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# Finding-Aid for the Edmondson/Bray/Williams/Stidham Collection

## MUM00119

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### SUMMARY INFORMATION

**Repository**

University of Mississippi Libraries

**Title**

Edmondson/Bray/Williams/Stidham Collection

**ID**

MUM00119

**Date**

1834-1987

**Extent**

21.5 Linear feet (43 boxes)

**Mixed materials [Boxes]**

1-43

**Abstract**

Collection consists of correspondence and documents primarily concerning the life and career of Isabella Buchanan Edmondson. They were created from 1834-1987.

**Preferred Citation**

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### HISTORICAL NOTE

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chronicles the interwoven histories of several families of North Mississippi and Tennessee. The papers primarily concern the life and career of Isabella Buchanan Edmondson, known as "Belle." She was born in Pontotoc, MS in 1840 and was the eighth child of Mary Ann Howard and Andrew Jackson Edmondson. Andrew, a veteran of the War of 1812, worked as a surveyor during the wild days surrounding the cession of Indian lands in the 1830s. He worked in different capacities over the course of several years: Receiver of Public Monies and Recorder of Deeds in Pontotoc; as clerk of the Chancery Court in Marshall County in the late 1840s; and by 1856 he was a farmer by profession.

The family lived in several different homes throughout Belle's youth. She was educated at the prestigious Franklin Female College in Marshall County. The Edmondson family moved to Shelby County, Tennessee just before the Civil War began and much of the collection reflects their association with Memphis as well as Mississippi.

During the War, while Belle's brothers served in the military she worked as a spy for the Confederacy. She mainly worked in and around north Mississippi and reported primarily to Missouri troops. Belle also smuggled goods across the Union picket lines after Memphis was taken by Federal forces after the battle for the city on June 6, 1862. In 1864 a warrant was actually issued for Belle's arrest due to her spying and smuggling activities and she moved to Waverly Plantation in Clay County, Mississippi in November 1864 to escape. It is known that she remained at Waverly into the early part of 1865 but it is not known if she ended the war there. She would end her days in July 1873, two days after announcing her engagement to an unknown individual, a "Col. H."

Materials in the collection include war correspondence from Belle regarding her efforts on behalf of the Confederate soldiers in the area. Much of the collection also relates to Belle's eldest sister, Mary Edmondson who later married and became Mary Edmondson Anderson, then after Mr. Anderson died, she remarried and became Mary Edmondson Anderson Bray. She was also known as "Mollie." Her daughter, Susie Bray, would marry a Mr. Williams and live in Memphis, TN. Susie Bray Williams would have a daughter Mary E. Williams who would marry into the Stidham family. The 20th century correspondence is primarily from the Stidham family.

For much of the information about the early portion of the collection please see the transcribed diary of Belle Edmondson in the publication, *A Lost Heroine of the Confederacy: The Diaries and Letters of Belle Edmondson*. Edited by William and Loretta Galbraith. Jackson, MS: University Press of Mississippi, 1990.

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## SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

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### Processing Information

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## COLLECTION INVENTORY

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### Box 1

#### Folder 1: 19th Century Correspondence and Fragments undated

Note fragment [1861-1865]

#### Scope and Content

Asks the names and whereabouts of three lady spies from Oxford [Mississippi]

Letter or Document undated

**Scope and Content**

Fragment containing obituary information

**Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note**

Page torn in two parts

Letter from Mary to "Dear Sister Mary." undated

**Scope and Content**

Regarding sent slippers, but she is sorry they are not completed as she intended. Mentions children and other family members.

Letter from "Your friend" to "Dear Bell" [Edmondson]. undated

**Scope and Content**

Regarding questions about particulars of a sibling's illness

Letter from "Your Affectionate Sister Moll" [Mary H. Edmondson] to "My own dear honey" [Mrs. R.W. Edmondson]. undated

**Scope and Content**

Regarding sadness because she cannot be with her sister at this time of trouble. Envelope addressed to, "Mrs. R.W. Edmondson, Pontotoc, Missis." Calling card for Mary H. Edmondson also enclosed with letter.

Letter from "Sister Tate" [Tate Edmondson] to "Darling Sister." undated Le

Letter from "Alf" to "Gentle Friend." 1 August [unknown year]

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Moss Point.

Letter from "Cousin Alf" to "Cousin Soph" [Sophia Bridgers] undated

Letter fragment from "A" to unidentified individual undated

**Scope and Content**

Envelope addressed to, "Miss Edmondson or [Mr.?] George Dashiell, Shelby Coty. Tennessee."

Letter from Ed Bray to "My dearest Mary" [Edmondson]

Anderson] undated

Letter from "Sister" to "Dear Sister" [Susie Bray]. undated

**Scope and Content**

Contains stamped envelope addressed to "Miss Susie Bray, [Leath?] School, Memphis, Tenn."

Letter from "Cousin Mary" to "My Dear Susie" [Bray Williams]. undated

**Scope and Content**

Contains stamped envelope addressed to, "Mrs. Marion [illegible letter] Williams, No. 14 Ford Avenue, Near Curve."

Letter from L.W. to "My dear child." undated

Letter from [Lucie] to "Dear Mother Bray." undated

Letter from [Lucie] to "Dear Mother Bray." undated

Card from A.M. Smith to [Mrs. Mary Bray] undated

Letter from J. Ingram to "Mrs. M. H. Bray." undated

**Scope and Content**

Back of letter addressed to, "Mrs. Mary H. Bray, At Home."

Card from M.H.B. [Mary H. Edmondson Anderson Bray] to "My dear Susie" [Susie Bray] undated

**Scope and Content**

Card addressed to, "Miss Sue T. Bray, Care of Mr. J. Stokes, Helena, Ark."

Card from "Mother" [Mary H. Edmondson Anderson Bray] to [Susie Bray]. undated

**Scope and Content**

Card addressed to, "Miss Susie T. Bray, Care of Mr. J. Stokes, Helena, Arkansas."

Letter from Helen to "Mary" [Mary Williams]. undated

**Scope and Content**

Stamped envelope addressed to, "Miss Mary Williams 209 Edgewood Ave. Memphis, Tenn."

Letter from "Yours lovingly Grandmamma" to "My own precious baby" [Mary Williams]. undated

**Scope and Content**

Back of letter addressed to, "Mary C. Williams."

Letter from Louise to Mary [Mary C. Williams]. undated

**Scope and Content**

On Crump, Britton & West letterhead. Envelope addressed to, "Miss Mary C. Williams, 292 N. Garland Place, Memphis, Tenn."

**Folder 2: 19th century calling cards undated**

**Folder 3: 19th century financial documents, lists, and medical lists undated**

List of medical supplies [1861-1865]

**Scope and Content**

Includes amputating instruments, opium, laudanum, etc.

**Folder 4: 19th century handwritten recipes undated**

**Folder 5: 19th century empty envelopes and letter fragments undated**

Handwritten lyrics to "Dixie's Home." undated

**Folder 6: 19th century miscellaneous material, handwritten lyrics, etc. undated**

**Folder 7: Correspondence and Documents Folder 7: Correspondence and Documents 1834**

Letter from Butler P. Anderson to John [Anderson]. 9 July 1834

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Astoria, [Oregon]. Regarding a recent letter from John in San Francisco, diligence, begs for John to forget his indebtedness to him, George's "loss" and their mother, John's move to Texas, Scott and his business affairs in Texas, request for John to write of Griffin and Brown, political affairs in Oregon, Butler Anderson's feelings about moving back to Texas, and congratulations on John's marriage. Stamped Envelope.

**Folder 8: Correspondence and Documents 1836**

Letter from Butler P. Anderson to John [Anderson]. 10 April 1836

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Memphis, [Tennessee]. Regarding a recent letter to "Sister Molly," recent letter from Scott and his upcoming visit to Memphis, Butler Anderson's desire to find work, and his inability to visit John.

**Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note**

Slightly damaged.

License for John Adair Anderson 27 November 1836

**Scope and Content**

Licence to practice law in Arkansas.

**Folder 9: Correspondence and Documents 1837**

Account listing from [illegible signature] store for Ed Bray 1837-1840

Letter from RW Edmondson [Robert Walton] to J.A. Anderson [John Adair Anderson]. 22 May 183[7]

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Pontotoc, [Mississippi], Regarding Law practice in Mississippi, the advantages of Memphis as a location for Anderson's law practice, Mr. Thompson [Jacob Thompson?] and Federal Court, and advice about diligent work. Stamped Envelope.

Receipt for payment from Ed Bray to H.D. Connell. 27 August 1837

Article of agreement between Ed Bray and Stephen [Rolfe?] 8 December 1837

**Scope and Content**

For the sale of land in Shelby County, Tennessee.

**Folder 10: Correspondence and Documents 1838**

Account listing from Mr. E.D. Bray to Samuel [Mosby?] January-September 1838

Agreement for the sale of land between Stephen [Rolfe?] and Ed Bray November 1838

**Folder 11: Correspondence and Documents 1839**

Receipt for Mr. Ed Bray signed by [illegible signature] tax collector. 1839

**Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note**

Fragment.

**Scope and Content**

For payment of state and county taxes

Land indenture between Ed Bray and John W. Jones. 17 September 1839

**Scope and Content**

From Shelby County, Tennessee. Note: Seals from various government offices have differing dates.

Land indenture between Ed Bray and John W. Jones. 18 September 1839

**Scope and Content**

From Shelby County, Tennessee

**Folder 12: Correspondence and Documents 1840**

Document attesting to the dimensions of Ed Bray's land. 7 March 1840

**Scope and Content**

Signed by [Johah] Graham, Deputy Surveyor; Shelby County, Tennessee

Account listing of Mr. ED Bray to Dr. A. Fowlkes October 1840-January 1842

**Folder 13: Correspondence and Documents 1842**

Mary Edmondson's Report for the third month of 1842 25 March 1842

**Folder 14: Correspondence and Documents 1844**

Promissory note from Ed D. Bray to John P. Trezevant 1 January 1844

**Scope and Content**

Payment for pew in the Episcopal Church for 1844.

Account listing of Mr. Edmund D. Bray July 1844-May 26, 1846

**Scope and Content**

In account with Mosby & Hunt.

Promissory note from Ed Bray to Wallis Bray 26 August 1844

**Scope and Content**

In the amount of \$700 for purchase of "woman Milbra and two children Bannis & Alice."

Receipt from Ed Bray. 4 December 1844

**Scope and Content**

In the amount of \$5.91 for his Shelby County 1844 taxes.

**Folder 15: Correspondence and Documents 1845**

Account listing Ed Bray Esq. to John K. Chester February 13, 1845-April 14, 1846

**Scope and Content**

Note: Signed and dated by Chester, "Memphis 14 April 1846."

Letter from Washington Anderson to Mr. John K. Chester. 4 March 1845

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Louisville, [Kentucky], regarding financial matters concerning the redemption of lands in Arkansas. Back of letter stamped with postmark addressed to, "Mr. John K. Chester, of firm of Chester & [Evans?], Memphis, Tennessee, Mail."

Receipt from Ed Bray 4 November 1845

**Scope and Content**

In the amount of four dollars and 87 cents for his Shelby county state and county taxes for the year [1843].

**Folder 16: Correspondence and Documents 1846**

Account listing for Mr. Edward D. Bray January 23, 1846-April 10, 1847

**Scope and Content**

In account with Boswell & Gatling. Memphis, Tennessee.

Receipt for Ed Bray 11 February 1846

**Scope and Content**

For bales of cotton sold by John K. Chester

Letter from Benjamin Bray to "Dear Brother" [Ed Bray]. 24 February 1846

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from [Currituck] County, North Carolina. Regarding a request for the repayment of loan in order to finance business. Back of letter addressed to "Edmund D. Bray, Esq. Memphis, Tennessee [sic]."

Letter from W. Bray to "Dear Brother" [Ed Bray]. 9 October 1846

**Scope and Content**

Regarding the recent bad weather in [North Carolina]; recent family illness; prices for various goods and slaves; and family business. Back of letter addressed to, "Mr. Ed Bray, Memphis, Tennessee [sic]."

Annotated Calling Card from Sophia Bridgers to [Mary Edmondson]. [1848-1849]

**Folder 17: Correspondence and Documents 1847**

Letter from Benjamin Bray to "Dear Brother" [Ed Bray]. 6 January 1847

**Scope and Content**

Regarding the repayment of loan in Currituck County [North Carolina].

Account listing for E.D. Bray to Edgerton & Stark. February - April 1847

Letter from J.L. [Hearing?] to Mr. E.D. Bray. 11 February 1847

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Ripley, Tennessee. Regarding the possible suit of Gregory & Berry. Back of letter addressed to, "Mr. Edmund D. Bray, Memphis, Tennessee [sic].

Letter from A. [Andrew] Bray to "D. Brother" [Ed Bray]. 16 February 1847

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Youngs Point, Louisiana.

Letter from "Sister Mary" [Mary Edmondson] to "Jo" [Joanna Edmondson] 15 April 1847

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Memphis, [Tennessee]. Regarding the description of Memphis hotel, Fort Pickering, dances, Cousin Ebb and other cousins, news of family and home, and Joanna's conduct.

Letter from W. Bray to "Dear Brother" [Ed Bray]. 13 May 1847

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Currituck, [North Carolina]. Regarding waiting for a letter; the running away of Ab; the new vessel which Wallis and Benjamin Bray built; Cousin Jane's estate, etc.

Letter from W. Bray to "Dear Brother" [Ed Bray]. 3 June 1847

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Currituck, [North Carolina]. Regarding the receipt of payment in the amount of \$700; concern over the runaway slave Abb; corn prices, etc.

Account listing of Mr. E.D. Bray to John K. Chester. August 1847- June 1848

Letter from Brother W. Bray to "Dear Brother." 28 October 1847

**Scope and Content**

Regarding the wedding of cousin Charity Janes Northern and the need to account for the use of her slaves.

**Folder 18: Correspondence and Documents 1848**

Poetry signed by "Raymond" [Sophia Bridgers] and dedicated to M.H.E. [Mary H. Edmondson]. [1848]

**Scope and Content**

Envelope. Note: contains newspaper article featuring poem "To My Harp."

Note from J.N. Bybee to "Dr. [A.C.?] Newman. 1 January 1848

**Scope and Content**

Regarding instructions to pay John Anderson \$85.

Letter from W. Bray to "Dear Brother" [Ed Bray].

Letter from [Sophia Bridgers] to [Mary Edmondson]. 3 June 1848

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Sunny Side. regarding the author of a piece inscribed to Mary H. Edmondson, Raymond the author of the piece, poetry, and frequency of writing. Envelope.

Letter from Benjamin Bray to "Dear Brother" [Ed Bray]. 26 June 1848

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Currituck C. House, North Carolina.

**Folder 19: Correspondence and Documents 1849**

Anson [Whipple] to [McCullagh] & Co. 12 February 1849

Letter from James [illegible last name] to Mr. John L. Scurr. 24 May 1849

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Memphis, regarding the payment of bills and sale of slaves. Back of letter addressed to, "Mr. John L. Scurr, Ocachicama PO Yellow Busha County, Mifsissippi."

Letter from James H.E. [James Howard Edmondson] to "Dearest Parents" [Andrew Jackson Edmondson and Mary Ann Howard Edmondson] 16 October 1849

**Scope and Content**

Regarding life out west during the gold rush, trip across the plains, the Mormons, prospecting, gold, food, death of friends, desire to hear news from home.

**Folder 20: Correspondence and Documents 1848-1849**

Letter from Mary H. E. [Mary Holmes Edmondson] to "Dear Friend [perhaps "Alf" Alfred Douglas] [1849]

**Scope and Content**

Regarding a strange rambling letter about friendship, language, poetry, flattery, trust, and Soph [Sophia Bridgers]. Envelope.

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Handmade book of poetry by Sophia Bridgers sent to Mary Edmondson [1849]

**Scope and Content**

Note: Titles of poems include "To Mary E. My Sweetest Friend," "To Moll," "To My Dear Friends Jane and Mary," "To Moll E," "To My Dear Mary," "For Mary E., Pontotoc Mifs [sic]." Included: Undated small envelope address to "Mifs [sic.] Mary Edmondson Pontotoc, Mifs [sic]."

Several undated empty envelopes addressed to Mary Edmondson and Rev. Alfred Douglafs

Calling Card for Miss Sophia A. Bridgers.

**Folder 21: Correspondence and Documents 1850s**

Letter from [Mary Edmondson [Anderson] to ["Belle" Isabella Edmondson]. circa 1850s

**Scope and Content**

Fragment. Regarding a requested description of Dr. Robinson who has treated someone badly.

Letter from Alice to Joanna [Edmondson]. circa 1850s

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Holly Springs [Mississippi]. Regarding a friend writes to Joanna from Holly Springs that she is on her way to Memphis. Envelope with Franklin College, Holly Springs stamp in upper right corner of the envelope.

Letter from Jo [Joanna Edmondson] to "My Dear Sister Mary" [Mary Edmondson Anderson] 2 September [1850s]

**Scope and Content**

Letter discusses that she is in love but the boy loves Tate. Envy's Tate's beauty and sweetness. She, herself is ugly and ill-tempered. Went to a party in Pontotoc. Eyes are well now.

Letter from Sister Moll [Mary H. Edmondson] to "Dearly Loved Sister" [Joanna Edmondson]. circa 1850s

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from [Memphis, Tennessee]. Regarding visiting in Memphis with her cousins the Tituses. Having a wonderful time and enjoys the company of her cousin Mat. Envelope with Memphis September 13 postmark.

Letter from Mary E. [Edmondson] to "Joe" [Joanna Edmondson]. circa 1850s

**Scope and Content**

Regarding New Year greetings, request to send clothing and need for news from home.

Letter from Mary E. [Edmondson] to "My Dear Jo" [Joanna Edmondson] circa 1850s

**Scope and Content**

Regarding the Irish potatoes planted. Children left for Memphis. Ground prepared for watermelon planting. Man coming to fix well. Note: Slightly burned and damaged.

Letter from Sophie [Sophia Bridgers (Walthall)] to "Bel" [Isabella Edmondson]. [1855-1856]

**Scope and Content**

Regarding a good time in Nashville. Wants to go back to the college and spend an evening with Belle and the girls.

**Folder 22: Correspondence and Documents 1850**

Letter from Sophie Bridgers to "Dearest Moll" [Mary Edmondson] 11 January 1850

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Coffeerville, [Mississippi]. Regarding boredom in the "muddy town" of Coffeerville. Desire to come home and have Mary travel with her to New Orleans.

Letter from Mollie E. [Mary H. Edmondson] to Bettie [Driver] 11 February 1850

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Holly Springs, [Mississippi]. Regarding the impending marriage of Bettie, recipes, and family.

Letter from Mary [Edmondson] to "Dear Mother" [Mary Ann Howard Edmondson] 11 April 1850

**Scope and Content**

Regarding being on board the Sultana at Memphis. Cholera is on board. Rumors it is raging on the river and fresh fruit is the suspect. Advice to Jo about guitar lessons. Wrote to Jimmie by some Californians on board. Back of letter used as envelope with a Missouri April 12th postmark.

Letter from Mary [Edmondson] to "Jo and Tate" [Joanna Edmondson and Elizabeth Tate Edmondson]. 5 July 1850

**Scope and Content**

Regarding advice from Missouri about how to behave at school so as to reflect well on parents. Be perfect ladies. Back of letter used as envelope.

Receipt for John Anderson 20 August 1850

**Scope and Content**

For \$200 payment to [illegible signature] for rent on grocery building in Stockton.

Letter from Sophia [Bridgers] to "My Dear Darling" [Mary Edmondson] 28 September 1850

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Oxford, [Mississippi]. Regarding teaching at Oxford. Wants Mary to visit. Comforts her on death of little brother Andrew [Andrew Jackson Edmondson, Jr.?). Envelope with Oxford, Mississippi September 28th postmark.

Letter from Soph [Sophia Bridgers] to "My Dear Dearest Moll" [Mary H. Edmondson] 29 October 1850

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Oxford, [Mississippi]. Regarding a complaint about Mary's short letter. Questions regarding engagement. Details about Sophia's life and friends in Oxford. Love for John McRaven and confusion about her future. Envelope with Oxford, Mississippi November 13th postmark.

Letter from Benjamin W. Bray to "Dear Brother" [Edmund D. Bray] 27 November 1850

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Currituck C. [ourt] House, North Carolina. Enclosed document granting power of attorney to Ed Bray to do business in the name of his brother, Benjamin Bray. Back of letter used as envelope and addressed to, "Mr. Edmund D. Bray Memphis, Tennessee, To care of B.B. Blume, Esq."

Letter from Sophia Bridgers to "Dearest Moll" [Mary Edmondson] 7 December 1850

**Scope and Content**

Regarding questions of Mary's reasons for not writing. Envelope with Oxford postmark.

Letter from Soph [Sophia Bridgers] to "Dearest Darling Moll" [Mary Edmondson] 10 December 1850

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Oxford, [Mississippi]. Regarding Ed Walthall insulted her in his note and she questions his motives in apologizing to Mary. Anxious for school to be out. She will return via stage on Dec. 22nd. College boys will be traveling on the stage as well. Envelope with Oxford postmark.

Letter from Soph [Sophia Bridgers] to "My Sweetest Moll" [Mary Edmondson] 12 December 1850

### **Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Oxford, [Mississippi]. Regarding complaints of Mary's not writing. Cousin Tom will return pictures so Mary need not write him. Visit from John McRaven and Cousin Hoggate [?], and Mrs. Willis and the money sent for making Sophia a dress. Envelope with Oxford postmark.

Letter from Soph [Sophia Bridgers] to "My Sweetest" [Mary Edmondson] 17 December 1850

### **Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Oxford, [Mississippi]. Regarding a short note written during preparations for a party. Sophia is very excited about coming home on the 22nd.

Letter from Benjamin Bray to "Dear Brother" [Edmund D. Bray] 25 December 1850

### **Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Currituck C.[ourt] House. Regarding the sale of slaves for money needed by Benjamin Bray. General discussion of the prices of slaves at that time.

## **Folder 23: Correspondence and Documents 1851**

Promissory note from Ed Bray to Anthony Street 17 February 1851

### **Scope and Content**

Anthony Street is the attorney for William H. Street; regarding a promise to pay \$500 in one year to Anthony Street for the sale of land near Memphis, Tennessee.

Land Deed for land sold by E.D. Bray to John [M.?] Goode. 17 February 1851

Letter from Mary [Edmondson] to "Mother" [Mary Ann Howard Edmondson] 22 February 1851

### **Scope and Content**

Regarding sister's ill child is better. Em has supplied stories of Edmondson's crossness at home and says Eddie and Belle are the worst children she ever saw. Asks Father's permission to visit a former girl friend. Envelope with Pontotoc February postmark.

Promissory note from Ed Bray to Joseph [Lenow?] 15 April 1851

### **Scope and Content**

Regarding the promise to pay \$100 in one year from date.

Letter from Ed D. Bray to "My Dear" [possibly Eliza Bray of Baileys Springs] 26 April 1851

**Scope and Content**

Regarding matters of home life; planting cotton, crops, family, etc.

Letter from Mollie [last name not listed] to "My dearest Aunt" [possibly Eliza Bray] 26 April 1851

**Scope and Content**

Stamped envelope addressed to, "Mrs. Eliza Bray, Baileys Spring, near Florence, Alabama."

