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### SUMMARY INFORMATION

**Repository**

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**Creator**

Avent, Tom

**Creator**

Silver, James W. (James Wesley), 1907-1988

**Title**

Miller-Avent Papers

**ID**

MUM01762

**Date [inclusive]**

1851-1960 1861-1863

**General Physical Description note**

1 box (0.417 linear feet)

**Location:**

General Special Collections

**Abstract:**

The collection is primarily the Civil War correspondence of the Miller family, whose father and sons served in the 42nd Mississippi Infantry Regiment, Co. F.

**Preferred Citation**

Miller-Avent Papers, Archives and Special Collections, J.D. Williams Library, The University of Mississippi

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

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Colonel Hugh R. Miller and his son, Edwin Miller, of Pontotoc, Miss., served in the 42nd Mississippi Infantry Regiment, Co. F. during the United States Civil War.

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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

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This collection includes the correspondence of the Miller family of Pontotoc County, Mississippi. Letters include those of Colonel Hugh R. Miller and his son, Edwin, written while serving in Virginia with the 42nd Mississippi Infantry Regiment, Co. F. Much of the correspondence is with S.G. Miller, wife of Hugh and mother of Edwin, who moved to Virginia to be closer to her family.

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## **ARRANGEMENT**

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This collection is arranged chronologically.

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### **Publication Information**

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### **Additions**

No further additions are expected to this collection.

### **Acquisition Information**

Received from the Avent family, 2011

### **Processing Information**

Collection processed by Jennifer Ford, January 2012.  
Finding aid encoded by Kathryn Michaelis, March 2012.

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## **RELATED MATERIALS**

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### **Resources at the University of Mississippi**

[Miller Family Papers](#) (MUM00297), Archives and Special Collections, J.D. Williams Library

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## **CONTROLLED ACCESS HEADINGS**

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### **Format(s)**

- correspondence

### **Geographic Name(s)**

- Mississippi -- History
- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

### **Personal Name(s)**

- Miller family

### **Subject(s)**

- Secession -- Southern States

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## COLLECTION INVENTORY

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1.1 Handwritten Letter Signed. W.H. to "My Dear Sir"  
[Capt. Hugh R. Miller], 10 May [?]

**Scope and Contents note**

Columbus. 2pp. Visit to Columbus; Aberdeen, MS;  
government posts.

1.2 Handwritten Letter Signed. S.G. Miller to "My Precious  
Husband" [Hugh R. Miller]. Culpeper C.H., 26 October [?]

**Scope and Contents note**

6pp. The unreliability of the mail; Whiting's Brigade; Cousin  
Eliza; his coat; George and Eddy; Mrs. Faulkner.

1.3 Handwritten Letter Signed. W.D. Holder to Judge Miller  
[Hugh R. Miller], 21 July 1851

**Scope and Contents note**

Pontotoc. 1p.

1.4 Handwritten Letter Signed. [Poston Scruggs] to Hon.  
H.R. Miller. 22 July 1858

**Scope and Contents note**

Memphis, Tenn. 3pp.

1.5 Handwritten Letter Signed. [Poston Scruggs] to Hon.  
H.R. Miller, 25 August 1858

**Scope and Contents note**

Memphis, Tenn. 2pp.

1.6 Handwritten Letter Signed. [Poston Scruggs] to Hon.  
H.R. Miller, 13 September 1858

**Scope and Contents note**

Memphis, Tenn. 2pp.

1.7 Handwritten Letter Signed. W.S. Featherston to Hon.  
H.R. Miller, 28 February 1860

**Scope and Contents note**

Holly Springs, Miss. 1p. Note of John S. Ratliff; paying the  
balance due; favors.

1.8 Handwritten Letter Signed. [Poston Scruggs] to Hon.  
H.R. Miller, 22 March 1860

**Scope and Contents note**

Memphis, Tenn. 3pp.

1.9 Handwritten Letter Signed. S.G. Miller to "My Precious  
Child" [Edwin Miller], 11 March 1861

**Scope and Contents note**

4pp. Disappointment over not receiving a letter; Cousin's college career and example; Mr. Mooser; George; Cousin John and the pistols for his company; Mollie Anderson.

1.10 Typed Transcript. S.G. Miller to "My Precious Husband" [Hugh R. Miller], 17 November 1861

**Scope and Contents note**

George and Eddy; Sadness at being parted; Bristoe Station; enemy and "fire encircling us"; Mr. Mooser; finances; Col. Faulkner. This is a typed transcript of the original. We do not have the original in the collection.

