

# Richard Bedon Screven papers

## Descriptive Summary

<b>Repository:</b>	Georgia Historical Society
<b>Creator:</b>	Screven, Richard Bedon, 1808-1851.
<b>Title:</b>	Richard Bedon Screven papers
<b>Dates:</b>	1836-1867
<b>Extent:</b>	0.3 cubic feet (6 folders)
<b>Identification:</b>	MS 0716

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## Biographical/Historical Note

Richard Bedon Screven (1808-1851) graduated from the West Point Military Academy in 1828 and joined the U.S. Army as a Second Lieutenant in the 2nd Infantry. He served in various other infantry regiments in Florida, the Cherokee Nation, and Canada. During the Mexican-American War, Screven was promoted to Colonel. During his service in the Cherokee Nation he was selected to take charge of the removal of the Cherokee Indians to the Territories. After the war with Mexico he was in the recruiting service. He was on his way to join his regiment in Texas when he died in New Orleans. He married Louise Pintard Davidson (1814-1889).

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## Scope and Content Note

This collection consists primarily of letters written by Richard Bedon Screven to his wife, Louise Pintard Davidson, during his tour of duty in the Mexican-American War. They include many observations on the people, customs, and climate of Mexico. There are also a number of references to U.S. Army officers such as Gen. Winfield Scott and Gen. Zachary Taylor. There are a few letters to Capt. and Mrs. R.B. Screven from army friends. In the collection are three manuscript maps: "Hasty Sketch of Dry Tortugas Keys...", 1830; map of the region of some of the engagements in Mexico; "Map of a reconnaissance of the road from Camargo to Serralvo made by Capt. Duncan, 2nd Artillery;" engraved map: "Monterey and Its Approaches," drawn by Lt. Benjamin; engr. Especially for the N.O. Picayune; and a copy of General Orders No. 72, March 28, 1847 for the occupation of Vera Cruz by American forces (missing as of Feb. 23, 1978). There are also clippings and pages from various newspapers, mostly of New Orleans, with maps and stories, covering various engagements in the war. One clipping is General Order 14, March 18, 1849, regarding promotions, etc., in which Screven is listed as Lt. Colonel by brevet for Molino del Rey. The 1865-1867 letters are to Mrs. Screven and concern her pension for Col. Screven's services.

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## Index Terms

- Clippings (information artifacts)
- Letters (correspondence)
- Maps (documents)
- Mexican War, 1846-1848.
- Scott, Winfield, 1786-1866.
- Screven, Richard Bedon, 1808-1851.
- Taylor, Zachary, 1784-1850.

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## Administrative Information

### Custodial History

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## Acquisition Information

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## Container List

### Fldr

1 Letters, 1836-1845 November ( 25.0 items. )

### Fldr

2 Letters, 1845 December-1846 March ( 20.0 items. )

### Fldr

3 Letters, 1846 April-July ( 26.0 items. )

### Fldr

4 Letters, 1846 August-December ( 17.0 items. )

### Fldr

5 Letters, 1847 January-April, 1865-1867 ( 21.0 items. )

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6 Maps, clippings, etc.