Land indenture between [illegible first name] Williams and Edward D. Bray 16 July 1851

**Scope and Content**

Shelby County, Tennessee

Speech Welcoming General Law August 1851

**Scope and Content**

Astoria [Oregon]/ [John? Anderson]

Promissory note of Ed Bray to [illegible name] 26 September 1851

**Scope and Content**

In the amount of \$230

Letter from Mary [Edmondson] to "Mother" [Mary Ann Howard Edmondson] 14 October 1851

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Pontotoc, [Mississippi]. Regarding Captain Ames family leaving Pontotoc for Memphis, Sister feeling better, questions when Mother is coming down, Father, Rhody, and Soph. Back of letter used as envelope.

Receipt from Ed Bray to [G. Bunion?] 15 November 1851

**Scope and Content**

For the payment of \$1570.

**Folder 24: Correspondence and Documents 1852**

Receipt for E.D. Bray 9 January 1852

**Scope and Content**

For \$75 payment for the Shelby County and State of Tennessee taxes

Letter from W. Bray to "Dear Brother" [Ed Bray] 27 January 1852

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Currituck, [North Carolina].. Envelope addressed to, "Mr. Edmund D. Bray, Memphis, Tennessee [sic]" with return address listed as, "Currituck C.H. Jan. 28.

Letter from Mary [Edmondson] to "Jo" [Joanna Edmondson] 10 August 1852

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Holly Springs, [Mississippi]. Regarding Jo who is in Pontotoc. Their mother arrived home. Mary often alone as Father is always reading and Belle "who is no congenial spirit of mine." Back of letter used as envelope with Holly Springs August 19th postmark.

Letter from Soph [Sophia Bridgers] to "My Dearest Friend" [Mary Edmondson] [?] November 1852

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Oxford, [Mississippi]. Regarding fears about Cousin Tom's declaration of love and wants Mary to travel to Oxford to help deter it. Troubles in Sophia's life and feeling of loneliness. Decision to travel to Edmondson home when term is over. Envelope with Oxford postmark.

**Folder 25: Correspondence and Documents 1853**

Account listing of E.D. Bray to W.W. Rochell [Dr.?] January-October 1853

License to Practice Law in Mississippi and Tennessee for John A. Anderson 31 January 1853

Promissory note for Joseph H. Mosby to C.A. Alexand[er?] 28 February 1853

**Scope and Content**

In the amount of \$25

Letter from Cara [Anderson] to "My Dear Brother" [John A. Anderson] 2 October 1853

**Scope and Content**

Regarding a delightful first meeting with Mollie [Mary] Edmondson. Discussion of their conversation and how it involved John and Oregon, Mary Orne, Titus household, and Holly Springs. Envelope with Memphis, [Tennessee] postmark is addressed to John A. Anderson in Astoria, Oregon

**Folder 26: Correspondence and Documents 1854**

Letter from an unlisted author to unknown recipient [possibly Tate Edmondson] [1854]

**Scope and Content**

Fragment of a letter; contains several poems, "Eighteen Hundred and Fifty Four!" and "Sonnet to Tate."

Receipt for the payment of Ed D. Bray's account with W.W. Rochell [1854]

Receipt from E.D. Bray to Eliza A.A. Booth 12 January 1854

**Scope and Content**

For the amount of \$28.30 paid

Promissory note from unknown individual [probably Ed Bray] to Asa Bell 20 January 1854

**Scope and Content**

In the amount of \$823.89

Letter from Mary Orne, Cara Anderson and Mr. Buckley to Mary [Mary Edmondson] 7 February 1854

**Scope and Content**

[does not appear to be entire letter]. Regarding good times in Holly Springs. Edmondson's new home Blythewood. Cara writes that her brother John Anderson is not returning to Oregon. Stamped envelope with Memphis postmark addressed to Mary Edmondson in Holly Springs.

Letter from Lou to "Dearest Tate" [Tate Edmondson] 7 March 1854

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Memphis, [Tennessee]. Regarding complaints about Tate's few letters. Mentions Mary and Soph's visit recently and their talks about old times at the College. Requests Tate's daguerreotype. Mentions death of Bee Curtis. Benefits of living in the country and "Beautiful Blythewood." Stamped envelope with Memphis postmark addressed to Miss Tate Edmondson in Holly Springs, Miss.

Letter from Lou to Tate [Edmondson] 10 April 1854

**Scope and Content**

Regarding complaints of a terrible toothache. Writes of how fast the time has flown and it is already a year since they graduated from school. Describes Tate's "wild buoyant spirit" and "those bright black eyes and long flowing curls and silvery toned voice." Also speaks of recent dinner conversation concerning war in Europe. Envelope with Memphis postmark addressed to Miss Tate Edmondson in Holly Springs, Miss.

Promissory note between [Ed Bray?] and A.H. Herron 11 September 1854

**Scope and Content**

In the amount of \$856. Note on back of fragment reads, "April 28, 1856. Received of [illegible] one [illegible word] and fifty dollars. A.H. Herron. Ten dollars for [illegible word]."

Promissory note between [Ed Bray] and A.H. Herron 11 September 1854

**Scope and Content**

Note: The back of the fragment states, "Received of the [illegible word] one hundred thirty two dollars 50/100 Chamberlin note. A.H. Heron."

Promissory note between [Ed Bray] and A.H. Herron 11 September 1854

Letter from Mary H. Anderson to "Dear Helen" [Helen Edmondson] [After September 1854]

**Scope and Content**

Note: Written after Mary's marriage to John Anderson in September 1854. Back of letter addressed to, "Miss Helen [?] Edmondson, Marshall County, Mississippi, Kindness of Father."

Letter from Mary [Edmondson Anderson] to "My Precious Mother and Darling Father" [Mary Ann Howard Edmondson and Andrew Jackson Edmondson] 16 December 1854

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from New Orleans, [Louisiana]. Regarding being en route to Texas through New Orleans. Extremely homesick and wants news from home. Visited French markets and cathedral. Note: Mary married John Anderson in September 1854. Envelope with New Orleans postmark dated December 18 and addressed to Mr. A.J. Edmondson in Holly Springs, Miss.

Receipt for John A. Anderson 16 December 1854

**Scope and Content**

For payment in the amount of \$3.00 for one year subscription to the Weekly Delta, Austin, Texas

Letter from Mary to "My Darling Sister" [Joanna Edmondson] 30 December 1854 - 2 January 1855

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Austin, Texas. Regarding a Servant/Slave?, Rhody, caught stealing. Describes arrival into Austin from Houston. Describes Anderson family, especially John's brother Scott. Misses family and wants more letters from home. Envelope with Austin postmark addressed to Miss Joe Edmondson in Holly Springs,

Mississippi.

**Folder 27: Correspondence and Documents 1855**

**Scope and Content**

Note: See January 2, 1855 letter under December 30, 1854 heading above

Receipt from Mr. Bray to D.S. Green January 1855

**Scope and Content**

For the payment of \$27.75

Letter Fragment 11 January 1855

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Austin, Texas. Regarding the discussion of marriage and conduct in marriage. Note: In 1899 Mary Anderson Bray recopied this letter for her daughter Mary Tate Bray. See 1899 correspondence.

Letter from Ed D. Bray to Eliza [Bray] 28 January 1855

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Baltimore; Regarding the trip from home and expected return. Envelope addressed to, "Mrs. Eliza Bray Memphis, Tennessee [sic]" with Baltimore postmark.

Letter from Mary Edmondson Anderson to "Precious Old Josey" [Joanna Edmondson] 1 February 1855

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Austin, Texas. Regarding life in Texas. Still having difficulty with Rhody, and sent her away to the country. Stamped envelope with Austin, Texas postmark addressed to "Miss Joe H. Edmondson, Holly Springs, Mississippi."

Letter from [W.?] Hess Jones to Col. J.H. Murray 3 February 1855

**Scope and Content**

Regarding the request to pay John A. Anderson \$80 on the behalf of Mr. Jones.

Letter from Mary Edmondson Anderson to [Joanna Edmondson] [15 February 1855]

**Scope and Content**

Fragment. Regarding missing her. Reading Fashion and Famine. Asks about slaves at home. Rhody's progress in the country. Impossibility of traveling to Mississippi for a while. Asks for information and news from home. Eliza Chalmers and equestrian capabilities. Wishes she could buy Henry Daugherty who wrote to her. Note: This is the letter in which the older calendar of Edmondson papers

lists a mention of Belle "Mentions sad and loving letter from Belle."

Letter from Benjamin Bray to "Dear Brother" [Edmund Bray] 22 February 1855

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Greentown, Currituck County, North Carolina. Regarding the death of Brother Wallis. Back of letter used as envelope and addressed to, "Edmund D. Bray, Esq. Memphis, Tenn."

Letter from M.L. Bybee to "My Beloved Son" [John Anderson] 22 February 1855

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Washington City Navy Yard. Regarding his mother in Washington to see about pension. His land warrant. Advises him to lay aside politics and take advantage of good society. Stamped envelope with Washington postmark addressed to "John Adair Anderson, Austin, Texas." Attached: TD. [c.1855]. Bounty Land Claim: Form of Declaration for Surviving Officer or Soldier

Promissory note between [Ed Bray] and James Johnson 28 April 1855

**Scope and Content**

In the amount of \$1856

Letter from "Sister Mary" [Mary Edmondson Anderson] to "My own Josey" [Joanna Edmondson] 15 March 1855

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Austin, Texas. Regarding missing "dear loved Blythewood" and all at home. "Bright-hearted Tate, gentle little Helen, warm hearted but wild Belle." Seems sorry she married. Hard to make a fortune in Texas. John gone again. "Once more alone." Stamped Envelope addressed to "Miss Joe H. Edmondson, Holly Springs, Mississippi."

Letter from Mary [Edmondson Anderson] to "My own dear Father" [A.J. Edmondson] 3 April 1855

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Huntsville, Texas. Regarding a long letter from Huntsville, Texas about her love for him on his birthday. Stamped envelope addressed to "Mr. A.J. Edmondson, Holly Springs, Mississippi."

Letter from Jimmie to "My own dear Belle" [Belle Edmondson] 12 April 1855

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from [Simmerport]. Regarding her harrowing experience on the sinking of the steamboat [Brilliant?]. Describes her fear and experiences on the boat as it was on fire. Recalls school at Holly Springs. Envelope addressed to "Mifs [sic] Belle Edmondson, Franklin F. College, Holly Springs, Miss."

Letter from [Mary Edmondson Anderson] to "My darling Joe" [Joanna Edmondson] 12 April 1855

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from near Huntsville, [Texas]. Regarding still being in Huntsville and still having trouble with Rhody. Recalls yard at home. Wants to know what she and Tate are buying. Dissatisfied with Texas.

Letter from Mary E.A. [Edmondson Anderson] to "My dear dear Joe" [Joanna Edmondson] 21 April 1855

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Near Huntsville, [Texas]. Regarding her dissatisfaction with Texas. Homesickness. Asks about Cousin Eliza's visit. Feeble health of Cousin Jim Titus. Lack of a home. Mentions Soph [Sophia Bridges] and Mr. Walthall. Addresses Tate and also thanks Helen for recent letter. Mentions Sister Bell and Col Murray and their situation in the country as being preferable to town. Mentions reading Ruth Hall. Possibility of coming home [to Mississippi] in June. Stamped envelope with Huntsville, Texas postmark addressed to "Miss Joe H. Edmondson, Holly Springs, Mississippi."

Letter from Mary [Edmondson Anderson] to Joanna Edmondson 3 May 1855

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from near Huntsville, [Texas]. Regarding still being homesick and having trouble with Rhody's stealing. Mentions sad letter from Belle. Mentions visit to Mrs. Allen who came from Mississippi. Asks about the May ball and all the news which resulted from it.

**Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note**

Note: slightly damaged and fragile.

Letter from Mollie M. to Belle [Edmondson] 6 May 1855

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Pontotoc, [Mississippi]. Regarding a letter from a girl friend from Pontotoc. Mentions school and events in Pontotoc. Also mentions Belle's sister Helen. Stamped envelope with Vicksburg postmark [Perhaps misidentified with this letter], addressed to Miss Belle Edmondson, Holly Springs, Mississippi.

Letter from H.C. Williams to "My Dear Sir" [John A.

Anderson]. 7 May 1855

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Woodford, Virginia. Regarding the theft of John's land warrant and what he should say on claim. Warrant lost or stolen in mail. New Orleans postmaster recently convicted for mail theft. Loss may also be due to trouble in distributing office at Tuscumbia or Memphis. Speaks of his books and his large valuable orchard. Stamped envelope addressed to "John A. Anderson, Esq., Huntsville, Texas."

Letter from H.C. Williams to "Dear Sir" [John A. Anderson] 20 May 1855

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Woodford, Virginia. Regarding agreement that John is to send affidavit about loss of warrant. Williams still thinks it was stolen by the New Orleans postmaster. Mentions John's brother the Colonel. Envelope addressed to "John A. Anderson, Esq., Huntsville, Texas."

**Folder 28: Correspondence and Documents 1855**

Letter from Mollie to "Ever dear friend" [Belle Edmondson] 4 June 1855

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Pontotoc, [Mississippi]. Regarding life in Pontotoc.

Letter from John L. [Scurr?] to "Dear Edmond" [Ed Bray] 18 June 1855

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Oak Grove. Regarding the distribution of the Wallace estate. Stamped envelope addressed to, "Mr. Edmond D. Bray, Memphis, Ten."

Letter from H. C. Williams to "My dear sir" [John A. Anderson] 27 June 1855

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Woodford, [Virginia]. Regarding joy to know that the land warrant is not lost. Mentions that his old friend Sam Houston lives near John and once helped John's mother. Mentions names and addresses of various relatives in Texas. Tells John how to make application for balance of land due him. Mentions his large orchard. Back of letter used as envelope. Addressed to "John A. Anderson, Esq. Attorney at Law, Huntsville, Texas."

Promissory note from [Ed Bray?] to Barnett Graham 14 July 1855

**Scope and Content**

In the amount of \$29.37

Receipt from Ed D. Bray to Asa Bell 21 July 1855

**Scope and Content**

For payment in the amount of \$203

Letter from Mary [Edmondson Anderson] to "My darling Josey" [Joanna Edmondson] 27 August 1855

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Huntsville, [Texas]. Regarding Mary's sickness [confinement?]. The possibility of her Mother coming to Texas. Fears about Mother catching yellow fever. Yellow fever in Houston and New Orleans. Misses family and can not adjust to Texas. Stamped Envelope with Huntsville postmark addressed to "Miss Joe H. Edmondson, Holly Springs, Mississippi."

Letter from John A. Anderson to "My Dear Sir" [A.J. Edmondson] 8 September 1855

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Huntsville, [Texas]. Regarding the details of Mary's confinement. Detailed description of house they are renting in town. Description of the improvement of Huntsville and its literary bent. Mary added a small note to her father mentioning Soph's [Sophia Bridgers] marriage to Ed Walthall and the objections that had been voiced against it. Stamped envelope with Huntsville, Texas postmark addressed to "Mr. A.J. Edmondson, Holly Springs, Mississippi." Note: Fragile.

Letter from Annie to [Belle Edmondson] [28 September 1855]

**Scope and Content**

Letter fragment. Regarding friend from school cannot return until fever epidemic is over with the first frost. Stamped envelope with Vicksburg postmark addressed to "Mifs [sic] Belle Edmondson, Mt. Pleasant, Mifs [sic]."

Promissory note between [Ed. Bray?] and James Johnson 16 October 1855

**Scope and Content**

In the amount of \$100

Letter from "S" [?] to "My dear Bruser" [Belle Edmondson] 29 October 1855

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from [Brookhaven], [Mississippi]. Regarding a long rambling letter from a girl friend and schoolmate. Stamped envelope with Vicksburg postmark addressed to

"Mifs [sic] Belle B. Edmondson, Franklin Female College, Holly Springs, Mifs [sic]."

Letter from John L. [Scurr?] to "Dear Edmond" [Ed Bray] 20 November 1855

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Oak Grove. Regarding the receipt of letter and more information about the distribution of Wallis' estate. Request for information about schools in the vicinity as he is anxious to educate his sons in the country.

Letter from John A. Anderson to "Dear Mother" [Mary Ann Howard Edmondson] 22 November 1855

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Huntsville, [Texas]. Regarding the announcement of the birth of a baby girl. The child is named "Mary Howard" after Mrs. Edmondson. Discusses Mary Edmondson Anderson's health. Damaged stamped envelope addressed to "Mrs. A.J. Edmondson, Holly Springs, Mississippi." Very fragile condition. Note: Attached to document was an envelope inscribed by Susie B. Williams "This envelope contains a letter which John Adair Anderson wrote my grandmother Mary Howard Edmondson when my little sister Minnie was born on November 7, 1855."

Promissory note between [Ed Bray?] and J.S. Bell 28 November 1855

**Scope and Content**

In the amount of \$232.05

Letter from Sue Nailer to Belle Edmondson 28 November 1855

**Scope and Content**

Regarding Belle's lack of writing. Marriage of Sallie Brown [?] to a Mr. Smith. Mentions not receiving an invitation to the wedding. Thanks Belle for her kindness to Kate. Mentions "Brother". Mentions the possibility of visiting New Orleans and hopes that she will see Belle there. Mentions the names of mutual friends. Mentions Belle's sister Helen. Stamped envelope with Vicksburg November 28th postmark addressed to "Mifs [sic] Belle Edmondson, Holly Springs, Mississippi."

Promissory note from John A. Anderson to C.S. Hamilton 15 December 1855

**Scope and Content**

In the amount of \$23.00. Note: back of fragment reads, "Recd of John A Anderson the sum of Twenty three dollars and sixteen cents in full of Principal and Interest

this 7 January 1856, [J.W. Wilson?].

**Letter from Mary [Edmondson Anderson] to "My own darling Joe" [Joanna Edmondson] 31 December 1855  
Scope and Content**

Regarding the description of new baby and of Mary's ill health. Thanks for the baby clothes sent by Joanna. Long portion of letter devoted to Mary's reaction to Soph's [Sophia Bridgers] death. Also mentions starting for home on May 1st. Stamped envelope addressed to "Miss Joe H. Edmondson, Holly Springs, Mississippi."

**Folder 29: Correspondence and Documents 1856**

Receipt for payment from John Anderson on his account with [JRO?] and E.E. Smith 7 January 1856

Letter from Putnam Darden [signed Josiah Solomon Simmolins] to Mifs [sic] Isabella [Edmondson] 11 January 1856

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from University of Mississippi. Regarding an amusing letter about life at the University of Mississippi. Stamped envelope with Oxford, Ms. Postmark addressed to "Miss Isabella Edmondson, Holly Springs, Mississippi."

Receipt for payment from John A. Anderson to James L. [Paugh?] 13 February 1856

Letter from J. Patton Anderson to John Anderson 8 March 1856

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Washington City. Regarding "plain talk" about John's drinking and his future, his debts and returning to Texas. Hopes John has shaken off the spell of drinking and is living for his wife and child. Envelope with several unreadable postmarks addressed to "John A. Anderson, Esq., Marshall Pike, Mifs [sic]."

Letter from William Reeves to unknown recipient 13 March 1856

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Huntsville, [Texas]. Regarding authorization for John Anderson to retrieve a fine coat for William Reeves which he had left in Memphis in 1855.

Account for John A. Anderson with D.J. [Rausam?] 17 March 1856

**Scope and Content**

Notes that payment had been received in full.

Letter from J. Patton Anderson to John Anderson 28

March 1856

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Washington City. Regarding anger about John drawing more on his [Patton Anderson's] account than had been discussed. Again J. Patton Anderson mentions that John must quit drinking and reminds him of his responsibilities. Envelope with unreadable postmark addressed to "John A. Anderson, Esq., Memphis, Tennessee."

Receipt for the payment of E.D. Bray's Shelby County tax for the year 1855 7 April 1855

Letter from Butler P. Anderson to John Anderson 25 April 1856

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Memphis, [Tennessee]. Regarding joy to hear of the young Minnie's improvement. Mentions bad conduct of brother Scott and the uneasiness caused to their mother. Cannot visit due to work with Mr. McMahan. Glad John has decided to settle in Memphis as the city has promise for a lawyer "who attends to the business of his profession." Stamped envelope with unreadable postmark addressed to "Mr. John A. Anderson, Marshall Turnpike, Mississippi."

Letter from Butler P. Anderson to John Anderson 25 April 1856

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Memphis, [Tennessee]. Regarding some of Bush's papers. Wants him to write and invite their sister, Cara, down for a visit. Stamped envelope with Memphis postmark addressed to "John A. Anderson, Esq., Marshall Turnpike, Mississippi." Note: Interesting imprint on envelope featuring a printing press. The words of the Association's name are difficult to decipher.

Letter from Butler P. Anderson to John Anderson. 28 April 1856

**Scope and Content**

Regarding fine chance if John can join with J.W. Thompson. John should get down to work and stick to it. Mentions Brother Patton and the draft of money. Stamped envelope with Memphis postmark addressed to "John A. Anderson, Marshall Turnpike, Mississippi."

Letter from W.H. Kilpatrick [William Hobson Kilpatrick, Jane Edmondson Kilpatrick's husband?] to "Dear sir" [John A. Anderson] 30 April 1856

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Pontotoc, [Mississippi]. Regarding that

he did not receive John's letter until after Mr. Thompson had left town. Will write to Mr. Thompson on John's behalf. Working on a complicated capital case. Mentions that he is glad John is not returning to Texas. Stamped envelope with [Pontotoc] April 20th postmark addressed to "John A. Anderson Esq. (Care of Capt. A.J. Edmondson), Holly Springs, Mississippi."

Letter from J.W. Thompson to R.W. Edmondson and W.H. Kilpatrick 4 May 1856

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Ripley, [Mississippi]. Regarding lack of desire to form a partnership in his own county. Suggests Corinth or Hernando. Says the former will be for some two years more "a wild and disagreeable place for a gent to reside with his family."

Letter from J.A. Murray to John Anderson 6 May 1856

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Huntsville, [Texas]. Regarding sorrow that John is not returning to Texas. Discusses ramifications of Patton's decision not to honor John's note drawn in Texas. Advises John to save his money.

Letter from W.H. Kilpatrick to John A. Anderson 7 May 1856

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Pontotoc, [Mississippi]. Regarding the decision of John W. Thompson not to take a partner in his law practice. Kilpatrick mentions Mr. Thompson's suggestions of Corinth in Tishomingo County. Mentions sickness in his brother's family with a child dying of scarlet fever. Stamped envelope with Pontotoc postmark addressed to "John A. Anderson, Esq. (Care of Capt. Edmondson), Holly Springs, Mississippi."

Notice of receipt of John A. Anderson's bounty land claim by the Commissioner of the United States Pension Office, J. Minot 9 May 1856

Note from H.C. Williams to John [Anderson] [9 May 1856]

**Scope and Content**

Note sent from Washington, D.C. Regarding the received land claim form and Patton Anderson.

Letter from W. Deavenport to Major J.A. Anderson 11 May 1856

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Huntsville, Texas. Regarding an invoice for medical services for Anderson and his family while in

Texas. Thirteen visits in six months. Wants note or will settle for \$20 now. Stamped envelope with Texas postmark addressed to "Col. John A. Anderson, Marshall Turnpike, Miss. [Memphis, Tennessee marked through]."

Letter from J. Patton Anderson to John Anderson 22 May 1856

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Washington City. Regarding receiving letter from John written on the 12th of May. Sorry for former discussion of money matters. Regrets the whole business of the draft except letting John having the money. Envelope with illegible postmark addressed to "Jno. A. Anderson, Esq., Holly Springs, Mississippi."

