewed, p. 139.
- Sept. 14-15 Attends political mass meeting at Bel Air, Maryland Court House, and comments favorably on speeches by Bradford, Dennis, and [Edwin] Webster, Republican congressman from Maryland, beautiful fireworks display, and band from Baltimore, p. 140.
- Oct. 31 Comments on change in habits in observation of Sabbath—now the greatest dinner and much visiting, p. 142.
- Nov. 2 Attends Democratic meeting at Bel Air Court House and states speakers were Ola Scott, Richie from Baltimore, and 1 gentleman from "Cicle," p. 144.
- Nov. 6 Election day, p. 146.
- Nov. 12-28 Mentions arrival of Howard Bond and their trip to Baltimore including visit to Maryland Institute for the Blind, p. 146-149.
- Dec. 25-Jan. Mentions preparations for marriage to Howard Bond, reluctance to leave home

- 15, 1861 and family, and describes wedding, p. 150-161
- Jan. 16-31, 1861 Describes travel from Baltimore to Crescent Place, in Terrebonne Parish, including sightseeing trip to State Capitol of Mississippi, in Jackson, with General Alcorn, Jan. 28, and description of guests at St. Charles Hotel, in New Orleans, Jan. 29, p. 161-168.
- Feb. 1-6 Mentions visits by Dr. and Mrs. Goode, Mr. and Mrs. Sample, and Mr. McConnell, an Irish gentleman and Presbyterian minister, p. 169-170.
- Feb. 7 Prays to be a true daughter to Cousin Rebecca (mother-in-law); states Howard went to his store in [Houma], p. 170-171.
- Feb. 8-15 Relates daily activities including visits by Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. Aycock, Dr. and Mrs. Helmick, and Mrs. Tenant, p. 171-172.
- Feb. 23 Attended presentation of flag by Susannah Woods to the Terrebonne Rifle Company at cottage in Houma on Saturday; heard McConnells' sermon in Presbyterian Church on Sunday, visited sugar house, and became acquainted with some slaves and freemen, some of whom delivered addresses to owners; states Howard joined [Confederate] company at Houma to go to Thibodaux, and comments on accident resulting from firing cannon near Thibodaux, pages 173-174.
- Apr. 1-2 Routine comments about weather, flowers, and inclination towards membership in Presbyterian Church, p. 174.
- July 4 Mentions Southern victories, including Fort Sumter, interruption in postal service between the United States and Confederacy, and patriotism of "Ladies of Terrebonne" in making clothing and sponsoring benefit concert for Grivot Guards in Virginia, p. 175
- Aug. 26-27 Mentions birthday, victories at Bull Run and Manassas, personal sadness from brutal whippings of slaves at Crescent Place resulting in lack of respect for father-in-law, p. 176-179.
- Aug. 28 Relates Lou Wyett's description of the battlefield at Manassas, Virginia, p. 179.
- Aug. 29-31 Routine comments include visit by Mrs. Eastern, inability to get along with Mrs. Campbell and Laura Bond, and love of family home, pages 180-181.
- Sept. 6 Mentions sudden death of Mrs. William Bisland; states Howard Bond left with other men to build Fort [Butler] on Grand Caillou, p. 182.
- Sept. 21 Transfers church membership from Methodist Church in Bel Air, Maryland, to Presbyterian Church in Houma; states Cousin Josh (father-in-law) returned from

city, page 182.

- Sept. 24 States Howard and Willie Bond left to purchase beef and pork in New Iberia, p 183.
- Sept. 29 States Governor Moore issued proclamation ordering militia to be drilled and subjecting everyone from 18 to 45 to military service and those over 45 to home guard duty, p. 183.
- Oct. 10 Visited Mrs. Barrow in Houma with Cousin Rebecca (mother-in-law), and Mrs. Campbell.
- Oct. 12 Walked with Laura Barrow to Houma to see soldiers drill and to visit Mrs. Goode and the Helmiches, p. 184-185.
- Oct 15 Comments on large funeral procession of 40 carriages for Mrs. Albert Cage and prayers of Reverend McConnell for the motherless children including a newborn baby, p. 185.
- Oct. 16 States ironclad "Manassas" built in New Orleans sunk one of Lincoln's vessels at mouth of Mississippi River; states Dr. George Archer escaped across Potomac into Dixie, p. 185-186.
- Dec. 19 States picnic held at Fort Butler on Grand Caillou to celebrate its inauguration; states England demands return by the United States of Mason and Slidell and release of Eustice and McFarland, p. 187.
- Dec. 22 Resents punishment by Nace, the driver, of runaway slave caught in kitchen and Cousin Josh's (father-in-law) high regard for driver, p. 188.
- Dec. 24-25 Comments on observation of Christmas with grand tableau and ball at the Academy, p. 188.
- Dec. 30-31 States slaves marched under Confederate flag carrying overseer part of the way to celebrate the end of grinding season, p. 189.
- Jan. 4, 1862 Describes marriage of slaves including ceremony performed by Howard Bond on gallery, clothing of participants, and ball at Hospital, p. 190.
- Jan. 6 Mentions visit to slave quarters and Uncle Ben's cabin, and states slaves had a week's holiday.
- Jan. 8 States Howard mesmerized Jeff—stuck pins in his ear and hand and Jeff felt nothing, p. 191.
- Jan. 19 Mentions family scene resulting from support of Nace, the driver, by Cousin

Josh, p. 193.

