Francis Taylor Long collection on Richard Malcolm Johnston

Descriptive Summary

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Title: Francis Taylor Long collection on Richard Malcolm Johnston
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Biographical/Historical Note

Richard Malcolm Johnston (1822-1898), was born on March 8th in Powelton, Georgia. He attended Mercer University in Penfield, graduating in 1841. He then worked as a teacher and a lawyer. From 1841 until 1857 he was a law partner of Linton Stephens. In 1857 he accepted a professorship at the University of Georgia, a position he held until 1862. Johnston then founded Rockby, a select boarding school for boys in Hancock County. After the end of the Civil War, he moved to Baltimore, Maryland, where he remained until his death. In addition to his work as a teacher and a lawyer, Johnston was also a writer. He published four novels and six collections of stories.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of papers collected and compiled by Francis Taylor Long for a biography of Richard Malcolm Johnston he was writing. They comprise a large collection of original letters and papers of the Johnston family, typed copies of letters to and from Richard Malcolm Johnston from various sources, and Long's own considerable correspondence with members of the Johnston family and others who knew Johnston and could supply data on various aspects of Johnston's life and career. There is also the typed manuscript of Long's uncompleted biography of Johnston, published articles about Johnston, some of Johnston's speeches and writings, many of his published books, and Long's personal correspondence.

Richard Malcolm Johnston's correspondence contains letters from notable literary and political persons of the period, including Alexander H. Stephens, Linton Stephens, Sidney Lanier (copies), William Hand Browne, Charles Dudley Warner, Edmund C. Stedman, Mrs. Grover Cleveland, Ripley Hancock, Thomas Nelson Page (copies), and editors and publishers. There are letters to and from members of the family: his wife, Frances Mansfield Johnston; his daughters, Mary Walton Johnston Charlton (Mrs. Walter G.), Amy E. Johnston, Effie E. Johnston Jenkins (Mrs. Thomas); his sons, Richard F. Johnston, Richard Malcolm Johnston, Father Lucian D. Johnston, Alban D. Johnston; and his grandson, Richard Malcolm Charlton. There are also letters from Mary Ann Mansfield and Eli Mansfield (father of Mrs. R.M. Johnston), and letters from friends of the family.

Index Terms

Authors.
Barksdale family.
Biographies (documents)
Confederate States of America. Army.
Corporal punishment.
Davenport family.
Genealogies (histories)
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Handbills.
Johnston family.
Administrative Information

Custodial History

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Container List

Box

1 Correspondence

Letters of James Giles to Peter Finkle and Alexander H. Stephens, with typescript of the correspondence filed with it, 1863-1864, 11.0 items.

Correspondence, 1838-1842, 20.0 items.
Letters to and from members of the family and others written by: Mary Ann Mansfield (one on the back of a lithograph of the Sparta, Ga. Female Model School); Bishop Stephen Elliott; Eli Mansfield; Caroline Burrett; Martha Lewis.

Correspondence, 1845-1866, 25.0 items.
Letters to and from members of the family and others written by Mary Ann Mansfield; Richard Malcolm Johnston; Editors of Harper and Brothers and J.B. Lippincott and Co.; Frances M. Johnston to her daughter Mary Walton Johnston; Alexander H. Stephens; Bishop Stephen Elliott; F.M. Johnston to his son, Malcolm Johnston; J.S. Baxter. Included are printed invitations to a party in Sparta, Ga., December 1852, and a soiree in Sparta, December 1853; the prospectus of the building committee of Phi Delta Society Hall, Mercer University, Penfield, Ga., January 1, 1860; a description of Milledgeville, Ga., by Julia Brown, September 29, 1858, and an incomplete letter to R.M. Johnston of November 20, 1860, describing the Secession Meeting in Athens, Ga.

Correspondence, 1867-1877, 25.0 items.
Letters to and from members of the family and others written by Alexander H. Stephens; some written for him by others; Linton Stephens to his brother; G. Ober; J.S. Newman; J.B. Lippincott and Co.; Wade Hampton; William G. Stephens for his Uncle Alexander; Robert H.S.; Frances M. Johnston; J.H. Stevens; Julia A. Toombs; one letter is incomplete and unsigned, another is unsigned.

Correspondence, 1878-1879, 21.0 items.
Letters to and from members of the family and others written by Sidney Lanier (typed copies); Alexander H. Stephens; William H. Browne; R.M. Johnston; Frances M. Johnston; Father Lyman; Richard F. Johnston; Amy E. Johnston; B. Wilson.

