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KENNER FAMILY PAPERS

Mss. 775

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SUMMARY

- Size.** 49 items and 8 manuscript volumes
- Geographic locations.** Jefferson Parish, St. Charles Parish, New Orleans, Louisiana; Philadelphia; Baltimore; Tupelo, Miss.; Marietta, Ga.
- Inclusive dates.** 1844-1892
- Bulk dates.** 1844-1856
- Language.** English
- Summary.** Correspondence, financial records, and plantation diaries from members of the Kenner family, planters of Jefferson and St. Charles Parishes. They relate to personal and family matters, plantation operation, and family members' participation in the American Civil War.
- Organization.** Arranged chronologically.
- Restrictions on access.** If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm.
- Related collections.** Duncan Farrar Kenner Papers, Mss. 1402
Rosella Kenner Brent Papers, Mss. 1167, 1822
Joseph Lancaster Brent Papers, Mss. 1477, 1822
- Copyright.** Copyright of the original materials is retained by descendants of the creators in accordance with U.S. copyright law.
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- Stack location(s).** C:30; J:5
- Also available on:** Microfilm 5322, Series I, Part 1, Reel 5; Microfilm:5735, Series B, Reel 10; Omission: diaries and memorandum books

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

The descendants of William Kenner (1774-1824), New Orleans businessman, planter, and politician, and Mary Minor Kenner of Natchez (1778-1814), daughter of Stephen Minor, the last Spanish governor of the region, lived on Oakland Plantation, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, and on Roseland Plantation, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, both sugar and rice plantations. Their surviving children included Martha Oxley (1804-1873), Frances Ann (1806-1875), Stephen Minor (1808-1862), William Butler (1810-1853), George (1812-1852), and Duncan Farrar (1813-1887). Martha married Charles Oxley, and they resided at Roseland Plantation. William Butler Kenner of Oakland Plantation married Rumaha A. Riske (1832-1885). Their children included Philip Minor Kenner (1833-circa 1890), Josephine, Charlotte "Lottie" K. Harding, Butler, Mary Minor, Sarah Belle, and Fredrick Butler Kenner. Philip Kenner served as a lieutenant during the Civil War; he married Ella Humphreys. The Jefferson Parish city of Kenner is sited on the family's lands.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Papers and volumes pertaining to the William B. Kenner family consist of personal correspondence (1844-1892), diaries (1847-1856), and two memorandum books (1844-1848, 1853). Plantation diaries and correspondence of Charles Oxley and Martha Kenner Oxley, record activities at Roseland Plantation, St. Charles Parish. Included are letters from William Kenner's grandson, Lieutenant Philip Minor Kenner of Oakland Plantation, Jefferson Parish, from Tupelo, Miss. and Marietta, Ga. during his service in the Confederate States Army and various other family letters pertaining to the plantations, financial matters, or the lives of family members.

SERIES DESCRIPTION

Series I. Correspondence and records, 1846-1869, undated

The majority of the family papers consists of correspondence between family members and friends, while some is made up of financial records. These records include receipts for shoes (1860), letters to Charles Oxley discussing payments and debts (1848, 1852), and a letter to Mrs. Charles Oxley concerning the accounts at Roseland Plantation (1856). Other letters are those sent from Philip Minor Kenner during his service in the Confederate Army, one from Tupelo, Miss., to his cousin (1862), another from Marietta, Ga., to his sister which mentions the death of General Polk (1864). His military record and a leave of absence order (1865) are also included. Many letters to Philip from his mother make up the collection, in which she discusses family members, financial issues, and the decision of whether to sell Oakland Plantation (1867, 1868, 1870). Other family correspondence includes a letter to Philip from his sister Lottie K. Harding (1871), a letter from his nephew Butler Kenner Harding announcing his engagement (1888), a letter to Philip sending condolences for the death of his brother Fred (1889), and a letter from his brother-in-law George Harding discussing the condition and financial situation of the plantations (1892). Many letters discussing family members and general daily events are written by Heloise to Philip, Ella (Philip's wife), and Martha (Philip's daughter), some from New Orleans, others from Baltimore. These describe such things as Christmas presents for Martha (1880), Mardi Gras (1884), her job in Baltimore (1889), and send condolences for the death of Lottie (1890). Also included in this collection is a photograph of an unknown man published by E. Anthony, New York (undated) and various envelopes addressed to Philip M. Kenner and to Ella Humphreys (1855, 1869, undated).

