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Summary

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| Size. | 180 items and 4 printed volumes. |
| Geographic locations. | Jackson, La.; New Orleans, La.; Covington, La.; Clinton, La.; Sandusky, Ohio; Richmond, Va.; Mississippi; Georgia; Tennessee; Kentucky |
| Inclusive dates. | 1812-1914 |
| Bulk dates. | 1839-1866 |
| Language. | English |
| Summary. | Correspondence, printed items, and loose items of E. P. Ellis, judge and legislator, and his family. Printed and loose items largely consist of materials from Centenary College. |
| Organization. | Series I, Correspondence, 1812, 1831-1904 Series II, School Papers, 1851-1909 Series III, Newspaper clippings, 1869-1914 Series IV, Printed volumes, 1855-1914 |
| Restrictions on access. | If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm. |
| Related collections. | E. John, Thomas C. W. Ellis and Family Papers, Mss. 136 E. John Ellis Diary, Mss. 2795 |
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| Citation. | E. P. Ellis and Family Papers, Mss. 663, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, La. |
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| Also available on: | Microfilm 5735, Series B, Reel 5 Omissions: Printed volumes, dedication of portrait of E. John Ellis |

Biographical/Historical Note

Ezekiel Park Ellis of Amite, Louisiana was a judge and a member of the Louisiana Legislature. He was married to Tabitha Emily Warner, daughter of Louisiana judge Thomas Cargill Warner. His sons, all lawyers, were Thomas C. W. Ellis, Ezekiel John Ellis, and Stephen Dudley Ellis. They attended Centenary College in Jackson, Louisiana and served in the Confederate Army.

Scope and Content Note

Bound typewritten copies of letters, 1812, 1831-1904, comprise the bulk of the collection. Letters of E. P. Ellis are addressed to his wife during travel to various court houses in the Florida Parishes. Letters of the 1850s are chiefly by E. John and Thomas C. W. Ellis and are addressed from Centenary College, Jackson Louisiana, and the Law School of the University of Louisiana at New Orleans.

The bulk of the correspondence consists of Civil War letters from E. John Ellis while he was Captain of the 16th Louisiana Infantry, serving in Mississippi, Georgia, Tennessee, and Kentucky. Several were written from Johnson Island Prison, Sandusky, Ohio. A few letters from Stephen D. Ellis, also in the 16th Louisiana Infantry, are included. Post-war letters are mainly written by Thomas C. W. Ellis. The collection contains typescripts of a few slave bills of sale, invitations, certificates, and memoranda.

Also included in the collection are a number of school papers, consisting mostly of speeches and compositions of Thomas C.W. Ellis, but also including tuition bills, letters, and a Centenary College broadside. Various newspaper clippings range from 1885-1906, and printed volumes include catalogs of Centenary College (1855, undated), a sermon, and items about the Louisiana Supreme Court and the dedication of a portrait of E. John Ellis.

List of Series

Series I, Correspondence, 1812, 1831-1904

Series II, School Papers, 1851-1909

Series III, Newspaper clippings, 1869-1914

Series IV, Printed volumes, 1855-1914

Series Descriptions

Series I, Correspondence, 1812, 1831-1904

The majority of the collection is made up of a bound transcript of correspondence of the Ellis family, the bulk written between 1840 and 1866. Early letters of the family consist of those written by E.P. Ellis to his wife Tabitha, discussing court, family affairs, and travel arrangements to get home (1839-1854). Papers such as a bill of sale of slave sold to E.P. Ellis (1845) and a funeral invitation to the funeral of Mrs. Margaretha Hoffman (1848) are also included.

Correspondence of the 1850s is chiefly that of E.P. Ellis' sons, E. John and Thomas C.W. Ellis, who attended Centenary College in Jackson, La. These letters, addressed to Tabitha, E.P. Ellis, or other family members, discuss activities at home and life at school (1856-1858). Other correspondence from the sons takes place during the Civil War in which Captain E. John Ellis and his brother Stephen D. Ellis served in the 16th Louisiana Infantry. The letters discuss activities in the various camps in Mississippi, Georgia, Tennessee, and Kentucky (1862-1865) as well as Johnson's Island Prison Camp in Sandusky, Ohio (1863-1864).