- Jan. 20 States Mrs. John Bisland, Carrie Bride, Mary Robertson, and Susannah Woods came on a begging expedition, p. 193.
- May 10 Mentions war news including Federal occupation of New Orleans, United States Army seizure of the railroad from New Orleans to Berwick Bay and search for arms in Thibodaux, in Lafourche Parish; states Cousin Josh paralyzed, p. 194-196
- May 13 States Yankees in Terrebonne Parish, even Houma, so husband and brother-in-law fled for their lives, states slaves as frightened as whites, p. 196.
- June 29 Discusses incident of Confederates firing on Federal troops in Terrebonne resulting in acts of reprisal including search of Crescent Place, seizure of forage and feed, the burning of home, store, and possessions, and kindness of neighbors including the Winders on Bayou Lafourche; states Howard Bond ordered to Thibodaux with cavalry; mentions skirmish at Raceland, in Lafourche Parish; states militia of Houma and Thibodaux to be ordered out this week, p. 197-204.
- [July] 4-6 Mentions travel to Brashear City, thence with Captain and Mrs. Alan on "Red Chief" to New Iberia; comments on kindness of Mrs. Alan and beauty of the Teche, p. 208.
- July 8 Mentions visit to foundry with Howard Bond and pleasure on seeing Captain and Mrs. Alan. Notation, "she turned out to be a Yankee spy," p. 209.
- July 5, 1863 Relates events that transpired in course of year including return to Crescent Place and flight from Federals to Abbeville in Vermillion Parish, p. 209-214.
- July 8 Mentions arrival of Mrs. Maxwell who was in the Battle of Berwick Bay, p. 214.
- July 11 Mentions death of Captain Felix Winder at Vicksburg, p. 215.
- July 20 Mentions retreat of Confederate soldiers from Lafourche county, and fall of Vicksburg and Port Hudson, p. 215-216.
- [July 21] States husband returned from Crescent Place and reported all slaves there except those that had died; states Terrebonne in Federal hands and his father has only corn bread and beef to eat, p. 216.
- Aug. 15 Comments on high cost of calico, thread, and dress pattern; states 2 years have passed without a letter from home, p. 217.
- Aug. 21 Mentions cheering reports of Lee in Virginia; states Abbeville is dull—only lowest society here, nearly all Roman Catholics, p. 218.

- Aug. 25 Mentions arrival of Confederate company of 150 men and serving breakfast to 3 soldiers; mentions rumor that freedmen in Baton Rouge drove Yankees out of town and revolt of Port Hudson freedmen against payment of 5\$ for pass out of town, p. 220-221.
- Aug. 27 Fed several soldiers including nephew of Dr. Goldsbrough of Baltimore, p. 221.
- Aug. 30 Mentions departure of 18th Louisiana Regiment for the Bay, p. 229.
- Sept. 1, 1863 Comments on high cost of purchases including tooth brush for \$2.00, 10 yards of calico for \$40, \$50 for lady's bootees, \$35 for gaitors(?), and \$50 for 1 dozen plain handkerchiefs.
- Sept. 15 Mentions move to another house on Main Street but nothing to "housekeep" with, p. 225.
- Sept. 16 Visited by Dr. and Mrs. Hemlick who reported death of Mrs. McConnell from typhoid, p. 225.
- Sept. 25 Learns that Terrebonne Parish may be garrisoned by African American soldiers and of Little Mose's escape from Federal army to plantation, p. 228-229.
- Sept. 28 States Martin taken by Confederate soldiers to help fill up Bayou Vermillion to keep Yankee gunboats out, p. 230.
- Oct. 3-8 Heard most of Franklin, St. Mary Parish, burned by Yankees, Mr. Stuart arrested as spy at Vermillion Bridge, and arrival of Federal troops in Abbeville, p. 231.
- Oct. 10-15 Rumored that Yankees are at Vermillion Bridge but "we hear nothing positively true," p. 231.
- Oct. 18 Mentioned reports that Federals whipped Confederates at Carencro, in Lafayette Parish, and fear from appearance of 25 or 40 Yankees in Abbeville, p. 233.
- Nov. 3 Mentions rumor that Yankees have retreated from Lafayette and purchase of 1 bottle of claret for \$9, p. 238.
- Nov. 6 Comments on casualties resulting from Opelousas Railroad wreck to cars between Brashear City and Algiers; states all blacks, including soldiers, reported ordered from New Town; mentions purchase of Yankee crackers for 40¢ a pound "good money," p. 238-239.
- Nov. 8 States Confederates won battle above Lafayette in which many Federal soldiers were killed, 500 taken prisoners, and 5 pieces of artillery captured; states 2 deserters in town; mentions personal difficulties with Cousin Rebecca, p. 239.

