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Andrew Hynes Gay and Family Papers
(Ms. 2542)
Inventory

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Baton Rouge, Louisiana State University

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Summary

Size.	222 items, 9 manuscript volumes, 1 printed volumes
Geographic locations.	Iberville Parish, La.; Washington, D. C.; Europe; Canada; Wisconsin; and California
Inclusive dates.	1857-1957
Bulk dates.	N/A
Language.	English
Summary.	Correspondence of Andrew Hynes Gay and family, sugar planters from Plaquemine, and diaries of Anna Maria Gay McClung.
Organization.	Arranged by type, then chronologically.
Restrictions on access.	If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm.
Related collections.	Edward J. Gay and Family Papers, Mss. 1295 Gay-Butler-Plater Family Papers, Mss. 4872
Copyright.	Copyright of the original materials is retained by descendants of the creators in accordance with U.S. copyright law.
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Biographical/Historical Note

Andrew Hynes Gay was a sugar planter of Plaquemine, Iberville Parish, Louisiana. He married Mary Augustina Dickinson (1845-1872) in 1865, and they had four children, Anna Maria Gay McClung (b. 1867), Lavinia Hynes Gay Weaver (1869-1901), Mary Susan Gay (b. 1870, married Herbert E. Doolittle and Fenelon Cannon), and Andrew Hynes Gay, Jr.

Scope and Content Note

Correspondence pertains to social life, economics, and agriculture, largely during the Civil War and Reconstruction. Five letters of Elias B. Inslee (1868-1871) and a biography of Inslee are included. Confederate officers' letters (including those of Inslee) describe military service and imprisonment on Ship Island, Mississippi. Topics discussed in letters include outbreaks of smallpox (1864) and yellow fever (1867), the use of black troops as occupation forces during the Civil War, flooding and damage to levees (1862), freedmen laborers (1866), agricultural machinery and sugar planting (1867-1868), and Mardi Gras celebrations in New Orleans (1871, 1872, 1881).

Diaries (1885-1898) kept by Anna Maria Gay McClung record impressions of social life in Washington, D.C., vacation visits to Europe, Canada, Wisconsin, and California, and family activities. Her writings include histories of plantations owned by the Gay family in Iberville Parish; properties described include the Belair, Shady Grove, Live Oak, Retreat, St Louis, Ridgefield, and Homestead Plantations.

Other manuscript volumes include an autograph album (1886), the passport of Anna Maria Gay McClung (1934), a scrapbook (1911-1952), and two school notebooks containing essays by Mary A. Dickinson (1860, 1862). Some calling cards, drawings, photographs, postcards, and newspaper clippings are included.

Collection Description

<u>Stack</u> <u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Contents</u>
Y:82	1	1	1860-1864	20 items: Correspondence Letters from Andrew Hynes Gay to Mary Dickinson from various camps; poem entitled "My Brother's Room"; musical composition; song "The Prisoner" by Elvé A.B. Moore; letter from Gay to his mother; newspaper clipping
		2	1865	16 items: Correspondence Letters between A.H. Gay and Mary Dickinson; poem "For my friend Orelle"; letter from Gay to his mother; card
		3	1866-1869	18 items: Correspondence Song "The Jackets of Grey"; letters between A.H. Gay and his wife Mary; letters from Gay to his mother; letters between E.J. Gay and Mary; letter in rhyme from Mary A. Gay to Nannie Gay (1868)
		4	1870-1879	30 items: Correspondence Letters from Mary to Nannie; note from Anna Maria Gay to her father (1870); letters from Mary Gay to her mother, her children; song about Anna Gay (1872); letters from Anna M. Gay to her grandmother
		5	1880-1897	19 items: Correspondence Letters from Anna M. Gay to her grandmother; letter from Andrew Gay to his daughter Anna; railway receipts; business letters to Andrew Gay; letter to Anna Gay from her uncle Andrew Price discussing her upcoming trip to Europe (1897); other letters concerning her passport; copy of record found among papers of Mrs. Andrew Price; letters from Anna in Greece; newspaper clipping
		6	1901-1928	13 items: Correspondence Letter from Lavinia to her parents; marriage license of Charles J. McClung and Anna M. Gay (1911); letters to Anna
		7	1931-1954	18 items: Correspondence Application of Anna Maria Gay McClung for membership to the Daughters of the American Revolution; letters to

