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**SUMMARY**

<b>Size</b>	1.75 linear ft. and 2 manuscript volumes
<b>Geographic Locations</b>	Texas; Virginia; Caddo Parish, Louisiana; Minden, Louisiana; Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana; Rapides Parish, Louisiana; Alexandria, Louisiana; Shreveport, Louisiana
<b>Inclusive Dates</b>	1860-1917
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Summary</b>	This collection contains James Calvert Wise's personal, political, business, and military papers.
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## BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

A native of Maryland, James Calvert Wise (1823-1904) settled in Rapides Parish, Louisiana in 1841. He served as sheriff and tax collector of Rapides Parish from 1849 to 1860, and he represented Rapides Parish in the Louisiana House of Representatives.

During the Civil War, Wise organized the Red River Rebels, which became part of the 1st Louisiana Infantry Regiment of Volunteers, participating in the Battle of Seven Pines and the Seven Days Battle. He operated in the Confederate Army as a captain and an assistant quartermaster in Alexandria, Louisiana in 1863. Wise then was a colonel and a quartermaster general in Shreveport, Louisiana from 1864 to 1865.

After the Civil War, Wise returned to Rapides Parish, where he was active in reorganizing the Democratic Party, serving on the Rapides Parish Democratic Executive Committee. He served on the state legislature from 1878 to 1884. During this time and after, Wise owned and operated the cotton and sugar plantation named Grand Bend Plantation on the Red River, south of Alexandria.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains James Calvert Wise's personal, political, business, and military papers. His personal and business papers include correspondence with and receipts for goods from various Louisiana merchants, including George A. Pike in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and A. Miltenberger in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Military papers include letters to Wise from men in his unit requesting furloughs. Reports, orders, correspondence with other Louisiana quartermasters, receipts, and abstracts for provisions are also present. They reflect the administration of Wise's offices, including the procurement, availability, price, and transportation of supplies (including corn, sugar, and other agricultural products); the state's efforts to oversee civilian food supplies; and the employment of civilians by the Confederate government in Alexandria and Shreveport.

Correspondents include Governor Henry Watkins Allen of Louisiana, George Mason Graham, Thomas C. Manning, Governor Thomas O. Moore of Louisiana, Lewis Texada, Governor James Madison Wells of Louisiana, and other civilians and military figures.

Wise continued to receive letters from many of these correspondents after the Civil War, especially Allen and Moore. They discuss news in Rapides Parish, running their plantations in Texas, Reconstruction era policies, opinions about African American laborers and the Freedmen's Bureau, and Texas and Louisiana politics. Additional postbellum materials primarily relate to Wise's political activities.

Printed items include Confederate tax forms, Confederate and Louisiana currency, a notice to planters and freedmen issued by the U.S. Army, Republican Party and Democratic Party publications and political materials, and business cards.

Muster rolls for the following military units are also present: 1st Louisiana Infantry Regiment of Volunteers; 1st Battalion, Volunteer Cavalry (Bossier Rangers); and 3rd Cavalry Battalion of the Louisiana State Guard.

**LIST OF SERIES**

**Series I. Personal Papers and Military Correspondence, 1860-1917, undated**

**Series II. Military Records, 1861-1865, undated**

## SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

### **Series I. Personal Papers and Military Correspondence, 1860-1917, undated**

Series consists chiefly of personal, business, and military correspondence, including general and special orders, received and sent by James C. Wise. In addition to correspondence, series also includes some political materials, printed items, and Confederate currency.

While the following descriptions are not exhaustive, they do describe most items of interest in the series:

#### **Papers: Correspondence, 1860-1862**

Receipts, account statements, and business letters from George A. Pike (Baton Rouge); A. Miltenberger (New Orleans); Carroll, Hoyt & Co. (New Orleans) to James C. Wise, 1860-1861.

Letter from John H. Dawson to James C. Wise asking for an extension of Dawson's furlough, September 6, 1861.

Letter from General George Mason Graham to Capt. James C. Wise of the Red River Rebels at Pigs Point, near Norfolk, Virginia, requesting that John Dawson should not be permitted to return home, September 8, 1861.

Letter from D. L. Haworth to James C. Wise, Camp Vincent, asking for assistance in getting to camp drills and money, October 1861.

Letter from D. L. Haworth in Bayou Rapides, to Capt. James C. Wise thanking him for granting Haworth furlough but asking that a substitute be accepted instead so that Haworth can be discharged, December 4, 1861.