- Nov. 9 States Federals forced back to Camp Pratt, about 3 miles from New Iberia, p. 240.
- Nov. 10, 12 Visits with Mrs. Foote, a refugee from Bayou Teche, p. 240.
- Nov. 15 Mentions fear from arrival of 50 Yankees; states they soon left for Lafayette, p. 240.
- Nov. 19, 1863 Mentions arrival of Confederates, report that 14,000 Confederates due to pass through Abbeville, Confederate victory at Carencro, and difficulties with Cousin Rebecca, p. 241-243.
- Nov. 27 Mentions arrival of soldiers dressed as Federals who claimed to be Confederates, p. 243.
- Nov. 30 States Nandy sold by Cousin Rebecca leaves for Grand Chenier, p. 244.
- Dec. 1 Mentions rumor of General Dick Taylor in Thibodaux and report that General Price left Alexandria with 12,000 men; states she has speculated in 2 hogsheads of sugar, p. 244-245.
- Dec. 4 States Abbeville filled with Confederate soldiers, p. 245.
- Dec. 7 Mentions visit by 2 Confederate soldiers from Terrebonne and Lafourche and practice in pistol shooting; states General Green left Lafayette to reinforce Magruder in Texas, p. 247-248.
- Dec. 20 Mentions fight among the slaves at Mrs. Robertson's, and visit by Confederate scout Jackson of the 2nd Louisiana Regiment.
- Dec. 22 Mentions report of Federals in Abbeville so locked trunk and put watch in pocket, p. 249-250.
- Dec. 24-26 Comments on former home, Christmas dinner, and mentions military and Creole Ball at Court House, p. 251-252.
- Dec. 28 Mentions armistice at Lafayette and New Town (Newton in Calcasieu Parish?) between Federals and Confederates—"meet as friends if only for a day," p. 252-253.
- Dec. 29 States Confederates shot deserter who turned Yankee spy, p. 254.
- Jan. 1, 1864 States Mrs. Maxwell entertains soldiers at ball, p. 256.
- Jan. 3 Mentions report from paroled prisoner at Vicksburg that Maryland seceded, p. 258-259.

- Jan. 7 Mentions rumor that African Americans took possession of Forts St. Philip and Jackson, 1 gunboat, and killed all Yankee officers and Faragut, p. 259.
- Jan. 10 States Yankees left New Town and went to Camp Bisland, p. 260.
- Jan. 16 States Mayor Beldon arrested as Federal spy and sent to camp at Lafayette, p.262.

Diary, Book 2

- Jan. 19, 1864 Comments on painful cough, report that Federals have left Terrebonne, visits with Mrs. Abadie and Mrs. Murry, and absence of husband for 4 months, p. 1.
- Jan. 20 Sends to New Town (Newton?) for medicine by Lieutenant Kelly; attends Catholic christening of Peter Gilbert Adderson, p. 1.
- Jan. 21 Describes Catholic mass at which false groove made on table covered with black cloth with 3 dozen candles burning around it also black; states Mayor Beldon released from prison in Lafayette because he was a Mason, p. 2.
- Jan. 22 States Mrs. Maxwell plans party of games at Mit's home, p. 3.
- Jan. 23 States 13 persons excluding children attended party with military well represented; states Laura [Bond] left for Maryland via New Orleans on the 6th; states people in Abbeville scarcely civilized—many cannot read and write and only a few have knowledge of books; repeats war rumors, p. 3-5.
- Jan. 24 Mentions social activities including ball of Mrs. Fontalier's servants, p. 5.
- Jan. 25 Mentions arrest again of Beldon, capture by Lieutenant Kelly of 10 deserters, and candy pulling party promised Kelly, p. 5-6.
- Jan. 26 Mentions alarm from report that Yankees are coming; receives coffee from Lieutenant Kelly, p. 6-7.
- Jan. 27 Comments on difficulty in finding 12 pall bearers for burial of Mrs. Guignon's black woman – “unbleached domestics” difficult to find since Yankees are about; relates Creole custom of 2 old people, man and woman, meeting after same bedroom though husband may object, p. 7-8.
- Jan. 28 Reported Federal troops in Franklin, p. 9.
- Jan. 29-31 Relates daily activities of visiting, reading, and burial for “Irish John,” p. 9-10.
- Feb. 1 Expresses religious fervor; mentions visits with Mrs. Patrick and Mrs. Robertson; states Confederate money in city said to be as good as greenbacks, p. 10-11.

- Feb. 2 States Confederates went to Tigerille, destroyed railroad and burned Bayou Black bridge; states Beldon made to walk with 4 Yankee prisoners from Lafayette to Alexandria; states Howard Bond staked with Kirby Smith on Red River, p. 11-12.
- Feb. 4 Mentions burial of 2 children, victims of diphtheria, p. 12.
- Feb. 6, 1864 States Confederates hunting for deserters, including Fontalier who joined a company and did not report, p. 12-13.
- Feb. 7-13 Comments on associations with friends, father's 64th birthday, reading, ill health; states Dr. Poyet, an excommunicated Catholic priest, and Abbeville citizens—"people . . . worse than heathens" because man sits across coffin driving in funeral procession, p. 13-14.
- Feb. 17 Mentions arrival of Dr. Hardie from Shreveport with letter from Howard; states Hardie to examine men discharged medically from military service, p. 17.
- Feb. 27 States doctor finds her right lung also affected; states Beldon returned honorably acquitted, p. 19-20.
- Mar. 4 States several cases of smallpox in village, p. 21.
- Mar. 5 Mentions rumors of confederate victories in Mobile, Tennessee, and Mississippi; states Confederate money worth 25¢ on dollar in New Orleans, but only 18¢ in New Town, p. 21.
- Mar. 6 Comments on alarm caused by Jayhawkers who commit all kinds of outrages on men, women, and children; states 12 Jayhawkers were shot at Lafayette last week; lists visitors received, p. 22.
- Mar. 7 Mentions gifts of food received since her illness, p. 22
- Mar. 11 States smallpox has spread with 1 or 2 cases very bad, p. 24.
- Mar 17 States Federal troops of 15 to 18 thousand men leave New Town for Alexandria, p. 24-25.
- Mar. 18 States disease (consumption) getting worse, p. 25.
- Mar. 22 States Confederate troops have evacuated Lafayette, Alexandria and Fort Durnea (?) and leave for Shreveport, p. 26.
- Mar. 25 Purchase bottle of claret for \$2.50 in silver, p. 27.
- Mar. 28 Relates war time reports including news read in the New Orleans *Picayune*; mentions daily kindness of neighbors in sending food and flowers, p. 27-29.