Letter from Butler P. Anderson to John Anderson 27 May 1856

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Memphis, [Tennessee]. Regarding Butler leaving Memphis for Helena, Arkansas to become the editor of the States Rights Democrat. Stamped envelope with [Memphis?] postmark, addressed to "John A. Anderson, Esq., Marshall Turnpike, Mississippi."

Letter from Butler P. Anderson to John Anderson 4 June 1856

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Memphis, [Tennessee]. Regarding leaving for Helena on Friday. Mentions Sister Kate coming up on the "Cherokee." Brother Scott in Hernando. Has not been able to locate a home for John in Memphis. Back of letter used as envelope with stamp, addressed to "John A. Anderson, Marshall [Turnpike], Mississippi."

Letter from Butler P. Anderson to John Anderson 16 June 1856

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Memphis, [Tennessee]. Regarding location of Brown land in Itawamba County, Mississippi. Mentions that Sister Kate is with them for a visit. Stamped envelope with [Memphis] postmark, addressed to "John A. Anderson, Esq., Marshall Turnpike, Miss."

Letter from Mary E. Anderson to "My Dear Husband" [John A. Anderson] 17 June 1856

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Blythewood. Regarding recent illness. Hopes he is encouraged with his position in Memphis and they won't be separated for long. Someone is graduating, possibly Belle. Father sold Blythewood. Stamped envelope with unreadable postmark addressed to "Mr.

John Anderson, Memphis, Tennessee."

Letter from J.R. & E.E, Smither to J.A. Anderson, Esq. 19 June 1856

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Huntsville, [Texas]. Regarding enclosed bill which is past due. Note: Account is attached.

Letter from N.B. [Bell] Murray to "My Dear Brother" [John A. Anderson] 21 June 1856

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from [?] Springs. Regarding John's sister in Texas writes about her health and politics. Back of letter used as envelope addressed to "John Adair Anderson, Esq., Holly Springs, Mifs [sic]."

**Folder 30: Correspondence and Documents July-December 1856**

Letter from H.C. Williams to "My Dear Sir" [John A. Anderson] 18 July 1856

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Washington. Regarding enclosed bounty land warrant for 80 acres. News of Congress, politics and campaigns. Mentions Seward and Fillmore. Mentions Brooks' caning of Sumner. Mentions seeing John's brother Patton recently.

Letter from Mary [Edmondson Anderson] to "Dear Father" [A.J. Edmondson] 24 July 1856

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Memphis, [Tennessee]. Regarding wanting her father to send his carriage to her at Lafayette so they will not have to ride in an old buggy. Mentions Cousin Frazier Titus, Helen, Tate, and Jimmie. Stamped envelope with illegible postmark, addressed to "Mr. A.J. Anderson, Marshall Turnpike, Marshall Cty, Mississippi. Important."

Letter from Marcus [A.?] [Wright?] to John Anderson 4 August 1856

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Memphis, [Tennessee]. Regarding the release from obligation to rent one of his properties in Memphis.

Printed report entitled Speech of the Hon. J. Patton Anderson 6 August 1856

**Scope and Content**

Regarding the Indian War in Washington and Oregon

Letter from N.B. [Bell] Murray to "My own dear brother"  
[John A. Anderson] 8 August 1856

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from near Huntsville, [Texas]. Regarding a brief letter on the evils of drinking. Begs John to give up "the dreadful monster that is costing you love and body." Mentions others who have successfully given up drinking.

Letter from Butler P. Anderson to John Anderson 10  
August 1856

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Helena, Arkansas. Regarding a request for John to write a piece for Butler's newspaper if he remains with Capt. Edmondson in Mississippi. Suggests a piece on Federalism or the Know-Nothings. Stamped envelope with illegible postmark, addressed to "John A. Anderson, Marshal [sic] Turnpike, Miss."

Possible manuscript by John Anderson [circa August 1856]

**Scope and Content**

Fragment; piece on the Know-Nothing party and the current state of politics

Letter from Butler P. Anderson to "My dear John" [John A. Anderson] 26 August 1856

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Helena, Arkansas. Regarding John's article on the Know-Nothings and liked it. Mentions sources for articles, politics, and family. Refers to the "Petto" communications [perhaps John writes under this name?].

Letter from Butler P. Anderson to "My dear John" [John A. Anderson] 25 September 1856

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Helena, Arkansas. Regarding how he has been out of the office for five weeks so he has been unable to send the papers containing John's commentaries. Requests that John continue the "Petto" commentaries for the paper. Also mentions possibility of getting John a job as a teacher's second assistant.

Note from A.[O.?] Hunter to Mrs. Bybee. October 1856

**Scope and Content**

Note sent from [Marion?], Arkansas. Regarding a letter of introduction for Mrs. Bybee. Regrets having missed her. Wishes to know what course she will take in regards to the case. Note on bottom of page: ANS. [October, 1856]. Mrs. Bybee to Butler [P. Anderson]. Re: Concern over correspondence with Hunter. Apparently Butler sent this

note to his brother John A. Anderson. Stamped envelope with illegible postmark, addressed to "Jno. A. Anderson, Esq., Marshall Turnpike, Mifs. [sic]."

Letter from Cara A. Buckley to "My dear brother" [John A. Anderson] 1 October 1856

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Round Hill, Northampton, [New York]. Regarding deriving much benefit for her eyes, which are still weak, from the mountain air and the doctor's skill. Difficulty writing letters, but anxious to hear from John. Mentions the family and Tate's wedding. Loves the beauty of the area but not the people. She finds herself in the midst of "Black Republicanism" and abolitionists and dislikes it greatly. Stamped envelope with Holly Springs, Mississippi ? postmark, addressed to "Mr. J.A. Anderson, care of J.H. Edmondson, Memphis, Tennessee."

Letter from Mollie [Mary E. Anderson] to "My dear husband" [John A. Anderson] 11 October 1856

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Pontotoc, [Mississippi]. Regarding her trip and arrival in Pontotoc. Description of how the city has changed since they were last there together. Mentions that earlier time and hopes that, "God bless you and make you happy again as you were then." Mentions deaths of people they once knew. Back of letter used as stamped envelope with [Pontotoc] postmark, addressed to "Mr. John Adair Anderson, Care of Butler P. Anderson, Helena, Arkansas."

Bill for Mr. John A. Anderson from H.M. Grosvenor 17 November 1856

**Scope and Content**

Memphis, [Tennessee]. Letterhead reads, "Bought of H.M. Grosvenor, Piano Forte, Melodeon, Furniture and Carpet Dealer, Curtain Goods, Cornices, Transparent Shades, Matrasses [sic.] of all kinds, &c."

Letter from Mary E. Anderson to "Dear father" [A.J. Edmondson] 19 November 1856

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Helena, Arkansas. Regarding her trip to Helena on Colonel Drumen and the health of Minnie. News about the Clopton's being poisoned by their slaves. Saw J. Patton, Etta and Mrs. Bybee in Memphis as they were leaving for Washington. Sister Cara is still ill. Back of letter used as stamped envelope with [Helena], Arkansas postmark, addressed to "Mr. A.J. Edmondson, Marshall Turnpike, Marshall County, Mississippi."

Promissory note from A. [Betters?] to L.N. Chamberlain 2 December 1856

**Scope and Content**

In the amount of \$5.50

Receipt for John A. Anderson 17 December 1856

**Scope and Content**

For shipment of two trucks from New Orleans to Helena, Arkansas

Bill for J.A. Anderson by the Memphis and New Orleans Packet Line. 21 December 1856

**Scope and Content**

For the shipment of two trunks

**Folder 31: Correspondence and Documents 1857**

Letter from Mary E. A. [Edmondson Anderson] to "My dear husband" [John A. Anderson] [circa 1857]

**Scope and Content**

Regarding Minnie's ill health and whopping cough. Urges him to come home soon as both she and Minnie are missing him.

Statement of account for Ed Bray to J.S. Herron 1857

Receipt for E.D. Bray [13] January 1857

**Scope and Content**

For the payment of E.D. Bray's Tennessee state and county (Shelby County) taxes for 1856.

Letter from Annie [Perdue] to "Isa" [Isabella Edmondson] 25 March 1857

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Vicksburg, [Mississippi]. Regarding the change in seasons. Also writes of her feelings of sadness on hearing about the deaths of Laura and Soph. Muses upon the transitory nature of life. Stamped envelope with Vicksburg postmark, addressed to "Miss Isa. B. Edmondson (in care of capt. A.J. Edmondson), North Mt. Pleasant, Marshall Ct., Miss."

Letter from Sister Jane [Jane Edmondson Kilpatrick] to Belle 5 April 1857

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Pontotoc, [Mississippi]. Regarding ill health of the baby Jimmy who is teething. Also describes her own ill health and excessive workload. Note: Very fragile and vermin damaged. Stamped envelope with Pontotoc postmark, addressed to "Mifs. [sic] Belle

Edmondson, Holly Springs, Mifs. [sic]."

Land deed of James E. Dean [] May 1857

Letter from M.L. Bybee to "My dear John" [John A. Anderson] 10 May 1857

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Memphis, [Tennessee]. Enclosed letter from Dr. Wallace [Estill] regarding the property of Col. William Anderson [John's father]. Mrs. Bybee asks for John's advice about how to proceed with her inquiries about this land. She notes that she tore the latter half of Dr. [Estill's] letter and sent it to John's brother Patton since it regarded the Florida properties.

Letter from a clerk of some sort to Mrs. Bybee 28 April 1857

**Scope and Content**

Fragment. Letter sent from Oakland Echo [Tennessee]. Regarding Colonel William Anderson's land in Franklin County [Tennessee]. Stamped envelope with [Memphis], Tennessee postmark, addressed to "John Adair Anderson, Helena, Arkansas."

Letter from [Bullford and Mitchner, Attorneys at Law] to Mrs. M.L. Bybee 13 May 1857

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Fulton, Mifs. [sic]. Regarding confusion over site of land supposedly owned by the Anderson's. Asks for the deed information. Note on bottom of last page: ANS. [May 1857]. M.L. Bybee to "My dear John" [John A. Anderson]. Re: Mentions that John has the deeds to this land. Asks John for advice.

Letter from Lettie F.B. Vick to "Dear old friend and schoolmate" [Isabella Edmondson] 1 July 1857

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Louisville, [Kentucky]. Regarding Belle's old roommate from Franklin Female College asks for all the news from their mutual friends. Stamped envelope with [Louisville], Kentucky postmark, addressed to "Miss Belle Edmondson, Care of Miss Mary Scruggs, Holly Springs, Mississippi."

Letter from Mary H. Anderson to "My dear husband" [John A. Anderson] 5 July 1857

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from "Father's." Regarding new home at Mt. Pleasant. News of birth of Tate's child and the pain she endured. Misses him and asks him to "resist all that will eventually...utterly destroy you." Stamped envelope with

unreadable postmark to "Mr. John Adair Anderson, [initially addressed to Helena, Arkansas but redirected] North Mt. Pleasant, Mifs. [sic]."

Receipt for Ed Bray 6 July 1857

**Scope and Content**

For the Shelby County tax for 1856

Letter from Helen [Edmondson] to Belle [Edmondson] 30 August [1857]

**Scope and Content**

Regarding Belle's letter and are glad she is having a good time with her old schoolmates. Mentions Tate's new baby. Mentions mutual friends and notices that the neighborhood has changed. Requests a loan of Belle's green silk for her [Helen's] trip to Jackson. Mentions pet birds. Envelope with illegible postmark, addressed to "Miss Belle Edmondson, Care of Dr. D.B. Nailer..."

Letter from "Sister Mary" [Mary Edmondson Anderson] to "Dearest Jo" [Joanna Edmondson] September 1857

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Memphis, [Tennessee]. Regarding her visit to Memphis and their family she is staying with. Deaths of several friends and dreams regarding death. Asks Jo not to attend school regularly anymore. Back of letter used as an envelope with Memphis, Tennessee postmark, addressed to "Mifs [sic]. Joanna Edmondson, Holly Springs, Mississippi."

**Folder 32: Correspondence and Documents 1858**

Letter from E.M. [Perryman?] to Mr. Ed D. Bray 29 February [1858]

**Scope and Content**

Regarding Bray's request to send him a copy of land title so that payments could begin on land. Perryman expresses his fears about the unsettled state of the country and his fear of "Green Backs."

Letter from Mary H. Anderson to "My dear Father" [A.J. Edmondson] 7 March 1858

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Helena, Arkansas. Regarding how she has not heard from him in a long while. Misses both parents. Knows that they do not condemn her as do some of the family. She is trying to do her duty. Describes an unsettled household and asks if they could set up a room with furniture associated with child [Minnie died in June of 1857]. Mentions marriage of Scott Anderson. Back of letter used as stamped envelope with Helena, Arkansas postmark, addressed to "Mr. A.J.

Edmondson, North Mount Pleasant, Marshall County, Mississippi."

Letter from Joanna Edmondson to "My Dear Sister" [Mary Edmondson Anderson] 3 May [1858]

**Scope and Content**

Regarding sadness over "this deepest... affliction."  
Possibly written after the death of Mary's first husband, John Anderson. Back of letter addressed to, "Mrs. Mary H. Anderson, Memphis."

Recipe for eggs September 1858

Letter from Mary H. Anderson to "Dear Father" [A.J. Edmondson] 5 September 1858

**Scope and Content**

Regarding lack of will after the deaths of her husband [John died May 2nd]. She describes the state of her health. John's Aunt Ellen is at the Springs and wants her to spend the winter with her.

Letter from Mary H. Anderson to "Dear Father" [A.J. Edmondson] 9 September 1858

**Scope and Content**

Regarding how Aunt Ellen wants her to spend the winter with her. Mary requests thoughts of parents on this visit. Asks if Belle will go to the Institute to teach? Envelope addressed to "Mr. A.J. Edmondson, North Mount Pleasant, Mississippi."

Account statement of Mr. Bray for the Rev. George White, D.D. Memphis, TN 4 October 1858

Letter from Mary H. Anderson to "My dear Mother" [Mary Ann Howard Edmondson] 8 October 1858

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Macon, Georgia. Regarding her trip to Aunt Ellen's house. Area between Huntsville and Chattanooga is "very beautiful." It is difficult for her to look upon beautiful things without thinking of her husband. Her health is better and thinks her former feebleness was due to grief. Mentions that Belle has written and asks about the rest of the family. Stamped envelope with unreadable postmark, addressed to "Mrs. A.J. Edmondson, North Mount Pleasant, Marshall County, Mississippi." Note: The envelope has been used for some accounting with several names written and numbers out to the side of each name.

Letter from Mary H. Anderson to "My dear Belle" [Isabella Edmondson] 13 October 1858

**Scope and Content**

Regarding being Monticello, Florida at J. Patton's home. Speaks of Belle's kind and loving heart. Glad Belle is attending Sunday School and wants to hear of her progress. Mentions Jo and Cousin Mat's bad habit of reading novels.

Receipt for E.D. Bray 21 October 1859

**Scope and Content**

For the Tennessee State and Shelby County 1858 taxes

Promissory note for E. Bray from R.F.A. Goodman 29 December [1858-1859]

**Folder 33: Correspondence and Documents 1859**

Statement of accounts for Mr. E.D. Bray in account with Webb & Rawlings 1859-1860

Receipt for payment from E.D. Bray to Lamb & Upshaw 22 January 1859

Letter from Mary H. Anderson to "My dear Jimmy" [James Howard Edmondson] 15 February 1859

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Casa Bianca, [Florida]. Regarding her thanks for the money sent by Jimmy to her. It was more than she requested and she can never repay him and this troubles her. Discusses extensively the nature of God and his prosperity. She mentions the inherent wickedness of the heart. She requests that Jimmy sends her his views regarding religion. Asks about his son and instructs him to begin inculcating religious teaching at an early age. Stamped envelope with unreadable postmark, addressed to "Mr. James H. Edmondson, Memphis, Tennessee."

Letter from Mary H. Anderson to "My dear Father" [A.J. Edmondson] 29 March 1859

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Florida. Regarding the idea that Belle should travel with Aunt Ellen and Mary. She seems to feel that it would be too expensive and might appear strange to Aunt Ellen's family. Religious discussion. Glad Joanna is reading the book of sermons she sent to the servants. Discusses deaths of several close acquaintances.

Letter from Mary H. Anderson to "My dear Jo" [Joanna Edmondson] 23 April 1859

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Florida. Regarding lengthy religious discussion. Asks that Jo minister to the servants,

especially Uncle Elam. Mentions that Belle is still "out of the ark of safety." Mentions that she has enclosed a note from Etta to Belle, but Etta was afraid to say too much in her note, "for fear of exciting her."

Letter from Mary H. Anderson to "Dear Father" [A.J. Edmondson] 9 May 1859

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Casa Bianca, Florida. Regarding upcoming trip to Philadelphia by Washington. Anxious to hear from family and Belle. Sends her forwarding address. Discussion of payment of debts by her Father and Brother Patton through Jimmy. Religious discussion and concern over worry caused to father.

Letter from Mary H. Anderson to "My dear Eddie" [Edmund Augustus Edmondson] 3 June 1859

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Philadelphia. Regarding her visit in Washington. She saw the President, the additions to the Capitol building, the original Declaration of Independence (many of the original signatures were obliterated), Benjamin Franklin's printing press, etc. She has been staying with Ben Pleasant's family. Hopes Eddie is attending church regularly. Mentions family members and wants to know how they are doing. Mentions that Belle is forbidden to write or receive letters due to her state of intense nervous excitement.

Letter from Mary H. Anderson to "My dear Father" [A.J. Edmondson] 10 June 1859

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Philadelphia. Regarding if they have Presbyterian ministers in Mt. Pleasant. Mary is afraid the Edmondson's will become Methodists. Explains that she has not written to Belle because she had been told that Belle could not bear any excitement. Mary asks her father if he still wants Belle to go on the trip with her.

Letter from Mary H. Anderson to George [Dashiell] 4 August 1859

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Lewiston, Pennsylvania. Regarding hearing that he is in New York on business. She may want to return home with him. Mentions her anxiousness to hear about Tate and the rest of the family. Mentions religion and hopes that he is able to attend church. Mentions the kindness of Aunt Ellen.

Letter from Dr. Malone to "My dear Belle" [Isabella Edmondson] 25 October 1859

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Memphis, [Tennessee]. Regarding a recent letter from Belle describing her sickness and asking the doctor's advice. Dr. Malone advises Belle to try cupping for the present and at her earliest convenience to come and visit him for consultation. He was gratified when he was able to "restore her health" in the past and believes he will be able to do this again. Mentions that the onset of cold weather may affect her "spells." Stamped envelope with [Memphis, Tennessee] postmark, addressed to "Mifs. [sic] Belle Edmondson, North Mt. Pleasant, Mifs. [sic]."

Letter from [R.L. Guards ?] to "My dear Mrs. Anderson" [Mary Edmondson Anderson] 2 December 1859

#### **Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Memphis, [Tennessee]. Regarding a receipt of certificate of church membership in Helena, [Arkansas] and the addition of Mary's name to the Communion list. Stamped envelope with Memphis postmark, addressed to "Mrs. Mary H. Anderson, At Mr. Titus', Market Street, Memphis."

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## **Box 2**

### **Folder 1: Correspondence and Documents circa 1860s**

Letter from Helen [Edmondson Crump] to "Dear Sister Mary" [Edmondson Anderson] 6 March [circa 1860s]

#### **Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Oxford, [Mississippi]. Regarding the plight of an orphaned young girl in Oxford seeking her relatives in Memphis. Helen asks her sister Mary for help in locating the relatives. Envelope addressed to, "Mrs. Mary H. Anderson, At A.J. Edmondsons."

Receipt for goods purchased of Mifs [sic] Belle Edmondson at J.H. Lowenstine & Bros circa 1860

Letter from [Bray] to Maj. R.W. [Muniger] circa 1860s

#### **Scope and Content**

Regarding leave of absence for [Boone Baley]

Letter from [James H. Edmondson] to "Dear Father" [A.J. Edmondson] circa 1860s

#### **Scope and Content**

Fragment. Regarding sending six or seven more pear trees, ten plum trees, and ten cherry trees to finish out the garden. Sending also "superior grape cuttings. Sent

garden seeds to Mother and Jo by Uncle Elam.

Letter from Missy [Morgan] to "My dear Belle" [Isabella Edmondson] circa 1860s

**Scope and Content**

Regarding seeing Dr. Moses. Wants Belle to deliver a letter in Memphis. Needs a baby blanket. Stamped envelope, addressed to "Mifs. [sic] Belle Edmondson, Care of [W.?] Jayner."

Letter from "Ducks" to George T. Lincoln circa 1860s

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Sylvan Lodge. Regarding refusal of their mother to allow "Ducks" to come and visit her sick brother. George is apparently in service in the South. Mentions Jimmie whose "patriotism is of a latent kind" and others who remain behind for various reasons. Back of letter used as envelope, addressed to "Geo. T. Lincoln, Esq."

Letter from unsigned to Isabel [sic] circa 1860s

**Scope and Content**

Regarding being not pleased that she asked her to buy things and try to get them through the lines. "Consider who you trouble in asking persons to get you a permit."

Note from A.E. [Kahn] to "Dear Mifs [sic.] Bell" 3 September [circa 1861-1865]

**Scope and Content**

Regarding thanks Belle for her efforts in sending letters.

**Folder 2: Correspondence and Documents 1860**

Statement of the account of Bray with [J. Boca] 1860

Statement of account on land purchase 11 January 1860

Letter from Mary H. Anderson to "Dear Father" [A.J. Edmondson] 23 February 1860

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Corinth, [Mississippi]. Regarding being in Corinth with her ill sister [Jane]. Mentions that her mother arrived all right. Mary wants to return home, but does not want to be any trouble. Stamped envelope with illegible postmark, addressed to "Mr. A. J. Edmondson, North Mount Pleasant, Marshall County, Mississippi."

Letter from Mary H. Anderson to "Dear Father" [A.J. Edmondson] 18 May 1860

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Pontotoc, [Mississippi]. Regarding being

detained in Oxford until Monday. News about family and friends in Oxford and Pontotoc. Mentions her Mother's health and that Brother [Robert] is feeling much better.

Letter from Spruille to "My kind friend" [Isabella Edmondson] 2 July 1860

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Gothic Studio, Home. Regarding trip home and quiet visit at home. Father built a Gothic Studio. Mentions friends and the kindness of the Edmondson family. Envelope with illegible postmark, addressed to "Mifs. [sic] Belle Edmondson, North Mt. Pleasant, Miss."

Letter from Mary H. Anderson to "Dear Father" [A.J. Edmondson] 7 July 1860

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Pontotoc, Mississippi]. Regarding not hearing any news from home. Brother [Robert] is still very ill. Mentions that a visit from Jimmy or Eddie might help him improve. Mentions Aunt Patsy and Em. Thanks her father for sending her papers. Sends her love to both her parents. Asks about the servants, particularly Uncle Elam. Stamped envelope with Pontotoc, Mississippi postmark, addressed to "Mr. A.J. Edmondson, North Mount Pleasant, Marshall County, Mississippi."

Letter from Mary H. Anderson to "Dear Father and Mother" [A.J. Edmondson and Mary Howard Edmondson] 17 July 1860

**Scope and Content**

Regarding why they have not heard anything from home. Brother [Robert] still quite ill.

Letter from George W..[Wray?] to A. J. Edmondson 19 July 1860

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Pocahontas, [Mississippi]. Regarding being very difficult to read. Expressing sorrow over Mr. Edmondson's reaction to a bill and explanation of the charges. Stamped envelope with Pontotoc postmark, addressed to "Mr. A.J. Edmondson, North Mount Pleasant, Marshall County, Mississippi."

