

# Carrie Bell Sinclair letters and poem

## Descriptive Summary

<b>Repository:</b>	Georgia Historical Society
<b>Creator:</b>	Sinclair, Carrie Bell, 1839-
<b>Title:</b>	Carrie Bell Sinclair letters and poem
<b>Dates:</b>	1864
<b>Extent:</b>	0.05 cubic feet (1 folder)
<b>Identification:</b>	MS 0731

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## Biographical/Historical Note

Carrie Bell Sinclair (1839-1883) was born in Milledgeville, Georgia. Her father was a Methodist minister who retired from the ministry because of his health. After his death, the family lived in Macon and Savannah, Georgia, North Carolina, Georgetown, South Carolina, and then in Augusta, Georgia. It was in Augusta that Sinclair began her career as a poet. Some of her poems were set to music and became well-known songs of the Confederacy. The best known of these were "The Homespun Dress" and "The Soldier's Suit of Grey." A collection of her poems was published as *Poems by Carrie Bell Sinclair* (Augusta: 1860).

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## Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of two letters from Carrie Sinclair, both written from Savannah. The first letter replies to a letter sent by an unknown admirer; in it, Sinclair writes about herself and what she expects of the man who will gain her love. The letter's body contains two poems. The second letter is similar to the first and also includes two poems. In it, Sinclair mentions she has mailed him a copy of her poem, "The Soldier's Suit of Grey." Also included in this collection is a broadside of "The Soldier's Suit of Grey," bearing the note "Air - 'Bonnie Blue Flag.'"

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## Index Terms

Letters (correspondence)  
Poems.  
Sinclair, Carrie Bell, 1839-  
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Poetry.

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## Administrative Information

### Custodial history

Unknown.

### Preferred citation

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### Acquisition information

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## Container List

Item 1: Carrie Bell Sinclair to unknown recipient. Savannah, Georgia, 1864 October 20 ( 4.0 p. ALS. )

Reply to a letter from an unknown admirer; tells something of herself and what she expects of the man who will gain her love; 2 poems in body of the letter.

Item 2: Carrie Bell Sinclair to "My King Stranger Friend." Savannah, Georgia, 1864 October 30 ( 6.0 p. ALS. )

Along same lines as above letter; 2 poems in body of the letter; mentions she has mailed him a copy of her poem, "The Soldier's Suit of Grey."

Item 3: Poem, "The Soldier's Suit of Grey." Bears note, "Air - 'Bonnie Blue Flag.'" Broadside, circa 1864