Series II. Manuscript volumes, 1844-1856

Manuscript volumes include five diaries of Charles Oxley from Roseland Plantation (1847, 1848, 1850, 1851, 1853) and a sixth written by an unknown person (1856). All diaries describe supplies, crops, labor, and finances on the plantation. Two memorandum books are also included which contain account figures and notes on similar topics (1844-1848, 1853).

INDEX TERMS

Confederate States of America – Army Field service
Jefferson Parish (La.) – History – 19th Century
Louisiana – History – Civil War, 1861-1865
Oakland Plantation (La.)
Oxley, Charles
Oxley, Martha Kenner, 1804-1873
Plantation owners – Louisiana
Plantations – Louisiana
Roseland Plantation (La.)
Saint Charles Parish (La.) – History – 19th Century

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>
C:30	1	1	Series I. Correspondence and records, 1846-1869, undated 1846-1856; 9 items Correspondence to Charles Oxley from A. Martin (1852); letter to Mrs. Kenner discussing financial matters (1855); receipts of W.B. Kenner (1846); list of payments and letter discussing payments for Roseland plantation addressed to Mrs. Charles Oxley (1856)
C:30	1	2	1860-1868; 8 items Receipt for shoes bought by Mrs. Kenner (1860); Military record of Philip Minor Kenner; letter from Philip in Tupelo to his cousin (1862); permission to ship goods to Mrs. Oxley; letter from Philip in Marietta, Ga. to his sister (1864); leave of absence order for Philip Minor Kenner (1865); letters to Philip from his mother discussing family members, financial issues, and whether to sell Oakland
C:30	1	3	1870-1872, 1880-1889; 18 items Letter to Philip from his mother in Philadelphia telling of the death of the baby George Harding (1870); letter to Philip from his sister Lottie K. Harding (1871); Roseland accounts; letters to Martha from her aunt Heloise, one describing Mardi Gras (1884); letters to Philip from Heloise; letters to Ella from Heloise, one discussing her job in Baltimore (1889); letter to Philip from his nephew Butler Kenner Harding to announce his engagement (1888); letter to Philip sending condolences for the loss of his brother Fred (1889)
C:30	1	4	1890, 1892, undated; 12 items Letters to Ella from Heloise, one discussing the death of Lottie (1890); letters to Philip from George Harding discussing the condition and financial situation of the plantations (1892); note to Martha from Aunt Heloise inviting her to dinner; condolences to Ella about the death of her brother Robert from Heloise (undated); letter to Charles from his sister (undated)
C:30	1	5	Photograph, undated; 1 item Portrait of man, published by E. Anthony, New York
C:30	1	6	1855, 1869, undated; 5 items Envelopes addressed to Philip M. Kenner and to Ella Humphreys

Series II, Volumes, 1844-1856

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| J:5 | 1 | v.1 Diary, Roseland Plantation, Charles Oxley, 1847. |
| | | v.2 Diary, Roseland Plantation, Charles Oxley, 1848. |
| | | v.3 Diary, Roseland Plantation, Charles Oxley, 1850. |
| | | v.4 Diary, Roseland Plantation, Charles Oxley, 1851. |
| | | v.5 Diary, Roseland Plantation, Charles Oxley, 1853. |
| | | v.6 Diary, 1856. |
| | | v.7 Memorandum Book, 1844-1848. |
| | | v.8 Memorandum Book, 1853. |

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Series I,
Part 1

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