1.11 Handwritten Letter Signed. S.G. Miller to "My Precious Husband" [Hugh R. Miller]. Bristoe Station, 28 November 1861

**Scope and Contents note**

4pp.

1.12 Handwritten Letter Signed. Ja. W. to "Dear Judge" [Hugh R. Miller], 30 April 1862

**Scope and Contents note**

1p. Conscript Act; records and archives of the government; removing records from Richmond to Columbia, S.C.

1.13 Document Signed. Amount due Private Edwin Miller, 1 July 1862

**Scope and Contents note**

1p.

1.14 Handwritten Letter. [S.G. Miller] to "My Precious Husband" [Hugh R. Miller], 3 July 1862

**Scope and Contents note**

Pontotoc, Miss. 4pp. Recent mail; sad letters from her children; return of Hugh Miller to Virginia; her travel to Virginia; Jackson's fight on the 23rd; their future; Dr. Taggart; George and Eddy; carnage at Richmond; hopeful close of war; army at Tupelo; Yankee cavalry at Ripley, MS; burning of cotton; Patrick.

1.15 Handwritten Letter Signed. S.G. Miller to "My Precious Husband" [Hugh R. Miller], 16 August 1862

**Scope and Contents note**

Pontotoc, Miss. 4pp. Recent mail; Mr. Mooser; state of things in Pontotoc, MS; people traveling to Virginia; swindling in Pontotoc, MS; possible sickness of Hugh Miller; conscripts; Cousin John; Cousin Will; Brother Andrew; Patrick; Stuart's cavalry in the valley.

1.16 Handwritten Letter Signed. Edwin Miller to "My Dear

Mother" [S.G. Miller], 7 September 1862

**Scope and Contents note**

Richmond, VA. 3pp. Mr. [Topp] leaving for MS; Second Manassas; army crossing into Maryland rumor; George and his letter; Patrick.

1.17 Handwritten Letter Signed. S.G. Miller to "My Precious Husband" [Hugh R. Miller], 29 October 1862

**Scope and Contents note**

Pontotoc, Miss. 4pp. Recent mail; Edwin and their children; Cousin John and Robert; slaves running off; people leaving Pontotoc, MS; intended trying to get to Georgia; uncertainty of what to do; Miller's law library; saving their possessions; Yankee's gaining possession of area; crops; Braxton Bragg.

1.18 Typed Transcript. [S.G.] Miller to "My Precious Husband" [Hugh R. Miller], 21 November 1862

**Scope and Contents note**

Pontotoc, Miss. Letter sent by George; Eddy; departure of Bro. Andrew for Sunflower; Confederate Army falling back in the area; Brother Robert moving the slaves; Bragg and North Mississippi; Col. Faulkner retreating to Pontotoc; depression among the people; refugees and stragglers; George's movements in the area. This is a typed transcript of the original. We do not have the original in the collection.

1.19 Handwritten Letter Signed. S.G. Miller to "My Precious Husband" [Hugh R. Miller], 29 November 1862

**Scope and Contents note**

4pp.

1.20 Handwritten Letter Signed. S.G. Miller to "My Precious Husband" [Hugh R. Miller], 3 December 1862

**Scope and Contents note**

Pontotoc, Miss. 4pp. Falling back of the Confederate army in Miss.; Mr. Denton; Jimmy's camp; Oxford; Okolona; Brother Robert; Robert Edmondson; Mr. Cook; no safe place in Miss.; Meridian; cavalry in Tennessee; George; Edwin; and Patrick.

1.21 Handwritten Letter Signed. S.G. Miller to "My Precious Husband" [Hugh R. Miller], 10 December 1862

**Scope and Contents note**

Pontotoc, Miss. 3pp. Moving items of value away from the Northern armies; slaves; Cousin John and Brother Robert; Mr. Daggett; Mr. Gordon; stealing of horses; abolitionists in Oxford; her baggage is at Okolona; George anxious to be off; Mr. Drake; difficulty of getting recruits; Edwin.

1.22 Handwritten Document. Adjit & Insp'r Generals Office. General Orders No. 3., 9 January 1863

1.23 Handwritten Letter Signed. S.G. Miller to "My Precious Husband" [Hugh R. Miller]. 16 February 1863

**Scope and Contents note**

3pp. Patrick and the regimental baggage; anxious about family; Miller's clothing; Mr. Lane; Edwin and George.

