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**Thomas O. Moore Papers**

(Mss. 305, 893, 1094)

Inventory

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**Summary**

<b>Size.</b>	711 items
<b>Geographic locations.</b>	Rapides Parish, La.; Baton Rouge, La.; New Orleans, La.; Opelousas, La.; Texas
<b>Inclusive dates.</b>	1832-1877
<b>Bulk dates.</b>	1856-1871
<b>Language.</b>	English
<b>Summary.</b>	Personal correspondence, business letters, political and legal documents of Thomas Overton Moore, Rapides Parish planter and governor of Louisiana during the Civil War. Bound transcript copies available.
<b>Organization.</b>	Arranged chronologically.
<b>Restrictions on access.</b>	If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm.
<b>Related collections.</b>	N/A
<b>Copyright.</b>	Copyright of the original materials is retained by descendants of the creators in accordance with U.S. copyright law.
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<b>Stack location(s).</b>	U:231; OS:M; H:3; Mss Mf:M
<b>Also available on:</b>	Microfilm 5322, Series I, Part 2, Reels 18-19

### **Biographical/Historical Note**

Thomas O. Moore, a sugar planter of Rapides Parish, Louisiana, owned Emfield, Lodi, and Mooreland Plantations with his wife Berthia Leonard Moore. He was a member of the Police Jury of Rapides Parish, a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives, and a State Senator. He served as governor of Louisiana (1860-1864) and called the Secession Convention in 1861. Moore fled Louisiana after the Civil War, was pardoned by President Andrew Johnson in 1867, and returned to Louisiana to resume his activities as a sugar planter in Rapides Parish.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of Moore's personal correspondence, business papers, and political and legal documents. Antebellum materials deal with Moore's financial interests as a sugar planter and include slave bills of sale; mortgages; statements of accounts with a storekeeper, a druggist, a physician, and a dentist. Accounts of the physician and dentist document the treatment of slaves owned by Moore. Statements (1858-1861) of New Orleans commission merchants record sales of sugar and molasses produced on the Emfield, Lodi, and Mooreland plantations.

Papers date 1859-1871 pertain primarily to Moore's political activities and the Civil War. Moore's correspondence as governor includes letters concerning his gubernatorial nomination; the Democratic Party; the Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana State Seminary and Military Academy; the procurement of military supplies and troops for the Confederate Army; the transport of state archives from Baton Rouge on the steamer "General Hodges"; the status of African Americans; prices of slaves; economic conditions in Louisiana during the war; the raiding of one of Moore's plantations by Federal troops; fighting in Tangipahoa Parish and Baton Rouge; and military appointments and personnel. Statements from soldiers and citizens petitioning Moore for action on their behalf are also present. Correspondents include Braxton Bragg, Jefferson Davis, Henry Watkins Allen, General Richard Taylor (1826-1879), and John H. Ransdell (planter of Rapides Parish). Included is a draft of Moore's speech to the Secession Convention (Jan. 1861). Financial papers during the war include insurance renewal notices from the Southern Mutual Insurance Company, letters and receipts pertaining to Moore's plantations, a notice of seizure of property, and a plantation inventory. Typewritten copies of Moore's oath of allegiance (1865) and his pardon (1867) are included.

Papers dated 1865-1871 primarily consist of letters of New Orleans cotton and sugar factors Bush and Levert and A. Miltenberger. Letters discuss Moore's prospective pardon, commodity prices, the local labor shortage, and national and local politics. The collection includes issues and fragments of Louisiana newspapers (1863-1865) and a broadside (1862) which contains an address by Moore to the people of Louisiana.

Collection Description

<u>Stack Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Contents</u>
U:231	1	1	1832-1856	21 items: Act of loan (1833); mortgage (1832); title to slaves bought of C.J.P. Alston and wife (1851); account records; letter of attorney (1856); bills of sale for slaves (1856)
		2	1857	21 items: Receipts and account sheets of Thomas O. Moore
		3-4	1858	55 items: Letter from Benjamin Brothers; receipts; accounts; letter to Moore from Landry Baillio; business letters; bill for subscription to <i>Semi-Weekly Washington Union</i> ; act of mortgage
		5	1859	21 items: Receipts; sale of slaves Nancy King to T.O. Moore; letter of attorney Mrs. William L. Collins to Theophilus C. Littell; expense account; letter of congratulations to Moore for his gubernatorial nomination
		6-7	1860	34 items: Business letters (many from A. Miltenberger); accounts; receipts; summons for Thomas O. Moore
		7-9	1861	50 items: Business letters (many from A. Miltenberger); account statements; receipts; draft of Moore's speech to the Secession Convention (Jan.); copies of letters from Gen. Braxton Bragg; letters from E.W. Halsey
		10-11	1862	15 items: Account statements; notices of expiration of fire insurance policies on sugar and molasses crops at Lodi, Emfield, and Mooreland Plantations; address to the people of Louisiana from Governor Thomas O. Moore in Opelousas, La.; copy of a letter from Moore to George W. Randolph, Secretary of War, Richmond; copies of letters between Moore and Jefferson Davis; copies of letters to Moore from M.R. Boggs, T.H. Holmes; letters to Gov. Moore from "a soldier's sister" asking for protection, from privates in the 17 <sup>th</sup> La. Regiment alleging