Unsigned letter to Col. W. G. Vincent of the 1st Louisiana Regiment of Volunteers, at Camp Vincent near Norfolk, Virginia, requesting permission to join several companies in their return to New Orleans, before the expiration of the writer's own regiment's enlistment term in August, April 2, 1862.

Confederate States of America loan, no. 441, sign by W. N. Teller, registered on October 20, 1862 (stored in oversize box).

#### **Papers: Correspondence, 1863**

Bond (\$20,000) of James C. Wise, principal, with Lewis Texada and James R. Andrews, sureties, bound unto Governor Thomas O. Moore and the State of Louisiana, Rapides Parish (bond was cancelled by Governor Henry W. Allen on March 31, 1864), February 3, 1863.

Letter from Governor Thomas O. Moore, Alexandria, to James C. Wise regarding prices for molasses and sugar and the exchange value of sugar and bacon, February 24, 1863.

Articles of agreement between James C. Wise and Philibert Rogay, Avoyelles Parish, regarding the delivery of sole leather, April 10, 1863.

Articles of agreement between James C. Wise, assistant quartermaster, and Thomas Swafford, Rapides Parish, for the production and delivery of shoes, April 13, 1863.

Special order (No. 12) from C. H. Ardis, Alexandria, instructing Capt. James C. Wise to turn over supplies to Major Charles Chaffe, April 23, 1863.

Letter from C. H. Ardis regarding Major Littell taking charge of a train, April 23, 1863.

Orders from Quartermaster General C. H. Ardis, Shreveport, to Capt. James C. Wise to use the steamboat *Don Louis* to transport sugar to Shreveport, May 7, 1863.

Letter from Major John C. Potts, quartermaster, Natchitoches, to Capt. F. D. Wimberly, departmental quartermaster, Shreveport, regarding requesting purchases of horse shoes, camp equipage, stationary, and other supplies (an order from T. A. Clanton related to the letter is also included), May 15, 1863.

Appraisal by A. D. Boudreaux of property transferred by Governor Thomas O. Moore and General John G. Pratt for the use of the state of Louisiana, Parish of Caddo, May 19, 1863.

Letter from C. H. Ardis, Shreveport, to Capt. James C. Wise regarding contract with the steamer *Don Louis*, June 5, 1863.

Letter from C. H. Ardis in Shreveport, to Capt. James C. Wise asking him to settle accounts with Capt. Kavannough before his resignation, August 10, 1863.

Letter from C. G. Thurmond, Shreveport, to Capt. James C. Wise concerning the shipment of salt, flour, and medicines via the steamboat *Crispine*, August 10, 1863.

Letters from C. G. Thurmond to James C. Wise concerning shipments of medicines and foods, August 1863.

Bond (\$25,000) of James C. Wise, principal, with Lewis Texada and James R. Andrews, sureties, bound unto Governor Thomas O. Moore and the State of Louisiana, Rapides Parish (bond was cancelled by Governor Henry W. Allen on March 31, 1864), September 1, 1863 (stored in oversize box).

Letter from George W. Meek, adjutant of the 1st Louisiana Battalion of Volunteers at Camp De Soto, to Col. H. D. Ogden, Alexandria, asking for the temporary transfer of three horses from the quartermaster depot to be used in the pursuit of deserters (note from Ogden to Capt. James C. Wise is on verso), September 10, 1863.

Letter from Major Samuel McCutchion, chief of ordinance, Alexandria, to Capt. James C. Wise, Alexandria, requesting the transfer of lanterns, candles, and hatchets, September 10, 1863.



Letters from Major Charles Chaffe, Natchitoches, to Capt. James C. Wise, Alexandria regarding the transportation of cartridges, September 25, October 5, 1863.

**Papers: Correspondence, 1864**

Statement by F. A. Brossat, master of steamboat *A. W. Quarrier*, Alexandria, concerning the steamboat to be put under charter by the state when Captain James C. Wise agrees to the terms, January 17, 1864.

Letter from James C. Wise, Shreveport, to Captain Reeder regarding contract to ship goods from Alexandria to Shreveport on the steamboat *Drover*, February 1, 1864.