- Mar. 31 Teaches Sis (sister of Howard Bond), and plans to teach Alice Evans, p. 29.
- Apr. 1 Mentions April fool jokes played by self and Mrs. Foote, p. 30.
- Apr. 8, 1864 Sold an old white Swiss dress for \$30 in greenbacks (Yankee money) p. 31 (misnumbering of pages; next page is 40)
- Apr. 9-17 Relates daily activities including visits with friends, war time rumors, and comments on personal health, p. 40-42.
- Apr. 18 Mentions victory at [Mansfield]; states General Mouton reported killed and his battalion cut up, p. 42.
- Apr. 20-24 Discusses Confederate victory at Mansfield and killing of General Mouton by 7 bullets fired by Federal prisoners; mentions rumor that Banks had 1 arm shot off or broken, p. 44-46.
- Apr. 25 Trades sugar for calico and flannel shirts for husband; states Cousin Rebecca paid \$150 for calico dress, p. 46.
- Apr. 26 Discusses alarm from arrival of Texas soldiers to hunt and kill Jayhawkers and to arrest George Foote, Belden, and Kearney, the pilot; states Taylor has crossed Red River and surrounded Banks, p. 46-48.
- Apr. 29-May 2 Mentions return of Belden, arrival of schooner with goods, and relates daily activities of visiting, teaching, and reading, p. 48-51.
- May 3-4 States town guarded all night because of report of arrival of Jayhawkers; states Confederate soldiers arrived to pick up deserters, including Mr. Wise and John Ellis, p. 51.
- May 6 States Louisiana 2nd and 4th Regiment went to the Bay, others on Lafourche to help conquer the Federal troops, p. 51.
- May 7 Visited Father Povet who states Generals Forrest and Polk were at Camp Moore near New Orleans, and that Confederates had taken Plaquemine and Baton Rouge, p. 52.
- May 9 States maid rubs shoulder with salt to relieve pain and departure of Mrs. Wright for New Orleans, p. 53.
- May 10-22 Comments on health and generosity of friends, relates daily activities, and expresses religious fervor, p. 54-57.
- May 26 States Federal troops retreated to Simmesport with large numbers killed on both

- sides; comments on fine dinner from donations by friends, p. 57, 68.
- May 27 Mentions gift from boat captain of 4 pounds of coffee which would have cost \$100 in Confederate money, p. 68.
- May 30, States return of Willie Bond who fought Federal soldiers from Alexandria to
1864 Simmesport and participated in Battle of Yellow Bayou, p. 69.
- June 1 Visits Father Povet to hear Confederate news, p. 71.
- June 4-9 Expresses religious fervor, comments on health, absence of husband, visits with
friends, and war time rumors, p. 71-74.
- June 12 States husband to be transferred from Ordnance Department to Chemical
Department as druggist; mentions arrival of 300 Federal soldiers at Camp
Bisland, p. 74.
- June 15 Mentions husband's letter stating Kentucky has seceded and offers 30,000 troops
to Confederacy, p. 74-75.
- June 30 States family letters urge her to return to Maryland, and mention payment by
brother of bounty to stay out of war and death of Mrs. Judge Archer, p. 75-77.
- July 18-26 Mentions kindness of friends, particularly Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Foote, during
illness, family matters, and war time rumors, p. 78-80.
- Aug. 25 and States Howard Bond returns; mentions his appointment as State Chemist at
Sept. 17 Mount Lebanon, near Shreveport, and plan for her joining him; mentions illness
and treatment with hot water and hot hops on stomach, p. 82-83.
- Sept. 27 Mentions doctor's report that she does not have consumption, p. 84.
- Sept. 29 Mentions sale of hogshead of sugar for \$60 in gold, p. 85.
- Oct. 26 Mentions departure of Mrs. Robertson for Texas, yellow fever epidemic in
Houston and Galveston, and death of Mrs. Albert Wood from consumption, p.
85-86.
- Oct. 28 Mentions gift of clothing from Mrs. Foote which could not be purchased, family
difficulties, and lack of news concerning presidential election in North, p. 85-86.
- Oct. 31-Nov. Mentions return of Confederate prisoner O'Brien from New Orleans, family
21 matters, desire to know presidential election returns, religious faith, and visits
with friends, p. 91-94.
- Nov. 22 Mentions reelection of Lincoln, visitors, and comments on large numbers of