Anna; wedding invitation for Lavinia Lodiska to Laurens Granthan Jones (1932); letter to Laurens from Anna; letters concerning family genealogy; "Gardening from a Rolling Chair" by Anna Gay McClung (1946); postcard

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| | 8 | undated | 28 items: Correspondence
Drawings; poems; brochure from the Governor William Blount Mansion; Christmas cards; letters and notes concerning genealogy; letters |
| | 9 | 1868-1871,
undated | 5 items: Elias B. Inslee Letters, Biography of Inslee Biography; copies of letters to Mrs. Dickinson |
| | 10 | undated | 5 items: Mary Dickinson Gay Writings |
| | 11 | 1859, 1864,
undated | 7 items: Drawings |
| | 12 | 1865,
undated | 7 items: Visiting Cards |
| | 13 | 1944,
undated | 7 items: Photographs and Post Cards |
| | 14 | 1926-1967 | 13 items: Newspaper Clippings |
| | 15 | undated | 3 items: Empty Envelopes |
| | 16 | Dec. 1884-
June 1886 | 1 item: Anna Maria Gay Diary – Carbon typewritten transcription |
| | 17 | June-Sept.
1938 | 1 item: Anna Gay McClung Diary – Ribbon typewritten transcription |
| | 18 | 1934, 1950,
1952, 1956,
undated | 15 items: Anna Gay McClung Writings |
| | 19 | Apr. 1915 | 1 item: <i>Confederate Veteran</i> |
| OS:G | 20 | 1904 | Commission of Andrew H. Gay, Sr. as a Police Juror for Iberville Parish, May 24. |
| OS:G | 21 | 1931 | Gay Family lot at Bellefontaine Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri. |

Manuscript Volumes

G:17	--	--	1886	Vol.1 Autograph Album
G:17	1	--	1885-1886,	Anna Maria Gay Diaries Vol.2 Oct.-Dec., 1885 Vol.3 Dec. 1885-Mar. 1886 Vol.4 June 1886
G:17	--	--	1890-1898	Vol.5 Anna Maria Gay Diary, 1890-1898
G:17	--	--	1934	Vol.6 Anna Gay McClung Passport
G:17	--	--	1911-1952	Vol.7 Anna Gay McClung Scrapbook
G:17	--	--	1860, 1862	Vol.8 Mary A. Dickinson Notebook (1860) Vol.9 Mary A. Dickinson Notebook (1862)

Index Terms

(This section provides the subject indexing for the collection found in the card catalog. Index terms have been changed to match Library of Congress Subject Headings.

Documents relating to the subject given are described.)

Subject	Date	Description of relevant documents
American poetry-- Louisiana.	1868	Family letters written in verse
Bay Saint Louis (Miss.)-- Description and travel.	1871	Description, Aug. 9.
Belair Plantation (La.)		Brief history of the plantation
Biloxi (Miss.)-- Description and travel.	1871	Description of the town, June 25
California--Description and travel.	1890-1898	Recording vacation trips in Canada, Wisconsin, and California
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Carnival--Louisiana--New Orleans.	1871, 1872, 1881	Letter describing tableaux of the Mystik Krewe, celebrations, costumes. Mar. 23, 1871; May 1, 1871; Feb. 5, 1872; Mar. 18, 1881
Confederate States of America. Army--Officers-- -Correspondence.	1861-1864, undated	Letters describing military service and prison experience in Federal prison on Ship Island
Europe--Description and travel.	1938	Records journey from Knoxville, Tennessee, to France, England, Germany, Poland, Austria, Hungary, Italy Switzerland, and Belgium.
Freedmen--Employment-- Louisiana.	1866	Letter reporting difficulties of finding freedmen to contract as laborers, Jan. 12.
Girls--Louisiana-- Correspondence.	1870-1884	Letters of a little girl to family and friends describing her activities: Sept. 15, 1870; Aug. 20, 1872; Apr. 2, 1875; Oct 13, 1876; May 31, 1878; Dec. 26, 1878; Mar. 21, May 2, 1879; undated; Oct. 5, Dec. 10, 1880; Feb. 18, Mar. 18, 1881; Aug. 23, 1884; Dec. 10, 18, 1884.