Letters from Thomas C. Manning, Alexandria, to James C. Wise concerning the mating of a mare with a stallion named "Knight of St. George" (February 16, 1864) and instructions for obtaining money from the treasurer of Louisiana and for safe transportation of the mare; Manning also criticizes Smith's inactivity in the face of the opposing force's buildup of a cavalry force on Bayou Teche and suggests recalling Green and Major's commands from Texas, March 6, 1864.

Letters from Governor Henry W. Allen, Shreveport, to Col. James C. Wise instructing wise to send an order to Texas for the purchase of cattle and horses, February 23, March 7, 1864.

Letter from J. H. Massey, Mobile, regarding money (\$20,000) sent to judge J. K. Elgee in Alexandria, February 24, 1864.

Letter from Governor Henry W. Allen, Shreveport, to Col. James C. Wise ordering him to appoint William Whitty as purchasing agent of the state of Louisiana, February 25, 1864.

Unsigned and signed authorizations for Julius Leven to make purchases for the Quartermaster General Department in Shreveport, Louisiana, February 26, 28, 1864.

Letter from Governor Henry W. Allen, Shreveport, to Col. James C. Wise indicating that Allen will pay Mr. Whitty for a sugar invoice, February 27, 1862.

Letters from Governor Henry W. Allen to Col. James C. Wise instructing him to employ Private Black (a paroled prisoner) as a watchman and later as a guard, March 2, 7, 1864.

Letter from Governor Henry W. Allen, Shreveport, to Col. James C. Wise requesting an estimate to be made of the pay due to the men of Major Wyche's battalion and Capt. W. M. Guice of Company B, March 3, 1864.

Letter from Governor Henry W. Allen, Shreveport, to Col. James C. Wise, Shreveport, instructing him to appoint Richard L. Pugh of Larissa, Texas as a purchasing agent, March 7, 1864.

Letters from William Witty, Alexandria, to James C. Wise reporting that planters refuse to take drafts on the state for their sugar and molasses and insist on cash payments, thus Witty purchased sugar and molasses on his own account and personally advanced cash for the state of Louisiana and Wise; letters also mention the steamboat *Eleanor* to be used for shipment of sugar and molasses, the scarce supplies and high price of sugar, the difficulties of transporting sugar, and the poor condition of the Red River Railroad (making the transportation of food and supplies slow and dangerous), March 10, 12, 1864.

Letter from Governor Henry W. Allen, Shreveport, to Col. James C. Wise instructing him to furnish an ambulance and horses for W. J. McCulloh, March 20, 1864.

Letter from E. Cunningham, Shreveport to Governor Henry W. Allen concerning the proposed cutting of the levees on the Red River, March 27, 1864.

Letter from Governor Henry W. Allen and Col. E. Miltenberger, Shreveport, to Col. James C. Wise regarding the militia of Capt. Baylyss (also spelled Bailiss or Bayliss), March 28, 1864.

Special orders (No. 56) by Governor Henry W. Allen, signed by T. G. Hunt, regarding rations and transportation for Capt. Bayliss, March 30, 1864.

Letter from Major Samuel McCutchion, Capt. John W. Stuart, and Lieut. Cornelius Innis, at a camp near Pleasant Hill, to Lieut. Col. H. M. Favrot, commander of the 2nd Battalion of the Louisiana State Guard, reporting on the bad condition of wagons and worthlessness of mules, March 30, 1864.

Letter from Lieut. Col. H. M. Favrot, on the field near Pleasant Hill, to Col. James C. Wise requesting immediate improvement to the means of transportation for the 2nd Battalion of the Louisiana State Guard, March 31, 1864.

Letter from Governor Henry W. Allen, Shreveport, to Col. James C. Wise regarding the appointment of W. J. Fish as quartermaster, April 8, 1864.

Special order (No. 113) by Governor Henry W. Allen, signed by T. G. Hunt, Shreveport, regarding payment to C. D. Mathews for the loss of his horse at Mansfield during battle, April 28, 1864.

Special orders by Governor Henry W. Allen, signed by T. G. Hunt, Shreveport, regarding regulations for the Clothing Bureau of the Confederate States Army, April 28, 1864.

Letter from Governor Henry W. Allen, Shreveport, ordering Col. James C. Wise to distribute 100 bushels of corn as civilian relief to families of the Red River area, April 29, 1864.

Special order (No. 119) by Governor Henry W. Allen, signed by T. G. Hunt, ordering that C. H. Ardis, chief of the Bureau of Clothing, make quarterly returns Col. James C. Wise, May 3, 1864.

