

Selected Items From The Bruce- Jones-Murchison Collection

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Summary Information

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Date	1785 - 1918
Extent	621.0 items
Language	English

Scope and Contents note

This collection of six hundred twenty-one items of a family group, spreading from the Orangeburg area over most of S. C. and the Southern States, contains information for the economic and social historian, with some comments on political events. Jane Bruce, daughter of Donald Bruce (1742-1795), married Samuel Phillips Jones (1759-1836) of Conn., where they lived for ten years. A letter of John Jamis[on], Charleston, 21 Feb. 1796, to Jones, Hartford, Conn., informs him that Mrs. Bruce offers him the use of her store should he decide to come to Orangeburg — but "she owes a debt to some Brititish Merchants," which will prevent aiding him financially, and plans to leave her property "to your son, named after Mr. Bruce." The Jones Family returned to Orangeburg and became allied through marriage with the Salley, Rumph, Cross, Murchison, Durant, McDonald, Wannamaker, Morse and other families. Correspondence of the descendants of Elizabeth Campbell Jones (1793-1870) and Dr. Roderick Murchison (d. 1820) provide the bulk of the collection. Class cards and letters of Dr. Murchison, "University of the State of New York," 1816-17, contribute information on medical education and his letters express views on slavery — "One of our great crimes . is the cruelty and avarice . . . to-towards the negroes: Cruelty in subjecting them... to the lash and avarice in withholding . . . things . . . necessary for their comfort." Letters during this period from Orangeburg, comment on elections, business, religious and social activities — invitation "to the ball, to be at Mr. Felder's for which he gets two hundred dollars" ; "preaching here tomorrow . . . wont suit some . . . as the races commence." The papers, 1820-60, comment on education, attending "camp meetings," and include two letters from Mexican War soldiers — "Volunteering is not the thing I thought it was," expecting no lasting peace in Mexico as long as the Catholic religion prevails. A very few letters cover the Civil War period, but two letters of Martha [Salley], Orangeburg, 26 July 1862 and 5 Nov. 1863, to "Aunt Eliza," illustrate conditions and activities of the family and community, mentions her brother "Towney" belongs to the Rebel Rangers — a Citadel group, describes the ladies providing food and provisions for trains of wounded and sick soldiers — "I have seen as many as three hundred [ladies] there," crowded conditions, high prices, making syrup, weaving cloth, religious meetings, and offers an apology for using "a Con-federate envelope, Lt is the fashion here." Letters of the Reconstruction period emphasize the struggle to adjust to a different way of life — labor and servant problems with the Freedmen, the search for ways to increase family incomes and political problems involving the Negro — "now that power is in their hands we need expect no favours." After 1880 the papers are entirely family correspondence, centering in the Durant and McDonald branches, maintaining connections with members who migrated to other areas.

Abbreviations / Legend

ADS = autographed document signed

ALS = autographed letter signed

ALS(T) = typed copy of autographed letter signed

DS = document signed

LS = letter signed

MP = printed manuscript

MS = manuscript

n.d. = undated

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Family Name(s)

- Bruce family.
- Jones family.
- Murchison family.

Geographic Name(s)

- South Carolina -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Personal narratives, Confederate.

Personal Name(s)

- Bruce, Jane, 1764-.

- Coker, James Lide, 1837-1918.
- Durant, Charles Henry.
- Jones, Samuel Philips, 1759-1836.
- McDonald, Moses English, d. 1911.
- McRae, Farquhard, fl. 1810.
- Murchison, Eliza Campbell Jones, 1793-1870.

Subject(s)

- Agriculture -- South Carolina -- Orangeburg County.
- Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina -- Students.
- Confederate States of America. Army. South Carolina Infantry Regiment, 6th. Company D.
- Confederate States of America. Army. South Carolina Infantry Regiment, 6th. Company E.
- Gordon, Agnes, fl. 1786 -- Correspondence.
- Jamison, John -- Correspondence.
- Murchison, Roderick, d. 1820 -- Correspondence.
- Orangeburg (S.C.) -- Social life and customs.
- Orangeburg County (S.C.) -- Genealogy.
- Plantations -- South Carolina -- Orangeburg County -- Management.
- Registers of births, etc -- South Carolina -- Orangeburg County.
- Salley, Martha, fl. 1862 -- Correspondence.
- Soldiers -- South Carolina -- Orangeburg County.