Post-war correspondence belongs mainly to Thomas C.W. Ellis, consisting of letters from his father, fellow attorneys, or other family members (1880, 1899, 1904). The collection also contains obituaries of family members and friends (1848), various memoranda (1855, undated), and undated fragments of letters from John Ellis to his brothers and sister.

Series II, School Papers, 1851-1909

Documents in the collection relating to school consist mostly of Thomas C.W. Ellis' school compositions (1851-1855), including a speech entitled "The Influence of Just Principles: A Speech written in behalf of the Union Literary Society" (1855), and a composition by Charlie Carter (1854). Other school papers include a tuition bill to Hon. E.P. Ellis for his two children (1869), a Centenary College broadside (1895), and three letters to Judge T.C.W. Ellis from the Tulane Chapter of Beta Theta Pi, New Orleans (1909).

Series III, Newspaper clippings, 1869-1914

Newspaper clippings include fragments from *The New York Freeman's Journal* (Jan.1869); *The Times-Democrat* in New Orleans (Apr.1883, May 1883, July 1890, May 1894, Apr.1906); *The Christian Advocate* in New Orleans (Sept.1885); *The Daily Picayune* in New Orleans (Apr.1906, July 1906); *The Times-Dispatch* in Richmond, Va. (May 1909) and parts of a Congressional Record dated January 11, 1884.

Series IV, Printed volumes, 1855-1914

Printed materials included in this collection are four pamphlets, two dealing with Centenary College in Jackson, La. The earliest is a *Catalogue of the Officers and Students in Centenary College of Louisiana for the Academical Year, 1854-1855*, printed in New Orleans at the True Delta Office, 1855. Also included is an undated *Catalogue of Centenary College Supplement containing lists of students from the years 1825-1845 and 1845-1890*. Another pamphlet is an Anniversary Sermon by Rev. C.W. Carter, D.D., delivered at the Henington Campground near Crystal Springs, Mississippi on August 24, 1885 (Nashville: Southern Methodist). A pamphlet entitled *The Celebration of the Centenary of the Supreme Court of Louisiana* (1914) is also included.

Index Terms

Amite City (La.)--History.

Centenary College of Louisiana--Students.

Confederate States of America. Army. Louisiana Infantry, 16th.

Ellis, E. John (Ezekiel John), 1840-1889.

Ellis, Stephen Dudley.

Ellis, Thomas C. W. (Thomas Cargill Warner)

Johnson Island Prison.

Judges--Louisiana.

Lawyers--Louisiana.

Louisiana--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Personal narratives, Confederate.

Pamphlets.

Slave bills of sale--Louisiana.

Container List

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| U:66 | 1 | -- | Series I Bound typewritten copies of letters (1812, 1831-1904) |
| | | 1 | Series II Tuition bill (1869); Centenary College Broadside (1895); and 3 letters (1909) to Judge T. C. W. Ellis, from the Tulane Chapter of Beta Theta Pi, New Orleans. |
| | | 2-5 | Thomas C. W. Ellis School Composition (1851-1855) |
| | | 6 | Thomas C. W. Ellis Speech (1855) |
| | | 7 | Charlie Carter School Composition (1854) |
| | | 8-10 | Series III Newspaper Clippings (1869, 1883-1894, 1906, 1909, 1914) |
| | | 11 | Series IV Printed Volumes Carter, C. W., Anniversary Sermon [Nashville] (1885) <i>Catalogue of the Officers and Students, in Centenary College of Louisiana for the Academical Year, 1854-'55</i> [New Orleans] (1855) <i>Catalogue of Centenary College. Supplement</i> (undated) <i>The Celebration of the Centenary of the Supreme Court of Louisiana</i> (1914) |
| MF 5735, Series B | | Reel 5 | Omissions: printed volumes, dedication of portrait of E. John Ellis |