Letter from Thomas E. Adams, Mobile, to J. K. regarding a package containing \$12,000 due to Elgee and relating a story of two soldiers saving the money, May 13, 1864.

Letter from Robert C. Hynson, Alexandria, to Col. James C. Wise asking for the return of Hynson's slaves to resume corn planting, stating "I shall just have 20 left out of 120...;" he also describes the state of his fields and the losses incurred to his property during the Civil War, May 21, 1864.

General order (No. 7) from Governor Henry W. Allen, signed by T. G. Hunt, regarding the correct addressing of reports and official communications to the adjutant general, June 1, 1864.

Letter from W. D. Winter, West Feliciana Parish, to Ulger Lauve, Shreveport, regarding a package containing Confederate States bonds (notes by Lauve and Governor Henry W. Allen are on verso), June 11, 1864.

Letter from Governor Henry W. Allen, Shreveport, to Col. James C. Wise regarding differing price scales for imported goods for state officers and for civilians, June 21, 1864.

Letter from Governor Henry W. Allen, Shreveport, to Col. James C. Wise, Shreveport, regarding the appointment of John G. McWilliams as assistant military store keeper, June 23, 1864.

Letter from Charles D. Stewart, Huntsville, Texas, to Governor Henry W. Allen regarding a proposition from the agents of the State Penitentiary to exchange goods for cotton (note on the front signed by D. C. Smith for S. B. Hendricks, financial agent, Huntsville), June 23, 1864.

Letter from Thomas O. Moore, at Bailey's, to Col. James C. Wise mentioning the "disloyalty" of the citizens of Rapides Parish, June 26, 1864.

Letter from H. M. Might, Alexandria, to Governor Henry W. Allen discussing the feasibility of buying sugar for the state of Louisiana from General Montfort Wells at \$2 per pound (sugar to be purchased in Texas), June 30, 1864.

Letter from John M. Greenhow, Shreveport, to Capt. A. V. Dubroca concerning the dissolution of the 2nd Battalion of the Louisiana State Guard, Confederate State Army, July 26, 1864.

Letter from Governor Henry W. Allen ordering T. W. Miere to settle with the Secretary of State for two bales of paper, August 5, 1864.

Letter from James C. Wise, Shreveport to Isaac Levy, state agent, concerning the lack of steamboats for the transport of sugar from Alexandria to Shreveport, August 10, 1864.

Letter from John F. Pollock, New Orleans, to James C. Wise, Alexandria mentioning the improvement of the cotton market due to the Austrian-Prussian peace treaty, August 24, 1866.

Copy of an unsigned letter to W. J. Fish and A. V. Dubroca, assistant quartermasters, commanding them to settle their outstanding debts, August 26, 1864.

Letter from Mortimer Turner, Alexandria to Governor Henry W. Allen in which Turner denies the accusation of having defrauded the government of Louisiana and demands an investigation to clear his name, October 5, 1864.

Order by Governor Henry W. Allen, signed by James C. Wise, to Isaac Levy regarding new and old issue bonds, October 15, 1864.

Letter documenting agreement between Louis Meyer and John R. Williams, Shreveport, regarding sale of sugar, November 3, 1864.

Letter from Isaac Levy, Alexandria, to Col. James C. Wise confirming the receipt of 50 ounces of quinine (medication) and mentioning the sinking of the steamboat *Crispine* near Alexandria, November 15, 1864.

Letter from C. J. Bristow, Waverly Plantation, to James C. Wise concerning an account for \$12,600 against Capt. C. W. Winley, a debt to be paid not in a certificate of debt but in money or "new issue" when available, December 13, 1864.

Letter to Capt. I. W. Hodson from James C. Wise, Shreveport, relaying an order by Governor Henry W. Allen for Hodson to examine sugar and molasses belonging to the state of Louisiana and to make a report, December 20, 1864.

Special order from James B. Corkery ordering Captain J. W. Smith to deliver to Lieutenant Clarence Percy all the quartermaster's property for transportation across the Mississippi River, circa 1864.

**Papers: Correspondence, 1865**

Letter from T. W. Mieure, Shreveport, to Col. James C. Wise reporting that the Transportation Department of the Confederate States of America has all steamboats in use, thus none are available, January 12, 1865.

Letter from Priscilla Allen, Iatt Bayou, Rapides Parish, to Governor Henry W. Allen asking regarding the privations experienced by soldiers' families during the Civil War, January 17, 1865.