Correspondence, 1880-1888, 25.0 items.
Letters to and from members of the family and others written by: Frances M. Johnston; certificate of first communion and baptism of Lucian D. Johnston; J.B. Lippincott and Co.; invitation to the Inaugural reception of Alexander H. Stephens; C.W. DuBose; Charles Dudley Warner; Msgr. Robert Seton; Father Fred (telegram in Latin); Malcolm H. Johnston; Edmund C. Stedman (Ed. O Library of American Literature); S.A. Jones, calling card of E.C. Stedman.

Correspondence, 1889-1890, 25.0 items.
Letters to and from members of the family and others written by: D.C. Gilman; Edmund C. Stedman; invitation of Mrs. Grover Cleveland to R.M. Johnston to visit her at the White House; R.M. Johnston; Henry F. Brownson (American Catholic Congress); John A. Russell; W.F. Clarke St. Nicholas Magazine; William Hand Browne; Charles Dudley Warner; Frances m. Johnston; Alexander Stephens; Ripley Hancock (D. Appleton and Co.); J. B. Lippincott.

Correspondence, 1891-1893, 20.0 items.
Letters to and from members of the family and others written by: Henry F. Brownson; Arthur Stedman; R.M. Johnston; Lucian D. Johnston; John Reamer; P.P. Denis S.J.; Frances M. Johnston; Walton M. Johnston.

Correspondence, 1894, 25.0 items.
Letters to and from members of the family and others written by: Arthur Stedman (Charles L. Webster and Co.); E.P. Lugand (re the monument for the family graveyard); Richard M. Johnston; Charles Dudley Warner; Edmund C. Stedman; R.W. Gilder (Ed. Century Magazine); invitation to the Golden Wedding Anniversary of R.M. and Frances M. Johnston, issued by the Catholic Association of Baltimore; Telegrams of congratulations on the anniversary; Effie E. Johnston; Celi Thaxter.

Correspondence, 1895, 17.0 items.
Letters to and from members of the family and others written by: R.M. Johnston; E.P. Lugand; Arthur Stedman; Frances M. Johnston; Alban D. Johnston; Richard Malcolm Charlton; invitation to
a receipt in honor of R.M. Johnston in Chicago; P.D. Pollard and E.S. Tichenor of Mercer University; Mary Walton Johnston Charlton; Hoke Smith.

Correspondence, 1896, 15.0 items.
Letters to and from members of the family and others written by: R.M. Johnston; Charles Dudley Warner (one incomplete); Frances m. Johnston; Horace McKay; Edmund C. Stedman.

Correspondence, 1897-1924 and undated
Frances M. Johnston; Alexander Stephens; Charles Dudley Warner; R.M. Johnston; Chauncy T. Williams (Way and Williams Publishers); Effie Johnston; clipping of a review of Old Times in Middle Georgia, sent by Macmillan and Co.; Lothrop Publishing Co.; Harper and Bros.; Bartlett S. Johnston; Mary Walton Johnston Charlton; Mary Mansfield?; Dept. of the Interior, General Land Office, re bounty land warrant for Malcolm Johnston in the War of 1812 (addressed to Dr. J.G.B. Bulloch); Lucy to sister Mary Walton Johnston; Mary Ann Mansfield to brother Henry; E.A.P. to Effie Johnston Jenkins re Dick's death; H.A. Lummis to Effie Johnston Jenkins re the Johnston family; anonymous note.

Miscellaneous, 8.0 items.
Philosophical note, unsigned and undated; calling card of Mrs. V.O. Wardlaw; list of clothing of Mary Walton Johnston, Athens, Ga.; pressed rose from Rockby in an envelope; program for the "Final Celebration of the Washington Literary Society, University of Virginia," 1866 (M.H. Johnston on committee of arrangements); two snapshots of the Johnston graveyard at Sparta, Ga.; one snapshot of the R.M. Johnston Marker in Crawfordville, Ga.

Writings and speeches, 5.0 items.
"Dialect" (1893), original ms. and typed copy; speech before the New England Society of New York (1896), original ms. and typed copy; incomplete essay: Georgia folklorists, typed copy with corrections or addenda in Johnston's hand, n.d.; "First draught of Article on Literature of middle Georgia," ms., n.d.; "Parts of Readings in Georgia," (country life in middle Georgia), ms., n.d.

Original handbills, 1875-1892, 11.0 items.
Handbill for the Pen Lucy School for Boys near Baltimore, Md., 1875; handbills for R.M. Johnston lectures: Convent of Notre Dame of Maryland, 1877-1889; Mount de Sales Academy, 1891-1892; program of Midsummer Commencement, Pen Lucy School, 1876.

