

Callaway family papers

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
Creator:	Callaway family.
Title:	Callaway family papers
Dates:	1860-1917
Extent:	0.5 cubic feet (1 box)
Identification:	MS 0118

Biographical/Historical Note

The Callaway family moved to Wilkes County, Georgia from Virginia in 1783. Mrs. Merrell Price Callaway (1817-1882) and her son, James Callaway, contributed the materials of this collection. James Callaway was a prominent figure in Georgia as a columnist for the *Macon Daily Telegraph*.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains seven items dating from 1860-1923. Three items are albums with newspaper clippings and letters. Three items are publications related to Wilkes County and the Confederacy. There is also a photocopy of typewritten recollections of plantation life in Wilkes County during Reconstruction.

Index Terms

Callaway family.
Callaway, James, 1847-1920.
Callaway, Merrell Price, Mrs., 1817-1882.
Letters (correspondence)
Plantation life--Georgia--Wilkes County--History--19th century.
Publications.
Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877)
Scrapbooks.
Speeches (documents)
Wilkes County (Ga.)--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Reconstruction.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

The history of the collection prior to its arrival at the Georgia Historical Society is unknown.

Preferred Citation

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Acquisition Information

Gift of Henrietta Callaway, 1971.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Container List

Volume

- 1 Scrapbook of Mrs. Merrell P. Callaway, 1860-1864
- This volume contains articles from several Georgia newspapers and periodicals. They consist of religious and philosophical articles, children's stories, poetry, a few marriage notices, historical articles, and some accounts of battles. Of special note is very good coverage of the Georgia Secession Convention, 1861, the attack on Fort Sumter, some proceedings of the Confederate States Congress, the inaugural address of President Jefferson Davis and the speech of Alexander H. Stephens as Vice-President.

Volume

- 2 Scrapbook of James Callaway, 1893-1917
- This scrapbook contains newspaper articles on various phases of Georgia history, Georgia politics, sketches of prominent Georgians. Some clippings are family marriage notices and obituaries. There are also articles on national events and persons. Included are articles, poems, etc. by other Georgia writers, such as sketches of Alexander H. Stephens by Richard Malcolm Johnston. The scrapbook contains the following letters:
- Charles H. Smith to James Callaway, Cartersville, Georgia, January 23, 1893.
- Two letters of Margaret (Callaway) Axson to her mother and her sister Kate (Callaway) Malone, Savannah, November 1917.
- Holt Callaway to his sister Margaret Axson. Charleston, South Carolina Naval Training Camp, 1917.

Volume

- 3 Scrapbook of James Callaway, 1908-1914
- This scrapbook contains newspaper articles on various phases of Georgia history, Georgia

politics, sketches of prominent Georgians. Some clippings are family marriage notices and obituaries. There are also articles on national events and persons. Included are articles, poems, etc. by other Georgia writers, such as sketches of Alexander H. Stephens by Richard Malcolm Johnston. The scrapbook contains the following letters:

Two letters from Henry Watterson to James Callaway, Naples, Florida, February 18, 1908 and March 9, 1909. The former discusses politics, the latter is a note of thanks.

E. W. Newman to James Callaway, Washington D.C., June 28, 1908. Gives opinion of upcoming presidential race, W.H. Taft vs. W. J. Bryan; mentions democracy, populism, socialism.

Clement A. Evans to James Callaway, October 30, 1908. Regarding ceremonies at unveiling of Confederate monument at Vienna.

Bennett H. Young to James Callaway, Louisville, Kentucky, January 19, 1914. Regarding death of Charles R. Pendleton.

Publications related to Wilkes County and the Confederacy, 1915-1940

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- 1 *Story of Wilkes County* by Eliza A. Bowen, 1940

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- 1 *Miss Rutherford's Scrap Book*, volume 3, March 1923, by Mildred Rutherford, 1923

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- 1 *Historical Sins of Omission and Commission*, 1915 October 22, 36.0 p.
 This item is an address delivered by Miss Mildred Rutherford, Historian General, United Daughters of the Confederacy, San Francisco, California. October 22, 1915. Published in Athens, Georgia by McGregor Company in 1915.

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- 1 Personal recollections of Merrell P. Callaway. Wilkes County, Georgia, undated, 40.0 p.
 This item is an account of plantation life after the Civil War.