Special orders (No. 16) from General E. Kirby Smith, Shreveport, stating that Major W. H. Haynes will sell to the quartermaster 25 yards of grey cloth, January 18, 1865.

Letter from J. H. Sullivan, Cotile Ward police jury member, Rapides Parish, to Governor Henry W. Allen, mentioning suffering and destitute families and asking for corn as civilian relief, January 20, 1865.

Letter from James R. Andrews, Bayou Rapides, to Governor Henry W. Allen mentioning suffering and destitute families and asking for corn as civilian relief, March 1, 1865.

Order by T. W. Mieure appointing Lieut. Neal Davidson as agent of the quartermaster general department, Shreveport, for the purpose of receiving and distributing articles and goods to the suffering citizens of the Parish of Rapides, March 4, 1865.

Letter from W. H. Rogers, Montgomery, Louisiana, to Governor Henry W. Allen requesting corn as civilian relief for families, March 7, 1865.

Letter from A. H. Pierson, Natchitoches, to Governor Henry W. Allen regarding citizens' applications for assistance (to receive corn as civilian relief), March 10, 1865.

Letter from E. E. Smart, Rapides Parish, to Governor Henry W. Allen mention families in need of corn (as civilian relief), April 8, 1865.

Letter from C. E. Hosea, president of the police jury in Cheneyville, Rapides Parish, to Governor Henry W. Allen mentioning families in need of bread, meat, and corn (as civilian relief), April 10, 1865.

Letter from K. M. Clark, Alexandria, to Col. James C. Wise asking for bacon and corn, in exchange for cotton, to feed slaves, stating "My negroes are about starving..." April 17, 1865.

Letter from Isaac Levy, Alexandria, to Col. James C. Wise mentioning General Robert E. Lee's surrender and the worthlessness of Confederate money, May 1, 1865.

Letter from James R. Andrews, Alexandria, to Colonel James C. Wise discussing the defeat of the Confederacy and the capitulation of General Robert E. Lee, May 7, 1865.

Letter from Thomas C. Manning, Natchitoches, to Governor Henry W. Allen telling of a barricade of women blocking access to Allen's store asking for flour, tea, and coffee, May 10, 1865.

Letter written from former Louisiana governor Thomas O. Moore, Crockett, Texas, to Col. James C. Wise criticizing freedmen's contracts and status, Louisiana government, and Radicals in the U.S. Congress; letter also mentions Governor James Madison Wells and his prospects for a U.S. Senate seat and difficulties in Rapides Parish, December 31, 1865.

Letter from Governor Henry W. Allen, Shreveport, to Col. James C. Wise expressing Allen's intention of leaving Shreveport, stating "I may be exiled for a season" and "The enemy may come while I am away," circa 1865.

**Papers: Correspondence, 1866-1867**

Account statements and letters from A. Miltenberger and Carroll Hoyt Company, 1866-1867.

Letter from former Louisiana governor Thomas O. Moore, Crockett, Texas, to Col. James C. Wise mentioning Governor Henry W. Allen's death and describing the destruction of Moore's cattle, corn, and cotton crop by a flood; Moore also states that his place might "be occupied by

the negro Bishops of the Bureau and negroes" (the Freedmen's Bureau) and mentions his plans to return to Louisiana in the fall, May 29, 1866.

U.S. Internal Revenue Service license to the Samuel DeBow Company, Shreveport, allowing the company to become a wholesale liquor dealer, July 10, 1865.

Letter from John F. Pollock, New Orleans, Louisiana, to James C. Wise mentioning 27 deaths from cholera were reported in New Orleans the day before, August 24, 1866.

Letter marked from Governor James Madison Wells, New Orleans, to James C. Wise, Alexandria, asking that he intercede in Wells's feud with Sheriff Andrews, December 24, 1866.

Letter from James C. Wise, Alexandria, to Lewis Texada mentioning money that he owes Wise, April 15, 1867.

Form letter from the National Reconstruction Party and Daniel Scully (corresponding secretary), headquarters in New Orleans, to James C. Wise notifying him that has been appointed a member for the Parish of Rapides, May 20, 1867.