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2 15 "Autobiographical Intended Mainly for my Children and My few friends", 0.0 , 1 vol. with photograph in front cover pocket.

16 Copies of R.M. Johnston correspondence, 1844-1917, 57.0 items.
Typed copies of letters to and from Johnston by family and friends. The copies were made in 193¢ by Francis T. Long from various sources, some in this collection. Letters of 1915-1917 are from Edmund H. Eitel to Effie Johnston Jenkins and Mary Walton Johnston Charlton. Other correspondents are: Richard F. Johnston; Effie Johnston; E.P. Lugand; Sidney Lanier; R.W. Gilde (Scribner's Monthly); Ripley Hitchcock (D. Appleton and Co.); J.B. Lippincott and Co.; Carrie Turner; George W. Cable; Frank R. Stockton; W.D. Howells; Job M. Reamer; Louise Imogen Guiney; Thomas Wentworth Higginson; Donald G. Mitchell; G.P. Lathrop; William Hand Browne; Sternhold; John Brisbane Walker (Cosmopolitan); Thomas Nelson Page; Samuel L. Clemens; Jo Chandler Harris; H.M. Alden (Harper's Magazine); James Lane Allen; James Whitcomb Riley; Edgar W. (Bill) Nye; Father John B. Tabb; Richard M. Johnston; Eugene Field; A.B. Frost.

17- 18 Charlton correspondence, 1891, 1919-1951, 45.0 items.
Letters of Mary Walton Johnston Charlton to F.T. Long re her father, Richard Malcolm Johnston. Included are copies of a few letters of R.M. Johnston to her 1891 and 1894; and a few of F.T. Long's replies. The 1951 letters are one to F.T. Long from Richard Malcolm Charlton and drafts of Long's replies. Her letter of October 16, 1925 encloses a sketch of her grandmother, Catherine Davenport Johnston, which she wrote for *Mothers of Some Distinguished Georgians*, by S.A. Butts.

| 19-21 | Ruth Johnston correspondence, 1924-1943, 71.0 items. | Letters of Ruth Johnston to F.T. Long re her father Richard Malcolm Johnston and some of his to her. Included are notices of the deaths of her brothers Richard F. Johnston and Father Lucian Johnston. |
| 23   | Faught correspondence, 1935-1945, 20.0 items. | Letters of Elizabeth J. Faught (Mrs. Ray C.) to F.T. Long re R.M. Johnston with copies of some of his replies. Included are copies of some of Johnston's poems and notes of books and Baltimore directories. |
| 24   | Ross correspondence, 1924, 8.0 items. | Letters of Edgar A. Ross of Macon, Ga.; F.T. Long and recollections of his days at R.M. Johnston's school, manuscript and typed copies. |
| 25   | White correspondence, 1925-1938, 4.0 items. | A long letter of Edgar Lucas White to F.T. Long re his student days at the Pen Lucy school; two from White's sister Ethel to F.T. Long, 1938; one enclosing a letter of E.L. White to his mother and grandmother written from Pen Lucy, 1877; also a draft of a reply, F.T. Long to Ethel White. |
| 26   | Wiley correspondence, 1924, 2.0 items. | Letter of R.C. Wiley of Sparta, Ga., enclosing recollections of R.M. Johnston; also a "Summary of Slave Data in the Militia District in Which Malcolm Johnston Lived." |

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| 3     | F.T. Long correspondence | Data re R.M. Johnston gathered by F.T. Long through correspondence and Long's general correspondence re R.M. Johnston and his personal correspondence. |

Corporal punishment, 1926, 2.0 items.

Letters to F.T. Long from the Georgia Department of Education re Georgia laws concerning corporal punishment and from the U.S. Bureau of Education enclosing a digest of the laws of the States re corporal punishment.

Military service of R.M. Johnston, 1924-1925, 2.0 items.

Letters from the Georgia Military Dept. and the Georgia Dept. of Archives and history re R.M. Johnston's Confederate military service.

Mercer University. Mercer University, formerly Mercer Institute, was R.M. Johnston's alma mater, 15.0 items.
This file contains historical sketches and clippings. One paper contains extracts from the minutes of Chi Delta Society, including charter and by-laws, 1823-1841, pertaining to Johnston, a member.

University Club, Baltimore, Md., 1935-1936, 9.0 items.
Correspondence and notes re R.M. Johnston's membership in the University Club.

Library of Congress Catalogue Cards, 1924, 32.0 items.
Cards for books by and about R.M. Johnston.