1780s

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ALS, 25 Aug. 1785, Charleston, Isabella Gollier(?), to "Jenne" Bruce, Orangeburg (re her mother's illness, and inquiring if she has a young lady for a companion).

ALS, 25 Jan. 1786, Charleston, A. Lind, to Jane Bruce, Orange-burg (articles purchased for her, a trip to N. C., mentioning "Mr. Inabnet").

ALS, 3 Apr. 1887, Charleston, Agnes, to Mrs. (Donald) Bruce, Orangeburg (entreating her to "spew her (daughter) some Compassion, ").

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ALS, 21 Feb. 1796, Charleston, John Jami[?], to Samuel P. Jones, Hartford, Conn. (informing him that Mrs. Bruce desires to be friends with him, offering him the use of her store should he decide to move to Orangeburg, not in a position to offer financial aid since her debt to a British merchant must be settled, her plans to leave what-ever she owns at her death to the son named for hr. Bruce, suggesting that he pay hrs. Bruce a visit).

ALS, 20 Sept. 1796, "Lebanon," A. Gordon, to Mrs. Jones (relating her unfortunate situation with her brother, Mrs. J.'s reconciliation with her mother).

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ALS, 12 Jan. 1797, Orangeburg, Jane Jones, to Samuel P. Jones, Charleston (recommending "Mr. Robinson and Mr. Hall" as reliable "to bring his goods by wagon," expecting "Mr. and Mrs. Haig").

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ALS, 4 Mar. 1809, "Zion Pernassus Academy Roberson County N. C.," Henry H. Hodges, to "Rodrick Murcherson student Mount Clio Academy W. C. Roberson County," (discussing his withdrawal from Mount Clio Academy and delight with his present school, decision to go to college).

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ALS, 6 Apr. 1813, Marion Dist., H[enry] W. Hodges, to "Dr. Rodrick Murchison, Black Mingo, George-Town Districk" (discussion of religious topics).

ALS, 27 Aug. 1813, Fayetteville, N. C., Benj. Robinson, to a Committee (recommending Roderick Murchison as a physician).

ALS, 27 Oct. 1813, Fayetteville, E. D. W. McKay, to Dr. R. Murchison, Mill Haven, Screven Co., Ga. (friendly letter with news of friends and diseases prevalent in his community).

MS, 1813 (notes on illnesses of various patients describing progress of disease and treatment).

ALS, 17 May 1815, "School," Mill Haven, Ga., Joseph Dewitt Nicks to Dr. Roderick Murchison, Orangeburg (discussing accounts left with him for collection).

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ALS, 2 June 1815, Rambler's Retreat-incomplete (friendly letter).

ALS, 7 Sept. 1815, Orangeburg, R. M., to Eliza Jones, (soliciting her affection).

ALS, 18 Sept. (1815), Orangeburg, R.M. to E. J. (discussing books).

ALS, 5 Oct. (1815) , Orangeburg, R. M., to Saml. P. Jones (asking for Eliza's hand).

ALS, 17 Oct. 1815, Mount Hope, Joseph Dewitt Nicks, to R. M., Orangeburg (enclosing money collected for him, poor health of the community and recent deaths).

ALS, 18 Oct. [1815], Orangeburg, R. M., to Eliza, Popular Springs (secured her father's approval, suggesting she name the date, his plans to attend medical lectures in N. Y. will have to wait, mentioning various patients, hopes to see her soon).

ALS, 1 Nov. 1815, "Sneedboro, Anson County, N. C.," Duncan McRae, to R. M., Orangeburg (friendly letter discussing his situation in regard to training in medicine).

ALS, (1815), Roderick Murchison, to Eliza Jones (sending the American Museum and "the Select poems," listing his favorites).

8 MPs, 1816-1817 (class cards for courses at University of the State of N. Y.)

MS, 2 Feb. 1816 (receipt of Roderick Murchison for visit to James Brown).

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ALS, 9 July 1816, Mount Hope, Joseph D. Nicks, to R.M., Orangeburg (sending money due him, wishing him "Connubial happiness," mentioning his lady friends).

ALS, 12 Mar. 1816, "Hermitage," [Millhaven, Ga.], Joesph [D. Nicks], to R. M. (re his marriage, and account due R. M.).