**Papers: Correspondence, 1868-1871**

Letter from William Randolph to James C. Wise mentioning Randolph's desire to see Seymour and Blair elected, stating "Then to enable us to do so according to the 99 article of the Black Law Constitution we have to file in the Secretary of State office a certificate acknowledging the late rebellion to have been morally & politically in wrong..." (referring to Article 99 of the Bill of Rights of the Louisiana Constitution of 1868); speaking on Wise's need of money, Randolph goes on to state "I would I had a hundred thousand I would freely give it to put down Negro Equality, Negro Supremacy, and place Seymour and Blaire in the White House," August 1868.

Resolution adopted by the Parish Convention of the Parish of Natchitoches assigning delegates to the Democratic Convention in New Orleans (James C. Wise listed as alternate delegate), signed by J. M. B. Tucker, chairman, September 22, 1868.

Admission card to the Boston Club of New Orleans for James C. Wise, September 29, 1868.

Letter by James C. Wise, Alexandria, calling a meeting of all planters in Rapides Parish, Louisiana, to assert control over African American laborers, stating "The whites have now everything in their own hands and can control the negro element to suit themselves, and this they should do, not as party politicians but as capitalist and the owners of the soil," November 11, 1868.

Letter from John L. Lewis, Minden, Louisiana, to James C. Wise inquiring about the chances for financial restitution for corn that Wise let former governor Henry W. Allen take from Lewis's plantation to be distributed to the starving civilians as relief at the time of General Robert E. Lee's surrender, November 30, 1868.

Letter from Richard Nugent, New Orleans, to Col. James C. Wise in Alexandria, reporting falling cotton prices due to political complications in Europe and suggesting communication by telegraph code, February 18, 1869.

Letter from former Louisiana governor James Madison Wells, New Orleans to James C. Wise, Alexandria, and Wise's answer to it concerning the sale and distribution of cotton to poor citizens during the administration of former governor Henry W. Allen, March 22, 28, 1869.

Invitation to Col. James C. Wise, Alexandria, for the Louisiana State University commencement exercises in Baton Rouge, signed by David F. Boyd, June 17, 1870.

Letter from C. N. Hines in Cold Springs, San Jacinto County, Texas, to James C. Wise commenting on the drought in northern and western Texas, voting demographics in Texas versus Louisiana (specifically mentioning a white majority in Texas compared to African American majorities in other southern locations), and congressional elections; letter also mentions the creation of the Texas State Police by Governor Edmund J. David, September 30, 1871.

**Papers: Correspondence, 1873-1917, undated**

Certificate of appointment by Governor John McEnery for James C. Wise as colonel of militia for Rapides Parish, Louisiana, February 13, 1873 (stored in oversized box).

Letter from F. W. Lartham, New Orleans, to James C. Wise transmitting a stock certificate (50 shares, dated March 24, 1873) of the Louisiana and Arkansas Railroad Company to Wise, June 14, 1873.

Invitation of James C. Wise in Rapides Parish, to the University of Louisiana commencement day at Grunewald Hall, June 21, 1879.

Certificate of appointment of James C. Wise as a representative in the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana for the Parish of Rapides (signed by Secretary of State Will A. Strong on December 20, 1881), on December 2, 1879 (stored in oversized box).

Letter from U.S. Representative Newton Crain Blanchard, on letterhead of the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C., to Capt. J. G. White, Alexandria, concerning the verification of the genuineness of five \$1,000 bills at the Treasury, March 11, 1886.

Last will and testament of James C. Wise at Grand Bend Plantation, Rapides Parish, September 3, 1895.

Tribute to James C. Wise after his death (February 25, 1904), written by Robert A. Wise, April 20, 1904.

Voting results for delegates from the Fourth District of Louisiana for a congressional election, undated.

**Papers: Printed Items, 1860-1881, 1904, undated**

Circular (Baton Rouge) by George A. Pike relative to the State Land Office and graduation acts, March 1860.

Confederate States of America war tax form for Louisiana for returns and assessment of property, August 19, 1861.

Printed general orders (No. 34 and No. 57) on circular titled "Important Notice to Planters and Freedmen" by Major General N. J. T. Dana and Major General Warren, Vicksburg, Mississippi, describing registry of plantations, contracts for laborers, and other information regarding freedmen, March-May 1865.

Circular (New Orleans) titled "To the Democracy of Louisiana" by the Democratic State Central Committee, Thomas L. Macon, and Thomas Steel, criticizing Republicans and Reconstruction and advocating for Horatio Seymour in the upcoming president election, October 20, 1868.