- soldiers deserting and going to the Federals, p. 95.
- Nov. 26 Mentions home activities and receipt for 4 U.S. stamps from Dr. Poyet, p. 97-98.
- Nov. 27 States belief by Mr. Robertson that Confederates at low ebb when leaders recommend arming slaves and freedmen and requiring planters to release percentage of slaves to fight for their freedom, p. 98-99.
- Dec. 1 States Mr. Dupey purchased flannel at \$2 a yard, p. 101.
- Dec. 3 States Mrs. Maxwell's spinning party a "select affair" –guests included African American woman married to white man, p. 101.
- Dec. 5 States Mrs. Maxwell gives ball tonight; loaned chess men for occasion, p. 101.
- Dec. 6 States Mrs. Maxwell's ball probably a failure—lack of food, few females present, and kissing games played; states Mrs. Maxwell threw servant girl's clothes in fire, p. 101.
- Dec. 7 Mentions excitement in town resulting from shooting incident between Father Poyet and Leon Landry due to priest confessing white and black together, p. 102-103.
- Dec. 8 Mentions Creole custom of serenading elderly couple married in Catholic Church by crowd carrying white flag and ringing bells, p. 103.
- Dec. 11 Describes first communion services for 80 people in Catholic Church with women wearing veils and dressed in white, p. 104.
- Dec. 13-16 States Leon Landry's trial and acquittal results in shooting spree with arrest of Father Poyet and his brother Dr. Poyet, and later arrest of Landry because of injury to Dr. Poyet; mentions feeding 4 soldiers who guard Federal boat in Bay, p. 104-107.
- Dec. 23 States Mr. Robertson driven back third time from Texas by smallpox, p. 109.
- Dec. 24-25 Mentions gifts received, Christmas visitors and dinner—turkey, roast beef, sweet potatoes, rice, pickles, sponge cake, pie, and melon, p. 109-110.
- Dec. 26 States Mr. Robertson recovered from varicloid (?), not smallpox, p. 110.
- Dec. 27 Mentions visits with friends, receipt of invitation to Mrs. Foote's ball, and meeting Dr. Reid and Mr. Bradley at [post] office; mentions difficulty in finding a "granny" for Betsy who gave birth to a girl, p. 110.
- Dec. 31 Made Confederate cake for New Year, p. 112. (cake made with corn meal

instead of flour)

- Jan. 5, 1865 States Betsy's baby died of lockjaw; sends letter by sheriff to husband in Shreveport, p. 112.
- Jan. 15, 1865 Forwards letter to Howard by Henry Foote; mentions reports of 18 Federal gunboats in Red River with probable attack on Alexandria or Shreveport, Federal occupation of Savannah, Georgia, and Mrs. Ellis' spinning party, p. 113.
- Jan. 21 States Mr. Foote's grandson in military service also threatened with consumption; mentions reports of surrender of Richmond, Charleston, and Wilmington, and England's recognition of Lincoln only as president of Northern States, p. 115.
- Jan. 28 Describes African American church wedding with one carrying a red flag and the other a blue flag indicating one member had been married before—"That is the way the French do," p. 116.
- Jan. 31 Mentions death of James Wilson, a Marylander and planter
- Feb. 7 States Dr. Abadie's sister-in-law died in childbirth with 3 doctors attending her; states priest got paid for "every knock of the bell," p. 118.
- Feb. 10 States Dr. Reed and others shot a man named Dave, friend of a maid, in kitchen.
- Feb. 12 Mentions departure of old Mr. Foote and Miss Mary for plantation, p. 120.
- Feb. 15 Comments on marriage—"Abbeville fashion"—of couple living together for 10 years, the parents of several children; mentions report that Davis sent commissioners to Washington to arrange armistice, p. 121.
- Feb. 16 States slice of light bread "quite a treat;" mentions pleasant manner of Captain Mouton, our enrolling officer, p. 121.
- Feb. 20 Receives invitation from Foote to visit them at plantation; mentions death of Mrs. Gordie (or Gordy); trades 8 pounds of sugar for 100 oysters, p. 123-124.
- Feb. 21 Receives paper from Captain Mouton to make envelopes for official documents, 124.
- Feb. 22 Mentions near failure to remember Washington's birthday because of so many troublesome things, p. 125.
- Feb. 23 States only "Peace" heard constantly, p. 126.
- Feb. 24 States Reverend McConnell writes as though she were dead; mentions Dr. Abadie's departure for France via Cuba with wife and 2 daughters remaining,