Genealogy, Johnston family, 3.0 items.
"Ancestry of Richard Malcolm Johnston of Georgia; Entrance into the Catholic Church," by Ruth Johnston; "Genealogical Notes of the family of Richard Malcolm Johnston;" certified copy of the will of Malcolm Johnston, with a list of deeds pertaining to the Johnston family from Sparta, Ga.

Genealogy, Mansfield family, 1.0 items.
Genealogy, Davenport and Barksdale family, 1.0 items.

Francis T. Long correspondence, 1924-1954, 70.0 items.
Letters to and from F.T. Long during his quest for information and materials re Richard Malcolm Johnston. In addition to Long correspondents are: Rev. E.T. Helfenstein (Diocese of Maryland); Frank M. Gibson Diocesan Librarian, Maryland; Prof. John C. French; J.K. Rilcher?; Louise Gaissert; Lester C. Culver; Harry Stillwell Edwards; Lucy Hand Browne; J.H. McTyer; C.J. Heatwole; Prof. W.P. Trent; John M. Adams; S.B. Byron; Allen Johnson re Long's article on R.M. Johnston for Dictionary of American Biography; Ella McLendon; Mrs. Susie Walker; George H. Genzoner; The Birmingham News; Leonard L. Mackall; James W. Wood; Cornelia E. Cooper; F.A. Brinson; John F. Brawner; Arthur Huntington Nason; Enoch Pratt Free Library; John W. Foster re Long's article on R.M. Johnston for the Maryland Historical Magazine; Houghton Mifflin Co.; Anne LeCone McKay; William H. Kilpatrick; Dr. James Rabun.

Francis T. Long correspondence, personal, 1914-1970, 45.0 items.
Letters to F.T. Long, a few being personal, the remainder re his efforts to find employment with a publishing house and his work toward a doctoral degree from Columbia University and a summer session at Hunter College. There is also a list of material on R.M. Johnston borrowed by Long for his doctoral dissertation; data concerning Francis T. Long; poems, typed and clipped from newspapers; typed humorous anecdotes. Writers, in addition to Long, of the letters are: E.L. Thurman; H.L. Long (father of F.T. Long); several publishing houses; Mrs. H. L. Long (his mother); R.P. Brooks; Thomas Gamble; Prof. Anders Orbeck; The New York public Library; Ruth; C.C. Hatten; R.E. Park.

The Central Georgian (Sandersville and Sparta, Ga.), 1858 January 21, 1.0 items.

Clippings regarding R.M. Johnston and family, 73.0 items.
Includes ms. copy of the Golden Wedding anniversary from the Baltimore Sun, December 12, 894.

Clippings, general, of F.T. Long, 94.0 items.

Box 4
Francis T. Long's biography of R.M. Johnston
Typed manuscript, divided into chapters and/or parts. There are several copies, or drafts, of different portions. This manuscript was condensed for publication in The Maryland Historical Magazine, December 1939, September 1940, and march 1941, and some of the folder labels
conform to the titles of the different installments.

Box

5  Francis T. Long's Notes for his biography of R.M. Johnston, and publications (7.0 items.)
Typed and hand written notes in very fragile condition and no arrangement except for one folder:
"Notes for Chapter IV." 5 folders.
Published articles about R.M. Johnston: "Literary Estimate and Bibliography of Richard Malcolm Johnston," by E.C. Stedman and S.B. Weeks (reprint from publications of Southern History Association, October 1898), The Maryland Historical Magazine, December 1939, September 1940, March 1941 (with a continued article on R.M. Johnston by F.T. Long); reprints of the article from The Maryland Historical Magazine. 7 items.
The South Atlantic Quarterly, April 1918, containing article "A Floridian Poet" (Henry G. Barnett) by F.T. Long. 1 item.

Box

6  Books by R.M. Johnston, C-M

The Chronicles of Mr. Bill Williams, 1892
Dukesboro Tales, editions, in Harper's Franklin Square Library, 1874 and 1892 1883

The English Classics, 1860
   Author's presentation copy.

English Literature, by R.M. Johnston and W.H. Browne, 1873

Georgia Scenes..., 1864
   Confederate imprint.

Life of Alexander H. Stephens, by R.M. Johnston and W.H. Browne, 1884

Mr. Billy Downs and His Likes, 1892

Mr. Frotner's Marital Claims..., 1892

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7  Books, O-W

Old Mark Langston, 1884

Old Times in Middle Georgia, 1897
   Author's autographed presentation copy.

Pearce Amerson's Will, 1898
The Primes and their Neighbors, 1891

Studies, Literary and Social, editions, 1891 and 1892

Two Gray Tourists, 1885

Widow Guthrie, 1890