ALS, 30 Oct. 1816, Orangeburg, Saml. P. Jones, to R. M., Charleston (reporting on Eliza's condition).

ALS, [c. 1 Nov. 1816], Charleston, R. M., to Eliza M. (sending certain articles, advising her to make every effort to recover her health, gratitude to Mrs. Glover, and hoping she will "bear with fortitude" his absence).

ALS, 7 Nov. 1816, Orangeburg, Saml. P. Jones, to R. M., N. Y. (acknowledging receipt of various articles, reporting on Eliza's condition, status of crops and death. of Jacob Wannamaker's wife).

ALS, 15 Nov. 1816, N. Y., R. M., to Eliza, Orangeburg (arrival with N. Felder, situation as a stranger, exchanged his money "which cost me about one per cent," admitted at the college and three old acquaintances, attended a lecture and an operation, anxiety for her, account of his passage, remembrances to the family).

ALS, 21 Nov. 1816, Orangeburg, Eliza C. M., to Dr. R. M., N. Y. (reporting her improved condition, visiting the Glovers, mentioning other friends, Dr. Dick's kindness).

ALS, 24 Nov. [1816], N. Y., R. M., to E. M., Orangeburg (ex-pressing his ideas re women, deploring their 6-month separation, his living conditions and expenses, \$180 for his tuition).

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ALS, 14 Dec. [1816], N. Y., R. M., to P. M., Orangeburg (suggestions for treatment of her cough - "Corked sole shoes, will likewise be necessary for you," medicine to be sent Mr. Warmer, expecting her father's election in the Dist., suggesting she call on Mrs. Rowe and Mrs. Emanuel Pooser, his boarding place and the family, impressions of a Quaker service, attending a Presbyterian Church, plans to visit the botanic gardens).

ALS, 19 Dec. 1816, Orangeburg, E. M., to M., P. Y. (relating her ride to the race track-races to be held in Jan. and talks of a ball, various marriages in the community).

ALS, 21 Dec. [1816], N. Y., R. M., to E. M., Orangeburg (length of his stay at the lectures, may visit her friends in Hartford, mentioning acquaintances, expecting Dr. Bowdoin to settle in Orangeburg, his roommates).

ALS, 24 Dec. 1816, Orangeburg, E. M., to R. M., N. Y. (acquaintances from Charleston visiting Donald, lamenting his long absence - seven months, invitations for Christmas dinner, a tea party to be given by Mr. Felder "if they can get a fiddler").

ALS, 25 Dec. 1816, Orangeburg, S. P. Jones, to R. M., N. Y. (Eliza's improved health, pork secured for him, Mr. Glover's gin not working, good price of cotton, action in the Legislature re public officers and their come missions and effects on him, Judge Smith elected U. S. Senator - Langdon Chevis a judge - Col. [Andrew] Pickens as Gov., cases in court involving the Butlers and others, various marriages in the community).

ALS, 30 Dec. [1816], N. Y., R. M., to E. H., Orangeburg (reflections on religion, their relations, and possibility of her coming to N. Y., regards to her father and his election).

AL, [c. 1816?] (commenting on his visit to the medical museum).

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ALS, 4 Jan. 1817, N. Y., R. M., to E. M., Orangeburg (suggesting she read an account of Socrates' death, "Reading is as necessary to the mind as exercise is to the body," remembrances to the family, delighted her father holds his office without an election).

ALS, 11 Jan. 1817, N. Y., [same] (thoughts on our happiness, "One of our great crimes... is the cruelty and avarice... towards the negroes: Cruelty in subjecting them... to the lash and avarice in withholding... things— necessary for their comfort... victuals and clothes," expressing his thoughts on right and wrong, his delight in her reading and the flower garden).

ALS, 15 Jan. 1817, Orangeburg, E. M., to R. M., h. Y. (relating her activities).

ALS, 21 Jan. 1817, N. Y., R. M., to E. M., Orangeburg (recuperating from the measles, examinations in Feb., diploma will be sent to him, discussing funds to return home on, a London actress - Miss Johnston - creating a sensation, suggestions re the garden).

ALS, 22 Jan. 1817, Orangeburg, E. K., to R. M., N. Y. (reporting cotton not yet ginned and no corn bought nor Mr. Jennings paid, "We have just received [an invitation] to the ball, to be at Mr. Felder's for which he gets two hundred dollars... there will be a great many people at it.", reading "Caroline of Litchfield").