p. 127

- Apr. 5 Mentions severe suffering and constant attention and sympathy from servant; states plan to request pass to Terrebonne Parish until able to travel to Maryland; states Robertson returned from Texas with medicines and goods for her; received gift of 2 bottles of wine; mentions birth of Mrs. Robertson's daughter, p. 128.
- Apr. 13 States fall of Richmond reported; mentions husband's desire that she come to Mount Lebanon, p. 129.
- May 10 States collapse of Confederacy near with Virginia back in the Union, surrender of Lee, Johnson, and Taylor, assassination of Lincoln by Wilkes Booth, and reported killing of Seward; mentions death of Oliver Bond, brother of Laura, p. 129-130.
- May 11 Mentions council of war in Alexandria between Confederate officers and Federals regarding peace terms; states Booth not captured, Seward alive, p. 130.
- May 17 Mentions conflicting war rumors and sale of needles, pins, and clothing not needed to raise money to return to Maryland, p. 130.
- May 21 Earned \$25 in silver from sale of articles; states Confederate soldiers leaving by companies, even regiments, p. 131.
- June 16 States peace established, Federals at New Iberia with black soldiers under white commanders and country infested with Jayhawkers; mentions husband's desire to go to Mexico, p. 132.
- June 27 States Abbeville shows signs of life with arrival of merchants from New Orleans and Houma; states Willie Munnikhuisen went to Terrebonne, p. 133.
- July 6 or 7 States Willie Munnikhuisen returned from Terrebonne reporting Howard there suffering from acid burns, p. 134;
- States Howard arrived and promised to go to Maryland, p. 134.

Series II, Personal Papers, 1859-1905

A portion of the personal papers of Mittie Bond consists of correspondence (1859-1868). Most of the letters are written to her parents, her brother, and her sisters. They discuss family members, mutual friends, and events in their lives and in the Civil War. Also included are a small collection of Mittie's poetry (1859-1869), a ballad written by J. Randal and dedicated to Mittie (1862), and a memorandum entitled "Books I have read, 1862." Various newspaper clippings (1860-1862), personal cards (1861-1862), and Confederate currency (1861-1865), as well as a drawing (1861), stickers, and pressed leaves and hair belong to the collection.

Family photographs are also included. Two photographs are portraits of Mittie (ca.1860) and two are those of Howard Bond, one as a young man (undated) and the other taken in 1905 as an older man. There is also a photograph of an unidentified home (undated).

Index Terms

(This section provides the subject indexing for the collection found in the card catalog. Index terms have been changed to match Library of Congress Subject Headings. Documents relating to the subject given are described.)

Subject	Date	Description of relevant documents
African Americans-- Funeral customs and rites-- -Louisiana--Abbeville.	1864	12 pallbearers needed for burial of Mrs. Guignon's maid; "unbleached domestics" difficult to find since arrival of Federal troops, Jan. 27, Diary II.
African Americans-- Marriage customs and rites--Louisiana--Houma.	1862	Detailed description of wedding including ceremony, clothing of participants, and ball at hospital, Jan. 4, Diary I.
American poetry-- Louisiana.	1859-1864	Diary and loose items containing handwritten poems including some by Mittie Bond.
Archer, George.	1861-1862, 1866	"Lines" written by Archer, in 1855, for Washington's birthday . . . clipping, 1862; Typewritten copy of "In Memoriam, Mrs. H. B. Bond . . ." by Archer, 1866; Diary entry mentioning escape to Virginia, Oct. 16, 1861. Diary I.
Bond, Howard.	1861-1862	Acts of reprisal by Federal troops include burning of store, home, and possessions, Feb. 7, 1861 and June 29, 1862, Diary I.
Bond, Mittie.	1862-1865	Relates flight from Crescent Place, refuge with friends, hardships en route, local and war news, and reaction to Creole customs; comments on activity of Federal troops and Jayhawkers, hard times, and friendship with other refugees. 5 letters: Sept. 2, Nov. 2, and Dec. 4, 1863; May 1 and Sept. 21, 1864; Diaries I and II.
Bull Run, 1st Battle of, Va., 1861.	1861	Description of battlefield as told by Lou Wyatt, Aug. 28, Diary I.
Cage, Albert, Mrs.--Death and burial.	1861	Large funeral procession of some 40 carriages and Reverend McConnell's prayers for motherless children including newborn baby, Oct. 15, Diary I.
Catholics--Louisiana-- Abbeville--Social life and	1863-1864	Entries regarding large Catholic population, special mass, christening and first communion

customs--19th century.		services; priest as source of Confederate news; shooting fray involving priest and resultant arrest and trial, Aug. 21, 1863, Diary I; Jan. 20-21, June 1, Dec. 7, 11, 13-16, 1864, Diary II.
Christmas--Louisiana.	1859, 1861, 1863-1864	Contrast in observance of Christmas in Maryland and South Louisiana during war and peace times. Dec. 28-29, 1859; Dec. 24-25, 1861; Dec. 24-25, 28, 1863; Dec. 24-25, 1864; Diary I.
Christmas--Maryland.	1859, 1861, 1863-1864	Contrast in observance of Christmas in Maryland and South Louisiana during war and peace times. Dec. 28-29, 1859; Dec. 24-25, 1861; Dec. 24-25, 28, 1863; Dec. 24-25, 1864; Diary I.
City dwellers--Louisiana-- Abbeville.	1863-1864	Largely dull, Roman Catholic, scarcely civilized, people worse than heathens. Aug. 21, 1863, Diary I; Jan. 23 and Feb. 7-13, 1864, Diary II.
Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)	1860, 1862, undated	Description of Vermillion Parish, 1860; poem by Dr. George Archer titled "Lines," 1862; published poetry.
Confederate States of America. Army. Grivot Guard.	1861	Patriotism of "Ladies of Terrebonne" shown by organization of sewing circle to make clothes and sponsoring of benefit concert for unit, May 19. Diary I.
Confederate States of America. Army. Terrebonne Rifle Company.	1861-1863	Ceremony for presentation of flag to company by Susannah Wood at cottage, Feb. 23. Diary I.
Creoles--Louisiana-- Abbeville--Social life and customs--19th century.	1864-1865	Customs relating to weddings, burial, and meeting of old friends after long absence. Jan. 27, Feb. 13, and Dec. 8, 1864; Jan. 28 and Feb. 15, 1865. Diary II.
Crescent Place (La.)	1861-1863	Customs and discipline of slaves; eye witness account of search of plantation, burning of home and possessions, and seizure of food and forage by Federal troops; faithfulness of slaves during Federal occupation.
Flags--Confederate States of America.	1861	Ceremony for presentation of flag by Susannah Wood to Terrebonne Rifle Company, Feb. 23;