Note from [Mr. Wray] to [A.J. Edmondson] [19 July 1860]

**Scope and Content**

Regarding a bill explanation

Letter from Mary H. Anderson to "Dear Father and Mother" [A.J. Edmondson and Mary Howard

Edmondson] 8 August 1860

**Scope and Content**

[Pontotoc, Mississippi]. Regarding how the heat is very bad and is perhaps causing her ill health. Believes that wearing black might exacerbate the problem. Mentions family and R.W. Edmondson's ill health. Back of letter used as stamped envelope, addressed to "Mr. A.J. Edmondson, North Mount Pleasant, Marshall County, Mississippi."

Letter from Spruille Binford to "Kind friend, Mifs.[sic.] Belle" [Isabella Edmondson] 17 August 1860

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Chicago, Illinois. Regarding stay in Chicago at the Adams House. Asks about Belle's acquaintance with Carlo Patti and his music. Mentions going to St. Anthony Falls next. Stamped envelope with Chicago postmark, addressed to "Mifs. [sic.] Belle Edmondson, North Mt. Pleasant, Mississippi

Letter from Mary H. Anderson to "Dear Father" [A.J. Edmondson] 27 September 1860

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Oxford, [Mississippi]. Regarding how she wishes he had been by Pontotoc to see Robert when he visited Corinth. Includes a message from Florence, a slave, to her husband assuring him that their child did not die of neglect. Note: Susie Bray Williams writes on the back of the note dated 12- 1932 says she knew Florence and speaks of the love the slaves had for the Edmondsons.

Receipt for E.D. Bray 7 December 1860

**Scope and Content**

For Tennessee State and Shelby County 1860 taxes

Receipt from E.D. Bray by [J.J.] Rawlings & Co 24 December 1860

**Scope and Content**

For three bales of cotton

[J.J.] Rawlings & Co. receipt from [Carcy?] Jones 24 December 1860

**Scope and Content**

For two bales of cotton moved by "Bray's wagon."

**Folder 3: Correspondence and Documents 1861**

Letter from Emily E. Perkins to "My Dear Belle" [Isabella Edmondson] [1861]

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Jackson, [Mississippi]. Regarding Belle's loneliness and heartache after the Carlo Patti romance has ended. Advises not to mention Patti's name because Emily has been informed that girls have been ruined just from having received him. Also advises Belle not to move to New Orleans because of its reputation for vice and the corruption of young women. Sends her love to the Edmondson family. Ends the letter with, "I am getting ready to help Lincoln." Stamped envelope with illegible postmark, addressed to "Mifs. [sic] Belle Edmonson [sic.], Care of Edmonson [sic] and [Armstrong], Memphis, Tennessee [sic]."

Statement of ED Bray's 1861 State [Tennessee] and County [Shelby] taxes 1861

Statement of account of E.D. Bray to Finley Holmes January-October 1861

**Scope and Content**

Note: penciled note at bottom of statement reads, "March 25, 1866. Rec'd payment in full by cash Finley Holmes.

Statement of account sales of cotton for E.D. Bray by J. Rawlings & Co., Memphis 4 January 1861

Statement of account sales of cotton for C. Jones by J.J. Rawlings & Co., Memphis 4 January 1861

Letter from J.H. Edmondson to Bell [Isabella Edmondson] 28 February 1861

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Columbus, [Mississippi]. Regarding that he knows Carlo Patti has been received by Belle in Memphis. He indicates that they have spoken about this before and he understood Belle would no longer associate with Patti. Her brother believes Patti is a man who is "devoid of honor." Asks Belle to return home until Patti has left Memphis. Stamped envelope with illegible postmark, addressed to "Mifs. [sic] Belle Edmondson, Care of [Orgile] and Bro., Front [illegible text here], Memphis, Tennessee"

Note from E.M. [illegible last name] to E.D. Bray 11 April 1861

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Jackson Co., Ark. Regarding a request that Barnes be able to receive the rent money of the Warren place and another site. Note: also included is a small note at the bottom which indicates that R.S. Barnes received the rent monies from E.D. Bray.

Letter from Mary H. Anderson to "Dear Father and Mother." 20 April 1861

**Scope and Content**

Regarding the taking of Fort Sumter and her hopes that armed conflict could be averted. At her sister's [Jane Edmondson Kilpatrick] in Corinth. Mr. Kilpatrick at home on furlough. Mentions that she expects troops to rendezvous near them and is uncertain if she should travel home or not. Also tells parents to tell Uncle Elam that, "now is the time for him to pray for abolitionists." Stamped envelope with Corinth postmark, addressed to "Mr. A.J. Edmondson, Care of J.H. Edmondson, Memphis, Tennessee."

Letter from Mary Kilpatrick to "Aunt Buck Bell" [Isabella Edmondson] 17 May 1861

**Scope and Content**

Regarding the events of the soldiers arrival and training in Corinth. She saw a military parade in a field. Soldiers have pitched their tents in front of the Kilpatrick home. Mentions that some of the ladies in town have been charging the soldiers for buttermilk.

Letter from Mary H. Anderson to "Dear Father" [A.J. Edmondson] 29 May 1861

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Corinth, [Mississippi]. Regarding news of all the soldiers in Corinth. Mentions that General Beauregard is expected. Both she and Jane feel that they are safe, being surrounded by Southern soldiers. Mentions that she cannot lend her book *Queens of England* to Mrs. Perkins as she [Mary] never lends her books.

Letter from Jane Kilpatrick to "My dear Father and Mother" [A.J. Edmondson and Mary Ann Howard Edmondson] 29 May 1861

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Corinth, [Mississippi]. Regarding the difficulties of having her home filled with friends, soldiers, and relatives. Worried that she has hurt the feelings of Mother Kilpatrick. Does not want to leave home for fear that the soldiers will not behave well. Complains that there is not enough patriotism in the town. Few will help soldiers families in great need. Mentions those who offer credit and the shortage of food and materials. Difficulties feeding soldiers and her wish to be rich because "there are so many soldiers needing help." Ends by asking family members to write to her.

Letter from Sarah M. Henderson [wife of Thomas H. Henderson?] to "My Dear Sister" [Name unknown] 31 May 1861

### **Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Marshalltown. Regarding a conflict in family over abolitionism. Does not agree with the beliefs of the abolitionists. Mentions that she believes that "it [abolitionism] has never been any benefit to the race to which they pretend to have some much sympathy for." Hopes that they will all be able to act with calm judgment in the future. Is not sure when she will be able to visit the family, and she is sorry "that the present state of excitement will not permit your coming to visit us." Ends the letter with a request for photographs and letters from the family. Note: There is a small note on the bottom of the third page which reads, "This letter was written by Alfred H. Kennedy."

Promissory note of [W.B. Warthell?] to Octavius Applegate 11 June 1861

Letter from Helen [Edmondson] to "Dear Mother" [Mary Ann Howard Edmondson] [24] July 1861

### **Scope and Content**

Regarding that Father wishes to know when she is coming home. Tate and Nannie are with them. "Jimmie" expects to go on to Virginia in a few days. Note on back of letter presumably from A.J. Edmondson regarding Lee and Peter chilling the vat. Envelope addressed to "Mrs. A.J. Edmondson, Care of Mrs. W.H. Kilpatrick, Corinth, Miss."

Letter from Emily Perkins to "My Dear Belle" [Isabella Edmondson] 8 September 1861

### **Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Boliver. Regarding consoling Belle over the death of her mother. Mentions Belle's two afflictions: the death of her mother and the broken romance with Carlo Patti. Asks if Belle has had any contact with Patti and mentions that she would like to see their correspondence. Had heard that he was wounded and wonders if he is dead. Mentions that in any case he is "dead" to Belle as he is a married man. Mentions her own growing attachment to a man who has been diagnosed as a monomaniac. Encourages Belle to occupy her mind and time with charity, painting, reading, etc.. Envelope with Bolivar, Tn. postmark, addressed to "Mifs. [sic.] Belle Edmondson, Care of W.B. Miller & Co., Memphis, Tennessee."

Letter from E.A. [Eddie] Edmondson to "Dear Belle" [Isabella Edmondson] 30 September 1861

### **Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Camp Bluff City Greys, Columbus, Kentucky. Regarding camp at Columbus, Kentucky. Mentions the strict rules regarding behavior of a private.

Mentions also the process of soldiers having their photo taken to send back home. Says that even the soldiers would laugh at some of their poses in future years. Also asks Helen and Belle to make some fancy shirts for him as all the soldiers are receiving them from "their girls." Envelope address to "Mifs. [sic] Bell Edmondson, Care of Mrs. Geo. Dashiell, Memphis, Tennessee" The envelope has a return address which reads, "E.A. Edmondson, Company B., 154 [?]th Sen. Regt. T.U."

Letter from E.A.E. [Edmund Augustus Edmondson] to "Dear Bell" [Isabella Edmondson] 25 October 1861

#### **Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Camp Bluff City Greys, Columbus, Kentucky. Regarding thanking Belle and Helen for the shirts and gloves they sent him. They were much appreciated as it is getting cold in Columbus and Eddie has had to stand evening guard duty. He does not seem to like the position of a private. He is hoping to get a furlough for Christmas but does not think it likely.

Letter from E.A. [Edmund Augustus] Edmondson to "Dear Bell" [Isabella Edmondson] 26 December 1861

#### **Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Camp Bluff City Greys, Columbus, Kentucky. Regarding Christmas in camp. He mentions that Christmas morning there was a lot of celebrating and men drinking, but now on the morning after Christmas Day the camp is quite calm and as usual. It was not what he expected. Thanks Belle for the box of things sent to him on Christmas morning. He and several of his friends combined their boxes of food and had a wonderful Christmas feast. Envelope addressed to, "Mifs. [sic.] Bell Edmondson, Care Col F. Titus, Memphis, Tennessee, Kindnefs [sic] of Mr. James Barbour."

### **Folder 4: Correspondence and Documents 1862**

Letter from Belle [Edmondson] to Mr. Patti [Carlo Patti] undated [1862]

#### **Scope and Content**

Regarding canceling their engagement. She states that she does not wish to share her heart with another. Mentions also the dislike her brothers have for him. Wishes all communication between them to cease. [Rough draft in Emily Perkins' handwriting].

Letter from W.D. Bean to Colonel MacLean 10 January 1862

#### **Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Shelbyville, Tennessee. Regarding wanting word on what the Yankees are doing with the people of Lexington, Mo. where his wife has gone to be

with her father. Asks if General Price might be going to Missouri? Envelope with illegible postmark, addressed to, "Col. Lewis A. MacLean, Care of Maj. Gen. Price, Grenada, Miss."

Letter from Mary F. Govan to "Miss Edmondson" [Isabella Edmondson] 13 January 1862

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Memphis, Tennessee. Regarding wanting Belle to find information about her brother, George Govan and two other soldiers, Mercer Otey and Harvey Minor. She has heard that Belle is leaving for Bragg's army that day. She apologizes for addressing a woman she does not know but she does not feel a stranger to any Southern woman. She states, "We women of the South have one heart that beats...in unison." Envelope addressed to "Miss Belle Edmondson, Memphis, Tennessee."

Letter from Emily E. Perkins to "My Dear Belle" [Isabella Edmondson] 20 January 1862

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Bolivar, [Tennessee]. Regarding being told by Nannie that Belle was interested in teaching school. She warns Belle about the difficulties involved in teaching, but also advises that it would help to usefully occupy her troubled mind. She mentions Carlo Patti and his terrible reputation. She notes that he left Memphis particularly to rid himself of his engagement to Belle. His attitude towards women is not honorable. She also mentions the new home of the Edmondsons. Envelope addressed to "Mifs. [sic.] Belle Edmondson, Care of W.B. Miller & Co., Memphis, Tennessee."

Letter from E.A. Edmondson to Bell [Isabella Edmondson] 31 January 1862

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Columbus, Kentucky. Regarding wanting Belle to send some needed supplies. His friend Wash Nicholson is leaving for Memphis soon to attend the funeral of his sister Mrs. Goring.

Letter from E.A. Edmondson to "Dear Belle" [Isabella Edmondson] 8 February 1862

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Camp "Bluff City Greys," Columbus, Kentucky. Regarding winter camp and the duties of a private. Additions to their camp--two companies out of our regiment detailed for police guard in the City of Columbus, as our Colonel Wright has been appointed Military Governor of the town. Thanks Helen for the sock. A bit homesick--wishes he could ride up to the gate at home. Talks about so many changes taking place that he

doesn't "know whether I would enjoy it as I used to."  
Asks Belle what people think of his enlistment. Asks about the home guards. States that he will enlist again after his time home, but he does not want to join as a private again. He feels he is somewhat above "many of these Cornbread Officers." Envelope addressed to Mrs. Geo. Dashiell, Care W.B. Miller & Co., Memphis, Tennessee Kindnefs [sic.] of Mr. W.S. Nicholson."

Letter from Spruille Binford to "Mifs. [sic.] Belle"  
[Isabella Edmondson] 8 February 1862

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Richmond, Virginia. Regarding formerly been in the service, but is in Richmond in order to recover his health. This winter he will remain in Richmond and work in the Confederate States Treasury Department. Mentions his regret concerning the Confederate defeats at Somersett and at Fort Henry, but he is cheered by the Confederate victory at Leasburg. Mentions their mutual friend Carlo Patti who is also in Richmond and "captivating the ladies as usual." Letter sent via Carlo Patti. Envelope addressed to "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson, Memphis, Tennessee Kindnefs [sic.] of Carlo Patti."

Letter from A.J. Edmondson to "My Dear Child" [Isabella Edmondson] 18 February 1862

**Scope and Content**

Regarding hearing that she has been ill and sent for Dr. Sale. He wants her to return home and will send the Rockaway for her.

Letter from Emily E. Perkins to "My Dear Belle" [Isabella Edmondson] 26 February 1862

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Bolivar, Tennessee. Regarding advice to Belle about the dangers of betraying her feelings for Carlo Patti. She has given her promise to Jimmie [Edmondson] who "knows best." She should be careful in all her dealings with Patti for she is already associated somewhat with him. Stamped envelope addressed "To Mifs. [sic.] Belle Edmondson, Care of W. B. Miller & Co., Memphis, Tennessee [sic]."

Note from [Colonel Garand] to "the Ladies at the Hospital [Overton Hospital]." 28 March 1862

**Scope and Content**

Note sent from Memphis, [Tennessee] Regarding gratitude for the ladies who aided the sick soldiers of the 13th. Note accompanied a package of "bons bons." Envelope addressed "To the Ladies in Nos. 41, 42, & 43, Overton Hospital."

Statement of E.D. Bray's account with Dr. L.F.  
Logan May-December 1862

Letter from Carlo Patti to "Dear Brother" [Henry Farmer] 8 July 1862

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Headquarters, Signal Corps, Tupelo, Mifs. [sic.]. Regarding a request to write. Has spoken with Captain Cummins about having Farmer detailed to the signal corps in Tupelo with Patti. Still loves "Mifs. [sic.]. Laura" who has been "taken from me by that scoundrel of Union Son of a dog." There is a penciled note on the second page states that Patti is "already a married man." Stamped envelope addressed to, "Mr. Henry Farmer, Jackson Cavalry." Note: Fragile.

Receipt for goods purchased by Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson from J.H. Lowenstine & Bros 15 October 1862

**Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note**

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Letter from Tho. [Thomas] H. Price to "Mifs. Belle Edmondson." 22 October 1862

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Holly Springs, [Mississippi]. Regarding sending his and the entire Army of the West's sincere thanks for Belle's deeds and kindnesses. Envelope addressed to "Mifs. [sic.]. Belle Edmondson."

Letter from Major General Sterling Price to "Ladies" [Isabella Edmondson and Hallie "Hal" Rodgers] 5 November 1862

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Headquarters, Army of the West. Regarding sending his and his army's "sincere thanks" for the flag they made. He states that the flag "shall not be furled until this struggle shall have ended in our complete succesfs [sic.]." Envelope addressed, "Official Businefs [sic.], Mifs. [sic.] Edmondson, [Hal Rodgers?]." Also includes original sketch of the flag.

Letter from Mceran McRebel [A.J.Edmondson] to "My

Dear Children" [Isabella Edmondson and Hal Rodgers] 10  
November 1862

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Camp. Regarding how he wants to know  
of their movement from Oxford

Letter from Mceran McRebel [A.J. Edmondson] to "My  
Dear Child" [Isabella Edmondson] 11 November 1862

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from [illegible writing] Office. Regarding that  
Clark Kennerly is in Oxford and Belle had bought the  
cloth for him. Mentions the lack of Federals in Holly  
Springs. Mentions Hal Rodgers and Fannie [?]. Stamped  
envelope with illegible postmark addressed to "Mifs.  
[sic.] Bell Edmondson, care Capt. [Freleigh], Grenada,  
Mississippi."

Letter from Mrs. Clay Taylor to "Mifs. [sic.] Edmondson"  
[Isabella Edmondson] 12 November 1862

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from [Warren County, Missouri] Regarding  
thanks to Belle for the information about her husband.  
The letter Belle sent gave Mrs. Taylor much relief as she  
had heard her husband was not in good health. Would  
like to join her husband. Asks how Belle "got through"  
[the lines]. She writes from Warren County, Missouri.  
She mentions that her husband said that the war will  
"last for years." Thanks Belle for all her kindnesses to the  
Missouri troops. Asks for more information and another  
letter from Belle.

Letter from J. G. Barbour to "Mifs. [sic.] Bell  
Edmondson." 21 November 1862

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Headquarters, 3 [illegible word] Brigade,  
Waterford. Regarding that [Ferd] Rodgers went into  
Memphis under a flag of truce. This act caused quite a  
disturbance. Mentions that Hammond thinks Belle is  
prejudiced against him because he reported her. He  
denies the charge but Barbour notes "we know better."  
Asks Hal [Rodgers] to write him and direct her letters to  
a new address as he is changing his duty. Envelope  
addressed to "Mifs. [sic.] Belle Edmondson, Oxford, Mifs.  
[sic.]. Politeneffs [sic] of Col. McClean."

Letter from Thos. H. Price to "Mifs. [sic.] Bell  
Edmondson." 24 November 1862

**Scope and Content**

Abbeville, Mississippi. Regarding how hhe writes to  
replace the note she lost, but he cannot remember  
exactly what he wrote previously. Thanks her again for  
her kindnesses to the Army of the West. Envelope is very

fragile and unreadable except for Belle's name and Oxford, Miss. address.

**Folder 5: Documents-Certificates of Disability for Discharge 1863**

Medical Certificate for Private Thomas P. Everett, Co. I, 3rd Mississippi Regiment, C.S.A 6 April 1863

**Scope and Content**

Due to wounded hand Private Everett has been recommended for hospital duty.

Medical Certificate of Disability for Discharge for Private Amadeo Templet, Company H, Fourth Louisiana Regiment, C.S.A 11 April 1863

**Scope and Content**

Due to chronic ulcer on the leg and wounds received at the Battle of Shiloh (April 6, 1862) Private Templet has been recommended for discharge.

Medical Certificate of Disability for Discharge for Private William [F] Cheatham, Company D, 12 Louisiana Battalion of Artillery, C.S.A 21 April 1863

**Scope and Content**

Two copies. Re: Due to a blow on the leg Private Cheatham retained only partial use. As a result the surgeon recommended his discharge.

Medical Certificate of Disability for Discharge for Private Joel Shelton, Company D., 9th Louisiana Battalion of Infantry, C.S.A 23 April 1863

**Scope and Content**

Two copies. Due to chronic diarrhea and general disability Joel Shelton was recommended for discharge.

Medical Certificate of Disability for Discharge for Lieutenant [J. L.] Hays [or Hayse], Company G, 49th Alabama Regiment, C.S.A 24 April 1863

**Scope and Content**

Due to the wounds received at the Battle of Baton Rouge Lieutenant Hays [Hayse] lost a leg. The surgeon recommended his discharge from service.

Medical Certificate of Disability for Discharge for Ezekiel Taylor [no rank listed], Company A, First Tennessee Infantry, C.S.A 26 April 1863

**Scope and Content**

Two copies. Due to consumption-like sickness Ezekiel Taylor was recommended for discharge.

Medical Certificate of Disability for Discharge for Private

William H. Bayles, Company K, 31st Louisiana Regiment,  
C.S.A. 12 May 1863

**Scope and Content**

Two copies. Due to paralysis of four months standing the surgeon recommended Private Bayles for discharge.

Medical Certificate of Disability for Discharge for Private John K. Schooler, Company D, 35th Mississippi Regiment, C.S.A. 12 May 1863

**Scope and Content**

Two copies. Recommended for discharge due to partial paralysis of three months standing.

**Folder 6: Documents-Medical Furlough Certificates 1863**

Medical Furlough Certificate for Private James Hudson, 9th Louisiana Batt. Cavalry, C.S.A. April 1863

Medical Furlough Certificate for Private M.I. Hamilton, Company D, 30th Louisiana Regiment, C.S.A 14 April 1863

Medical Furlough Certificate for Sergeant B.F. Hathcock, Company C., 41st Regiment, Tennessee Volunteers, C.S.A. 14 April 1863

Medical Furlough Certificate for Private Peter O'Hare, Company F, 23rd Arkansas Regiment Infantry, C.S.A. 15 April 1863

Medical Furlough Certificate for Captain J.T. Johnson, 1st Tennessee Batt. of Heavy Artillery, C.S.A. 16 April 1863

Medical Furlough Certificate for Captain P.G. Milam, Company F, 55th Tennessee Regiment Infantry, C.S.A. 17 April 1863

Medical Furlough Certificate for 1st Lieutenant William Bennett, Company G, 1st Arkansas Batt., Arkansas Volunteers, C.S.A. 20 April 1863

Medical Furlough Certificate for Private Thomas J. Bunch, Company G, 3rd Tennessee Regiment Volunteers, C.S.A. 22 April 1863

Medical Furlough Certificate for Private John Price, Company B, 9th Louisiana Batt. Infantry, C.S.A. 22 April 1863

Medical Furlough Certificate for Private L.T. Watson, Company B, 9th Louisiana Batt. Infantry, C.S.A. 22 April 1863

Medical Furlough Certificate for Private William Gilbreth,  
Company B, 48th Tennessee Regiment P.A.C.S.,  
C.S.A. 22 April 1863

Medical Furlough Certificate for Private Clark Meek,  
Company D, 1st Tennessee Batt. Volunteers Infantry,  
C.S.A. 22 April 1863

Medical Furlough Certificate for 2nd Lieutenant J.H.  
Berry, Company E, 16th Arkansas Infantry Regiment,  
C.S.A. 23 April 1863

**Scope and Content**

Note: Lieutenant Berry asked for a leave of absence (due to the loss of his right leg), before being reassigned to the Trans-Mississippi Department in the Subsistence Department.

Medical Furlough Certificate for Captain W.H. Davidson,  
Co. A, 49th Alabama, C.S.A. 23 April 1863

Medical Furlough Certificate for Private W.M. Parker,  
Company d, 49th Alabama Regiment Volunteers,  
C.S.A. 24 April 1863

Medical Furlough Certificate for L.M. Hammond [rank not  
supplied], Boone Battery, Miles Legion, C.S.A. 25 April  
1863

Medical Furlough Certificate for Private J.E. Brown,  
Company H, Lyles Consol Regiment, Arkansas  
Volunteers, C.S.A. 25 April 1863

**Scope and Content**

Note: Medical furlough not approved. Private Brown sent to General Hospital, Lauderdale Springs.