ALS, 28 Jan. 1817, N. Y., R. M., to E. M., Orangeburg (remarking on the marriage of Frances Coalter to Dr. Means, hoping to leave N. Y. a month earlier than expected, discussing her attending parties in O. suggesting Mr. Salley trade the horse to the best advantage).

ALS, 29 Jan. 1817, Orangeburg, E. M., to R. M., V. Y. (re his joining the Presbyterian Church and his "great advantage... of us, that is the opportunity of going to church every Sunday," "preaching here tomorroe... wont suit some... as the races commence," the horse traded, visitors in the community,

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others attending the races, Mr. Glover a manager for the ball, Mr. Jennings to wait until the first of June and expects on the interest).

ALS, 1 Feb. 1817, N. Y., P. M., to E. M., O. (discussing his coming exams, planning to attend church at the State Prison, his visit to the Prison, to observe the "manufactories," expressing his ideas on society - "seek the pleasures of society and qualify your mind for promoting the best interests of the Society," remembrances to acquaintances).

ALS, 5 Feb. 1817, Orangeburg, Eliza E. Murchison, to Dr. Roderick Murchison, N. Y. (his recovery from the measles, hopes he will be home sooner as he had written, se-curing money for him, the Salley family visiting, big snow, mention of the Glovers, Mrs. Carmichael, Mrs. Rumph, Mrs. Harper, Dr. and Mrs. Means with Maria Coalter on the way to Beaufort, Mrs. and Mr. Butler and Miss Fort here for the races and ball, Dr. Clapp planning to go north, anxious for his return).

ALS, 8 Feb. 1817, N. Y., R. M., to E. M., O. (recommending certain poems for her to read and understand, his condition from the measles, advising her to spend time with the Salleys, plans for receiving his diploma in April and returning home, commenting on "Your Races and Ball are now over").

ALS, 11 Feb. 1817, O., S. P. Jones, to Messrs. Richard L. or Wm. Jones, East Hartford, Conn. (introducing Dr. M. as his son-in-law,,).

ALS, 13 Feb. 1817, O., Saml. P. Jones, to R. M., V. Y. (discussing "Maj. Felder's success over Major Haskell," in connection with a purchase made by Mr. Butler and S. P. J.'s commission of 1300, Donald's plans to move his store - handle no liquor and operate "a cash Store," crop yields, improvements on his plantation, plans to go to Charleston and send him money, with a note Feb. 22 - enclosing 4500 - "Major Felder lends you \$250 Vinyard & Glover lends \$250 on acct. of your Cotton").

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ALS, 13 Feb. 1817, O., E. M., to R. M., N. Y. (Mr. Salley and trading the horse, a writing, school being organized by a Mr. Porter, hoping he will get home earlier than first expected, Or. Dick and hr. Jennings ill, Maj. Felder to lend him money, her reluctance to go out without him - only calls on the neighbors, surprise over not hearing from his family).

ALS, 19 Feb. 1817, Orangeburg, E. M., to R. M., Y. (news of the family, Hope and Sandy at a writing school and community mentioning Dr. Pearson, Dr. Bowdoin and hr. Jennings; O. a dull place, advises him not to expect a flower garden or his return since Mr. Pooser does not wish to work on it - hopes to have a kitchen garden, hearing the new "circuit rider,").

ALS, 22 Feb. 1817, N. Y., R. M. to E. M., O. (asking her opinion on moving to Charleston, an opportunity to "establish an apothecaries shop" on credit with a N. Y. Druggist, list of expenses and anticipated income, advising her to consult her father on the subject, "getting into town practice is so far preferable" as to neglect "a certainty at Orange-burg," death of "A Mr. Cahusac... from S. Carolina attending the College here.").

ALS, 17 Mar. 1817, Petersburg, Va., R. M., to E. M., O. (recovered from the mumps, poor traveling conditions, expecting the trip home to cost \$140, plans to stop in Fayetteville to visit relatives and friends, hoping to be home soon).

ALS, 23 Dec. 1817, Charleston, J. D. N., to R. M., O. (requesting information re Walbridge's election,, Perrin "will not do.").

MS, [1817?] (partial travel journal commenting on fellow travelers).

