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SUMMARY

Size.	33 items, 1 microfilm reel
Geographic locations.	Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Vidalia, Louisiana; West Florida; New Bedford, Massachusetts
Inclusive dates.	1667, 1762-1846
Bulk dates.	1814-1815
Languages.	English, Spanish, French
Summary.	Correspondence and papers of Daniel Hicky, a planter, and son Philip, a member of the Spanish militia and later Louisiana militia, containing information on the region and military life.
Organization.	Arranged chronologically.
Restrictions on access.	Letter dated January 26, 1815 (addressed to Susan from Thaddeus Mayhew) restricted due to fragility. Use photocopy or microfilm instead. Cast of coat of arms and charter from the British Admiralty may only be accessed with the permission of a curator.
Related collections.	Daniel Hicky Letter, Mss. 238 Daniel Hicky Letter, Mss. 3430 Henry H. Walsh and Family Papers, Mss. 1622 Joseph Watson Correspondence, Mss. 1872 Philip Hicky and Family Papers, Mss. 2007, 2035 Philip Hicky Letter, Mss. 2704 Philip Hicky Letter to Fulwar Skipwith, Mss. 4949 Thomas Gibbes Morgan Letters, Mss. 2090
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Stack locations.	U:103; OS:H; VAULT:1; VAULT:8; MSS.MF:H

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Daniel Hicky (1740-1808), a native of County Clare, Province of Munster, Ireland, was a planter in the District of Manchac (now East Baton Rouge Parish), West Florida, Louisiana. He married Martha Screvin (sometimes spelled Scriven) of Worcestershire, England. Their son, Philip Hicky (1778-1859), operated several large plantations including Hope Estate Plantation. Philip married Ann (also called Nancy) Mather (1780-1851), daughter of mayor of New Orleans James Mather, in 1800. Philip and Ann had at least five children. As captain of cavalry in the Spanish militia, Philip was active in the West Florida rebellion (1810). During the War of 1812, he served as a colonel in the 11th Regiment, 2nd Division, Louisiana Militia. He also served in the Louisiana senate as one of its earliest members and as a trustee of the College of Baton Rouge. He built the first sugar mill in East Baton Rouge Parish in 1814. He died at Hope Estate in Baton Rouge. The Hicky family was related to the Walsh and Morgan families.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Papers of Daniel Hicky include a British land grant to Hicky for 500 acres of land in West Florida with plat and seal, recorded at the St. Helena Land Office (oversize, 1768); a deed for sale of land on Brown's Cliff, District of Manchac, by Montfort Browne, governor of the Bahama Islands (oversize, 1776); and a passport, in Spanish, to Hicky, signed by Governor Don Esteban Miró (1783).

Papers of Philip Hicky are comprised of military documents and correspondence. Military documents include a commission, in Spanish, signed by Governor Manuel Gayoso de Lemos appointing Hicky captain of cavalry in the District of the Felicianas (oversize, 1798); and instructions, in Spanish, to Hicky, syndic of Baton Rouge, from Charles (Carlos) de Grand-Pré, governor of Baton Rouge in West Florida (1806).

Early correspondence consists of a letter from Benjamin Morgan, deputy commander, U.S. Army, to Philip Hicky, requesting him to pay the non-commissioned officers and privates of Captain Thomas Posey's Company of Volunteers the allowance granted them by Congress in lieu of clothing (1812). Correspondence from 1814 to 1815 is concerned with the movement of troops and the Battle of New Orleans and includes regimental orders of the 11th Regiment of the Louisiana militia. Included is a letter to Hicky from Major Robert McCausland, brigadier General, and copy of a general order of the commander in chief issued from New Orleans (November 25, 1814); several letters between Hicky and Philemon Thomas, major general, 2nd division, regarding battalion, division, and regimental orders (December 1814-January 1815); an order from Bayou Manchac by order of the commander in chief to Hicky (December 28, 1814); a copy of an order from Adjutant General's Office with a note from Brigadier General Robert McCausland (April 10, 1815); and a four page letter addressed to "Susan" of Newbedford, Massachusetts, from Thaddeus Mayhew (original copy in vault), describing the Battle of New Orleans (January 26, 1815). Later correspondence consists of a letter from Governor Henry S. Johnson appointing Hicky as a commissioner of East Baton Rouge Parish to receive General Lafayette, also referring to General Philemon and Colonel Fulwar Skipwith as commissioners (1825); a letter from Reverdy Johnson, Baltimore, to J. Meredith concerning conditions in New Orleans (1834); and a letter from Henry Clay to Thomas G. Morgan concerning a debt due him from the estate of R. Slaughter (1846).