Medical Furlough Certificate for Private James Puck,  
Company G, 3rd Tennessee Regiment, C.S.A. 26 April  
1863

Medical Furlough Certificate for Private W. Carmena,  
Company B, 9th Batt., Louisiana Infantry, C.S.A. 28 April  
1863

Medical Furlough Certificate for Lieutenant George C.  
Lemmon, Company F, 4th Louisiana Regiment, C.S.A. 28  
April 1863

Medical Furlough Certificate for Captain Benjamin F.  
Matthews, Company K, 3rd Tennessee Regiment,  
C.S.A. 29 April 1863

**Folder 7: Documents-General Official Business 1863**

Examination declaration and pass for trunk. [1863]

**Scope and Content**

Signed by Col. and District Pro. M. [Provost Manager] I.H. Howe and Lieutenant and Ex Offic. William A. [Tanner]

Certificate to pass four ladies through lines. [1863]

**Scope and Content**

Signed by [J.C. Niatch]

Pass for Miss Kirk [Shallie], Miss Blennerhasset [Theresa], and Miss Edmondson [Belle] through lines. [1863]

**Scope and Content**

From Headquarters, 3rd Brigade, Disct. of Memphis. Signed by Colonel Thos. Stephens, 2nd Wisconsin Cavalry.

Official pass and declaration of examination. [1863]

**Scope and Content**

Signed by Colonel and District Pro. M. I. H. Howe and Lieutenant and Ex. Off. William A. [Tanner]

Descriptive list and account of pay for E.A. Edmondson 1862-1863

Official Permit for Miss Edmondson to pass through the lines with six daily Northern papers. 1863

**Scope and Content**

From Memphis, Tennessee. 16th Army Corps. Signed by Captain and Aide de Camp, M.K. Cook on behalf of Major-General S.A. Hurlbut.

Official pass through the lines for Miss Belle Edmondson and Bill of Goods. 1863

**Scope and Content**

From "Head-Quarters, 16th Army Corps," Memphis, Tn. Signed by M.K. Cook, Captain and Aide de Camp on behalf of Major-General S.A. Hurlbut. Attached: List of goods.

Receipt by Miss Bell [sic.] Edmondson through Maj. H.W. Tracy 28 February 1863

**Scope and Content**

For eight overshirts donated to Henderson's Independent Scouts. From Granada [sic.], Miss. Signed by Commander Sam Henderson.

Official pass through lines for Miss Edmondson and Mrs. Bredell 12 March 1863

**Scope and Content**

From Granada [sic.], Mississippi to Panola. Illegible signatures.

Official pass for Hal Walker and Mr. [Doyle?] through the Clifton Line to Memphis, Tennessee. 30 March 1863

**Scope and Content**

From Headquarters Cavalry Corps, Spring Hill, Tennessee. Signed by order of General Earl Van Dorn, illegible signature.

Request addressed to Major General Hulburt 1 May 1863

**Scope and Content**

Request to return goods taken from Belle and to allow her to take them through the lines. Written on Head Quarters, 16th Army Corps, Memphis, Tennessee letterhead. Signed by Major Nase, 15th Regiment, Illinois Volunteers

Official three day pass for Miss Bell [sic.] Edmondson through the lines of the command. 11 June 1863

**Scope and Content**

From Head Quarters, 16th Army Corps, Memphis, Tennessee. Signed by order of Major-General S.A. Hurlburt by M.K. Cook, Captain and Aide de Camp.

Examination notice of baggage 13 June 1863

**Scope and Content**

Containing only what was listed in the permit (no longer attached). Provost Marshals Office, Memphis, [Tennessee]. Signed by Lieutenant and Examining Officer, William A. [Tanner]. Note: Paper terribly damaged.

O.F. Prescott certification of the sale of a horse to Miss Edmondson 20 June 1863

**Scope and Content**

Addressed to Col. Nye, A.Q.M

Receipt to Miss Edmondson 20 June 1863

**Scope and Content**

For the return of "a large brown horse about 7 years old." Signed by James H. Howe. On Provost Marshal's Office, Dist. Of Memphis, 16th Army Corps, Memphis, Tennessee Letterhead.

Confederate pass to visit Hernando, Mississippi issued to J.B. Ferguson 26 June 1863

**Scope and Content**

Note: Ferguson signed and dated the Confederate pledge printed on the back.

Confederate pass issued to Mr. J.B. Ferguson 6 July 1863

**Scope and Content**

Illegible signature. Panola, [Mississippi], Headquarters 5th Mil. Dist.

Bet between Miss Edmondson and unknown party 13 July 1863

**Scope and Content**

Bet for that the Confederates are "whipped within 60 days." Unknown party presumably a Northern soldier. Note: written on the back of a blank 16th Army Corps pass

E.A. Edmondson's (11th Tennessee Cavalry) request for a sixty day furlough addressed to Captain Kinloch Falconer. 16 July 1863

**Scope and Content**

From Adjutant General's Office, Army of Tennessee, Chattanooga.

Permission certificate to take out family supplies issued to Miss Bell [sic.] Edmonson [sic.]. [8 September] 1863

**Scope and Content**

From Memphis, Tennessee, Office of Board of Trade letterhead. Signed by [S.A.?] Carleton, Board of Trade. Stamped with Carleton's seal.

Receipt for goods purchased on Belle Edmondson's account from F. Katzenbach 8 September 1863

**Scope and Content**

From Memphis, Tennessee. Stamped with the Board of Trade (Carleton's) seal.

Receipt for Major B.S. Crump 30 September 1863

**Scope and Content**

For payment of \$810. Oxford, Miss. QM (Quartermaster?) Department. Illegible signatures.

Pass issued for Mrs. Titus through the lines with buggy for ten days 10 October 1863

**Scope and Content**

From Memphis, Tennessee Pass Department, Provost Marshal's Office, District of Memphis. Signed by A.J. [Earlon].

Pass issued for Mr. Farmer and Jo Clayton to remain in Canton [Ms.] until November 7th. 6 November 1863

**Scope and Content**

From Headquarters, Jackson. Signed by command of Brig. Genl. [Cosby] and further illegible signatures.

Certification that Mrs. Bettie G. Pratte is a "true and loyal citizen of the Confederate States of America." 25 November 1863

**Scope and Content**

From Hancock County, Georgia. Signed by the Clerk of the Superior Court [L.H. Andas].

Official pass number 955 7 December 1863

**Scope and Content**

Issued for Mrs. Dashiell, Misses Edmondson and Perkins to go to Panola through Brandon, Mississippi. From Mobile, Alabama. On Military Post of Mobile, Provost Marshal's Office letterhead. Signed by order of J.C. [Denis], Major and A.A.G. Commanding Post & Provost Marshal per C.W. [Gazzain], Jr.

Official pass number 9212 7 December 1863

**Scope and Content**

Issued for Mrs. Pratte to travel to Meridian, Miss. From Mobile, Alabama. On Military Post of Mobile, Provost Marshal's Office letterhead. Signed by order of J.C. [Denis], Major and A.A.G. Commanding Post & Provost Marshal per C.W. [Gazzain], Jr.

Pass for Mrs. Pratte through the C.S. lines. Grenada, [Mississippi] 11 December 1863

**Scope and Content**

Signed by command of Maj. Genl. S.D. Lee, [G.W. Holt], Maj. And A.A.G.

Series of documents 18 December 1863

**Scope and Content**

Requesting the recipient to allow Belle Edmondson to draw funds under the account of J.[F.] Simmons of Sardis, [Mississippi] for the purchase of supplies

**Folder 8: Correspondence and Documents undated-February 1863**

Letter from Tho. [Captain Thomas] Henderson to "Mifs. [sic.] Belle." undated [1863]

**Scope and Content**

Regarding "The Appeal" newspaper as he is not able to obtain any others. Fairly good description of Confederate

army's positions. Lee and Bragg are sitting "in status quo." Johnston's Army is in a good position to reinforce other sections easily. Talks about Fort Sumter being "knocked in the rear but not abandoned by us yet." Envelope addressed to, "Mifs. [sic.] Belle Edmondson, Memphis, Tenn."

Letter from [Eliza Tracy] to "Dear Mifs. [sic.] Belle." undated [1863]

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from [St. Louis, Mo.]. Regarding not signing her name for fear that the Union newspaper would print her letter as they have with other Confederate letters. Thanks Belle for her kindness to ... Envelope addressed to, "Mifs. [sic.] Belle Edmondson, Memphis, Tenn."

Letter from [Mrs. Moore] to "My Dear Cousin Belle." undated [1863]

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from [St. Louis, Mo.]. 3pp. Regarding her [Mrs. Moore's] husband's health. Mentions that there is a rumor that her husband signed "the oath" [assume to be the oath of loyalty to the Union] but that is not the case. She is looking for news of someone very dear to her and wishes that she could talk with Belle in person. Envelope addressed to "Miss Bell Edmondson."

Letter from Rebecca Farleigh to "My Dear Belle." undated [1863]

**Scope and Content**

Regarding letter of introduction for a Mr. Triplett. Envelope addressed to, "Miss Belle Edmonson [sic.], Shelby County, Tenn. [Care of] Mr. John [illegible word] Triplett."

Telegram from Dick Holland to Mifs. [sic.] Belle Edmondson 1863

**Scope and Content**

Regarding Sister Tate leaving today. Gives instructions for their meeting place and sends her love to Sallie. On "The Southern Telegraph Companies" letterhead. Note: Discolored and damaged.

Letter from J. G. Barbour to Mifs. [sic.] Belle 20 January 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Camp Sorell near Grenada, [Mississippi]. Regarding gratitude for Belle and Hal [Rodgers] for their friendship. Mentions that the news from Murfreesboro as being both sad and pleasant combined. Observes that the Yankees cannot make much headway due to the

waters of the rivers overflowing. Also mentions that they [the Yankees] may try to take Vicksburg but they [the Confederates] "will give them a warm reception."  
Envelope addressed to, "Mifs. [sic.] Belle Edmondson [sic.], Memphis. Kindnefs [sic.] Mifs [sic.] Hal."

Letter from H. Patton to "Mifs. [sic.] Edmondson." 24 January 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Headquarters, Blythes Cavalry. Regarding how his party from Memphis was not able to make it to Belle's home to stay due to the breaking of their buggy. They also missed the road to Belle's home. Patton mentions that they left Memphis before the Pickets were out. Colonel Blythe expects a small skirmish, but Patton is glad to be back "in Dixie." Begs to be remembered to all his "fair friends in Memphis."  
Envelope addressed to, "Mifs. [sic.] Belle Edmondson, Kindnefs [sic.] [illegible name]."

Letter from "M" [Dr. G.A. Moses] to "My Dear Friend" [Isabella Edmondson] 28 January 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Grenada, [Mississippi]. Regarding how much Belle is loved due to her "good deeds." Observes that the roads are impassible. Being replaced with fresh troops as the veterans, "ordered off to strengthen Vicksburg." Envelope address to, "Mifs. [sic.] Belle Edmondson, Memphis, Tenn. Attention Colonel Edmondson."

Letter from J.G. Barbour to "Mifs. [sic.] Belle. 9 February 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Mobile, Alabama. Regarding his delight in seeing some of the Memphis ladies in Mobile, but he regrets they are not all there. He will be traveling up to "Yankeeland" soon with General Van Dorn. Would like to hear from Belle. Envelope addressed to, "Mifs. [sic.] Belle Edmondson, Shelby County, Tennessee Forward by John [illegible last name], Esq."

Letter from "M" [Dr. G.A. Moses] to "My Dear Child" [Isabella Edmondson] 10 February 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Jackson, Mifs. [sic.]. Regarding looking for Belle to come to town for the last two weeks. He states that the Yankees "cannot take Vicksburg" as their army is decreasing due to desertion and the Confederates army is so strong. Hears of her good deeds and kindnesses from all quarters. Mentions that a white [flag?] was hoisted when President Davis reviewed the troops. Explains that he has sent at least two letters to

Belle but they must have gone astray. Mentions that he is traveling to Vicksburg but he will return to Jackson soon. Envelope addressed to, "Mifs. [sic.] Belle Edmondson."

Letter from G. Crow to "Mifs. [sic.] Belle Edmunson [sic]." 17 February 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Grenada, Mifs. [sic.]. Regarding giving the enclosed letter to his wife who he has not heard from for the last eighteen months. Note: Back of letter used as envelope addressed to, "Mifs. [sic.] Belle Edmondson [sic]."

Letter from [B.]. A. Pratte to Mifs. [sic.] Belle Edmondson. 19 February 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Office Depot Commissary, Grenada, Mississippi. Regarding the presence of a bag containing shirts and undershirts brought by a Mr. Montgomery for Belle. They request to know how to dispose of the material. Stamped envelope with February 20th, Grenada, Miss. postmark. Addressed to, "Mifs. [sic.] Belle Edmondson, Care of Lt. Col. Clay Taylor, Jackson, Miss."

Letter from E.A. Edmondson to "Dear Sister" [Isabella Edmondson] 20 February 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent Tullahoma, Tennessee [sic.]. Regarding thanking Belle for her most recent letter. Is never sure where to send his letters. He is sending this letter by George Dashiell who has a furlough. Eddie mentions that he is also seeking a furlough in March if there is not much danger in returning home. Mentions that Jimmie has "succeeded in getting the 'Bluffs' transferred to Forrest's Cavalry." Mentions the Buckley's visit. Mentions that Jimmie has told him that Forrest, "goes in some mighty dangerous places for a General to go but we all know that." Envelope addressed to, "Mifs. [sic.] Belle Edmondson, Shelby County, Tenn. Kindnefs [sic.] of Capt. Geo. Dashiell."

Letter from Henry Jenkins to Miss. B. Edmondson 22 February 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Major Price's Quarters. Regarding asking Belle to forward the enclosed letter and photograph to Miss. Annie Perdue in Memphis. He then requests that Miss Perdue then hand deliver them to the intended recipient. Envelope addressed to, "Mifs. [sic.] Belle Edmondson, near Memphis, Tennessee"

1863

Letter from Tate Dashiell to "Dear Belle" [Edmondson] 1 March 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Elm Ridge. Regarding how Miss Em [Emily Ester Dashiell Perkins] has gone to Illinois. Nannie [Perkins] is with the Dashiell family but she does not say much as her mother made her promise not to say anything if she could not speak for the Union. Mentions the desertion of the Yankee troops. Mentions a friendship with a young former Yankee soldier who resigned and joined the Confederate army. Envelope addressed to "Miss Belle B. Edmondson, Brandon, Mississippi. Care of Rev. C.K. Marshall."

Statement of the account of E.D. Bray with Dr. L.F. Logan 5 March-18 October 1863

Letter from [Dr. Grantz Moses] to [his mother] 14 March 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from [St. Louis, Mo.]. Regarding asking his mother to purchase a "handsome, heavy plain gold ring" with the inscription "G to B. March 12 '63'- 'Hope.'" Provides directions for sending the ring. Asks about family. Stamped envelope with Baltimore postmark addressed to, "Mifs Bell Edmondson, Care of Orgill & Co., Memphis, Tenn."

Letter from H.W. Tracy [Major] to "Mifs [sic] Belle" [Edmondson] 16 March 1863

**Scope and Content**

Regarding the photograph of "one of the greatest men and certainly the best of our Southern Generals" [the identity of this General is noted as General Sterling Price in the Galbraith inventory]. The letter continues to say that he hopes that Belle will someday be "the possessor of such a man." Envelope addressed to, " Mifs [sic] Belle Edmondson, Memphis."

Letter from Georgie Hodges to "My very dear friend" [Belle Edmondson] 19 March 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Grenada, [Mississippi]. Regarding missing Belle terribly down in "Dixie." Received her most recent letter and forwarded the enclosed letter [presumably to Dr. Moses]. Describes her life and that of her husband, a Doctor. She has named her horse Belle E. Repeats her earlier promise to be friends with Belle and Dr. Moses. Mrs. Hodges has defended Dr. Moses in the past from "idle censure" and will continue to do so. Sends a list of materials needed from Memphis. Envelope

addressed to "Miss Belle Edmondson, Near Memphis.  
[Adjutant] Edmondson will forward.

Letter from H.W. Tracy to "Miss Belle" [Edmondson] 23  
March 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Grenada, Mississippi . Regarding Belle's letter of the 17th from Sarah Leath the "American Citizen of African descent." Refers to Belle's apology for troubling Major Lacy for a favor for Sarah Leath. Has obtained an order to cross the river. Mentions hearing that Belle's heart has been "claimed as another's" and that individual is one of Major Tracy's best friends. Belle's aid to the Missouri troops. Asks Belle to write to his sister, Eliza R. Tracy. Mentions Confederates sinking a gunboat at Vicksburg and clipping another. The Yankees have been driven back on the 22nd. 6pp. Envelope addressed to "Mifs [sic] Belle Edmonson [sic], near Memphis, Tennessee"

Letter from "The Doctor" [Dr. Hodgen] to "Mifs [sic] Belle" [Edmondson] 26 March 1863

**Scope and Content**

Regarding writing on the behalf of his wife. Received a box form her this evening with a letter to be forwarded to Dr. Moses. He has also enclosed a letter to her from Dr. Moses in this letter. Georgie [Hodgen] is glad Belle did not go to Missouri and thinks she should return to "Dixie." Has heard that Belle and G.A.M. [Dr. Moses] are engaged. Fighting at Greenwood with no decided result. Two gunboats tried to pass Vicksburg a few days ago. One of the boats sunk and the other was damaged in the fighting. Envelope addressed to "Mifs [sic]. Bell Edmondson, Near Memphis, Tennessee Attention Mr. Eldridge."

Receipt for item purchased by Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson 28 March 1863

Receipt for goods purchased by Mifs [sic.] B. Edmondson from J.H. Lowenstine & Bros. Memphis, Tennessee. 1 April 1863

Receipt for goods purchased by Mifs [sic.] Martha Kirk from Mack, Brothers & Co. Memphis, Tennessee 2 April 1863

**Scope and Content**

Note: note on side of document reads, "subject to approval."

Receipt for goods purchased by Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson from Mack, Brothers & Co. Memphis, Tennessee 2 April 1863

**Scope and Content**

Note: note on side of document reads, "subject to approval." Several items have been crossed through.

Receipt for goods purchased by Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson from Mack, Brothers & Co. Memphis, Tennessee 2 April 1863

**Scope and Content**

Note: Two items have been crossed through

Receipt for goods purchased by Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson from Mack, Brothers & Co. Memphis, Tennessee 4 April 1863

**Scope and Content**

Note: Seal of R. Hough, Surveyor of Customs, Memphis, Tennessee with the date of April 11th appears several times on page

Letter from V.I. [D.] to Mifs [sic] Edmondson 7 April 1863

**Scope and Content**

Regarding a cover letter sent with a letter asking Belle to forward it. Stamped envelope with Princeton, N.J. postmark addressed to, "Mifs [sic] Belle Edmondson, Memphis, Tennessee."

Letter from G. Meagle to Mifs [sic] Edmondson 11 April 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Philadelphia, PA. Regarding asking Belle to forward a letter to his sister. Envelope addressed to, "Mifs [sic] Edmondson, Care of Mifs [sic.] Orgill, Memphis, Tennessee"

Letter from I.G. Barr to Mifs [sic.] Belle 13 April 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Columbia, Tennessee. Regarding regrets that she was recently so near to his camp and yet did not send word. He had also been informed that she had a package for him. Mentions that the "Memphis boys" all serve together. Mentions that [Eb?] says the Edmondson home is a "Salem for Secesh soldiers and also a refuge for Southern Ladies." Asks her about Miss Hal [Rodgers] and wonders if she is engaged. Envelope addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson [sic], Present. Care of Major Tracy."

Letter from Theresa Blennerhasset to "Well old Belle" [Edmondson] 16 April 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Grenada, Mississippi. Regarding trip to Grenada. Finds that the ladies are "all that you had described them to me 'only more so.' Their kindness to me is second only to your own." Mrs. Hodges thanks Belle for the things she [Belle] sent via Theresa. Has heard a rumor that northern troops have been out to Elm Ridge [the Edmondson home], but she hopes this is not true. Envelope addressed to "Mifs [sic] Belle Edmondson."

Letter from Georgie Hodgen to "My Dear Friend" [Belle Edmondson] 19 April 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Grenada, Mississippi. Regarding gratitude to Belle for her kindness in the materials she sent to the Hodgen family from Memphis. Mrs. Hodgen remarks on the pretty dresses Belle included. Mentions Miss Blennerhasset staying with the Hodgens and that she likes her very much. Mentions that the Federal Troops have been trying to pass Vicksburg. Mentions that she enclosed a letter from "our friend" [Dr. Moses?]. Asks Belle for Yankee stamps. Envelope addressed to "Miss Belle Edmondson."

Letter from H.W. Tracy to Mifs [sic] Belle 5 May 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Grenada, Mifs. [sic]. Regarding gratitude to Belle for the papers and the letter forwarded to Major Tracy. Mentions that his sister received a letter from Belle. Belle mentioned that should his sister wish to send a letter she would see it through. He thanks Belle for her many kindnesses, especially to the Missouri troops. He thanks her for sending newspapers and letters. He states that if Belle could send the surgical case to Dr. Nidelet he [Tracy] would see that he gets it. Details fighting in Virginia and mentions the terrible fight at Grand Gulf, Ms. Mentions the death of Miss Blennerhasset's brother. Asks Belle how far the Yankees come out as he would like to travel but does not want to "die in one of their prisons or dens. Envelope addressed to "Mifs [sic] Belle Edmondson, Near Memphis, Tenn. By a friend."

Letter from Fannie Avery to "Dear Mifs [sic] Belle" [Edmondson] 9 May 1863

**Scope and Content**

Regarding a Memphis woman who asks if Belle knows the whereabouts of her son, Walter. Envelope addressed to , "Mifs [sic] Belle Edmondson, Politeneffs [sic] of Mrs. Tate."

Letter from Emma Ridgdon to Miss Edmondson 10 May 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Mound City, Missouri. Regarding a Missouri woman who asks Belle's aid to get a letter to her husband who is with General Price. Stamped envelope addressed to, "Miss Belle Edmondson, Memphis, Tennessee."

Letter from H.W.T. [Major Tracy] to "Mifs [sic.] Belle." 10 May 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Grenada, Mifs [sic.]. Regarding enclosed letter for Mifs [sic.] Blennerhassett [sic.] and asks Belle to have it mailed in Memphis. It is to a friend associated with a Union man in business and therefore would not be opened. Requests that if he could ever do anything to reciprocate Belle's kindnesses to please not hesitate to ask. Makes a reference to her heart belonging to another (Dr. Moses). Assures her that he feels a "brotherly feeling" for her. Mentions the visit of Miss Hal Rodgers who greatly resembles Belle. Returns Southern papers, "which will [?] you as to how we are getting along and that we are not starving as the Yankees think." Envelope addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson. Near Memphis, Tennessee Favour Capt. Henderson."

Letter from Thos. [Thomas] H. Price to Miffs. [sic.] Bell [sic.] 11 May 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Panola, Mississippi. Regarding request for Belle to please write to him at Jackson as soon as possible about his wife. He wants to know how she is getting along, when she left for home, etc. He is very anxious to receive some news about her. Mentions that he will write to Belle soon but feels too badly to write any further at the moment. Envelope addressed to, "Mifs [sic] Bell [sic.] Edmondson. Favor of Miss King."

