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SUMMARY

Size. 58 items

Geographic locations. Laurel Hill, Natchez, Mississippi; New Orleans, Louisiana

Inclusive dates. 1773-1826, undated

Bulk dates. 1773-1790, 1809-1826

Language. English; some land grants are in Spanish

Summary. Copies of letters (1809-1825) from Captain Benjamin Farar of Laurel Hill near Natchez and from members of related families, pertaining principally to family life and few references to social life in New Orleans. Collection includes 3 English and Spanish land grants (1773-1790).

Location of originals. Originals located at Tulane University Library, New Orleans.

Organization. Arranged chronologically.

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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Benjamin Farar was a planter of Laurel Hill Plantation near Natchez, in Adams County, Mississippi. He was married to Mary Ellis Farar and had daughters, Mary Farar and Anna Eliza Farar Mercer. Jane Ellis Rapalje was a sister-in-law. Associates include Thomas Butler, John Dick, Abner L. Duncan, and William Kenner.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Personal and business correspondence (1820-1826) concerns family matters and life at Laurel Hill Plantation, with some references to social life in New Orleans. Correspondents include Mary Farar, Anna Farar Mercer, and other family members, friends, and associates including Thomas Butler, John Dick, Abner L. Duncan, and William Kenner. The earliest items in the collection include an English and a Spanish land grant and a land survey of holdings near Ouachita, Concordia Parish, Louisiana. All items are on microfilm except two photocopies of letters from Benjamin Farar concerning his illegitimate daughter (undated).

Also see: Pierce, Butler, The Unhurried Years: Memories of the Old Natchez Region. (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1948).
COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

Land Surveys (1773, 1787, 1790); 3 items

May 12, 1773  Letters patent to Thomas Hutchins for 1000 acres on Second Creed, Adams County, Mississippi, and survey by Elias Durnford, surveyor general. [Document recorded in the Register’s Office, West of Pearl River, Washington, Mississippi, March 30, 1804.]

1787  Survey by Carlos Trudeau of land of Francisco de Castro, at the Post of Ouachita, Concordia Parish

1790  Spanish grant to Benjamin Farar including survey of land in Pointe Coupee Parish by Carlos Trudeau and certification by Governor Estavan Miro.

Correspondence of Benjamin Farar, (1809-1826); 53 items

May 20, 1809  Abner L. Duncan, New Orleans, to Captain Benjamin Farar near Natchez, Mississippi Territory.

March 11, 1812  Benjamin Farar, New Orleans, to Mrs. Mary Farar, Laurel Hill, Natchez.

October 15, 1814  Mary Farar, Laurel Hill, Natchez, to Mr. Benjamin Farar, New Orleans.

October 18, 1814  Anna Farar, Laurel Hill, Natchez, to Mr. Benjamin Farar, New Orleans.

October 19, 1814  Mrs. Mary Farar, Laurel Hill, Natchez, to Mr. Benjamin Farar, New Orleans.

October 26, 1817  Mary Cocke, Springfield, Kentucky, to Miss Mary Farar, Lexington, Kentucky.

January 10, 1818  R. Rigsby, Lexington, Kentucky, to Captain Benjamin Farar, near Natchez.

March 7, 1818  Benjamin Farar, Chapetulas [postmarked New Orleans] to Mrs. Mary Farar, Laurel Hill, Natchez

April 27, 1818  Mary Farar, New Orleans, to Mrs. Mary Farar, Laurel Hill, Natchez.


May 3, 1818  Mary Farar, New Orleans, to Mrs. Mary Farar, Natchez
May 7, 1818  Mary Farar, New Orleans, to Benjamin Farar Esq., Laurel Hill, Mississippi.

May 12, 1818  Mary Farar, New Orleans, to Mrs. Mary Farar, Natchez.

March 4, 1819  Anna Eliza Farar, New Orleans, to Mr. Benjamin Farar, Laurel Hill near Natchez, Mississippi Territory.

March 30, 1819  Mrs. Mary Farar, New Orleans, to Mr. Benjamin Farar Esq., Natchez.

April 6, 1819  Mrs. Mary Farar, New Orleans, to Mr. Benjamin Farar, Laurel Hill, Natchez.


October 24, 1819  Mary R. Nelson, Baltimore, Maryland, to Mrs. Mary Farar, care of Benjamin Farar Esquire, Natchez, Mississippi Territory.

January 18, 1820  J. Saac Mayfield to Benjamin Farar.


February 15, 1820  Mrs. Mary Farar, New Orleans, to Mr. Benjamin Farar, Laurel Hill near Natchez, Mississippi Territory.

February 17, 1820  William Kenner, New Orleans, to Mrs. Mary Farar, New Orleans.

February 18, 1820  Joseph Saul, New Orleans, to Mrs. Mary Farar, New Orleans.

March 3, 1820  M. Carroll, Natchez, to Mrs. Jane Rapalje, New Orleans.

March 7, 1820  Benjamin Farar, Natchez, to Mrs. Jane Rapalje, New Orleans.

March 8, 1820  Mary Farar, New Orleans, to Mr. Benjamin Farar, Laurel Hill near Natchez, Mississippi Territory.

March 20, 1820  Benjamin Farar, Laurel Hill, Natchez, to Mrs. Mary Farar, New Orleans.
April 4, 1820  Benjamin Farar, Laurel Hill, Natchez, to Mrs. Mary Farar, New Orleans.

April 11, 1820  Benjamin Farar, Laurel Hill, Natchez, to Mrs. Mary Farar, New Orleans.

May 21, 1820  A.T. Jeter, Natchez, to Mrs. Jane Rapalje.

April 7, 1821  Thomas Butler, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Hon John Dick, New Orleans.

May 7, 1821  John Dick, New Orleans, to Benjamin Farar Esquire, Laurel Hill, Natchez.

June 9, 1821  John Dick, New Orleans, to Miss Anna E. Farar, Laurel Hill, Natchez.

March 10, 1822  Rd. Cocke and Mary Cocke, Montgomery (near Clarksville, Tennessee), to Capt. Benjamin Farar, Laurel Hill, near Natchez.

May 4, 1822  Benjamin Farar, Laurel Hill, Natchez, to John Dick Esq., New Orleans.


January 21, 1823  John Dick, New Orleans, to Miss Anna Farar, Laurel Hill, Natchez.

March 5, 1823  Anna Mercer, New Orleans, to Benjamin Farar Esquire, Laurel Hill, near Natchez.

March 14, 1823  Anna Mercer, New Orleans, to Benjamin Farar Esquire, Laurel Hill, Natchez.

April 1, 1823  Anna Farar Mercer, New Orleans, to Mr. Benjamin Farar, Laurel Hill near Natchez.


April 10, 1824  Benjamin Farar, Laurel Hill, Natchez, to Mrs. Anna E. Mercer, New Orleans.

March, 1825  James A. Girault, Louisville, Kentucky, to Capt. Benjamin Farar, Laurel Hill near Natchez.
April 23, 1825  William Brune, Natchez, to Benjamin Farar Esquire, Laurel Hill, Natchez.

May 20, 1825  L. Pitcher, New Orleans, to Benjamin Farar Esq., Natchez, Mississippi.

July 1, 1825  Thomas Butler, near St. Francisville, Louisiana, to Benjamin Farar Esq. near Natchez.

September 16, 1825  Thomas Butler [postmarked St. Francisville] to Dr. William N. Mercer Laurel Hill near Natchez.

March 8, 1826  Statement signed by Stephan Duncan and Benjamin F. Young.

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