Dick McWalty collection on the House family, Robert Mackay, and the 1779 Siege of Savannah

Descriptive Summary

Repository: Georgia Historical Society
Creator: McWalty, Dick.
Title: Dick McWalty collection on the House family, Robert Mackay, and the 1779 Siege of Savannah
Dates: 1772-1882
Extent: 0.3 cubic feet (27 folders)
Identification: MS 1196

Biographical/Historical Note

Dick McWalty lived in Union City, Tennessee.

The House family lived in Savannah and Augusta, Georgia. John Moore House was a prisoner of war on Johnson's Island, Ohio, during the Civil War.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of correspondence to and from members of the House family in Savannah and Augusta. The letters pertain to family matters and Civil War events. Much of the correspondence is between the family and son, John Moore House. The letters contain references to several battles and to the deaths of several Confederate officers. Correspondents are: Samuel House; E. Trist; William House; C.S. House; Samuel C. House; Fannie R. House; Lucius Gartrell; John M. House; Isaac Course; Sam House (son of S.C. House); John D. Matthewes; L. Whaling; M.M.H.; Richard H. Hatcher; R.A. Hatcher; George N. Hatcher; Ellen R. House; Mrs. Thomas O'Connor; C.T. Quintard; R.E. Williams; Eliza House; Mrs. J.W. Fletcher. The letters also include discussions of local politics and economic conditions.

In addition to the House family papers, there are a few unrelated 18th-century papers in the collection, consisting of two letters to Robert Mackay, 1772-1773, and three papers of the Governor and Council of Georgia relating the Siege of Savannah, 1779-1781. The papers regarding the siege are supporting papers for the Council proceedings; for reference to the first two, see Collection of the Georgia Historical Society X (1952), 105, 118.

Index Terms

Georgia--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
Georgia--History--Revolution, 1775-1783.
Georgia. Governor and Council.
House family.
House, John Moore.
Letters (correspondence)
McWalty, Dick.
Savannah (Ga.)--History--Siege, 1779.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Prisoners and prisons.

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Container List

Fldr

1 Samuel House to Jacob Read, E. Trist (aunt or uncle) to Samuel House, 1784; 1810 (2.0 items.)
   The second letter is in poor condition.

Fldr

2 William House (brother) to Samuel House, 1813 (1.0 items.)

Fldr

3 C.S. House (sister) to Samuel House, 1815-1816
   Letter is in poor condition.

Fldr

4 Isaac Course (uncle) to S.C. House, 1821 (1.0 items.)
   Regarding business correspondence.
Fldr 5  S.C. House to Fanny House (wife), 1836-1842 (8.0 items.)
     Letters are in poor condition.

Fldr 6  S.C. House to Fanny House, incomplete letter, 1836-1842; 1842 September 4 (5.0 items.)
     Letters are in poor condition.

Fldr 7  Fanny House to S.C. House, 1859 (1.0 items.)

Fldr 8  Lucius Gartrell to J.M. House, 1859 (1.0 items.)
     Regarding House's enlistment in the Navy.

Fldr 9  Letters from John M. House (son) to S.C. House and an undated Civil War memo from
     J.M. House, 1859-1861 (7.0 items.)
     Regarding J.M. House's attempted enlistment and rejection from the Navy because of physical
     disability. The memo concerns a battle near Williamsburg between Brazleton's cavalry and
     Lincoln's cavalry.

Fldr 10  Sam House (son) to House family, 1861 (1.0 items.)
     Regarding war news.

Fldr 11  J.M. House at Camp Buckner to Fanny House, 1861 (1.0 items.)
     Regarding the difficulties of army life.

Fldr 12  S.C. House to J.M. House at Johnson's Island, Ohio, 1861-1865 (9.0 items.)
Regarding war news; mentions several battles and officers' names.

Fldr
13  S.C. House to J.M. House at Johnson's Island, Ohio, 1861-1865 (8.0 items.)
    Regarding war news.

Fldr
14  Sam House to S.C. House, 1862 (1.0 items.)

Fldr
15  Fanny House to J.M. House, 1864 (3.0 items.)
    Regarding local events.

Fldr
16  John D. Matthews (uncle) to J.M. House, 1864 (1.0 items.)
    Asks house to check on Lieut. Frank Henderson, a prisoner of war on Johnson's Island.

Fldr
17  Letters from unknown correspondents to M.M. House, 1864 February 22 (2.0 items.)

Fldr
18  L. Whaling to M.M. House, 1864 (1.0 items.)

Fldr
19  M.M.H. (cousin) to J.M. House, 1864 (1.0 items.)

Fldr
20  Hatcher family letters, 1864-1866 (5.0 items.)
    One letter, August 3, 1864, asks House to find out if two officers, John W. Edmondston and
    Jesse R. Hensley, are imprisoned with him on Johnson's Island.
21 J.M. House to Ellen House (sister), 1865 (2.0 items.)
   Regarding war news.

22 Mrs. Thomas O'Connor (may have formerly been Fanny House, daughter of S.C. House),
   1882 October 22 (2.0 items.)
   Regarding the death of Mrs. O'Connor's husband.

23 Eliza House (daughter) to S.C. House, undated (1.0 items.)
   Letter is in poor condition.

24 Miscellaneous letters (5.0 items.)
   Includes an undated letter to Mrs. J.W. Fletcher from Johnnie (daughter) and sister, 2 postcards
   addressed to Mrs. Thomas O'Connor, an 1828 letter to unknown person, and an undated letter
   from Roland (?) to his mother.

25 Miscellaneous papers (4.0 items.)
   Includes essay, poem, Georgia Military Institute commencement invitation, To the Clergy and
   Laity of the Diocese of Georgia by Stephen Elliot et al.

26 Thomas Netherclift to Robert Mackay, 1772 May 29 and 1773 March 24 (2.0 items.)
   Regarding the Native American trade.

27 Georgia Governor and Council Papers, 1779-1781
   Account of Col. Philip Moore for necessaries supplied at his expense for the militia during the
   Siege of Savannah; Provost Marshall James Farley's account for maintenance of prisoners;
   receipts bill of Thomas Palmer for wages for work on the fortifications.