Letter from Theresa Blennerhassett to "My Dear Belle" [Edmondson] 23 May 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Grenada, Mississippi. Regarding thoughts that she would be with Shallie Kirk long before this date, but she had been delayed by news she received in letters. Hopes to see Belle soon. Back of letter used as envelope which is addressed to, "Miss Belle Edmondson, Shelby County, Tennessee. Kindness of Mr. Walton."

Letter from H.W. Tracy to "Mifs [sic.] Belle" [Edmondson] 24 May 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Grenada, Mifs. [sic.]. Regarding sending

this letter via a gentleman who is traveling to Memphis in order to get his family out. There has been terrible fighting at the Big Black River and the Confederates were pushed back to Vicksburg. Mentions that reports say that 15,000 Yankees were killed. Yazoo City and Snyder's Bluffs have been evacuated and a large battle is in the offing. Mentions that the Missouri troops suffered terrible losses. He is hoping to travel up to see Belle soon with "Mifs [sic.] B" [perhaps Theresa Blennerhasset]. Sends Belle \$100 of Confederate money and asks that she exchange it for "greenbacks" if it would not put her in danger. Envelope.

Letter from George Atchison to "Mifs [sic.] Belle" [Edmondson] 27 [May] 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Grenada, Mississippi. Regarding request for Belle to send the enclosed letter to his mother. Envelope. Note: George Atchison was the stepbrother of Dr. Moses [A Lost Heroine of the Confederacy, note 21, page 18].

Letter from George Atchison to "Mifs [sic.] Bell [sic.] Edmondson 28 May 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from [Grenada, Mississippi]. Regarding traveling from Grenada to Canton in order to locate his brother [Dr. Moses]. Dr. Moses sent him back to Grenada until the fighting in Jackson ended. George mentions his infatuation with Shallie Kirk. Envelope addressed to, "Miss Belle Edmondson, Shelby County, Tennessee Compliments of H.W. Tracy."

**Folder 10: Correspondence and Documents June-August 1863**

Letter from Theresa Blennerhasset to "My Dear Belle." 5 June 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Grenada, Mississippi. Regarding request for Belle to contact a mutual acquaintance in St. Louis to ask if travel is safe. Asks about other mutual friends. Has heard that Belle and her family have had problems with the Yankees. Envelope addressed to, "Miss Belle Edmondson, Memphis, Tennessee"

Letter from George Atchison to "Miss Belle" [Edmondson] 6 [June] 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from [Grenada, Mississippi]. Regarding request for Belle to send a letter to his mother from Memphis alerting her that his father has arrived safely. Notes that his father is in Canton with his [George's]

brother. Mentions his terrible bout with the fever and asks after several mutual friends. Stamped envelope with Savannah postmark addressed to, "Miss Bell [sic.] Edmondson. Care of General Maury, Mobile, Alabama."

Receipt for goods purchased by Mifs [sic.] B. Edmondson from [H.?] Kremer. Memphis, Tennessee. 12 June 1863

Letter from Mrs. Melinda Williams to "Dear Mifs [sic.] Edmondson." 15 June 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Terre Haute, Indiana. Regarding how she has heard of Belle through a Federal officer and asks her assistance. Mrs. Williams asks that Belle send the enclosed letter to her sister. Also asks if Belle knows if John Overton is in Memphis. Stamped envelope with Terre Haute, Indiana postmark addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Bell [sic.] Edmondson. Memphis, Tennessee"

Letter from [Captain] Thomas Henderson to "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson." 16 June 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Panola, [Mississippi]. Regarding gratitude to Belle for her letter of the 13th. Mentions that he is not able to provide any definite news regarding Vicksburg. Brother Sam, who is within the vicinity, has reported to Henderson that "all well and all right." Mentions a rumor that Kirby Smith has captured a wagon train near New Carthage. Mentions that the enemy were repulsed last Friday with a heavy loss. Johnston is still getting reinforcements. Ends by asking Belle to stamp and mail the enclosed letters. Envelope.

Letter from [Major] Claudius McGivern to "Miss Edmondson." 16 June 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Alabama. Regarding if Belle has been able to procure the items he needed from the \$50 U.S. funds given to her at Major Hunt's last winter. Provides an address where she could send materials if she has not been able to procure them yet. Mentions spending an evening with her sister in Montgomery a few weeks ago. Describes the losses incurred by mutual acquaintances during the burning of Jackson. Stamped envelope with Memphis postmark addressed to, "Miss Belle Edmondson, Near Memphis, Tennessee."

Letter from P.M.[L.?] [Mr. Lavery?] to "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson." 18 June 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Canton, Mississippi. Regarding a notice in the Memphis Bulletin that a letter for P. Lavery is in

Memphis. Mr. Lavery writes to Belle to ask her to retrieve the letter and send it to him. The letter is from his wife who he has not seen for two years. Stamped envelope with Canton postmark addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson, Captain Henderson, Panola, Mifs [sic.]."  
Note: Much of the address has been crossed through.

Letter from Shall. [Shallie Kirk] to "My Darling Bell [sic.]" [Edmondson] 19 June 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Canton, Mississippi. Regarding her trip down from Memphis. She writes from Canton where she has visited with Dr. Moses repeatedly. She has promised to "be a sister to him." Captain Henderson sent a description down the country of someone Belle suspected of being a spy. Mentions that Dr. Moses introduced her General Johnston. Envelope addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson, Near Memphis, Tennessee"

Letter from Louise [Taylor] to "Dear Belle." 25 June 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Pendleton, [Missouri]. Regarding how she just reached her home in Warren County and it is very dreary without her husband. She had to report to General Schofield after her return to Pendleton. Details how Belle is to write to her by directing outside envelope to H. Bernard & Co. and inside to her. Asks about Belle's family and asks if "Miss Johanna is still an exile." Terribly anxious about Vicksburg. Envelope addressed to, "Miss Belle Edmondson."

Letter from Thomas Henderson to "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson." 29 June 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Panola, Mississippi. Regarding how they have captured Belle's spy. He wants her to get someone to make an affidavit. He fears if Belle makes the affidavit then the enemy would retaliate by burning her family home and put her in prison. Also provides detailed military information on battles at Panola, Vicksburg and Batesville. Envelope addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson, Care Captain Henderson."

Letter from Miles Owen, Jr. to "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson." 1 July 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Grenada, Mississippi. Regarding request for Belle to try and mail the enclosed letter to Mr. Owen's father. Miles Owen mentions that he is going to leave for Shelbyville to join up with the "Bluff's" [Bluff City Greys]. Has heard nothing from Vicksburg, but everyone expects the fighting to break out soon. Envelope addressed to,

"Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson."

Letter from George Atchison to "Mifs [sic.] Belle"  
[Edmondson] 2 [July] 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Canton, Mifs [sic.]. Regarding request for Belle to send his clothes and valise to Panola where Captain Henderson will send them on to him. Mentions that "Brother [Dr. Moses] started off yesterday with General Johnston." Envelope with Canton July 3rd postmark addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson, Panola, Care of Captain Henderson. Please forward immediately. I will be very thankful."

Letter from H.W. Tracy to "Mifs [sic.] Belle." 5 July 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Grenada, Mifs [sic.]. Regarding her kind note with the enclosed \$25.00. Hopes to visit Belle soon. Mentions the plight of Theresa Blennerhasset. She has left for Mobile, but wishes to return to her family in St. Louis. Tracy would advise her to go were it not for his fear that her family might suffer the consequences. Sends Belle letters for his family and asks her to help forward them. Envelope addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson, Care of Col. Barr, Provost [illegible], Oxford, Mississippi."

Letter from Louise [Taylor] to "Dear Belle." 5 July 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from [St. Louis]. Regarding a letter from Colonel Taylor's wife asking for news. Asks about mutual friends and inquires about Belle's plans. Asks if Belle has had any news from the Dr.? [Dr. Moses]. Wonders if Annie Perdue has gone to Dixie. Provides information on how to direct letters to her [Mrs. Taylor]. Asks Belle's thoughts about the Pennsylvania Invasion. Ends by stating, "I wish we women could have our wishes and orders [illegible word] ruin and desolation should follow the track of our soldiers."

Letter from [Captain] Thomas Henderson to "Dear Mifs [sic.] Belle." 7 July 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Panola. Regarding Belle's package and papers and sends his thanks. Mentions that he is largely indebted to her in the way of postage. Asks her to send the papers about "that man," but she should not think about coming down there. Mentions the attack by General Holmes in Helena on July 4th. News that Lee whipped Meade at Gettysburg, and that the Confederates have taken New Orleans. Captain Henderson mentions the plight of Vicksburg several times in the letter and he ends with news he had just received about the fall of

Vicksburg. He stated, "Alas, alas Vicksburg has surrendered, starved out." Envelope addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson, Near Memphis, Tennessee"

Letter from S. M. Webb to "Mifs [sic.] Edmondson." 17 July 1863

**Scope and Content**

Regarding wanting Belle to get his eight year old niece out of Memphis and bring her to the Edmondson home. He would also like her to bring him back some peach brandy or whiskey. Envelope address to, "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson, Care of Mrs. Judge Thompson, Hernando, Mifs."

Letter from HW Tracy to "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson." 17 July 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Grenada, Mifs [sic.]. Regarding request for Belle to send a dispatch to the father of a dying Missouri soldier from Clarksville, Missouri. Tracy leaves tomorrow for the west and asks Belle to write to his sister. Also mentions that if Belle receives any letters for Tracy she should direct them to Captain Henderson who will direct them to Arkansas. Envelope addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson, Near Memphis, Tennessee."

Letter from Louise [Taylor] to "My Dear Belle." 20 July [1863]

**Scope and Content**

Regarding Belle's letter and is so glad to hear from her. She discusses the fall of Vicksburg and her emotions upon hearing that it fell, "it made me miserable." She thinks "it was badly managed." Mentions that all of General Price's property was seized. She inquires after Theresa Blennerhasset. Asks Belle to help her [Mrs. Taylor] locate her brother. Mentions remembering her happy time "in Dixie." Asks about Bragg's army and the affairs in Dixie. Envelope addressed to, "Miss Belle Edmondson, Shelby County, Tennessee"

Letter from [Captain] Thomas Henderson to "Dear Mifs [sic.] Belle." 6 August 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Panola. Regarding rumors abounding that President Davis was either dead or in ill health. Assures Belle that he just met a man who had lately been in Richmond who attested to the health of Jefferson Davis. Mentions that General Johnston is at Mobile where the next attack is supposed to occur. Lee has been moved back to his old position, and Bragg's forces are at Chattanooga. Asking if Grant has gone to Washington. Asks also about the location of Grierson. Envelope addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson, Present."

Letter from Lucy A. Martin to "Dear Miss Edmondson." 9 August 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Jackson. Regarding the burning of Jackson and her home. Mentions the burning of Mrs. Freeman's home also. Describes Jackson, "Our place does not look like it did when you were here, but there is much fortitude and cheerfulness shown by own people, although we have been deprived of nearly every thing." She asks Belle to send down materials, which she [Belle] had purchased for the ladies. Envelope addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson...At Home."

Letter from Albert Eyrich to "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson." 10 August 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Vicksburg, Mississippi. Regarding his wait in Vicksburg for a permit to ship his goods to Natchez. He describes the state of Vicksburg after the fall and gives an eyewitness account of Vicksburg during the siege. Eyrich mentions the citizens living in the caves. He states that his landlady, "said General Pemberton could have held out longer, had he felt so disposed- provisions were not so [illegible word], and that Mule meat was not a last resort but at first merely an experiment, as the troops wanted fresh meat." Mentions that he has heard that Pemberton and his troops are on their way to reinforce General Bragg at Chattanooga.

Letter from C.M. Fackler to "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson." 18 August 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Montgomery, Alabama. Regarding request for Belle to forward the enclosed letter to his wife in Memphis. Is having a difficult time getting his letters to his wife. Mentions that he was recently in Selma and saw Belle's brother James H. Edmondson who was well and also saw another of Belle's brothers. Mentions that James has "secured the command of a privateer on the 'blue waters' and will doubtless make name and fame in his new field." Mentions that Ed Booker of Memphis had recently been present at the wedding of John Walker and Mifs [sic.] Annie Newell. "Ladies in the Confederacy can get married these days and not be troubled with long and embarrassing honeymoons."

Letter from Albert Eyrich to "My Dear Mifs [sic.] Belle." 19 August 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Vicksburg, Mifs [sic.]. Regarding still being in Vicksburg. Writes that he was offered a position at twice his old wages, but he finds Vicksburg very

unhealthy. The citizens are destitute of most everything. The ladies go without shoes and only have one change of clothing. There has been a lot of destruction about the city with some citizens killed. Mentions the destruction caused to the Catholic Church in town by shells. Envelope addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson, Memphis, Tennessee."

Letter from Mrs. T.M. Blennerhasset to "Dear Miss Edmonston [sic]." 23 August 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from St. Louis. Regarding asking Belle if she knows anything about the whereabouts of her daughter Theresa Blennerhasset. Mrs. Blennerhasset has not heard from her since May 7th and is worried. 2pp. Stamped envelope with St. Louis, Mo. Postmark addressed to, "Miss Belle Edmonston [sic.] Memphis, Tennessee [sic]."

Letter from [Captain] Thomas Henderson to "Mifs [sic.] Belle." 25 August 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Panola. Regarding being at his old post in Panola. 700 Yankees from above met 800 from below at Grenada. Burned some of the railroad, two depots and some of the town.

Letter from J.W. Sneed to "Miss Belle Edmondson." 31 August 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Canton, Mississippi. Regarding request for Belle to obtain some Federal money for him through Mr. J.B. Robinson of Memphis. Mr. Sneed needs the money for his mother who lives in Federal lines. HE admires Belle and calls her the, "Florence Nightingale of this war." Envelope addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson, Present."

**Folder 11: Correspondence and Documents September-October 1863**

Letter from Emily Barr to "Dear Belle" [Edmondson] 1 September 1863

**Scope and Content**

Regarding how the Yankee troops destroyed everything in her home at Oxford. She mentions that she has heard through Jane that Belle has some goods for her. She details the loss of her family possessions and clothes and asks Belle to send material if she can. Mr. Barr is with Chalmers. Envelope addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson [illegible words]."

Note from [Captain] Thomas Henderson to "Mifs [sic.] Belle." 1 September 1863

**Scope and Content**

Note sent from Panola. Regarding the rumor of fighting at Chattanooga but nothing certain. Mentions that the 2nd Division of Johnston's army are there. Mentions that there is no real news from the Virginia army. Asks Belle to send him some Shallenburgers Pills for his soldiers who have chills. Envelope addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson. At home."

Letter from J. H. Thompson to Mifs [sic.] B.E. [Belle Edmondson] 4 September 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Grenada. Regarding request for Belle to call on Mr. Harnwell the Clerk of Argus Job Office and ask him for letters sent to J.H. or Mrs. R.C. Thompson. He also requests that Belle also call on a Mrs. Hutton in order to pick up letters addressed to the same individuals.

Letter from [Captain] Thomas Henderson to "Dear Mifs [sic.] Belle." 5 September 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Panola. Regarding her package of materials and has forwarded some of her letters on. He hopes that the Dr. [Moses?] would have her letter soon. Mentions that he will be sorry to lose her services [due to marriage?]. Tells her to see Colonel Blythe about using cotton to buy salt. He has been denied the privilege of selling cotton for arms, munitions, and medicines in the past, but now he has been asked to obtain these materials with no questions asked. Envelope addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson. At Home."

Receipt for goods purchased by Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson from F. Katzenbach. Memphis, Tennessee. 8 September 1863

Letter from L. [Louise] Taylor to "My Dear Belle." 9 September 1863

**Scope and Content**

Regarding Belle's letter and feels gratitude for all of her help. She [Louise] "has the blues over our affairs in Dixie." Mentions that she has lost all confidence in Johnston and feels quite ready to fight Bragg for "giving up" East Tennessee. Writes that she has heard nothing of Dr. Moses' family but will be in St. Louis in three weeks and will inquire. Asks about the whereabouts of Major Price and also asks if Belle is still engaged. Envelope addressed to, "Miss Edmondson, Memphis, Tennessee [sic]."

Letter from Eliza [Tracy] to "My Dear Friend" [Belle Edmondson] 10 September 1863

### **Scope and Content**

Regarding gratitude for Belle for her recent letter and the news it contained of "him" [H.W. Tracy?]. Eliza is staying in some "Yankee place" and asks Belle not to judge her harshly. She recently visited David's Island to see the Petersburg wounded. Wishes the war were over and speaks of good news coming out of Charleston. She fears that Missouri will soon suffer again due to fighting and wishes that the northern people knew what war was really like. She states that the riots in New York gave them a taste of war. Stamped envelope addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson, Care of Orgill and Co. Memphis, Tennessee."

Note from Capt. [H.N. Martin?] to Capt. [Henderson] 18 September 1863

### **Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Clinton, Mississippi. Regarding request for needed items. On bottom of note: ANS. [September 18, 1863]. [Captain] Thomas Henderson to "Mifs [sic.] Belle" [Edmondson]. Regarding request that Belle purchase list of needed items.

Note from A.C. [Campbell] Edmondson to "Cousins Belle and Mrs. Anderson." 19 September 1863

### **Scope and Content**

Regarding a cousin of Belle and Mary's who has heard of their arrival in camp. He attempted to call but found they were out and was not able to walk the short distance in the evening.

Document from "M" to "All Concerned." 21 September 1863

### **Scope and Content**

Regarding a reprint of telegram from Jackson describing Bragg's victory over Rosecrans at Chattanooga

Letter from Theresa Blennerhasset to "My Dear Belle" [Edmondson] 22 September 1863

### **Scope and Content**

Letter sent from St. Louis, Missouri. Regarding how she has finally reached St. Louis. She had to report to the authorities who were displeased that she traveled to "Dixie" without obtaining a pass. She may not deliver any of the messages that she brought from the South. She was asked to take the oath but declined.

Telegram from Richardson to Captain Henderson 23 September 1863

### **Scope and Content**

Telegram sent from Senatobia, Mifs [sic.]. Regarding

reports that the front is quiet and the boys burnt a dozen bales of cotton, which were on the road to Memphis. States that the "Memphis Bulletin" reported the defeat of a Yankee expedition to Sabine pass. Magruder sunk two gunboats and crippled several others. Banks forces have returned to New Orleans. On South-Western Telegraph Company letterhead.

Letter from J.S. [Kenet?] to "Bell" [sic.]. 24 September 1863

**Scope and Content**

Regarding instructions on where to send packages. Mentions that their [home or business] was burned by the Yankees. Asks Belle to forward the enclosed letter also. Back of letter addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Bell [sic.] Edmondson."

Letter from Marshall to Captain Henderson 24 September 1863

**Scope and Content**

Regarding the contents of a recent dispatch. The dispatch described Bragg's victory and the falling back of the Union army

Letter from [Major] Thomas Price to "Mifs [sic.] Bell [sic.]" [Edmondson] 27 September 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Selma, Alabama. Regarding a gift for his wife and gives Belle specific instructions on how to send the materials. Thanks Belle for all of her help and speaks of her "goodness of heart." Envelope addressed to, "Miss Belle Edmondson. Near Memphis, Tennessee. Captain Henderson please forward."

Letter from [Captain] Thomas Henderson to "Dear Mifs [sic.] Belle." 28 September 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Panola. Regarding how the Dispatch says some of our generals in Rosecrans rear. Northern accounts satisfy him South has won a victory. Includes a copy of Bragg's congratulatory address to troops after Chickamauga. Back of letter used as envelope and addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson. At Home."

Letter from Lieutenant McConnell to "Mifs [sic.] Belle." 30 September 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Panola. Regarding request for a report on Thursday. Captain Henderson says send salt. Mentions that the Confederate forces surrounded Rosecrans. Longstreet occupies Lookout Mountain and

the Federals are still in Chattanooga. Envelope addressed to, "Miss Belle Edmondson. Near Memphis, Tennessee. Attention Miss [illegible]."

Letter from [Captain] Thomas Henderson to "D. Mifs [sic.] Belle." 3 October 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Panola. Regarding gratitude for Belle for the information she sent through Lieutenant McConnell. Their telegraph has been down below Jackson for three days and he has no substantiated news to send her regarding Rosecrans, but he believes that the Confederates have won a victory. Mentions the health of his troops. If her salt wagon comes he will send up a load of "4 back." Envelope addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson. At Home."

Letter from [Captain] Thomas Henderson to "Dear Carmen" [Lieutenant Carmen] 7 October 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Panola. Regarding sorrow that all of Carmen's intelligence work near Memphis will not be used because General Lee has deferred his attack. Mentions the upcoming plans of General Chalmers. Sending latest Southern papers which he asks to be sent to Belle with this note. Mentions information he has concerning two large siege guns on Lookout Mountain. All quiet at Chattanooga, Charleston and Virginia. Mentions the improving health of his troops.

Letter from [Captain] Thomas Henderson to "Dear Mifs [sic.] Belle." 8 October 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Panola. Regarding Belle's shipment of salt and thanks. He has received verbal permission to send bales of cotton. "The proceeds from the cotton will surely do us more good than the cotton will do them." Mentions that "Lt. Mc" [Lieutenant McConnell] is still in "the bottom" but after his return he will send Belle his greenbacks. Mentions that he heard General Chalmers won a victory northwest of Holly Springs.

Letter from Ferd Rodgers to "Mifs [sic.] 'Belle.'" 8 October 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Headquarters Jacksons [Cross]. Canton, Mifs [sic.]. Regarding assurance that he is still in "the land of the living." Mentions Federal satisfaction with their fortifications and the Confederate inability to do much that is constructive. He wants to be transferred to North Mississippi, but he has not yet received permission. Asks Belle and his sister [Hal Rodgers] to go to Memphis to purchase some articles for him. Envelope addressed

to, "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson. Near Memphis, Tennessee."

Note from Sam Tate to "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson." 10 October 1863

**Scope and Content**

Note sent from Hernando. Regarding five letters which he asks her to deliver in Memphis. Back of note used as envelope addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson. At Home."

Letter from Andrew Kilpatrick to "Dear Aunt Bell [sic]." 12 October 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Pontotoc, Mississippi. Regarding his aunt (he was the son of Jane Edmondson Kilpatrick, Belle's sister) asking her for cartridges for the pistol she bought him.

Letter from "Mifs [sic.] Nellie Kilpatrick" to "Dear Mifs [sic.] Bell [sic]." 12 October 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Pontotoc, Mifs [sic.]. Regarding the daughter of Belle's sister Jane Edmondson Kilpatrick writes to her asking for a china doll and she speaks of getting married. Envelope addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson, Shelby County, Tennessee."

Letter from Louise [Taylor] to "My Dear Belle." 21 October 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from St. Louis, Missouri. Regarding the interest of Mrs. Moses and Bettie in Belle (mother and sister of Dr. Moses). She is packed and waiting to hear from Belle. Note: The letter is heavily damaged due to fire. Envelope addressed to, "Miss Belle Edmondson."

Letter from Louise T [Taylor] to "My Dear Belle." 23 October 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from St. Louis, Missouri. Regarding how her bags are packed and she is waiting on Belle's letter to hear if it will be possible to travel down to Memphis. Mentions a young Confederate prisoner named Harrison who is from Memphis and Mrs. Taylor asks Belle to write to his mother. Asks Belle about the photograph she promised to send. Mentions that she saw Miss Blennerhasset recently and she has been banished. She will leave the area in one week.