A few items appear to have no direct relationship to the Hicky family. For example, the earliest item is an order, in French, for the addition of an infantry company to a French regiment (1667). Another item, in French, is a signed statement of the royal notary of the Province of Louisiana regarding the sale of some land and a dwelling in Cannes (?), Bruslee to Mr. Francois Fimard (?) de Belisle (also spelled Bellisle), officer of the troops in the colony, from John Macarty, a lieutenant of the king, by virtue of the ordinance of M. De Rochmore, General Commissar of the Marine and First Councilor of the Superior Council of the province (1762).

Additional items include a deed (part missing) for sale of land to Patrick Morgan by Governor Elias Durnford, of Pensacola, West Florida (1774); a letter from Colonel George Morgan, merchant, Indian agent, and land speculator, written from York, Pennsylvania to Brigadier

General Edward Hand, concerning commissary supplies (1777); a charter from the British Admiralty to Robert Nicholson to command the ship "Live Oak," owned by James Mather (oversize, 1778); a petition signed by Wade Hampton, Columbia, South Carolina, requesting additional time to build a bridge across the Congaree River (oversize, 1792); a ship manifest showing cargo of coffee being delivered from Santo Domingo to Baltimore (oversize, 1801); and a cast of seal.

CROSS REFERENCES

Subject	Date	Description of relevant documents
Armesto, Andres Lopez	1792	Certified copy, in Spanish, of the act passed in accordance with the Royal resolution of January 1792, signed by Andres Lopez Armesto on May 14, 1792.
Caldwell, James H.	1836	Letter from James H. Caldwell, owner of the American Theatre, New Orleans, commenting on actors and conditions on the contemporary American stage.
Clay, Henry	1846	Letter from Henry Clay to Thomas G. Morgan concerning a debt due him from the estate of R. Slaughter.
Gayoso de Lemos, Manuel, 1747-1799	1793	Proclamation (8 pages) to the residents of the Natchez District signed by Governor Manuel Gayoso de Lemos containing regulations and instructions concerning the erection of pounds and pens, predatory animals, hunting, and other measures for the production of cattle.
Hampton, Wade	1792	Petition of Wade Hampton to the Legislature, Columbia, South Carolina, requesting additional time to complete a bridge across the Congaree River.
Johnson, Reverdy	1834	Letter from Reverdy Johnson, Baltimore, to J. Meredith concerning conditions in New Orleans.
Live Oak (Ship); Mather, James; Nicholson, Robert	1778	Charter of the British Admiralty to Robert Nicholson to command the ship "Live Oak" owned by James Mather, merchant, of Birchin Lane, London.
Macarty, [John]	1762	Statement (in French) signed by the royal notary of the Province of Louisiana concerning a sale of property by [John] Macarty.
Mather, James	1805	Letter to James Mather from William Ogilvy, London, concerning titles to West Florida lands with list attached of extracts from various grants.

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Morgan, George	1777	Letter from Colonel George Morgan, merchant, Indian agent, and land speculator, written from York [Pennsylvania] to Brigadier General Edward Hand, concerning commissary supplies at Fort Pitt, and other information relative to the American Revolutionary army.
Morgan, Patrick	1774	Deed (part missing) for sale of land to Patrick Morgan by Governor Elias Durnford, of Pensacola, West Florida.
New Orleans, Battle of, New Orleans, La., 1815	January 26, 1815	Four-page letter addressed to "Susan" of New Bedford, Massachusetts, from Thaddeus Mayhew describing the Battle of New Orleans.
Ships' manifest	1801	Cargo of coffee being delivered from Santo Domingo to Baltimore.
Wilkinson, James; Claiborne, Ferdinand L.	1804	Letter from General James Wilkinson, Headquarters, New Orleans, to Major Ferdinand L. Claiborne requesting Claiborne to protect public property at Fort Concord (Vidalia, Concordia Parish) that may come into the possession of the United States, since he had been invested with the authority of the civil government by Gov. W. C. C. Claiborne.

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folders</u>	<u>Contents (with dates)</u>
U:103	1	1-7	Daniel and Philip Hicky papers, 1667, 1762-1846
VAULT:8	--	1	Letter to "Susan" from Thaddeus Mayhew, January 26, 1815
	2	--	Cast of coat of arms, undated
OS:H	3	--	Charter from the British Admiralty, 1778
	--	1	British land grant, 1768; deed of sale, 1776; cavalry appointment, 1798; petition, 1792; ship manifest, 1801
MSS:MF:H	--	reel 1	Microfilm reel of Daniel and Philip Hicky papers, 1667, 1762-1846