MS, [1817,] R. Murchison (thoughts on where to establish his practice and advantages in locating among his wife's relatives).

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ALS, 8 Apr. 1819, Charleston, Jos. D. Hicks, to Dr. R. M., O. (thanking him for sending his sister).

2 MSS, 23 and 25 Sept. 1819 (bills).

ALS, 8 Dec. 1819, Charleston, J. D. Nicks, to R. M., O. (re Levi Walbridge - graduate of Dartmouth College, London - as a candidate for principal of the academy at Orangburg, Mr. Gates employed as a private teacher in Col. Alston's family, promising to secure information of Mr. Perrin).

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ALS, 20 Jan. 1820, Charleston, J. D. N., to R. M., O. (concerned over letter from him since his request "relative to those Candidates for your Seminary at the Springs," his sister's marital difficulties).

DS, Feb. 1820, Sanders Glover, Orangeburg (granting letter of administration to Mrs. Eliza C. Murchison on the estate of her husband Roderick Murchison).

DS, 15 Feb. 1820, Orangeburg Dist., Sanders Clover (granting Mrs. Eliza C. Murchison permission to sell personal property from her husband's estate).

MS, 25 Mar. 1820 (promissory note).

ALS, 9 Oct. 1820, Sarah L. D. S[ca?]rbrough, to E. M., O. (letter of gratitude for kindness extended to her).

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ALS, 6 Dec. 1820, Adamsville, A. [?] Murchison, [to ?] (sending money for Brother Philip).

AL, 2 Aug. 1821, Orangeburg, [Eliza C. Murchison,] to "Mr. Nicks" (re debts due the estate).

1, vol. bd., 1821-1811, account book. chiefly of estate of Dr. Rocerick Murchison.

ALS, Apr. 1827, Orangeburg, E. C. M., to [?] (re a call on her to pay a bond riven by her husband for purchase of certain lots and buildings in O., relating her husband's death in 1820 and her dependence on her father, possible sale to Peter Murphy of Charleston).

ALS, 11 May 1827, Charleston, Wm. Broadfoot, to E. M., O. (re collecting funds due "Mr. Boyd's orphan child").

ALS, 15 June 1827, Charleston, L. Surr, to E. M., O. (friendly letter, religious activities mentioning "Mr. W Capers... & Mr. Bass have just returned from a Camp meeting held at Ibdian fields,").

ALS, 13 Aug. 1827, Charleston, L. Surr, to E. M., O. (discussing Mr. Capers "this most Evangelical Preacher," plans to attend camp meeting on the Orangeburg circuit 18 Oct., the Baptist preacher - Mr. [Basil] Manly had yellow fever and still ill, commenting on the beautiful quilt).

ALS, 5 Sept. 1827, Sullivans Island, Lydia Surr, to E. M., O. (yellow fever in the city, illness of William Capers family, stormy weather and spending the night at the fort, cannot plan on attending camp meeting, illness among the Blacks on Daniels Island).

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ALS, 18 Oct. 1827, "Fair Bank," L. Surr, to E. M., O. (her illness and removal home, many life-long inhabitants attacked by the fever and deaths - the minister Dr. Henry, Ft. Moultrie deserted because of the fever, requesting news of the camp meeting).

ALS, 19 Mar. 1828, Charleston, L. S., to E. M., O. (illness since her visit to O., social activities, attending church and heard the same sermon as that in O., shopping for her).

ALS, 3 May 1828, Charleston, L. S., to E. M., O. (describing a religious meeting at Mrs. Hanbaum's with Dr. Palmer, Mr. Bailey and Mr. Snowden from St. Augustine attending with comments on their contributions; shopping for her, and religious ideas).

ALS, 13 June 1828, Y. Y., Lydia, to E. M., O. (commenting on her pleasant passage to N. Y. in the ship Calhoun and her pre-sent situation, visiting friends and acquaintances in N. Y., impressions of the place, and plans to go to New Haven).

ALS, 25 July 1828, New Haven, L,[ydia], to E. M., O. (death of her niece - Eliza Felder, Dr. Palmer and family in New Haven and her excursion to the Springs with them, Albany, [N. Y.] and the Erie Canal, meeting her father's sister - Mrs. Sherman, five days at Saratoga - "Dr. Palmer drank freely of the waters, to me shocking stuff," saw her Uncle George Jones, visited the grave of Brainard - "the Indian Missionary," visited the Asylum for the deaf and dumb, visiting her Uncle William and other acquaintances).