Printed invitation to "Cadet Hop" at Louisiana State Seminary, October 30, 1868.

Address of the State Campaign Committee of the Republican Party of Louisiana by Stephen B. Packard, president, in New Orleans, November 10, 1868.

Printed item, "Shall Capital Own Labor? The Rebel Democracy the Enemy of the People. Seymour and Blair's Nomination Means Revolution, Repudiation and Slavery!" published by the Union Republican Congressional Committee in Washington, D.C., 1868.

Circular (New Orleans) advertising the publication of *The Campaign Crescent* ("a weekly democratic newspaper" that "will support the platform and nominees of the late National Democratic Convention") by J. O. Nixon, circa 1868.

Printed item (bulletin) from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, describing academic board, course of study, library, expenses, and discipline, May 1, 1870.

Roll of the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, 1880 (stored in oversize box).

Issue of *Planters Journal*, Memphis, Tennessee, Vol. IV, No. 1, July 1881.

Obituary (newspaper clipping) of James C. Wise, February 25, 1904.

Business card of Katz and Barnett, Importers and Jobbers in New Orleans, undated.

Business card of Richard Nugent, commission merchant, in New Orleans, undated.

Business card of Cellos, Allard and Goodwyn, Wholesale Grocers in New Orleans, undated.

Portrait (printed item) of U.S. Senator S. D. McEnery, undated.



Fragment of a song "Just How They Do It," sung to the air of "Southern Wagon," undated.

**Papers: Confederate Currency, 1861-1863**

Currency issued by the Confederate States of America:  
\$2 bill, \$100 bill.

Currency issued by the state of Louisiana:  
\$1 bills, \$2 bills, and \$3 bills (on one sheet).

Currency issued by the Exchange Office in Holley Springs, Mississippi:  
\$5 bills, \$10 bill, and \$20 bill (on one sheet).

**Series II. Military Records, 1861-1865, undated**

Records are primarily financial in nature, consisting of receipts, reports of monthly returns, reports of persons hired and employed, account statements, requisitions, invoices, abstracts, estimates, vouchers, and purchase orders. Most records were generated as part of James C. Wise's activities as quartermaster general for the Confederate States Army while in Shreveport and Alexandria. Records of other quartermasters are also present.

While the following descriptions are not exhaustive, they do describe most items of interest in the series:

Muster roll of Captain James C. Wise of the 1st Louisiana Infantry Regiment of Volunteers, Company B, October 31, 1861-January 1, 1862 (stored in oversized folder).

Bill for 8 days of services of the steamboat *Frolic*, March 11, 1863.

Receipt received in Shreveport for subsistence stores, signed in duplicate by Captain F. D. Wimberly, May 5, 1863 (stored in oversized box).

Special requisition by the quartermaster for cooking supplies at a hospital in Shreveport, May 5, 1863.

Invoice of subsistence stores transferred by Captain C. G. Thurmond to Captain James C. Wise, August 24, 1863 (stored in oversized box).

Muster roll of Captain T. J. Caldwell, 1st Battalion, Volunteer Cavalry (Bossier Rangers), Company A, June 30-August 31, 1863 (stored in oversized folder).

Muster roll of Captain W. M. Guice, 1st Battalion, Volunteer Cavalry (Bossier Rangers), Company B, July 1-August 31, 1863 (stored in oversized folder).

Muster roll of Captain W. H. Murdock, 1st Battalion, Volunteer Cavalry (Bossier Rangers), Company C, March 20-September 1, 1863 (stored in oversized folder).

Accounts of Lieutenant A. J. Ducote, Avoyelles Militias, November 16, 1863. (stored in oversized box).

Special orders no. 58 from Capt. James C. Wise, Alexandria, paying Capt. John H. Bernos \$1,900 for enrolling militia in the Florida Parishes, by command of Governor Thomas O. Moore; estimate of funds signed by Bernos is also attached, November 28, 1863.

Statement of a trip on the steamboat *Eleanor* by Isaac Levy, traveling to Jefferson, Texas, March 26-April 7, 1864 (stored in oversized folder).

Request from Governor Henry W. Allen, Shreveport, to Capt. T. W. Mieure for delivery of 25 pounds of nails to William Thatcher for repair of a public ferry boat, June 8, 1864.

Receipt for a package containing \$12,600 in Confederate notes of \$100 each, signed by Governor Henry W. Allen, June 9, 1864.

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