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**SUMMARY**

<b>Size</b>	2 linear ft. (1,708 items)
<b>Geographic Locations</b>	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Louisiana; Mississippi; Virginia; and Chicago, Illinois
<b>Inclusive Dates</b>	1815-1925
<b>Bulk Dates</b>	1854-1883
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Summary</b>	Correspondence and business records of the Henry D. Mandeville family of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Natchez, Mississippi. Most of the papers are correspondence and financial records dealing primarily with social life in Natchez and at Westwood Plantation in Catahoula Parish, Louisiana, as well as business conditions in Natchez, New Orleans, and Chicago.
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### **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Henry David Mandeville, Sr. (1787-1878) of Philadelphia was a supercargo (a foreign factor involved in the China trade). He moved his family to Natchez, Mississippi, in 1835, when he became the cashier of the Planters' Bank of Mississippi at Natchez.

Mandeville's son, Henry D. Mandeville, Jr. (1815-1872), was a Natchez attorney who was forced to give up his active law practice at the age of twenty-nine due to poor health. He owned Westwood Plantation on the Tensas River in Catahoula Parish, Louisiana. His brothers, Theodore and Ellwyn, served in the Confederate armed forces during the Civil War.

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Papers are primarily consist of the personal and some business correspondence (1816-1925) of Henry D. Mandeville, Sr., and members of his family. Also included are accounts, bills of exchange, bills and receipts, conveyances of property, lists of property, and court cases. The papers deal with the early career of Henry D. Mandeville, Sr., as a businessman involved in the China trade, the education of his son, Henry D. Mandeville, Jr., and the family's move to Natchez in 1835, as well as family matters and social life in antebellum Natchez and New Orleans.

The papers also concern military enlistment and training, the Shiloh campaign, and civilian life in New Orleans, Natchez, and at Westwood Plantation during the Civil War. After the Civil War, the papers concern rural poverty in Virginia and Louisiana, business conditions and social life in New Orleans and Chicago, rural labor problems resulting from the emancipation of the slaves, and social life in Natchez.

**LIST OF SUB-GROUPS, SERIES, AND SUBSERIES**

- Series I. Correspondence, 1816-1925**
- Series II. Manuscript Volumes, 1842-1852, 1864-1866, 1888**
- Series III. Business Papers of Henry Mandeville, 1833-1873**
- Series IV. The Planters' Bank of Mississippi Records, 1830-1874**
- Series V. Miscellaneous, 1825-1872**

## **SERIES DESCRIPTIONS**

### **Series I. Correspondence, 1816-1925, (1,409 items)**

Mainly personal and some business correspondence of Henry D. Mandeville, Sr., his children and grandchildren. The earliest letters deal mainly with the career of Henry Mandeville, Sr., as a supercargo involved in the China trade; the education of his son, Henry D. Mandeville, Jr., (1815-1872) at Princeton University; and the family's move to Natchez in 1835.

Letters from 1835 to 1861 concern family matters; family travels, particularly the trips made by father and son to health resorts in Arkansas and Virginia, and visits of the daughters to New Orleans; and life at Westwood Plantation (owned by Henry D. Mandeville, Jr.) on the Tensas River in Catahoula Parish, Louisiana. Civil War letters, 1861-1865, concern military enlistment and training; the military careers of sons Theodore and Ellwyn; the Shiloh campaign; civilian life in New Orleans, Natchez, and at Westwood Plantation; and the social embarrassment caused by the secret marriage of one of the granddaughters.

Post-Civil War letters concern rural poverty in Louisiana and Virginia; business conditions and social life in New Orleans and Chicago; rural labor problems that resulted from the emancipation of the slaves; the work, lives and feelings of farm women; and social life in Natchez.

### **Series II. Manuscript Volumes, 1842-1852, 1864-1866, 1888, (6 items)**

The diary kept by daughter Rebecca Mandeville in 1848 records daily events, housekeeping, social activities in Natchez, fashions, and religious and social attitudes. Another diary kept by Rebecca Mandeville, 1864-1866, records letters received and sent and mentions significant family and local events. Also included are three account books, 1842-1852, and 1880, and a list of members of the Sustentation Society of the (Natchez) Presbyterian Church.

### **Series III. Business Papers of Henry Mandeville, 1833-1873, (58 items)**

Correspondence mainly concerned with transactions involving the Planters' Bank of Mississippi in Natchez as well as a few items dealing with personal business transactions of Henry Mandeville. Prior to the Civil War, the documents include letters with receipts and invoices, transfers of notes, and transfers of mortgages. Following the Civil War, Henry Mandeville served as a trustee of the Planters' Bank of Mississippi after its dissolution. The postwar correspondence mainly concerns records of prewar transactions involving the Planters' Bank of Mississippi and the sale of parts of Mandeville's land.

### **Series IV. The Planters' Bank of Mississippi Records, 1830-1874, (296 items)**

Almost entirely business records of the Planters' Bank of Mississippi at Natchez. Included are indentures, deeds, mortgages, notes, protests, court records, powers of attorney, bank bonds, statements, receipts, and lists of lands.

### **Series V. Miscellaneous, 1825-1872, (13 items)**

Included are the agreement forming the co-partnership of Peter Graham and Henry D. Mandeville, Sr., August 1, 1826; copies of the wills of Emily E. Schott, wife of John P. Schott, May 8, 1837, and John P. Schott, February 5, 1851; and obituaries of Henry D. Mandeville, Jr.,

and Ellwyn E. Mandeville, 1872. Also included are receipts for dental work performed on various members of the Mandeville family.

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