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**SUMMARY**

<b>Size.</b>	2.25 linear feet
<b>Geographic location.</b>	Alabama; Florida; Louisiana; New York; Tennessee; West Virginia
<b>Inclusive dates.</b>	1861-1973
<b>Bulk dates.</b>	1894-1963
<b>Summary.</b>	Scrapbooks, correspondence, photographs, postcards, reprints, report cards, class notes, and newspaper clippings documenting the Fleming family, particularly the life of Walter L. Fleming.
<b>Related collections.</b>	David French Boyd Papers, Mss. 40, 99, 794, etc. Walter L. Fleming Collection, Mss. 890, 893. Jesse D. Wright Papers, Mss. 99. Wright-Boyd Family Papers, Mss. 3362. Walter L. Fleming Manuscript, Mss. 2147. Walter L. Fleming Manuscript, Mss. 4211. Walter L. Fleming Scrapbook, Mss. 1499.
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<b>Citation.</b>	Walter L. Fleming and Family Papers, Mss. 3530, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
<b>Stack location.</b>	Z:6-7, OS:F

**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Walter Lynwood Fleming was born in Brundidge, Alabama on April 8, 1874. He received B.S. (1896) and M.S. (1897) degrees from the Agricultural and Mechanical College Alabama in Auburn, and M.A. (1901) and Ph.D. (1904) degrees from Columbia University. He enlisted in the military at the beginning of the Spanish-American War as a private in the First Alabama National Guard. After being mustered into service and later promoted to Second Lieutenant, Fleming was assigned to the Third Alabama Volunteer Infantry, an African American regiment commanded by white officers.

Fleming's professional career began as an instructor and assistant librarian at Alabama Polytechnic Institute from 1896 to 1900. He went on to hold such positions as lecturer in history at Columbia University (1903), professor of history at West Virginia University (1903-1907), chairman of the Department of History at Louisiana State University (1907-1917), and chairman of the Department of History at Vanderbilt University (1917-1929). During his career at Vanderbilt, Fleming also served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from 1923 to 1929 and dean emeritus from 1929 to 1932.

Fleming's primary area of concentration for publishing was the American Civil War and Reconstruction era. He authored five books on the topics, as well as one book on the history of Louisiana State University. In addition, he edited four historical series and authored numerous articles for scholarly journals. At the time of his death on August 3, 1932, he had collected material for a new book on Jefferson Davis and material related to the Ku Klux Klan.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

These papers include scrapbooks, correspondence, school materials, photographs, and postcards documenting the personal and professional life of Walter L. Fleming and other family members, especially Fleming's wife Mary Boyd Fleming. The bulk of the collection is two scrapbooks (the second scrapbook is divided into two parts: volumes 1 and 2) which contain correspondence, photographs, newspaper clippings, reprints, and various near-print informational material. The correspondence generally falls into one of two categories: family correspondence or letters of congratulations received from historians and others for various books and articles published by Walter. Scrapbook 1 mainly pertains to Walter's publications. Scrapbook 2 pertains to his publications but also his personal life. Scrapbook 2, volume 1 contains a congratulatory letter (February 25, 1904) received from Woodrow Wilson when Wilson was president of Princeton University (pages 67-68). Other items of note in scrapbook 2, volume 1 include Walter's assorted military service papers (page 14) and his application (December 11, 1896) to become a member of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans, Camp Pelham (pages 93-94). Scrapbook 2, volume 2 contains letters of condolence regarding Walter's death and materials collected by Mary Boyd Fleming. Most photographs throughout the scrapbooks are individual portraits. Some photographs of particular interest, however, include pictures of Walter in uniform during the Spanish-American War and pictures of Ku Klux Klan costumes and constitution. For preservation purposes, the scrapbooks have been disbound, but the original order of the pages has been maintained. In addition, all photographs have been removed from the scrapbook folders and replaced with photocopies. The originals are in a separate photograph box.

Another item of interest is a typescript of "Dale County, Alabama During the Civil War," the reminiscences of Walter's mother Mary Love Edwards Fleming, the daughter of LeRoy M. Edwards (edited by Walter L. Fleming, transcribed by Mary Boyd Fleming; 1952). One line reads "We owned only six negroes - Henry Edwards and his wife Mary and their four children - Ginnie, Josephine, Ellen and Henry Melville" (page 72; section "X. Life Among the Negroes"). Some printed articles and reprints of articles include "Jefferson Davis at West Point" (printed in *The Metropolitan Magazine*, June 1908, pages 277-290); "'Pap' Singleton, the Moses of the Colored Exodus" (reprinted from *The American Journal of Sociology*, July 1909, in *University Bulletin*, August 1909); "Ex-Slave Pension Frauds" (reprinted from *The South Atlantic Quarterly*, April 1910, in *University Bulletin*, September 1910); "Historic Attempts to Solve Race Problem in America by Deportation" (printed in *The Journal of American History*, 1910, pages 197-213)