		End of grinding season celebrated by slaves marching under flag, Dec. 30-31.
Foote, Henry, Mrs.	1865	Relays Yankee news gathered on daily trips to Franklin to Confederate scouts after midnight, Feb. 18, Diary II.
Fort Butler (La.)	1861	Construction of fort at Grand Caillou Bayou by Terrebonne men, Sept. 6; picnic celebrating its "inauguration," Dec. 19, Diary I.
Hartford County (Md.)-- Social life and customs-- 19th century.	1858-1861, 1866	Family life in rural area stressing daily activities such as church attendance, social visits and events, and local news.
Jackson (Miss.)-- Description and travel.	1861	Detailed description of transportation, hotel accommodations, and sightseeing trip to State Capitol of Mississippi, in Jackson, with General Alcorn, Jan. 28 and guests at St. Charles Hotel in New Orleans, Jan. 29, Diary I.
Louisiana--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.	1862-1865	Acts of reprisal for Confederate attack upon Federal soldiers in Terrebonne Parish, troop movements, and enemy encounters including Battle of Mansfield, and Christmas armistice.
Louisiana--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--African Americans.	1863-1865	Federal outrages even on African Americans, Sept. 2, 1863; "Little Mose" escapes from Federal Army to plantation, Sept. 25, 1863; All African Americans, even soldiers, ordered from New Town, Nov. 6, 1863, Diary I; Scarcity of "unbleached domestics." Nov. 27, 1864. Diary II; Confederate arming of African Americans indicative of collapse, Nov. 27, 1864, Diary II.
Louisiana--History--Civil War, 1861-1865-- Underground movements.	1864	4 entries commenting on fear of citizens, community alarm, search for jayhawkers, and shooting of 12 jayhawkers at Lafayette, Mar. 6, Apr. 26, May 3-4, and June 16, Diary II.
Mansfield, Battle of, La., 1864.	1864	Comments on Confederate victory, death of Mouton from bullets fired by Federal prisoners, and rumor concerning wounding of Banks, Apr. 18-24, Diary II.
Marriage customs and	1864-1865	Crowd carrying white flag and ringing bells

rites--Louisiana-- Abbeville.		serenade elderly couple married in Catholic Church, Dec. 8, 1864, Diary II; French custom of carrying red and blue flags by couple indicate previous marriage of 1 party, Jan. 28, 1865, Diary II; "Abbeville fashion" for couple with children to marry, Feb. 15, 1865, Diary II.
Medicine--Formulae, receipts, prescriptions.	1861, 1864, 1868	Horse radish and salt used in treatment for neuralgia, Mittie Bond letter, May 19, 1861; May 9, 1864, Diary II; Quinine prescribed for nervousness. Fannie Munnikhuysen letter, Jan. 30, 1868; Applications of hot water and hot hops for stomach cramps, Sept. 17, 1864, Diary II.
Merchants--Louisiana-- Houma.	1861-1862	Acts of reprisal by Federal troops include burning of store, home, and possessions, Feb. 7, 1861 and June 29, 1862, Diary I.
Military deserters-- Louisiana--Vermillion Parish.	1863-1865	Capture, arrest, and even shooting of a deserter who turned Yankee spy; soldiers leave by companies, even regiments, Dec. 29, 1863, Diary I; Jan. 25, May 3-4, 1864, and May 21, 1865, Diary II.
Money--Confederate States of America.	1861, 1863- 1865	\$1 and \$10 certificates, Richmond, 1861 and 1865; 25¢ and 50¢ certificates, Florida, 1863; Value in greenbacks, Feb. 1, 1864; Exchange value in New Orleans and New Town, Mar. 5, 1864; Value in terms of coffee, May 27, 1864. Diary II.
Moore, Thomas Overton, 1804-1876.	1861-1862	Proclamation orders militia to be drilled, all men between 18 and 45 in military service and those over 45 in home guard, Sept. 29, 1861; 1,000 men ordered to board boats during Federal bombardment of [Mississippi River] forts, May 10, 1862, Diary I.
Munnikhuysen family.		
New Orleans, Opelousas, and Great Western Railroad Company.	1863	Comments on casualties resulting from wreck between Brashear City and Algiers, Nov. 6, Diary I.
Persons--Louisiana.	1861-1865	Confederate patriotism, destruction of property by Federal troops, living conditions, fear of

