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WILLIAM TERRY AND FAMILY PAPERS

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SUMMARY

Size.	67 items
Geographic locations.	Rapides Parish, La.; Port Hudson, La.; Jefferson County, Miss.; Claiborne Co., Miss.; Natchez, Miss.; Charleston, S.C.; Fort Pickens, Fla.; Yorktown, Va.
Inclusive dates.	1766-1896
Bulk dates.	1860-1869
Language.	English
Summary.	Papers consist of personal correspondence of the Terry and related Jefferies families, in addition to miscellaneous items of the Ellett and Baillio families.
Organization.	Arranged chronologically
Restrictions on access.	None.
Copyright.	Copyright of the original materials is retained by descendants of the creators in accordance with U.S. copyright law.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

The William Terry family resided in Pine Woods, Jefferson County, Mississippi. Sarah, daughter of William and Martha Ker Terry, married Evans S. Jefferies. The Jefferies family lived on Greenwood Plantation, Claiborne County, Mississippi. The Baillio and Ellett families are related to the Jefferies family.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Papers consist of personal correspondence of the Terry and related Jefferies families, in addition to miscellaneous items of the Ellett and Baillio families. Letters (1821-1859) to Martha Ker Terry from her husband, her mother, Mary Ker, and her brother, John Ker of Natchez, and letters to Sarah Terry Jefferies discuss personal and family matters. Notable correspondent Henry Hughes, an attorney of Port Gibson, Mississippi, comments on settlement of Martha Miller Jefferies' estate, the Democratic Convention at Charleston, and issues relative to his participation in the Civil War. Civil War letters written by members of the Jefferies family comment on troop movements, battles (e.g., Manassas, Yorktown, and Fort Pickens), and concern for slaves and property. Included among the Civil War letters are two apparently written by Solomon, a family slave. One was written at Port Hudson (1862), is addressed to "mistress," and he discusses the goods his master needs and offers greetings to other family members. The other is not addressed.

Also included are photographic copies of Pierre Baillio's military discharge (1766) and a land grant (1795) to Baillio signed by Carondelet, as well as copies of photographs of Greenwood Plantation, H. E. Ellett's home in Port Gibson, and Peter Baillio's home in Alexandria, Louisiana.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

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A:63	1	1-2	1766,1795 1821-1859	<p>14 items: Photostats: military discharge of Pierre Baillio (1763); petition and land grant of Pierre Baillio (1795)</p> <p>Letters to Martha Ker Terry from her husband, William Terry, her mother, May Ker, and her brother, John Ker of Natchez, pertaining to personal and family matters, 1821-1830.</p> <p>Title to slaves purchased by Evan S. Jeffries, husband of Sarah Terry Jeffries, 1849; and letters to Sarah Terry Jeffries from her step-mother, 1852-1855.</p>
		3-4	1860-1869	<p>26 items: Letters of Henry Hughes, lawyer, of Port Gibson, Mississippi, to Mr. Evan S. Jeffries concerning the settlement of the estate of Mrs. Sallie Miller, 1860; letter of Lieut. William Jeffries from a hospital near Manassas revealing the emotions of the soldiers upon seeing a battlefield, Sept. 1, 1861; letter of John H. Jeffries from a camp near Fort Pickens, Florida, giving a description of the battle, Oct. 15, 1861; letter to E. S. Jeffries from a camp near Yorktown, Virginia, Apr. 27, 1862; (according to note attached) letter from a slave to his wife; letter from E. Shelby Jeffries, Jr. from Orange Court House inquiring about his father's stock and employment for his slaves, Aug. 9, 1863; letter from L. B. Butler from Camp "Joe Johnston," Port Hudson, Louisiana, concerning preparations around Baton Rouge, Jan. 17, 1863; Letter of Eliza Ker Terry Prince of Pine Bluff, Mississippi, to her husband concerning their plantation, 1864; letter of W. H. Sterling of Bayou Sara, Louisiana, to E. S. Jeffries requesting payment of a note, 1860; letter of N. Jeffries concerning the settlement of his mother's estate, 1868.</p>
			1883-1896	<p>5 items: Letters to Mrs. S. T. Jeffries; letter and bill to W. L. Baillio, New Orleans.</p>
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				Letters from E.K. Prince; letters to Martha Jefferies; to Kate Jefferies; to Rebecca Ellett; to William Jefferies; copy of newspaper clipping of funeral of Mrs. William L. Baillio
				Photographs (photocopied) of plantation homes and interiors:
				Mantel in east room of Peter Baillio house in Alexandria, La.
				Greenwood Plantation, home of E.S. Jefferies, Claiborne County, Mississippi
				Exterior of north elevation of Peter Baillio house
				Exterior of home of H.T. Ellett, Port Gibson, Miss.
				Stairway in home of H.T. Ellett
	6		undated	Empty envelopes