ALS, 29 Oct. 1828, [Charleston], L. Surr, to E. M., O. (re her passage from F. Y., inquiring re religious work in O., Mr. Felder attended recent camp meeting in O., commenting, on Mr. Manly).

ALS, 17 Feb. 1829, Charleston, Win. Crafts, to [?] (requesting according to Mr. Broadfoot's instructions to Mr. Felder that a certain sum be credited on a bond).

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MS, 24 May 1830 - 8 Feb. 1831, [Eliza C. Murchison] (diary and accounts - journal of a trip to N. Y. and New England, mention of "Presidt. Day &

MS, vol. bd., 1830-1865, Orangeburg and v. p., Eliza C. Jones [Murchison] (autograph album, chiefly of New England friends and relatives on a trip in 1830 including Jermiah Day).

ALS, 29 Jan. 1832, Gallia County, O., Richard L. Jones, to Sam. P. Jones, Orangeburg (describing his situation on the Ohio River, news of other members of the family, and plans for his family from N. Y. to join him).

10 MSS, 1833 - 1838 (bills and receipts).

MS, 10 Nov. 1834, Orangeburg Dist. (plat of land on "Middlepen Swamp Waters of Four Holes of Edisto River" belonging to Mrs. Eliza Murchison).

ALS, 25 May 1836, Bolton, [Con.?,] Cousin Aaron [Jones?], to E. M., O. (re death of Uncle Samuel [P. Jones], inviting them to send the young members of the family to them to be educated, remembrances to acquaintances).

MS, 23 Mar. 1837, Charleston, Carson & Hamilton (bill to Mrs. E. C. M. for household articles).

MS, 1837, F. W. Fairy (receipt for freight issued by the S. O. Canal & Rail R. Co. to Mrs. Eliza Murchison).

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10 MSS, 1838-1840 (bills and receipts).

ALS, Oct. 1840, K. Murchison, to Miss R. E. Murchison (declaring his love for her).

ALS, 20 Oct. 1840, Orangeburg, F. S. Fersner, to "Miss Roderick" (proposal of marriage).

ALS, 22 Dec. 1840, "Lynchwood, Kershaw District," K. Murchison, to Miss Roderick M., O. (love letter, his trip home, preaching on the way, plans to board with his sister until their marriage which he hopes will be before Conference, members of the family visiting).

ALS, 30 Dec. 1840, O., Roderick M., to Cousin Kenneth M., Camden (a subscription Ball attended by many gentlemen but few ladies - the first party she had missed in two years, Mr. McCorquodale's services, mentioning friends and activities, impossible to marry him before conference).

10 MSS, 1840-1845 (chiefly bills).

ALS, 20 Jan. 1841, E. R. Hahnbaum, to E. M., O. (explaining how she accomplished the shopping requested of her, commenting on Roddey's coming marriage).

ALS, 25 Jan. 1841, Camden, K. Murchison, to Rode' M., O. (plans for the wedding, sending this by Bro. W. J. Jackson who goes to Charleston to be married).

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ALS, 10 Apr. 1845, Dooly Co., Ga., Don P. Jones, to Rev. Kenneth Murchison, O. (repaying a loan, his family and present business situation).

ALS, 23 May 1845, Columbia, A, to Mrs. R. E. Murchison, O. (re her husband's death, and comments on settling. the estate, and the situation with his family).

ALS, 16 June 1845, O., V. D. 7. Jamison, to Mrs. R. E. Murchison (expressing condolence on the death of her husband and en-closing resolution on his death passed by the Orange Agricultural Club).

ALS, 31 Dec. 1845, Marion, Colin Murchison, to his sister Roderick M., O. (discussing items he would like to have from the sale of his brother's estate, offering to board her boys to attend school in Marion).

ALS, 22 Jan. 1847, Camp Daiz, Mobile, from F. McCaskill (state of his health, desertions since leaving Orangeburg, "Volunteering is not the thing I thought It was..." expecting worse in Mexico, Mobile a filthy town).

ALS, 26 Aug. 1847, Sumter Dist., Charles H. Durant (love letter proposing marriage).