**INDEX TERMS**

**Materials relating to these people, places, and things can be found throughout the entire collection.**

**Education--Louisiana.**

**Educators--Louisiana.**

**Fleming, Mary Boyd, 1878-1963.**

**Fleming, Walter L. (Walter Lynwood), 1874-1932.**

**Ku Klux Klan (1915- )**

**Ku Klux Klan (19th century)**

**Photographic prints.**

**Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877)**

**Scrapbooks.**

**Spanish-American War, 1898.**

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents (with dates)</u>	
<b>Z:6</b>	1	1	Walter L. Fleming resume and biographical sketch, 1938	
		2	School materials: Report cards, registration books, and appointment forms, 1894-1902	
		3	Letters of reference, 1898-1909	
		4	Miscellaneous correspondence, 1902-1906	
		5	Correspondence related to <i>The Sequel to Appomattox</i> , 1916-1917	
		6	Typed and handwritten notes used in teaching while graduate student at Auburn or Columbia, undated	
		7-26	Scrapbook 1 (pages 1-36), 1903-1937	
		27-88	Scrapbook 2, volume 1 (pages 1-112), 1876-1973	
		2	1-50	Scrapbook 2, volume 2 (pages 1-82), 1896-1962
			51	"Dale County, Alabama During the Civil War" typescript (edited by Walter L. Fleming, transcribed by Mary Boyd Fleming), 1949-1952
	52-66	Reprints of articles and writings, 1902-1939		
<b>Z:7</b>	3	1-16	Original photographic items removed from scrapbooks (numbered photographs 1-60), 1861-1958, undated	
		17	Ku Klux Klan postcards, undated	
<b>OS:F</b>	--	1	<i>The Orange and the Blue</i> , June 13, 1900	

**APPENDIX: LIST OF PHOTOGRAPHS**

Original photographic items can be found in box 3. Photocopies can be found in the original scrapbook locations listed below in boxes 1 and 2.

<u>Photograph number(s)</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Original location in scrapbooks</u>
1	circa 1878	Walter L. Fleming	Scrapbook 2, Vol. 1: pages 1-2
2-3	1879, 1891	Mary Boyd Fleming	Scrapbook 2, Vol. 2: pages 49-50
4-5	circa 1896	Louisiana State School for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind	Scrapbook 2, Vol. 2: in front of page 67
6	circa 1896	Louisiana State School for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind	Scrapbook 2, Vol. 2: pages 49-50
7	1884	Mary Boyd Fleming	Scrapbook 2, Vol. 2: pages 49-50
8-12	1887-circa 1895	Mary Boyd Fleming	Scrapbook 2, Vol. 2: in front of page 67
13	circa 1894-1895	Kappa Alpha Fraternity	Scrapbook 2, Vol. 1: pages 3-4
14	1896	Walter L. Fleming	Scrapbook 2, Vol. 1: pages 1-2
15	1896	Mary Boyd Fleming	Scrapbook 2, Vol. 2: pages 49-50
16	1896	Walter L. Fleming in class	Scrapbook 2, Vol. 1: pages 1-2
17	1897	Walter L. Fleming	Scrapbook 2, Vol. 1: pages 11-12
18	1898	Co. A, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Alabama Volunteer Infantry camps	Scrapbook 2, Vol. 1: pages 21-22
19	1898	Private Tom Stevens	Scrapbook 2, Vol. 1: pages 21-22
20-22	1898	Walter L. Fleming	Scrapbook 2, Vol. 1: pages 17-18
23	1898	Field hospital	Scrapbook 2, Vol. 1: pages 17-18
24	1898	Walter L. Fleming and Miss Bartholomew	Scrapbook 2, Vol. 1: pages 17-18
25	circa 1898-1899	Lt. Walter L. Fleming, Co. A, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Alabama Volunteer Infantry	Scrapbook 2, Vol. 1: pages 15-16



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26	circa 1898-1899	Walter L. Fleming	Scrapbook 2, Vol. 1: pages 5-6
27	circa 1898-1899	Commissioned officers of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Alabama Volunteer Infantry	Scrapbook 2, Vol. 1: pages 19-20
28-29	circa 1901-1902	Walter L. Fleming	Scrapbook 2, Vol. 1: pages 21-22
30	circa 1901-1902	Walter L. Fleming and Fannie O. Fleming	Scrapbook 2, Vol. 1: pages 21-22
31	1904	Walter L. Fleming receiving PhD from Columbia University	Scrapbook 2, Vol. 1: pages 91-92
32	1914	Walter L. Fleming	Scrapbook 2, Vol. 1: pages 91-92
33-34	1916-1918	Walter L. Fleming	Scrapbook 2, Vol. 1: pages 93-94
35	1922	Walter L. Fleming and E. E. Reinke	Scrapbook 2, Vol. 1: pages 99-100
36	1926	Walter L. Fleming	Scrapbook 2, Vol. 2: pages 1-2
37	1932	Florence Powell	Scrapbook 2, Vol. 2: pages 23-24
38-40	1946-1948	May Boyd Fleming	Scrapbook 2, Vol. 2: pages 51-52
41	1948	Mary Boyd Fleming and others	Scrapbook 2, Vol. 2: pages 51-52
42-43	1949-1958	Mary Boyd Fleming	Scrapbook 2, Vol. 2: pages 51-52
44-46	1958	McCutcheon house	Scrapbook 2, Vol. 1: pages 33-34
47	undated	Alabama Hall of Fame plaque	Scrapbook 2, Vol. 2: in front of page 67
48-49	undated	Unidentified snapshot	No original location
50-51	undated	Jefferson Buford	No original location
52	undated	Inauguration of Jefferson Davis	No original location
53	undated	Robert E. Lee	No original location
54-55	undated	Ku Klux Klan members	No original location
56-59	undated	Ku Klux Klan constitution	No original location
60	undated	General N. B. Forrest	No original location