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Subject	Date	Description of relevant documents
Baillio, Pierre.	1766, 1795	enlargement prints of military discharge signed by Aubry, 1766, and of land grant signed by Carondelet, 1795.
Bragg, Braxton, 1817-1876.	1861	eyewitness account of attack on Fort Pickens, explanation of Bragg's failure to take Fort Pickens. John H. Jefferies, Oct. 15.
Bull Run, 1st Battle of, Va., 1861.	1861	comments on change in soldiers' emotions upon sight of dead and wounded lying in rain on battlefield. William Jeffries, Sept. 1 and 2.
Child rearing.	1826	indulge rather than resort to severe means if young child does not like school; give kind attention and advice, but no flattery. William Terry, Feb. 16.
Children--Conduct of life.	[1847]	rely on goodness of Heavenly Father; do not give up to gloomy despondency and melancholy; be not displeasing in sight of God. Mary Ker, Feb. 16.
Commission merchants--Louisiana--New Orleans.	1836	N. J. Dick and Co. Dec. 29 (letter damaged)
Confederate States of America. Army. Mississippi Infantry Regiment, 9th.	1861	comments on General Bragg's encounter with "Wilson's cut-throat Zuaves," near Fort Pickens. 9 th Regiment, Florida. 1861.
Confederate States of America. Army. Mississippi Infantry Regiment, 12th.	1861-1862	comments on illness of commanding officers, lack of pay and "necessaries of life," election of camp officers, emotions of soldiers at first Battle of Bull Run, and participation in Peninsular Campaign. 12 th Regiment, Virginia, 1861-1862
Confederate States of America. Army. Mississippi Infantry Regiment, 12th--Officers.	1861-1862, undated	comments on illness of commanding officers and lack of pay. Henry Hughes, Sept. 2 and Dec. 23, 1861; complaint (copy) from officers to Secretary of War concerning soldiers' lack of pay and "necessaries of life," undated; comments on participation of 12 th Regiment,

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		Mississippi Volunteers in Peninsular campaign, and camp election. Ben Butler, Apr. 13 and 27-28, 1862.
Cotton--Prices--Southern States.	1821	selling price in Natchez, 16½¢ to 17½¢; but in New Orleans, 18½¢. William Terry letter, Dec. 11.
Democratic National Convention (1860 : Charleston, S.C.)	1860	mentions possible nomination of Stephen Douglas and results of balloting. Henry Hughes, Apr. 30 and May 2.
Deserta Plantation (La.)	1867-1868	comments on payment of note favoring wife to John Watt and Co., Feb. 4, 1867; and need for assistant in converting plantation to sugar, [Dec.] 30, 1868. 2 letters to Nat Jeffries.
Fort Pickens (Fla.)	1861	eyewitness account of General Bragg's encounter with "Wilson's cut-throat Zuaves," description of batteries around Fort, and explanation of Bragg's failure to capture it. John H. Jefferies, Oct. 15.
House furnishings--Louisiana--New Orleans.	1896	D. H. Holmes bills to W. L. Baillio for rugs, chairs, comfort, and pictures. Feb. 19.
Hughes, Henry, d. 1862.	1860-1862	comments on estate matters of [Martha Jeffries], the Democratic Convention at Charleston, and illness of commanding officers and pay to regiment. 4 letters by: Apr. 30 and May 2, 1860; Sept. 2 and Dec. 23, 1861; victim of typhoid fever near Manassas. William Jeffries, Sept. 1, 1861; defeat in regimental election blamed on "rabble of half witted illiterate, and thankless men." L. B. Butler, Apr. 27-28, 1862.
James, John D.	1847	comments on scarcity in New Orleans market; offers 20 slaves: 7 men, 12 grown women, and 1 girl, age 12 in Natchez for \$11,000 and states terms of sale. 1 letter by, June 16.
Jeffries family.	1849-1863	personal papers of Jefferies family include letters from Confederate servicemen in 1 st Battle of Bull Run, Peninsular campaign, and in Florida near Fort Pickens.