Letter from [Captain] Thomas Henderson to "Dear Mifs

[sic.] Belle." 23 October 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Abbeville, Mississippi. Regarding how he has had to leave the Panola camp for the moment since he is serving both General Chalmers and Johnston. He was not able to sell the salt Belle sent down for cotton before he left, but he believes that it is being done while he is away. Mentions the constant shelling in Chattanooga. Mentions that there is nothing from Virginia since the Battle of Bull Run Bridge and that Charleston is quiet. He has two more bales of cotton and he would like to use the proceeds to purchase ammunition. Lieutenant McConnell has to speak about the capture of two of his scouts.

Letter from Albert Eyrich to "Esteemed Friend" [Belle Edmondson] 28 October 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Vicksburg, Mississippi. Regarding how he has misplaced her last letter. Mentions that the clerk he left in charge may have accidentally taken it back to Memphis. His health is much better due to a heavy frost in the area. Mentions that a "reign of terror such as Memphis and vicinity once experienced has commenced here." Lawlessness is prevalent, but the commanding generals of the Union army stationed in Vicksburg treat the ladies with respect and are generally liked. Writes of his arduous days in the store. Envelope addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson. Memphis, Tennessee."

Letter from [Major] Thomas Price to "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson." 31 October 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Selma, Alabama. Regarding that he is sending this letter via Belle's brother and asks if she has received any of the letters he has sent to her for his wife in the past few months. He writes of the jewelry he sent to his wife and is not sure if she received it. He asks that Belle write to his wife and ask her to write a long "family" letter. He fears that his wife in Missouri may be watched due to his position in the Confederate army and she might not be allowed to write to him but she could write to Belle.

**Folder 12: Correspondence and Documents November-December 1863**

Telegram from Major Thomas Price to "Miss Belle Edmondson." 12 November 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Selma, Alabama. Regarding if Belle had received his letter through her brother. He is trying to find information about his wife and family. On "The

Southern Telegraph Companies" letterhead.

Letter from Tate [Dashiell] to "Dear Belle." 14 November 1863

**Related Materials at the University of Mississippi**

Letter sent from Elm Ridge. Regarding confusion over where to direct Belle's letters. She asks Belle's pardon and that of Dr. Moses. She has had a ten day pass given to her by Maggie Cockrell which has just run out. She laments, "I don't know what on earth I am to do about it- I'll have to trust to Providence or good looks in future." Asks Belle to write. She went into town and paid all of Belle's debts. She says, "I will do all I can for anyone South, just let me know." Envelope with November 19th, Grenada postmark addressed to, "Miss Belle Edmondson. Care of Dr. G.A. Moses. Mobile, Alabama." Note: The number 10 is stamped twice on the envelope.

Letter from George Atchison to "Miss Bell [sic]." 19 November 1863

**Scope and Content**

Regarding her letter and how he is happy that she is able to write to his mother in safety. He is surprised that Belle is in Mobile and says that he, "expects Brother [Dr. Moses] was very much so." Asks if Belle could forward the enclosed letter to his mother. His father is staying with him. George is stationed on board the C.S. Steamer Georgia, a floating battery which was [at the time of the letter] stationed three miles below Savannah [sic]. He asks repeatedly about Shallie Kirk. Stamped envelope with Savannah postmark addressed to, "Miss Belle Edmondson. Care of Gen. Maury. Mobile. Alabama."

Letter from Madame LeVert to "Dear Mifs [sic.] Edmondson." [23 November 1863]

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from [Mobile, Alabama]. Regarding invitation for Belle to come by for her reception evening. Note: Written on the back of Battle House letterhead.

Letter from Phil Allin to "Miss Bell [sic.] Edmondson." 23 November 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Okolona, Mississippi. Regarding the drowning of a mutual friend, George Imes, as his company was crossing the Chattooga River. Stamped envelope addressed to, "Mr. A.J. Edmondson, Care of [illegible] Titus. Memphis, Tennessee."

Letter from Major Thomas Price to "Mifs [sic.] Bell [sic.] Edmondson." 23 November 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Selma, Alabama. Regarding orders from Richmond to go to Meridian. Brandon and perhaps some point of Mississippi River. Asks Belle to send buttons for a coat his tailor is making. Confusing statement about Dr. Moses returning from the wilderness. Note: Heavily damaged. Stamped envelope with Selma postmark addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Bell [sic.] Edmondson. Care Battle House. Mobile, Alabama. Note: Proprietor please send to her room immediately if she has arrived."

Letter from Alexander Stephens to General Johnston 25 November 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from [Sparta, Georgia]. Regarding Mrs. Betty Pratte, the wife of Bernard Pratte and the niece of Zachary Taylor. She needs a pass through the picket lines. Mentions that Mrs. Pratte is a true and loyal citizen. Back of letter used as envelope and addressed to, "General Joseph E. Johnston."

Letter from J. H. Edmondson to "My Dear Bell [sic]." 26 November 1863

**Scope and Content**

Regarding sorrow to have missed her before she left that morning. Asks Belle not to go on her planned trip to Selma and leave as planned with Mrs. Clayton. He states that it "is no means advisable to do so [travel to Selma]-you know what I said to you." Note: Paper damaged. Back of letter used as envelope and addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Bell [Edmondson]."

Letter from [Illegible signature] to General Leonidas Polk 27 November 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Office Infantry General Hospitals. Augusta, Georgia. Regarding Mrs. Bernard Pratte, an exiled Missourian who is seeking her husband. Her husband is with General Sterling Price. If she is not able to visit her husband she would like to go to her mother in Kentucky or her home in St. Louis. Envelope addressed to, "Lt. General Leonidas Polk. Commdy. Dept. Mississippi. Introducing Mrs. Bernard Pratte."

Note from D.H. to "Misses Belle and Shallie." 28 November 1863

**Scope and Content**

Regarding what they would like for breakfast. He will have their breakfast sent to their rooms. He will call upon them as soon as he is able

Letter from Shallie [Kirk] to "Dear Belle." 2 December

1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Columbia. Regarding sympathy for Belle and her heart's affliction. Wants to soothe Belle but she has also promised to be his [Dr. Moses'] friend. States that she has never been "a false friend." Hopes that Belle had a pleasant stay at LaGrange. Envelope addressed to, "Miss Belle Edmondson. Memphis, Tennessee." Note: Fragile letter.

Letter from Major Thomas Price to "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson." 4 December 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Selma, Alabama. Regarding how Belle is still in Mobile and has confided in Major Price [of her broken engagement]. He counsels her to "exercise some of that large store of virtues [which Belle has formerly exhibited] for self protection." Because of her goodness and open nature she may have been too confiding. Urges her to seek peace in providence and know that there must be better times in store for her. Ends by asking her to contact his wife and send the enclosed letter. Also asks her to buy some items and send to him via Panola and Captain Henderson. Envelope addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Bele [sic.] Edmondson, Care Capt. Edmondson."

Letter from Lem H. Elliott to "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson." 17 December 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Guthriesville York District South Carolina. Regarding request for Belle to give the enclosed letter to his grandmother. Has had a miserable trip but his arm is improving rapidly. Note: Back of letter used as envelope addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson. At Home. Near Memphis, Tennessee." Stamped envelope addressed to, "Capt. Sam Henderson, 'Henderson's Scouts,' Panola, Miss. Note included states, "Please forward the enclosed to Mifs [sic.] Edmondson near Memphis and oblige a soldier."

Letter from J.F. Simmons to "Esteemed Lady" [Belle Edmondson] 18 December 1863

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Clinton, Mississippi. Regarding notes to hand to three different people asking for money. He also enclosed a list of articles he needs her to purchase if and when she receives the money. Written on Simmons & Crump, Attorneys at Law letterhead. Envelope addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson. Desoto County, Mississippi Care of Mr. [Evans?]."

Letter from [Captain] Thomas Henderson to "Dear Mifs [sic.] Belle." 20 December 1863

### **Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Panola, [Mississippi]. Regarding her trunk and that of Mrs. "D's" [Dashiell] and has attempted to send them to her. Bad weather and roads have hindered him in sending the trunks. He mentions that he has a promise for the trunks to be taken at least as far as Hernando to the home of Sam Tate. Mentions that there is little news in the papers, except a message from "their President." He is suffering greatly from a stye and can hardly see. Asks Belle to forward a letter to Major Hunt's wife. Envelope addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson. Near Memphis, Tennessee."

Note from Charles T. Powe to "Mifs [sic.] Belle." 23 December 1863

### **Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Grenada, Mifs [sic.]. Regarding request for Belle to forward the enclosed letter to his wife. Fragment. Stamped envelope addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson. Care of Capt. Henerson, Panola, Mifs [sic]."

Telegram from J.H. Edmondson to "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson." 24 December 1863

### **Scope and Content**

Telegram sent from Panola, Mifs [sic.]. Regarding request for Belle to tell Mrs. Lott Clark that her husband is with J.H. Edmondson. On South-Western Telegraph Company letterhead.

## **Folder 13: Correspondence and Documents 1864**

Letter from Tate [Edmondson Dashiell] to "Dear Belle." [circa August 1864]

### **Scope and Content**

Regarding how Mrs. Perkins out to Edmondson home with a squad of Yankees. Belle should not come home yet as their father is in so much trouble. Envelope addressed to, "Miss B.B. Edmondson."

Letter from Mrs. John Hudson to "Miss Belle Edmondson." [circa March/April 1864]

### **Scope and Content**

Regarding request for Belle to gather materials which Mrs. Hudson needed.

Note from W.P. Walker to "Mifs [sic.] Edmonson [sic]." 2 January 1864

### **Scope and Content**

Regarding if Belle has a letter for S.P. Walker, Jr. Requests that if she has the letter that she send it to

Captain Henderson who will forward it.

Letter from Edwin A. Spotswood to "Mifs [sic.] Bell." 8 January 1864

**Scope and Content**

Regarding writing from camp near Como, Mississippi and asks Belle to send clothes to him as soon as he is almost without any

Furlough request for [Corporal] John Webb of the 154th Tennessee Volunteers. 12 January 1864

Transportation office, C.S.A. document, number 20120 16 January 1864

**Scope and Content**

Stating that the Steamboat R.R. will furnish transportation for one man from Montgomery, Alabama to Selma, Alabama and the costs will be charged to the War Department of the Confederate States.

Certificate to pass for John Webb to go to Panola, Mifs [sic.] on furlough. Provost Marshal's Office, Dalton, Georgia letterhead. 16 January 1864

Bill for goods purchased by Miz [sic.] Belle Edmondson from Lacey, Able & Co. Memphis, Tennessee. 23 January 1864

Certificate to pass, good for 13 days, for Miss B. Edmonds [sic.] to pass through the guards and pickets. 23 January 1864

**Scope and Content**

On Headquarters 16th Army Corps, Memphis, Tennessee letterhead.

Letter from Captain Thomas Henderson to "Dear Mifs [sic.] Belle." 26 January 1864

**Scope and Content**

Regarding writing from camp near Como, Mississippi to report that he recently saw two of her sisters, Helen and Tate. Mentions that he has a few "G.B." [greenbacks] on hand and will send them when she writes him the amount he owes her. The salt arrived but one is damaged. Has no news to report regarding events in the South. Back of letter used as envelope, addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson, Near Memphis, Tennessee."

Letter from D.B. McCarthy to "Mifs [sic.] Edmondson." 27 January 1864

**Scope and Content**

Regarding writing from East Abington to thank Belle for

forwarding her [McCarthy's] brother's letter through the lines. Also requests by asking Belle to send word about her [McCarthy's] brother's safety. Envelope addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson, Memphis, Tennessee."

Letter from Callie Miles to "My friend" [Belle Edmondson] 1 February 1864

**Scope and Content**

Regarding writing from Hickman, Kentucky and asks Belle to try to send a letter through the lines. She enclosed it with the letter to Belle. Mentions the destruction of Jackson [Mississippi] and wonders about the fate of Memphis. Envelope with illegible postmark addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson, care of Mrs. M ["C" Galloway?], Aberdeen, Mississippi."

Letter from Helen Edmondson to "Dear Belle." 4 February 1864

**Scope and Content**

Regarding writing from Panola, County, Mississippi. cannot cross the lines from "Dixie." Sends news of family and fighting at Grenada. Mentions Capt. Henderson and Major Crump. Envelope addressed to, "Miss Belle Edmondson, 'Elm Ridge,' Tennessee, 'By Scout.'"

Letter from Captain Thomas Henderson to "Mifs [sic.] Belle" [Edmondson] 7 February 1864

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Headquarters, Panola [Mississippi]. Regarding Belle's notes and thanks her. Mentions spending time with Belle's sisters [Helen and Tate] at the Walaces. Mentions that the Union forces are advancing from Vicksburg up Yazoo and Henderson has sent scouts to Greenwood. Sends late southern newspapers to Belle. Envelope addressed to "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson, Near Memphis, Tennessee."

Letter from "E.P." [Emily Perkins] to "My dear, dear Belle" [Edmondson] 22 February 1864

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Castle Garden, [Tennessee?]. Regarding Belle's letter and is very grateful for her efforts. Mentions that she heard Belle was to be married but can see by her signature that she is not. Describes the state of the countryside. Trading is very brisk but prices are very high. States that the slaves are "in open rebellion." Describes a very violent scene where she "humbles" an impudent slave. Mentions that the war has not changed her feelings for her loved ones and friends. Stamped envelope with illegible postmark addressed to "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmonson [sic.], Care of Messrs. Orgile & Brothers, Memphis, Tennessee."

Letter from Belle Edmondson to Mr. Perkins 25 February 1864

**Scope and Content**

Regarding request for Mr. Perkins to deliver mail across the lines. She has tried to get this through before but the courier was captured.

Note from A.C.E. [Cousin Campbell Edmondson] to "Cousin Belle." 28 February 1864

**Scope and Content**

Regarding that he is going "below" today and can transport mail. Asks Belle to send late newspapers. Back of note addressed to "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson at Home."

Letter from [Mrs.] John Hudson to "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson." 3 March 1864

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Selma. Regarding how if Belle cannot send the packages through she should get the money to a Mrs. Garrett at Sardis. Mrs. Garrett can send the money to Mrs. Hudson.

Letter from Sue A. Boylen to "My dear Belle." 9 March 1864

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Pontotoc, Co., Mifs [sic.]. Regarding request for Belle to send the enclosed letter to a Missouri family from their son who they believe is dead as his other two brothers. Will have the Memphis post office watched for mail directed to her. Envelope addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson, Memphis, Tennessee Kindnefs [sic.] of Major Allen."

Bill for sale of one bale of cotton and accounting of charges incurred by E.D. Bray from J.J. Rawlings & Co. 15 March 1864

Letter from [Captain] Thomas Henderson to "Dear Mifs [sic.] Belle." 24 March 1864

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Oxford, [Mississippi]. Regarding Belle's package and letters and sends his thanks. They have no mail facilities as far as Mobile at present. He has no reliable news of the war. Sends older Southern newspapers. Envelope addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson."

Letter from Joseph S. Lenard to "My dear Mifs [sic.]" [Belle Edmondson] 29 March 1864

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Wayside Hospital. Selma, Alabama. Regarding gratitude for Belle for her kindness in sending mail through the lines. Asks Belle to mail another letter, to Dr. Pettus which asks him for money. Lenard asks Belle to include a note to Dr. Pettus on the best way for him to send the money. Envelope addressed to "Miss Belle Edmondson, Near Horn Lake, [illegible writing]."

Letter from [Major] Thomas H. Price to "Mifs [sic.] Bell Edmondson." 30 March 1864

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Selma, Alabama. Regarding gratitude for Belle for getting word from his wife. She has been ill and he is worried about her health. Wait to send the ring until she finds a reliable person traveling to St. Louis. He expects a glorious campaign and an end of the war in the present year. He is also a candidate for Congress and has a good chance for election. Envelope addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Bell Edmondson, Near Memphis, Tennessee."

Note from J.F. Simmons to "Esteemed Lady" [Belle Edmondson] 31 March 1864

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Benton, Mississippi. Regarding request for Belle if she has been able to procure any of the articles he requested. If so, she can send them to his wife at Sardis, Mississippi by Captain [Holgood] or another reliable hand.

Letter from Curtis to "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson." April 1864

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from New York, New York. Regarding a letter from Mrs. Van Hook of Selma, Alabama through Belle earlier. Mrs. Van Hook asked Mr. Curtis to try to find information about Mr. George Van Hook of Columbia, Mississippi who had been missing since July 1862. Mr. Curtis has placed advertisements in newspapers asking for information but has heard nothing as of yet. Asks if Belle would forward this letter to others. Stamped envelope with New York postmark addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson, Memphis, Tennessee."

Note from Lieutenant Hudson to "Miss Belle." 4 April 1864

**Scope and Content**

Regarding request to deliver the articles she purchased for his sister to the bearer of the note. Addressed on back of note to, "Mifs [sic.] Bell Edmondson, At Home."

Letter from [Major] Thomas H. Price to "Mifs [sic.] Belle." 5 April 1864

### **Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Selma, Alabama. Regarding a letter for Belle to deliver to Miss Annie [Perdue]. Looking for active times in a military way very soon. Has heard that her brother has sailed from Wilmington and is now in Europe.

Letter from Ann [Kirk Fackler] to C.M. Fackler 17 April 1864

### **Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Memphis, [Tennessee]. Regarding how she is distressed because she has not heard from Mr. Fackler in several months. Has been forced to take in Federal officers with wives and children as boarders in order to keep from losing her home. The River is blockaded. Memphis is excited about Forrest's raid and Fort Pillow. Stamped envelope addressed to, "Mr. C.M. Fackler, [Etonah], Georgia."

Letter from [Major] Thomas H. Price to "Mifs [sic.] Bell Edmondson." 19 April 1864

### **Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Selma, Alabama. Regarding that "everything looks cheerful in Dixie. They are all hoping for "big news" from Richmond, Virginia very soon. There is a rumor of a big victory. 1p. Note: Written on Ordinance Office, Trans-Mississippi Department letterhead. Envelope addressed to "Mifs [sic.] Belle Edmondson." Annotation at top of envelope reads, "If you have any thing to send have it sent to Mr. Merriam Farrowe. Geo. [ ] King."

Letter from "Mother" to "My Dearest Son" [Lieutenant William S. Pope] 22 May 1864

### **Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Hernando, [Mississippi]. Regarding "Neddy's" [another son's] visit. Mentions that Tilly is well again and she has heard from his father, who is also well. Their school is not profitable and the people of Hernando are not terribly friendly, but she feels disposed to stay. Note: William S. Pope was later killed at the Battle of Brice's Cross Roads on June 10th. Envelope addressed to, "Lieutenant Wm. S. Pope, 7th Tenn. Cavalry, Col. Duckworth, General Forest's Command."

Letter from [Mary Edmondson Anderson] to [Belle Edmondson] [circa June 1864]

### **Scope and Content**

Fragment. Regarding Cousin Mat and Mrs. Perkins "vowed vengeance" on Edmondson family.

Letter from D.F.H. to "My Kind friend" [Belle Edmondson] 20 June 1864

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Mobile, [Alabama]. Regarding a rumor that Belle was traveling South, but has not seen her so assumes that it is not true. Mentions several mutual friends, and states that Mobile is very dull at the present time and very hot. Asks Belle about the status of his package. Stamped envelope addressed to, "Miss Belle Edmondson, Care of R.W. Edmondson, Columbus, Miss."

Letter from Mary [Edmondson Anderson] to "Dear Belle" [Edmondson] 26 June 1864

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Elm Ridge. Regarding how home is quiet since they left. Scouts have been there and their Father was ill. Yankees came out, the "terrible 7th Kansas." Said Forrest whipped them but Sturgis sold his troops to Forrest.

**Folder 14: Correspondence and Documents 1864 (continued)**

Letter from Helen [Edmondson Crump] to Eddie [Edmondson] 28 June 1864

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Oxford, [Mississippi]. Regarding details about her wedding to Brodie Crump expressing her sorrow that Eddie could not be present. Mentions that her honeymoon was cut short by General Forrest. She is staying in Oxford. Envelope addressed to, "Mr. E.A. Edmondson, McDonalds old Batt., Bluff City Grays, Mifsifsippi, care Hendersons Scouts."

Letter from Helen [Edmondson Crump] to "Dear Belle" [Edmondson] 29 June 1864

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Oxford, [Mississippi]. Regarding request for Belle to get Helen's diamond ring out of Jimmie's papers which Will Hunt has. Envelope addressed to, "Miss Belle Edmondson, 'On the ring.'"

Letter from Helen [Edmondson] Crump to "My dear Belle." 30 June 1864

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Oxford, [Mississippi]. Regarding how she is still staying in Oxford. Wilson is the only scout she has seen. Complains a bit about Forrest sending for her husband, Major Crump, before his leave was over. Her husband gave her a wonderful horse as a present. Stamped envelope addressed to, "Miss Belle Edmondson, Care=R.W. Edmonson [sic.], Columbus, Mifs.""

Bill for goods purchased by Mrs. Edmondson from A.H. & Wheeler. Memphis, Tennessee. 30 June 1864

Letter from J.G.B. to "Mifs [sic.] Belle." In Camp, McDaniels Batt 1 July 1864

**Scope and Content**

Regarding regrets that he was ordered away and could not say goodbye. Enjoyed his meeting with Belle.

Letter from "Brother Brodie" [Crump] to "My Dear Sister" [Belle Edmondson] 1 July 1864

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Verona, Mississippi. Regarding writing from Verona about the bridal tour the day they left Pontotoc. Mentions a mix-up about his replacement while on his honeymoon tour. Forrest afflicted with boils and in a furious way generally. Envelope addressed to, "Miss Belle Edmondson, Care of R.W. Edmondson, Columbus, Mississippi."

Card of Mifs. [sic.] Edmondson 5 July 1864

**Scope and Content**

Listing on one side various names and the listing of "Major C.S. Sergsen Hd.Quarters, July 5, 1864" and on the other a quote from Longfellow.

Note from John Williamson to "Miss Bell Edmondson." 5 July 1864

**Scope and Content**

Regarding request for Belle to inform Mrs. Kate [Henyes] that Lee Elliott was well

Special Order from Headquarters, Forrest Cavalry, Tupelo 8 July 1864

**Scope and Content**

Note: Document in very fragile condition

Letter from Andrew Jackson Edmondson to "My Dear Son" [Eddie Edmondson] 10 July 1864

**Scope and Content**

Regarding how he has been unwell. They have P. Miller to thank for shelter as he persuaded Mrs. Perkins not to go to General Washburn and have a guard come out and destroy Elm Ridge. He thinks a private is the most honorable position in the Army. Mentions that General Washburn is very hard on secessionists. Mentions Jimmie's [James Edmondson's] mission in Europe.

Letter from Ed Edmondson to "Dear Bell." 16 July 1864

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from "In Camp," Verona, Mississippi.

Regarding writing to Belle from Verona that he left the front yesterday and the fight was not successful. He blames Lt. General Lee. Asks Belle to send him clean clothes as he is in need of them.

Letter from Shallie [Kirk] to "My dearest Bell." 22 July 1864

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Selma, [Alabama]. Regarding fear that Yankees carried out their threat to put her in prison. Describes Nannie's escape from her mother. Shallie is leaving Selma and going to Memphis. She wants Belle to return as Hurlbut has gone. Envelope addressed to, "Mifs [sic.] Bell Edmondson, Care Capt. Holland, Mobile."

Pass for E.A. Edmondson with detail to drive beef cattle from Sam Words' below Okolona, signed by Major B.S. Crump. 21 July 1864

Letter from Theresa Blennerhasset to "Dear Belle." 26 July 1864

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Columbus, [Mississippi]. Regarding writing from Columbus that Hal and Nannie left with Tate and the children for Tybee Station. Hal received an invitation to Waverly. She saw Mrs. Forrest and the General who suffers greatly with his wounds.

