

George Nowlan Saussy letters

Descriptive Summary

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Biographical/Historical Note

George Nowlan Saussy (1842-1916) was born in Savannah, Georgia. As a young man, he enlisted in the Confederate Army, becoming a soldier of the Jeff Davis Legion (Troop F of General J.E.B. Stuart's brigade). He was wounded twice, captured, and paroled after the end of the Civil War. Returning to Savannah, Saussy worked in the transportation service until 1912, when he was selected as superintendent of the Georgia Confederate Home in Atlanta. On January 1, 1914, he became the executive officer of the Florida Confederate Home in Jacksonville, a post he held until his death.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of letters written to Gordon Nowlan Saussy. Included are letters from George Washington Custis Lee to Saussy concerning Dungeness, the Nathanael Green-Nightingale home on Cumberland Island; a letter from Jefferson Davis relaying his pride that the Jefferson Davis Legion bore his name; letters from Grover Cleveland and Jefferson Davis thanking Saussy for some oranges; a letter from Varina Davis (Jefferson Davis' wife) thanking him for pines and stating that Mr. Davis is not well; and a letter from Varina Davis, 1882, sharing condolences on the death of his child.

Index Terms

Cleveland, Grover, 1837-1908.
Cumberland Island (Ga.)
Davis, Jefferson, 1808-1889.
Davis, Varina, 1826-1906.
Lee, George Washington Custis, 1832-1913.
Letters (correspondence)
Oranges.
Saussy, George Nowlan, 1842-1916.

Administrative Information

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Container List

Item 1: Letter from a sister, name illegible. Savannah, 1864 November 28 (1.0 p.)

Relates news of family and friends. Two covering envelopes marked "Prisoners Letters per Flag of Truce," sent to Prisoners Camp, Point Lookout, Md. One forwarded to Elmira, N.Y. As they are addressed in a different hand and postmarked May and Sept., they do not belong with this letter.

Item 2: George Washington Custis Lee letter to Saussy. Lexington, Va., 1879 July 22 (4.0 p.)

Concerns Dungeness, the Nathanael Green-Nightingale home on Cumberland Island; mentions his poor financial condition. Covering envelope.

Item 3: Jefferson Davis letter to Saussy. Beauvoir, Harrison Co., Miss., 1880 April 25 (2.0 p.)

Proud that the Jefferson Davis Legion bore his name; prospects of publishing his book. Covering envelope.

Item 4: G.W.C. Lee letter to Saussy. Lexington, Va., 1884 March 8 (2.0 p.)

News of Dungeness good, sending a pamphlet. Covering envelope.

Item 5: Grover Cleveland letter to Saussy. Executive mansion, Albany, N.Y., 1884 November 28 (1.0 p.)

Thanking him for oranges. Covering envelope.

Item 6: Varina Davis letter to Saussy. Beauvoir, Miss., 1885 July 25 (3.0 p.)

Thanking him for pines; Mr. Davis not well; New Orleans exposition; daughter and her children in Colorado for her health. Signed Varina Davis. Covering envelope.

Item 7: Jefferson Davis letter to Saussy. Beauvoir, Miss., 1886 December 27 (2.0 p.)
Thanking him for oranges. Covering envelope.

Item 8: Jefferson Davis letter to Saussy. Beauvoir, Miss., 1888 June 25 (1.0 p.)
Thanking him for his congratulations. Covering envelope.

Item 9: Varina Davis letter to Saussy. Beauvoir, Miss., 1882 July 7 (2.0 p.)
Condolences on death of child. Signed Varina Howell Davis. Covering envelope.