		Jayhawkers, conflicting war rumors, friendship with other refugees, and Confederate collapse.
Pictures.	1860-1861, 1908, undated	Photographs of Mittie Munnikhuysen, ca. 1860-1861; Photographs of Howard Bond, 1861 and 1908; Photograph of "Meadow Lea," Harford County, Maryland, undated; Letterhead showing picture of Burnet House, Cincinnati, 1861.
Presidents--United States--Election--1860.	1860	Favorable comments on speeches by Bradford, Dennis, and [Edwin] Webster, fireworks display, and band from Baltimore, Sept. 14-15; Speakers for Democratic meeting include Ola Scott, Richie from Baltimore, and 1 man from "Circle," Nov. 2, Diary I.
Refugees--Louisiana.	1862-1865	Relates flight from Crescent Place, refuge with friends, hardships en route, local and war news, and reaction to Creole customs; comments on activity of Federal troops and Jayhawkers, hard times, and friendship with other refugees. 5 letters: Sept. 2, Nov. 2, and Dec. 4, 1863; May 1 and Sept. 21, 1864; Diaries I and II.
Refugees--Louisiana--Diaries.	1861-1865	Civilian life and reaction to invasion by Federal forces and Jayhawkers; supplementary information concerning Red River campaign.
Slaves--Louisiana--Discipline.	1861-1862, 1864-1865	Brutal whippings of slaves by driver causes family dissention, Aug. 26-27, and Dec. 22, 1861, and Jan. 19, 1862. Diary I; Slaves clothing burned by angry madam, Dec. 6, 1864, Diary II.
Spies--Louisiana--Abbeville.	1864	Arrest, imprisonment, and acquittal of Mayor Beldon by Confederates, Jan. 16, Diary I; Jan. 21, 25, Feb. 2, 27, Apr. 26 and 29, Diary II.
Spies--Louisiana--Vermillion Parish.	1865	Relays Yankee news gathered on daily trips to Franklin to Confederate scouts after midnight, Feb. 18, Diary II.
Sugar--Economic aspects--Louisiana--Vermillion Parish.	1863-1865	Speculation in sugar for bartering purposes, Dec. 1, 1863; Apr. 25 and Sept. 29, 1864, and Feb. 20, 1865. Diaries I, II.

Priscilla Munnikhuysen Bond Papers
(1858-1866)-1908

Mss. 2155
LSU Libraries Special Collections

Terrebonne Parish (La.)-- History--19th century.	1861-1863	Family life at Crescent Place, slave discipline and customs, Confederate patriotism, building and "inauguration" of Fort Butler, local news and Federal occupation.
Terrebonne Parish (La.)-- History, Military--19th century.	1861-1863	Customs and discipline of slaves; eye witness account of search of plantation, burning of home and possessions, and seizure of food and forage by Federal troops; faithfulness of slaves during Federal occupation.
Travelers--United States-- Diaries.	1861	Transportation and hotel accommodations from Baltimore to "Crescent Place;" sightseeing trip to Mississippi State Capitol with General Alcorn; fine clothing of guests of St. Charles Hotel in New Orleans.
Tuberculosis--Louisiana.	1858-1866	Diary entries commenting on daily health, medical diagnosis, drugs, and treatment.
Tuberculosis--Maryland.	1858-1866	Diary entries commenting on daily health, medical diagnosis, drugs, and treatment.
Vermillion Parish (La.)-- History--19th century.	1860, 1862- 1865	Local customs, description of citizens, day-to-day living of a Confederate woman refugee, activity of Federal and Confederate troops, and fear of Jayhawkers, 1863-1865; Clipping describes Vermillion Parish, 1860.
Waters family.		
Weddings--Maryland-- Harford County.	1860-1861	Description of marriage preparations and wedding ceremony of Howard Bond and Mittie Munnikhuysen, Dec. 25-Jan. 15, Diary I.
Women refugees-- Louisiana.	1861-1865	Description of life on the home front, invasion of homes and land by Federal forces during campaigns, and comments indicating approaching collapse of the Confederacy.

Container List

<u>Stack</u> <u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Contents (with dates)</u>
B:15	1	1-4	7 items: Typewritten Edited Copy of diary and notes in 4 folders (1966, 1858-1865)
	2	5-6	2 items: Typewritten Transcription of diary (May 21, 1858-July 6 or 7, 1865)
	3	--	2 items: Manuscript Diaries (May 21, 1858-July 6 or 7, 1865)
	4	1a-1b	15 items: Correspondence, 1859-1862
		2	5 items: Correspondence, 1863-1864
		3	11 items: Correspondence, envelopes, 1865-1868, undated
		4	11 items: Poetry, 1859-1869, undated
		5	4 items: Memoranda, 1862-1868, undated
		6	14 items: Newspaper clippings, 1860, 1862, undated
		7	6 items: Personal cards, 1861-1862, undated
		8	4 items: Currency, 1861-1865
		9-15	11 items: Drawing; bird sticker; plaited hair; pressed leaves; doily; sample of material; sampler; 1861, undated
		16	6 items, Photographs: Mittie (ca. 1860; undated); Howard B. Bond (photographed by P.L. Perkins: undated; 1905) Unidentified home (undated)
OS:B	--	1	Letter (Sept.2, 1864) from Mittie in Abbeville, La. to her mother
MF 5750, Series E		Reel 33	