Letter from Theresa Blennerhasset to "My dear Bel." 27 November [1864]

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Memphis, [Tennessee]. Envelope addressed to, "Miss Bel Edmondson."

Letter from Tate [Edmondson Dashiell] to "Dear Belle." 21 December 1864

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Como, Mississippi. Regarding writing from Como that the whole regiment is ready to start off on a long scout. An attack is anticipated from all points. Envelope addressed to, "Miss Belle Edmondson 'Elm Ridge' Tennessee, By scout."

**Folder 15: Correspondence and Documents 1865**

Bill for goods purchased by Mr.[C. Falkner] from [W.S. Southworth] & Co. January 1865

Bill for goods purchased by Dr. [J.J.] Miller from [W.S. Southworth] & Co. January 1865

Bill for goods purchased by Col. W.R. [Welburn] from

[W.S. Southworth] & Co January 1865

Bill for goods purchased by Richard Wyatt, Esq. from [W.S. Southworth] & Co January-March 1865

Bill for goods purchased by [Monsieur Redford Esq] from [W.S. Southworth] & Co. January-February 1865

Printed bill of sale for a sorrel mare mule sold by [J.N. Wilson] to [W.S. Southworth]. Memphis Tennessee 25 January 1865

**Scope and Content**

Note: Stamped document

Bill for goods purchased by John W. Elam from [W.S. Southworth] & Co. Memphis, Tennessee. 28 January-February 1865

Bill for goods purchased by Georges Chamblefs [sic.] from [W.S. Southworth] & Co. February 1865

Bill for goods purchased by John [Gulliland] from [W.S. Southworth] & Co. 25 February 1865

Bill for goods purchased by Mifs. [sic.] [Hardroves, illegible name] & Co. 22 March 1865

Bill for goods purchased by [illegible initials Southworth] from Mayer, Pollock, & Lindauer. Memphis, Tennessee. 2 May 1865

Bill for goods purchased by Mrs. E.D. Bray form Owen & Rutledge. Memphis, Tennessee. 12 June 1865

Statement of account for E.D. Bray, Esq. with [Farrington & Howell]. Memphis, Tennessee. 29 August 1865- 8 January 1866

Note from S.H. Shettlesworth and E.M. Shettlesworth to MR. E.D. Bray 24 November 1865

**Scope and Content**

Regarding the transfer of funds collected for the Warren place to W.C. Warren.

**Folder 16: Correspondence and Documents 1866**

Note from Elizabeth Perryman to Mr. Ed. D. Bray 22 January 1866

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Augusta, Arkansas. Regarding payment of the proceeds of the rent of Warren land to Mr. W.C. Warren. Back of note addressed to "Mr. E.D. Bray. Memphis, Tennessee"

Receipt for rent of the estate of Eliza Shettleesworth and E. Perryman from Ed D. Bray to W.C. Warren 8 February 1866

Bill for goods purchased by E.D. Bray from Southworth & Knight 13 March 1866

Empty Envelope. Addressed to "Mr. Ed. D. Bray. Memphis, Tennessee." August 1866

Note from Elijah M. Perryman to Mr. Ed D. Bay 19 October 1866

**Scope and Content**

Regarding the right of refusal to Uncle Elijah's land

**Folder 17: Correspondence and Documents 1867**

Letter from [illegible signature] to E.D. Bray. Columbus, Mifs. [sic.] 7 March 1867

**Scope and Content**

Note: written on Southern Express Company letterhead. Fragile.

Letter from Benjamin Bray to "Dear Brother" [Edmund D. Bray] 3 May 1867

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Launch, Currituck Co., North Carolina. Re: Receipt of letter and general state of family.

Note from John L. Scurell to "Mefsr[sic.] Delk & Lindsey." 7 May 1867

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Oak Grove. Regarding a request for balance of money left by Scurell.

Unknown individual's [probably Ed D. Bray] promissory note to Benjamin Bray 24 August 1867

**Scope and Content**

Stamped. Stamped envelope addressed to, "Edmund D. Bray, Esq. Memphis, Tennessee" and postmarked. Note on envelope reads, "If uncalled for in 10 days return to Box 110. Elizabeth City, N.C."

Land deed recording sale of land from Benjamin Bray to Edmund D. Bray. Stamped. 24 August 1867

**Folder 18: Correspondence and Documents 1868**

Letter from [Helen Edmondson Crump] to "Dear Belle" [Edmondson] 17 January 1868

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Holly Springs, Mississippi. Regarding lack of family correspondence, Tate, and servants.

Land deed between Benjamin Bray and Edmund Bray 25 January 1868

Letter from William F. Martin to "My Dear Sir" [Edmund D. Bray] 1 February 1868

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Letter sent from Elizabeth City [North Carolina]. Re: Deed for land sale and Benjamin Bray.

Letter from William F. Martin to "Dear Sire" [Edmund D. Bray] 9 May 1868

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Elizabeth City, North Carolina. Regarding two land deeds from Benjamin Bray.

Letter from Benjamin Bray to "Dear Bro." [Edmund D. Bray] 1 June 1868

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Launch, Currituck County, North Carolina. Regarding land deeds, crop hopes, weather, and family.

**Folder 19: Correspondence and Documents 1869**

Letter from Aunt Ellen [Adair Beatty] to "My Dear Mary" [Mrs. Mollie H. Anderson] 20 April 1869

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Washington, D.C. Re: Earthly afflictions, death, and God. Stamped and postmarked envelope addressed to, "Mrs. Mollie H. Anderson, Care of Mefs. [sic.] Nelson & Titus. Memphis, Tennessee."

Letter from "Sister H.L.C." [Helen Edmondson Crump] to "Dear Belle" [Belle Edmondson] 23 August 1869

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Holly Springs [Mississippi]. Regarding family and mutual friends. Holly Springs, Mississippi postmarked envelope addressed to "Miss Belle Edmondson Care of Nelson & Titus, Memphis, Tennessee."

**Folder 20: Correspondence and Documents 1870**

Letter from Helen [Edmondson Crump] to "Dear Belle" [Belle Edmondson] 24 December 1870

**Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Holly Springs, [Mississippi]. Regarding

Christmas, extreme cold, and mutual friends and family. Holly Springs, Mississippi postmarked envelope addressed to, "Miss Belle Edmondson, Care Nelson & Titus Memphis, Tennessee."

#### **Folder 21: Correspondence and Documents 1871**

Note from Ed D. Bray to "My Dear Mary" [Mary Edmondson Anderson] 24 May 1871

##### **Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Chattanooga. Regarding trip. Stamped enveloped postmarked Chattanooga, Tennessee. Addressed to, "Mrs. M.H. Anderson, Memphis Tennessee Care of J.H. Edmondson Carolina Insurance."

Letter from [J.M. Johnson] to "My Dear Mr. Bray." 14 October 1871

##### **Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Baltimore. Stamped envelope addressed to, "E.D. Bray, Esq. Care of Farrington & Howell. Memphis, Tennessee."

Letter from [J.M. Johnson] to "My Dear Mr. Bray." 2 November 1871

##### **Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Nashville.

Receipt for goods received from Ed Bray by Butts & Harrington 27 November 1871

#### **Folder 22: Correspondence and Documents 1872**

Letter from Father to "My darling son Will." 27 June 1872

##### **Scope and Content**

Letter sent from Holly Springs, Mississippi.

Printed card from J.H. Edmondson, Frank B. Rogers, Hector Coffin and John F. Titus New Year 1872

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**Folder 9: Correspondence and Documents 1885**  
**Folder 10: Correspondence and Documents 1886**  
**Folder 11: Correspondence and Documents 1888**  
**Folder 12: Correspondence and Documents 1889**  
**Folder 13: Correspondence and Documents 1890**  
**Folder 14: Correspondence and Documents 1891**  
**Folder 15: Correspondence and Documents 1892**  
**Folder 16: Correspondence and Documents 1895**  
**Folder 17: Correspondence and Documents 1896**  
**Folder 18: Correspondence and Documents 1897**  
**Folder 19: Correspondence and Documents 1898**  
**Folder 20: Correspondence and Documents 1899**

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**Box 6**

**Folder 1: Correspondence and Documents 1900**  
**Folder 2: Correspondence and Documents 1901**  
**Folder 3: Correspondence and Documents 1902**  
**Folder 4: Correspondence and Documents 1903**  
**Folder 5: Correspondence and Documents 1904**  
**Folder 6: Correspondence and Documents 1905**  
**Folder 7: Correspondence and Documents 1906**  
**Folder 8: Correspondence and Documents 1907**  
**Folder 9: Correspondence and Documents 1908**  
**Folder 10: Correspondence and Documents 1909**

**Folder 11: Correspondence and Documents 1910**  
**Folder 12: Correspondence and Documents 1911**  
**Folder 13: Correspondence and Documents 1912**  
**Folder 14: Correspondence and Documents 1913**  
**Folder 15: Correspondence and Documents 1914**  
**Folder 16: Correspondence and Documents 1915**  
**Folder 17: Correspondence and Documents 1916**  
**Folder 18: Correspondence and Documents 1917**  
**Folder 19: Correspondence and Documents 1918**  
**Folder 20: Correspondence and Documents 1919**  
**Folder 21: Correspondence and Documents 1919**  
**Folder 22: Christmas Cards [1919-1920]**

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**Folder 1: Correspondence and Documents 1920**  
**Folder 2: Correspondence and Documents 1920**  
**Folder 3: Correspondence and Documents 1920**  
**Folder 4: Correspondence and Documents 1920**  
**Folder 5: Correspondence and Documents 1921**  
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**Folder 1: Correspondence and Documents 1921**  
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**Folder 3: Correspondence and Documents 1922**  
**Folder 4: Correspondence and Documents 1922**  
**Folder 5: Correspondence and Documents 1922**  
**Folder 6: Correspondence and Documents 1923**  
**Folder 7: Correspondence and Documents 1924**  
**Folder 8: Correspondence and Documents 1925**  
**Folder 9: Correspondence and Documents 1926**  
**Folder 10: Correspondence and Documents 1927**  
**Folder 11: Correspondence and Documents 1928**

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**Box 9**

**Folder 1: Correspondence and Documents 1929**

**Folder 2: Correspondence and Documents 1929**

**Folder 3: Correspondence and Documents 1930**

**Folder 4: Correspondence and Documents 1930**

**Folder 5: Correspondence and Documents 1930**

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**Box 10**

**Folder 1: Correspondence and Documents 1931**

**Folder 2: Correspondence and Documents 1931**

**Folder 3: Correspondence and Documents 1931**

**Folder 4: Correspondence and Documents 1931**

**Folder 5: Correspondence and Documents 1932**

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**Box 11**

**Folder 1: Correspondence and Documents 1933**

**Folder 2: Correspondence and Documents 1933**

**Folder 3: Correspondence and Documents 1934**

**Folder 4: Correspondence and Documents 1934**

**Folder 5: Correspondence and Documents 1935**

**Folder 6: Correspondence and Documents 1935**

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**Box 12**

**Folder 1: Correspondence and Documents 1937**

**Folder 2: Correspondence and Documents 1938**

**Folder 3: Correspondence and Documents 1939**

**Folder 4: Correspondence and Documents 1940**

**Folder 5: Correspondence and Documents 1941**

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**Box 13**

**Folder 1: Correspondence and Documents 1943**

**Folder 2: Correspondence and Documents 1944**

**Folder 3: Correspondence and Documents 1944**

**Folder 4: Correspondence and Documents 1944**

**Folder 5: Correspondence and Documents 1944**

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**Box 14**

**Folder 1: Correspondence and Documents [1944]**

**Folder 2: Correspondence and Documents 1945**

**Folder 3: Correspondence and Documents 1945**

**Folder 4: Correspondence and Documents 1945**

**Folder 5: Correspondence and Documents [1945]**

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**Box 15**

**Folder 1: Correspondence and Documents 1946**

**Folder 2: Correspondence and Documents 1946**

**Folder 3: Family Christmas Cards [1946-1953]**

**Folder 4: Family Christmas Cards [1946-1953]**

**Folder 5: Family Christmas Cards [1946]**

**Folder 6: Empty Envelopes 1946**

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**Box 16**

**Folder 1: Correspondence and Documents 1947**

**Folder 2: Correspondence and Documents 1948**

**Folder 3: Correspondence and Documents 1948**

**Folder 4: Correspondence and Documents 1949**

**Folder 5: Correspondence and Documents 1949**

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**Box 17**

**Folder 1: Family Christmas Cards [1949-1959]**

**Folder 2: Family Christmas Cards [1950s]**

**Folder 3: Assorted Birthday and "Get Well" Cards [1950s]**

**Scope and Content**

From the [Stidham Family]

**Folder 4: Correspondence and Documents 1950**

**Folder 5: Correspondence and Documents 1950**

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**Box 18**

**Folder 1: Correspondence and Documents 1950**

**Folder 2: Correspondence and Documents 1951**

**Folder 3: Correspondence and Documents 1951**

**Folder 4: Correspondence and Documents 1951**

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**Box 19**

**Folder 1: Correspondence and Documents 1952**

**Folder 2: Correspondence and Documents 1952**

**Folder 3: Family Christmas Cards [1952]**

**Folder 4: Correspondence and Documents 1953**

**Folder 5: Correspondence and Documents 1953**

**Folder 6: Correspondence to Betty Lou Stidham [1953-1954]**

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**Box 20**

**Folder 1: Correspondence and Documents 1953**

**Folder 2: Correspondence and Documents 1953**

**Folder 3: Correspondence and Documents 1954**

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**Box 21**

**Folder 1: Correspondence and Documents 1954**

**Folder 2: Correspondence and Documents 1955**

**Folder 3: Correspondence and Documents 1955**

**Folder 4: Correspondence and Documents 1955**

**Folder 5: Cards**

**Scope and Content**

Of Sympathy for the death of Susie Bray Williams  
(February 2, 1874-October 28, 1955)

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**Box 22**

**Folder 1: Cards**

**Scope and Content**

Of Sympathy for the death of Susie Bray Williams  
(February 2 1874-October 28, 1955)

**Folder 2: Cards**

**Scope and Content**

Of Sympathy for the death of Susie Bray Williams  
(February 2, 1874-October 28, 1955)

**Folder 3: Cards**

**Scope and Content**

Of Sympathy for the death of Susie Bray Williams  
(February 2, 1874-October 28, 1955)

**Folder 4: Correspondence and Documents 1955**

**Folder 5: Correspondence and Documents 1955**

**Folder 6: Family Christmas Cards [1956-1957]**

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**Box 23**

**Folder 1: Correspondence and Documents 1956**

**Folder 2: Correspondence and Documents 1956**

**Folder 3: Correspondence and Documents 1956**

**Folder 4: Correspondence and Documents 1957**

**Folder 5: Correspondence and Documents 1957**

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**Box 24**

**Folder 1: Correspondence and Documents 1958**

**Folder 2: Correspondence and Documents 1959**

**Folder 3: Correspondence and Documents 1960**

**Folder 4: Correspondence and Documents 1961**

**Folder 5: Correspondence and Documents 1962**

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**Box 25**

**Folder 1: Correspondence and Documents 1963**

**Folder 2: Correspondence and Documents 1964**

**Folder 3: Correspondence and Documents 1964**

**Folder 4: Correspondence and Documents 1965**

**Folder 5: Correspondence and Documents 1965**

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**Box 26**

**Folder 1: Correspondence and Documents 1965**

**Folder 2: Correspondence and Documents 1966**

**Folder 3: Correspondence and Documents 1966**

**Folder 4: Correspondence and Documents 1966**

**Folder 5: Correspondence and Documents 1967**

**Folder 6: Correspondence and Documents 1967**

**Folder 7: Correspondence and Documents 1968**

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**Box 27**

**Folder 1: Correspondence and Documents 1969**

**Folder 2: Correspondence and Documents 1970**

**Folder 3: Correspondence and Documents 1971**

**Folder 4: Correspondence and Documents 1972**

**Folder 5: Correspondence and Documents 1973**

**Folder 6: Correspondence and Documents 1974**

**Folder 7: Correspondence and Documents 1975**

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**Box 28**

**Folder 1: Correspondence and Documents 1976**

**Folder 2: Correspondence and Documents 1977**

**Folder 3: Correspondence and Documents 1978**

**Folder 4: Correspondence and Documents 1979**

**Folder 5: Correspondence and Documents 1980**

**Folder 6: Correspondence and Documents 1981**

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**Box 29**

**Folder 1: Correspondence and Documents 1883**

**Folder 2: Correspondence and Documents 1984**

**Folder 3: Correspondence and Documents 1986-1987**

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**Box 30: Miscellaneous Materials  
Scope and Content**

Bits of paper, buttons, china fragments, etc.

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**Box 31**

**Folder 1: Newspaper clippings undated 19th century**

**Folder 2: The Souvenir 3 October 1827**

**Folder 3: The Weekly Richmond Enquirer 13 August 1856**

**Folder 4: The Memphis Daily Appeal 29 August 1856**

**Folder 5: The Memphis Weekly Appeal 14 January 1857**

**Folder 6: The Memphis Weekly Appeal 21 January 1857**

**Folder 7: The Memphis Weekly Appeal 4 February 1857**

**Folder 8: The Memphis Weekly Appeal 11 February 1857**

**Folder 9: The Memphis Weekly Appeal 25 February 1857**

**Folder 10: The Memphis Weekly Appeal 4 March 1857**

**Folder 11: The Memphis Weekly Appeal 5 March 1857**

**Folder 12: The Marshall Democrat 10 March 1857  
Scope and Content**

From Holly Springs, Mississippi

**Folder 13: The New Orleans Weekly Crescent 16 March 1857**

**Folder 14: The Memphis Weekly Appeal 18 March 1857**

**Folder 15: The Memphis Weekly Appeal 25 March 1857**

**Folder 16: The Memphis Weekly Appeal 1 April 1857**

**Folder 17: The Memphis Weekly Appeal 15 April 1857**

**Folder 18: The Memphis Weekly Appeal 22 April 1857**

**Folder 19: The Memphis Weekly Appeal 29 April 1857**

**Folder 20: The Memphis Weekly Appeal 13 May 1857**

**Folder 21: The States 6 June 1857  
Scope and Content**

From Washington D.C.

**Folder 22: The Memphis Weekly Appeal 10 June 1857**

**Folder 23: The Presbyterian Herald 5 May 1859  
Scope and Content**

From Louisville, Kentucky

**Folder 24: The Presbyterian Herald 5 January 1860  
Scope and Content**

From Louisville, Kentucky.

**Folder 25: The Memphis Daily 1 May 1872**

**Folder 26: Almanacs 1871 and 1880**

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**Box 32: Newspaper Clippings Late 19th Century - 1960s**

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**Box 33: Diaries, Account Books, Scrap Books, Albums (non-photographic), Hardcover School notebooks**

Account Ledger circa 1830

**Scope and Content**

[Possibly that of Ed Bray]. From [Elizabeth City].

Poetry Album 1846

**Scope and Content**

Mary H. Edmondson's poetry copy-book from Pontotoc Female Academy.

Poetry Album circa 1847

**Scope and Content**

Sophia Bridges album [probably from Pontotoc Female Academy]

Autograph Album circa 1847

**Scope and Content**

Sophia Bridges album [probably from Pontotoc Female Academy]

Autograph Album 1847-1854

**Scope and Content**

Mary H. Edmondson's autograph album.

Account Book circa 1848-1850

**Scope and Content**

Unidentified account book, probably from a general store

Account Book 1850-circa 1852

**Scope and Content**

Ed Bray's account book, Union Planter's Bank

Diary 1850-circa 1870

**Scope and Content**

Diary entries from Mary H. Edmondson Anderson and her husband John Anderson.

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Diary 1854-1884

**Scope and Content**

Bulk 1854. Mary H. Edmondson [Anderson Bray] diary. Note: Diary has been transcribed and transcription is included with inventory.

Multi-use Journal circa 1856-1937

**Scope and Content**

Journal contains several sections; it has accounts listed, there is a transcript of Andrew Jackson Edmondson's journal describing his experiences in the war of 1812, and there is a significant section devoted to a diary for Susie Tate Bray from 1887-1888. There is only one entry from 1937.

Account Book 1858-1862

Account Book 1859-?

**Scope and Content**

Unidentified account book, possibly that of Edmund Dozier Bray.

**Diary 1863**

**Scope and Content**

Belle Edmondson's 1863 diary. Note: Transcription of 1863 diary included in *A Lost Heroine of the Confederacy*, published by the University Press of Mississippi in 1990. Condition of original diary is extremely fragile.

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**Box 34: Diaries, Account Books, Scrap Books, Albums (non-photographic), Hardcover School notebooks.**

Multi-use Journal 1883-1894

**Scope and Content**

Bulk 1893-1894. Diary and scrapbook of Susie Tate Bray written over old account book.

Diary February 1888-July 1888

**Related Materials at the University of Mississippi**

Diary of Susie Tate Bray.

Autograph Book 1888-1889

**Scope and Content**

Autograph book of Susie Tate Bray.

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Diary 20 November 1888-5 June 1889

**Scope and Content**

Diary of Susie Tate Bray.

Scrapbook circa 1892

**Scope and Content**

Scrapbook containing cards and decoupage art. Book probably owned by Susie Tate Bray.

Diary March 1896-?

**Scope and Content**

Diary of Susie Tate Bray.

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**Box 35: Diaries, Account Books, Scrap Books, Albums (non-photographic), Hardcover School notebooks.**

Newspaper Scrap Album circa 1890s

**Scope and Content**

Newspaper scrap album, probably that of Susie Tate Bray. Written over 1887 published work, Suggestions for Fitting up Bathrooms by the Meyer-Sniffen Company.

Sewing Instruction Book undated [After 1901]

**Scope and Content**

Book and Album owned by Mary Williams

Diary/Scrapbook 1901-1915

**Scope and Content**

Diary/Scrapbook of Susie Bray Williams.

Diary 1912-1918

**Scope and Content**

Sporadic entries of Mary E. Williams' diary.

Diary 1916

**Scope and Content**

Susie B. Williams' diary.

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**Box 36: Diaries, Account Books, Scrap Books, Albums (non-photographic), Hardcover School notebooks.**

Baby-Book 1925

**Scope and Content**

Baby-book for Howard Donathan Stidham (son of Mary E. Williams Stidham).

Diary/Account Book 1928

**Scope and Content**

For [Susie B. Williams].

Diary/Account Book 1929

**Scope and Content**

For Susie B. Williams.

Baby-Book 1929

**Scope and Content**

Baby-book for Emri LeDavis Stidham (son of Mary E. Williams Stidham).

Diary/Account Book 1932

**Scope and Content**

For Susie B. Williams.

Diary/Notebook 1933-1936

**Scope and Content**

Of unidentified individual [perhaps Susie B. Williams].

Diary/Notebook/Account Book 1933-1936

**Scope and Content**

Of Susie B. Williams.

Diary/Notebook/Account Book 1937-1938

**Scope and Content**

Of Susie B. Williams

Scrapbook circa 1942

**Scope and Content**

Don Stidham's (son of Mary E. Williams Stidham) scrapbook.

Address/Account Books

Business Ledgers 20th century

**Scope and Content**

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### **Box 43: Research Materials Scope and Content**

From Loretta and William Galbraith's work on Belle Edmondson, *A Lost Heroine of the Confederacy: The Diaries and Letters of Belle Edmondson* (1990)

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