illegal detention and asking for interference

	1	11-12	1863	25 items: Letter to Moore from Col. Manning; account statements; copies of letters from John H. Ransdell to Moore; receipts
		13	Jan.18, 1863	1 item: Draft and copy of Governor Moore's Last Message to the General Assembly
		14	1864	25 items: Receipt of bonds signed by Henry W. Allen; copy of letter from Jefferson Davis; various letters and account statements; letters from Judge E. Warren Moise to Moore
		15	1865	31 items: Letters to Moore in Texas from Robert C. Hynson; account statements; receipts; letters to Moore from Gov. Henry W. Allen; E. Warren Moise; Judge Avery; James C. Wise; H.M. Hyams; list of acts and joint resolutions passed by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana in 1865; letter to the people of Louisiana from Henry W. Allen
U:231	2	16	1866-1867	23 items: Bills; account statements; letter from Joseph T. Tureaud to Moore discussing labor; receipt of freedmen and their discharge; letter to Moore from his cousin Laura Brent; letters to Moore from Bartholomew Egan; tax receipt from Houston County; copy of pardon of Gov. Moore and oath of allegiance (1867)
		17-20	1868	75 items: Letters and receipts to Moore from Ar. Miltenberger
		20-23	1869	84 items: Letters and receipts to Moore from Ar. Miltenberger; petition and citation E. Reilly & Co. v. Thomas O. Moore; memoir on the life of Robert E. Lee by Judge J.D. Shields, Natchez, Miss.
		24	1870-1874	27 items: Letters and receipts to Moore from Ar. Miltenberger; three days notice of seizure U.S. v. G.F. Marks (1873); tax receipts
		25	1875	23 items: Letters to Moore from Thomas C. Manning; account statements; bills; receipts

**THOMAS O. MOORE PAPERS**  
1832-(1856-1871)-1877

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		26-27	1876	55 items: Tax receipts; receipts for barrels of molasses from Bush & Levert; letters and receipts to Moore from Ar. Miltenberger
		28	1877	23 items: Receipts; bills; business letters
		29-30	undated	32 items: Letters and receipts to Moore from Ar. Miltenberger; copy of a letter to Mr. Adams and Gov. Hebert from B. Bragg; accounts; form for mortgage
		31	1863-1865	5 items: Newspaper clippings
OS:M	--	1	undated	Broadside: Plan for the South in the Present Crisis
H:3	--	--	1832-1877	Bound transcript copies I. 1832-1858 II. 1859-1861 III. 1862-1863 IV. 1864-1865 V. 1866-1868 VI. 1869-1875 VII. 1876-1877

**Index Terms**

Allen, Henry Watkins, 1820-1866.

Baton Rouge (La.)

Bragg, Braxton, 1817-1876.

Confederate States of America--Politics and government.

Cotton trade--Louisiana.

Davis, Jefferson, 1808-1889.

Emfield Plantation (Rapides Parish, La.)

General Hodges (Steamer)

Governors--Louisiana.

Lodi Plantation (Rapides Parish, La.)

Louisiana--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Louisiana--Politics and government--1803-1865.

Louisiana-- Civil War, 1861-1865.

Louisiana. Governor, 1860-1864 (T. O. Moore)

Miltenberger, A.

Moore, Thomas Overton, 1804-1876.

Mooreland Plantation (Rapides Parish, La.)

Plantations--Louisiana--Rapides Parish (La.)

Ransdell, John H.

Rapides Parish (La.)

Richard Taylor, 1826-1879.

Sugar trade--Louisiana.

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.



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	2	16-30	Manuscripts (1866-1877, undated)
		31	Newspaper Clippings (1863-1865)
OS:M	--	1	Broadside (undated)
H:3	--	--	Bound transcript copies Vols. I-VII
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