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SUMMARY

Size.	0.25 linear feet.
Geographic locations.	East Baton Rouge Parish, La. and Prince George County, Va.
Inclusive dates.	1856-1899.
Bulk dates.	1872-1886.
Language.	English.
Summary.	Personal letters and business papers including inventories, ledger sheets, and promissory notes for the Grange Store in Baton Rouge, La. Includes a minute book for the Baton Rouge Cooperative Association No. 18 of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry (the National Grange). Also includes financial papers belonging to Thomas B. Brown, one of the partners in the Grange Store.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

E. F. (Edward) Davis (1841-1899) was a businessman in East Baton Rouge Parish, La. Along with several partners, including Thomas B. Brown, he formed the Grange Store and the Baton Rouge Cooperative Association, which operated under the auspices of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, also known as the National Grange. The National Grange was formed in 1867 to unite private citizens in improving the economic and social position of the nation's farm population. The Grange Store sold a variety of items such as groceries, hardware, saddles, meats and vegetables, tobacco, and soap. The Grange Store's equipment was sold at auction in 1879.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Personal letters, financial and legal papers, and printed items of E. F. Davis and his family, the Grange Store, the Baton Rouge Cooperative Association, and Thomas B. Brown (1836-1914), one of Davis' business partners in the Grange Store. Personal letters consist of photocopies of two letters from Davis' mother, Elizabeth G. Davis (1821-1899) from 1856 and 1862 pertaining to her visit to relatives in Virginia and conditions in East Baton Rouge Parish, La. during the Civil War, respectively. Also included is a photocopy of an undated letter to E. F. Davis from Sarah G. White (1833-1914), whose second husband was Thomas B. Brown. Financial and legal papers (1876-1879) consist of promissory notes, ledger sheets, account statements, the auctioneer's statement for the Grange Store's liquidation, a minute book from the Baton Rouge Cooperative Association (1876-1879, 1886) containing meeting minutes and ledger sheets for items sold. Thomas B. Brown's financial and legal papers (1868-1878, 1898) consist of promissory notes, receipts from the sale of cotton, a receipt for payment of state taxes, a note correcting commission on the sale of cotton, and an instrument of protest demanding payment of a bill. Printed items consist of E. F. Davis' death notice dated 1899.

LIST OF SERIES

Series I. Financial and Legal Papers, 1876-1879, 1885-1886.

Series II. Letters, 1856, 1862, undated

Series III. Printed Items, 1899.

Series IV. Financial and Legal Papers of Thomas B. Brown, 1868-1878, 1898.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I. Financial and Legal Papers, 1876-1879, 1885-1886

Promissory notes, ledger sheets, and an auctioneer's statement from the Grange Store. Also includes a minute book with ledger sheets from the Baton Rouge Cooperative Association.

Series II, Letters, 1856, 1862, undated

Photocopies of two letters from Elizabeth Davis to her son E. F. Davis. The first (1856) tells of her visit with relatives in Prince George County, Va. and instructions for him until she returned home. The second letter (1862) tells of soldiers taking horses, livestock, and other items and Sylvester R. Davis' (E. F. Davis' father) attempts to have them returned. Also included is a photocopy of an undated letter from S.G. White (later Thomas B. Brown's wife) to E. F. Davis about family and friends and her wish for news from home.

Series III, Printed Items, 1899

E. F. Davis' death and funeral notice.

Series IV. Financial and Legal Papers of Thomas B. Brown, 1868-1878, 1898

Ledger sheets recording the sale of cotton, Hugh Brown's tax receipt from the state of Louisiana, promissory notes, a note concerning the adjustment of commission for a cotton sale, an instrument of protest for payment of a promissory note, a bill and receipt for payment from Temple S. Coons & Co. to Thomas B. Brown, and a receipt for thirty-three bales of cotton sold by Thomas B. Brown.

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