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Mississippi--Capital and capitol.	1821	comments on possible purchase of Gloster property in Amite County as permanent site for State House. William Terry, Dec. 11.
Money--Confederate States of America.	undated	no idea of selling price of china and glasses in Confederate money. Catherine Coleman, Aug. 7.
Morehead, George.	1861	offers 1,500 acres and 40 slaves for sale. J. J. Person, Mar. 1.
Peninsular Campaign, 1862.	1862	comments on discontinuance of mail, hardships of march from Orange Court House to Richmond, patriotism of Richmond citizens, appearance of Jefferson Davis, and arrival at Yorktown. L. Ben Butler, Apr. 13. [partial]
Plantation owners--Louisiana--West Feliciana Parish.	1867-1868	comments on payment of note favoring wife to John Watt and Co., Feb. 4, 1867; and need for assistant in converting plantation to sugar, [Dec.] 30, 1868. 2 letters to Nat Jeffries.
Plantation owners--Mississippi--Washington County.	1861	offers 1,500 acres and 40 slaves for sale. J. J. Person, Mar. 1.
Port Hudson (La.)--History--Siege, 1863.	1863	comments on departure of cavalry under Lieutenant Colonel Wilburn to Clinton and Baton Rouge road and increased Confederate strength with arrival of Generals Maxey and Gregg. L. B. Butler, Jan. 17.
Richmond (Va.)--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Prisoners and prisons.	1862	Hessians requested Confederate band to play <i>Roanoke Quickstep</i> in place of Dixie, Apr. 13.
Slave trade--Mississippi--Claiborne County.	1849	Dick, Ellis, Sarah, Westly, and Savannah sold for \$1,400. James Snodgrass, Dec. 21.
Slave traders--Mississippi--Natchez.	1847	comments on scarcity in New Orleans market; offers 20 slaves: 7 men, 12 grown women, and 1 girl, age 12 in Natchez for \$11,000 and states terms of sale. 1 letter by, June 16.

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Slaves--Health and hygiene--Mississippi--Pine Woods.	1826	Slaves in "tolerable" health; calomel to be given Julia's child; Tabby and Charlotte complaining; Osborne's wife in "family way." William Terry, Feb. 16.
Soldiers--Diseases--Virginia.	1861	advice by mother on reports of epidemic in camps to soldier son. July 17; comments on recovery followed by "bloody flue" and personal care by civilian. William Jefferies, Sept. 1.
Soldiers--Florida--Correspondence.	1861	comments on General Bragg's engagement with the enemy near Fort Pickens, Florida. John H. Jefferies, Oct. 15, 1861.
Soldiers--Louisiana--Correspondence.	1861-1863, undated	comments on mustering in, 1 st Battle of Bull Run, sickness in the 12 th Mississippi Volunteer Regiment, and possible military substitute. William Jefferies, Virginia and Louisiana, Sept. 1, 1861, Dec. 30, 1862, and undated; comments on troop movements to Clinton-Baton Rouge road under Colonel Wilburn, increased strength of Port Hudson, and possible transfer to skeleton regiment. Port Hudson. L. B. Butler, Jan. 17, 1863.
Soldiers--Louisiana--Port Hudson.	1862-1863	comments on sum needed for contract with Louis Orr as paid exchange. William Jefferies, Dec. 30; comments on passage of Orr's papers through official hands until they reach either Pemberton or Johnston for approval or disapproval. L. B. Butler, Jan. 17, 1863.
Soldiers--Virginia--Correspondence.	1861-1863, undated	comments on mustering in, 1 st Battle of Bull Run, sickness in the 12 th Mississippi Volunteer Regiment, and possible military substitute. William Jefferies, Virginia and Louisiana, Sept. 1, 1861, Dec. 30, 1862, and undated; comments on home, loss of slaves, troop movements, and possible transfer if substitute not found. Virginia. E. Shelby Jefferies, Aug. 9, 1863 (2 letters).
Stirling, William H.	1867-1868	comments on payment of note favoring wife to John Watt and Co., Feb. 4, 1867; and need for

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		assistant in converting plantation to sugar, [Dec.] 30, 1868. 2 letters to Nat Jeffries.
Taxation--Mississippi--Fayette.	1884	high taxes blamed on sheriff defaulting. O. K. McGinty, Dec. 12.
Terry family.	1821-1830	personal correspondence, 1821-1830.
Women--Mississippi--Pinebluff.	1864	comments on hog killing, the transportation of meat to Alabama and return with salt by overseer, payment of taxes, need for mules, cost of unbleached domestic, and lack of whiskey for Christmas eggnog. Eliza Terry Prince, Dec. 22.
Women slaves--Virginia.	1862	tells mistress about her son, [William Jeffries]. Virginia. Oct. 16, 1862.

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