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KATE LEE FERGUSON PAPERS

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SUMMARY

- Size.** 38 items, 6 mss. volumes, 1 printed volume
- Geographic locations.** Mississippi, Texas
- Inclusive dates.** 1858-1911.
- Languages.** English.
- Summary.** Correspondence, manuscript writings, printed items, photographs, bound manuscript volumes.
- Access.** No restrictions.
- Related Collections.** Samuel Wragg Ferguson Papers, Mss. 1416, 1576
Samuel Wragg Ferguson Letter, Mss. 2177
Percy Ferguson Papers, Mss. 1416
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Kate Lee Ferguson was a novelist, poet, and composer of Mississippi. She married Confederate General Samuel Wragg Ferguson, Aug. 28, 1862.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Papers include personal letters from friends and family members and a Spanish land grant for property of Nathaniel A. Ware (grandfather of Kate Lee Ferguson) along the Red River in Texas. Manuscript writings include prose, poetry, and music by Kate Lee Ferguson. The writings largely reflect Southern life, culture and history and include Ferguson's memoirs which describe her family and Samuel Wragg Ferguson. Manuscript volumes contain short stories and poems (1857-1898), an operetta (undated), a list of household furnishings, and memoranda (undated). Some published music is included, along with a printed volume of "Little Mose," a story by Kate Lee Ferguson. The collection includes newspaper clippings and fragments and a handkerchief given by Jefferson Davis to Kate Lee Ferguson with a handwritten explanation relating the circumstances of the gift. Photographs of Kate Lee Ferguson and others are included.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

I. Correspondence, 1858-1908, undated

Correspondence includes an undated love note signed with initials, letter of affection from J. L. Bright, Lexington, (1858), letter of thanks from private secretary of the President of the United States (May 8, 1883), family letter from Greenville, Mississippi, to her son (1886), letter from "Wellington", in London (Nov. 20, 1908) concerning a British consul at Charleston, and a definition of a patriot by Kate Ferguson. Also among the correspondence is an envelope with inscription and note about Border League Claims, Spanish grants along the Red River, Texas belonging to Nathaniel A. Ware, grandfather of Catherine Lee Ferguson.

II. Writings, 1889, 1903, undated

Writings include manuscripts and typescripts of literary works consisting of the *Memoirs of Catherine Ferguson* (1904); *The Old Dancer*, a synopsis for a motion picture play; manuscript music and lyrics to *Anthem to Louisiana*; and manuscript, typescript and newspaper clipping of *A Few Words of Jefferson Davis*. Other titles included are:

Birth Mark, a Sensational Drama Founded on Fact

Fledia's Secret, a Southern Story

Major William Henry Lee

Modern Sorceress (outline for play)

Monument to the Confederate Women

My old Black Mammy

Panola, (play)

Rosetta, or Waiting for Joel

Sack of Oats

Sarah Dorsey and Beauvoir (description of area around Beauvoir, Miss.)

Something About Doll

Under the Stars

III. Printed material and photographs, 1886, undated

Printed material consists of a card, *Cock Fight from Ecuador*; published sheet music, *The letter from Home* (1889), dedicated to Nina Clifton, actress and *Inauguration Song, The Old Velvet Chair* (1893), dedicated to Grover Cleveland; newspaper clippings of poems, *Death of Edwin Booth*, *Her Face* and article, *A Pen Picture from an Old State*, by Kate Lee Ferguson; an issue of *The Montgomery Advertiser* (April 29, 1886); pamphlet of *Little Mose* dedicated to Jefferson Davis. Photographs include Kate Lee Ferguson, Frederick Nicholls Crouch, Frank Heyward (?), and Beauvoir photographs.

IV. Bound manuscript volumes, 1857-1911, undated

- v. 1 Poetry (1857-1858).
- v. 2 Poetry (1857-1879, 1890-1892, 1898) and stories *The Lost Bracelet* (1868) and *A Christmas Story* (undated).
- v. 3 Short stories, poem, and accounts of H. P. Su with Ferguson and Su (1883).
- v. 4 Comic operetta a *Tempest in a Tea Pot*, and a list entitled "Things belonging to us in and around McKies (?) house" (1911).
- v. 5 Short story, *Cliquot* (undated).
- v. 6 Short story, the sequel to *Cliquot*; *Two Dogs Mumm or a Woman's Glory* (undated)

INDEX TERMS

Authors, American--Mississippi.
Beauvoir (Miss.)--Description and travel.
Cleveland, Grover, d. 1837-1908.
Composers--Mississippi.
Davis, Jefferson, d. 1808-1889.
Ferguson, Samuel Wragg, d. 1834-1917.
Land grants.
Memoirs.
Musical scores.
Musical compositions.
Poets, American--Mississippi.
Ware, Nathaniel A., d. ca. 1790-1854.
Women writers.

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>
S:28	1	1	Correspondence (1858-1908).
		2-17	Writings (1904, undated).
		18	Newspapers clippings of article and poetry (undated).
		21	Pamphlet, <i>Little Mose</i> (undated).
		22	Card, <i>Cock Fight from Ecuador</i> (undated), handkerchief of Jefferson Davis (undated).
		23-24	Photographs.
S:28	2	v. 1-6	Bound manuscript volumes (1857-1911, undated).
65:	--	19-20	Manuscript music and lyrics, <i>Anthem to Louisiana</i> ; sheet music (1889, 1893).
98:F	--	1	Newspaper, <i>The Montgomery Advertiser</i> (1886)
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