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Girls' schools--Louisiana--New Orleans.	1865	Description of life in a girls' school.
Greece--Description and travel.	1897	Letter describing travel in Greece, 1897.
Homestead Plantation (Plaquemine, La.)		Brief history by Anna Gay McClung
Hunting--Louisiana--Plaquemine.	1862	Report of hunting deer during flood.
Ida Henry (Steamer)	undated	Letter describing trip up the Mississippi River
James Howard (Steamer)	1871	James Howard (Steamer)
Levees--Louisiana--Plaquemine.	1862	Report of levees breaking, description of life during the flood.
Live Oaks Plantation (Rosedale, La.)		Brief history of the plantation
Louisiana--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Occupied territories.	1862-1864, undated	Letters mentioning presence of Federal gunboats near Plaquemine, discussing wisdom of not offering resistance to the Yankees, describing social life during wartime.
Louisiana--Social life and customs.	1861-1954, undated	Letters and other papers reflecting social life of plantation family during and after the Civil War, and through the first half of the twentieth century.
Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge, La.)	1870	Letter commenting on effect on social life of location of college in Baton Rouge, Feb. 5.
Missionaries--China.	1868-1871	Letters from a Protestant missionary in China, describing experiences and hardships. (Elias B. Inslee Letters)
Mowing machines--Louisiana.	1867	Letter commenting on problems of using mowing machines in the South because of tough weeds and lack of mechanical ability of freedmen, Oct. 15.
Plantation owners--Louisiana--Plaquemine.	1867	Letters and other papers reflecting activities of a sugar planter in Plaquemine.

Port Hudson (La.)-- History--Siege, 1863.	1863	Description of sounds of gunfire heard in Plaquemine.
Retreat Plantation (La.)		Brief history of the plantation
Ridgefield Plantation (Plaquemine, La.)	undated	Brief history by Anna Gay McClung
School notebooks-- Louisiana.	1860, 1862	Notebooks of student essays and other projects (Mary A. Dickinson Notebooks)
Shady Grove Plantation (Grosse Tete, La.)		Brief history of the plantation
Ship Island (Miss.)-- History, Military--19th century.	1864, undated	Letters of a Confederate officer describing experience as a prisoner in Federal prison.
Smallpox--Louisiana-- Donaldsonville.	1864	Report of epidemic, May 27
St. Louis Plantation (La.)	1936	Brief history by Anna Gay McClung
Steamboats.	1866	Letter commenting on discomfort and slowness of "screw steamers" to Europe, Feb. 20.
Stradler (Steamer)	1866	Description of trip from Baton Rouge to Cairo, Illinois, May 3.
Sugar workers--Louisiana.	1870	Letter telling of use of hired Swedish and Chinese laborers on sugar plantations, Oct. 29.
Sugarcane--Louisiana-- Plaquemine.	1866-1900	Letters and other papers reflecting the activities of a sugar planter
United States--History-- Civil War, 1861-1865-- Participation, African American.	undated	Letter describing Federal use of African American troops as occupation forces.
Washington (D.C.)-- Description and travel.	1885-1886	Diary of young girl visiting Washington, D. C., recording social life, visits to tourist attractions, White House receptions; Diary describing social life, wedding of President Grover Cleveland, White House receptions, and monuments.

Wisconsin--Description and travel.	1890-1898	Recording vacation trips in Canada, Wisconsin, and California
Yellow fever--Louisiana-- Plaquemine.	1867	Letters commenting on epidemic and its effect on the community, Oct. 21, 25; Nov. 8.

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Y:82	1	1-8	Correspondence (1860-1954, undated)
		9	Elias B. Inslee Letters (1868-1871, undated)
		10	Mary Dickinson Gay Writings (undated)
		11-15	Miscellaneous Drawings, Cards, Photographs, and Clippings (1864-1865, 1926-1957, undated)
G:17	--	--	Autograph Album (1886)
		--	4 volumes: Anna Maria Gay Diaries (1885-1898)
		--	Anna Gay McClung Passport (1934)
		--	Anna Gay McClung Scrapbook (1911-1952)
		--	2 volumes: Mary A. Dickinson Notebooks (1860, 1862)
OS:G	--	20-21	Oversize Items (1904, 1931)
MF:5750, Series E		Reels 11-12	2 microfilm reels (11 and 12) containing Andrew Hynes Gay and Family Papers (1857-1957, undated)