ALS, 27 Jan, 1848, Camden, Aaron B. Jones, to Eliza C. Murchison, O. (poor market for silk and his ill health).

ALS, 15 Mar. 1848, (incomplete).

ALS, 13 May 1848, Buckland, [Conn.?,] to E. C. M., O. (re visiting him and family news).

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ALS, 21 May 1848, San Angle, Mexico, F. Mc C., to Mrs. R. E. M., O. (his situation, Cousin Kitty teaching "I believe I had rather spend my time as a soldier rather than teaching school but neither of them are desirable situations," expecting peace and to be on the way home within the next month, three officers to be hung for breaking in a house and killing a Mexican, no peace can last in Mexico as long as the Catholic religion prevails).

ALS, 25 June 1848, Orangeburg, Margaret Murchison, to Murdock Murchison (child's letter).

ALS, 18 Sept. 1848, Darlington, Colin Murchison, to Roderick (inviting her to visit and hear him preach).

ALS, 25 Oct. 1848, Vienna, Ga., Don. B. Jones, to Mrs. Margaret L. Salley, O. (discussing his debt to her and enclosing \$20, settlement of the estate, family news, anxiety over David being ordered to Calif., curiosities sent by him from Mexico).

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MS, 19 Sept. 1851, Camden (bill for sale of cotton from estate of John. B. McDonald signed by C. Matheson).

2 MSS, 1851 and 1852 (bills).

ALS, 8 Oct. 1852, Dooly County, Ga., Don [?] Jones, to "Sister" (relating poor health of various family connections in his section, inability to secure money for her).

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MS, 26 July 1853 (bill).

MS, 22 Mar. 1855, Moses E. McDonald (bill for clothing purchased from Carnes & Stuckey).

MS, 5 Oct. 1855, R. S. Durant (receipt for money from estate of J. B. McDonald).

NO, Oct. 1855, Bishopville (sale of cotton from J. B. McDonald estate).

MS, 4 Dec. 1855, Lynchburg (sale of cotton from estate of J. E. McDonald).

ALS, 27 March 1856, [?], Lizzie to Cousin (family letter).

ALS, 22 May [18]56, "Duck Branch," Dr. L. Bellinger, to "My Dear Aunt," (his safe arrival, presented with a wild cat for a pet, rattle snakes "which I caught... fastened a string around their heads and led them home... poor fellows the winter was too severe... [and] all died," sending a "receipt for making paragoric").

ALS, 16 Jan. 1857, Lynchburg, R. E. Durant, to Eliza C. Murchison, Bamberg (family news).

ALS, 5 Oct. 1857, Vienna, [Ga.?], Isabella G. Cross, to Sister (family letter).

ALS, 13 May 1858, Lynchburg, Eliza, to Mrs. Emma Wannamaker, Lewis-ville, S. C. (grandmother improved, May celebration at school).

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ALS, 1 Sept. 1858, Popular Springs, M. S. Salley, to "Dear Sister" (family and community news including religious services with mention of the "Academy").

ALS, 30 Dec. [18]58, Georgetown, Beb. W., to Eliza M., Lynchburg (enclosing a card. re the school she inquired about - "the Board of Trustees are among the most influential men in Columbia," acquainted with Miss Jane Reynolds and "her superior qualifications as teacher... [and] a good Methodist," offering to meet her in Charleston "and take you under our charge").

ALS, 20 Apr. 1859, Vienna, [Ga.] Isabella G. Cross, to "Dear Sister" (reporting on. family and friends).

ALS, 8 June 1859, Lynchburg, Mag [Maggie Margaret Bruce Murchison], to Grandmother (family news, mention of a camp meeting to be held, improvement in the place with new buildings, expecting Mr. [Wm.] Martin, agent for Cola. Female College to preach).

ALS, 25 Aug. 1859, Vienna, Isabella G. Cross, to Sister (family letter).

ALS, 1 Sept. [18]59, Popular Springs, M. S. Salley, to Eliza C. M., Lynchburg (family and community news).

1860s

MS, 1 Jan. 1860, Orangeburg, Bull, Scovill & Co., to Mrs. E. C. Murchison (bill).

1860s

ALS, 11 Feb. 1860, Mag., to Grandmother (Papa gone to Ky., new school house, - with note from mother containing news from Ky. and land buying there, Julia leaving for Cola. to attend Mr. Zimmerman's school, about 30 scholars in school at Lynchburg).