1.24 Handwritten Letter Signed. R.A. Miller to "Dear Brother," 22 February 1863

**Scope and Contents note**

Pontotoc, Miss. 4pp. Miles Pegues; Yankees coming to Pontotoc; Van Dorn forces falling back from Holly Springs, Miss.; stealing of horses; Cousin John; Mr. Daggert and letter; Mr. Clemon; Grenada not being safe; love to Susan and the boys.

1.25 Handwritten Letter Signed. S.G. Miller to "My Precious Husband" [Hugh R. Miller], 23 February 1863

**Scope and Contents note**

2pp.

1.26 Handwritten Letter Signed. "Your Son" to "My Dear Mother" [S.G. Miller], 12 March 1863

**Scope and Contents note**

Camp 7 miles from Franklin, VA. 4pp. Recent letter; field officers of the 42nd; General Davis; Quakers in the area; furloughs.

1.27 Handwritten Document Signed. General Orders No.9. Hd. Qrs. Davis Brigade, 13 March 1863

**Scope and Contents note**

1p.

1.28 Handwritten Document Signed. General Orders No. 25. Hd. Qrs. Dept. Va. and N.C. 16 March 1863

**Scope and Contents note**

Petersburg, Va. 1p.

1.29 Handwritten Letter Signed. S.G. Miller to "My Precious Husband" [Hugh R. Miller], 3 April 1863

**Scope and Contents note**

Cumberland, Va. 2pp. Recent letter; her sickness; Edwin's visit home; money; relatives in Virginia.

1.30 Handwritten Letter Signed. S.G. Miller to "My Precious Husband" [Hugh R. Miller], 10 April 1863

**Scope and Contents note**

Cumberland. 4pp. Her recovery from sickness; last letter two weeks ago; raid of abolitionists; war spirit in the North; riot in Richmond; Jefferson Davis; Eddy; Ellen Denton's letter; deserters.

1.31 Handwritten Letter Signed. S.G. Miller to "My Precious Husband" [Hugh R. Miller], 13 April 1863

**Scope and Contents note**

Cumberland. 2pp. Her sickness; a "diabolical deed" done to Hugh R. Miller; suffering; children; recent letter.

1.32 Handwritten Letter Signed. [Edwin] Miller to "My Dear Mother" [S.G. Miller], 27 April 1863

**Scope and Contents note**

4pp.

1.33 Handwritten Letter Signed. Edwin [Miller] to "My Dear Mother" [S.G. Miller], 7 May 1863

**Scope and Contents note**

3pp. Troop movements; crossing the river; haste of march.

1.34 Handwritten Letter Signed. S.G. Miller to "My Precious Husband" [Hugh R. Miller], 13 May 1863

**Scope and Contents note**

Cumberland, Va. 4pp. Recent letter; affairs before Suffolk; summer campaigns; religion; death of General Jackson; Whigs; Jefferson Davis; Robert E. Lee; money; Cousin William Clark; her possessions and plans for staying in the area.

1.35 Handwritten Letter Signed. S.G. Miller to "My Precious Husband" [Hugh R. Miller], 24 June 1863

**Scope and Contents note**

4pp. Recent letter from Hugh R. Miller; God and religion; not going home until campaign is over; Jim Rixey; relatives in Virginia; letter from Mississippi; slaves; Mr. Daggett; their crop and slaves; the enemy at Vicksburg.

1.36 Typed Transcript. S.G. Miller to "My Precious Child" [George Miller], 29 June 1863

**Scope and Contents note**

Cumberland, Va. Recent letter from George and Edward; Richmond and Fredericksburg; finances; God and religion; Ginnie; Annie; and Aunt Sue. This is a typed transcript of the original. We do not have the original in the collection.

1.37 Handwritten Letter Signed. R.K. Byrn to George Miller, 6 January 1874

**Scope and Contents note**

Booneville, Miss. 1p.

1.38 Empty envelopes

1.39 Handwritten Note Signed. "Jim" [Dr. James Silver] to "Tom" [Tom Avent], 15 August 1960

**Scope and Contents note**

1p. Adding material to the Miller Papers.

1.40 Handwritten note signed. Morgan and Boyd to Honorable H.R. Miller. 29 November 1860.

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