MS, 7 Apr. 1860, Columbia F. College, E. J. Murchison (theme on Human Mind).

MS, 20 April 1860, Charleston (bill).

MS, 20 April 1860, Sumter, Mrs. Murchison (dry goods purchased from A. F. Browning & Co.).

ALS, 30 July [18]60, Popular Springs, Martha, to Aunt Eliza, Lynchburg (reporting on her grandmother's poor health, expecting other members of the family to visit, completion of the new church "in the village," several preachers at the dedication - Mr. Conner, Hr. E. Wannamaker, Mr. P. A. M. Williams, Mr. Stephen, Mr. J. Z. Dixon and Mr. Flin Dickson; Mr. Dudley had 2)4 scholars, picnic to be at the Academy, Uncle Van. "about making brick to build").

ALS, 1 Dec. 1860, Douyton [?], Isabella G. Cross, to Sister (family news).

MS, [1860?,] "All 's not gold that glitters" (school theme?).

ALS, [c. Apr.? 1861,] Carrie, to Mag., (commenting on the excitement - "hope ...[it] will be quelled without blood shed," attending school).

ADS, 4 May 1861, Home, Mother to Maggie (illness in the family, Dr. Dennis &: Dr. Green have gone to Va., difficulty in procuring provisions for hands).

1860s

ALS, 11 Sept. 1861, Home, Martha to Aunt Eliza (mother's death, Uncle Alex gone to Va. and is surgeon at the Charlottesville Hospital, family and community news).

ALS, 22 Sept. 1861, Popular Spring, Martha, to Dear Aunt (describing the severe illness of Grandmother, with a note added telling of her death).

ALS, 14 Mar. [18]62, Orange Grove, Nag, to [?] (illness in the family).

ALS, 7 July 1862, Drayton, Isabell G. Cross, to Dear Sister (family letter).

ALS, 26 July 1862, Home, Martha, to Aunt Eliza (father in Charles-ton, Towney at home - belongs to the Citadel group called Rebel Rangers, describing the ladies meeting trains with wounded and sick soldiers also other - with food and pro-visions - " sometimes as many as three hundred pass one time & they have been coming for two weeks. It is a real pleasure to be there... every lady in the Village goes down & carries something for them, I have seen as many as three hundred there." illness in Uncle Alex's family, commenting, the draft - "but few men [will be] left here." crowded conditions in Orangeburg, and family news).

ALS, 26 Feb. 1863, "home," Martha, to Aunt Eliza (plans to go to Ga., George Salley's illness).

ALS, 24 April 1863, Cola. F. College, Maggie Murchison (friendly letter).

ALS, 6 May 1863, Orange Grove, to Mother (family news, religious activities, high prices, making butter).

1860s

ALS, 8 June 1863, Cottage Home, R. P. Salley, to Sister (relating birth of her baby and her condition, hearing from Capt. Salley, family news).

ALS, 4 Nov. 1863 - incomplete, to Aunt (family news, "boiling... African syrup... commenced on the sugar oane... will make... that into sugar", purchased a loom had one piece of Negro cloth woven).

ALS, 5 Nov. 1863, Orange[burg], Martha to Aunt (several acquaintances killed in Tenn. including Thomas Elliott, family news, children at school, high prices, making syrup, weaving cloth, Baptist Association meeting in the village - Methodist, Presbyterian Churches "were given up to the Baptist & all three churches had preaching in twice a day." Uncle Tom joined the Rebel Troop, "excuse a Confederate envelope, It is the fashion here").

ALS, 16 Nov. 1863, Valley Home Williamsburgh, to Mag (monotonous life, plans to return to school by accompanying one of the preachers to conference, high prices).

ALS, 16 Dec. 1863, Pleasant Hill, Eliza to Martha (family news).

AL, 7 Feb. 1864, incomplete, Sumter City, to Aunt (news of members of family in the service).

ALS, 23 Feb. 1864, Julia E. Salley, to Aunt Eliza (relating death of Mr. Wannamaker).

ALS, 22 April 1864, Female College, Columbia, Bell to Hag. Murchison, Lynchburg (confusion among the girls over not being allowed to attend a barbecue, many visitors to the college reminds her of commencement, girls striving for first honors, attending reviews of various troops).

1860s

ALS, 13 Nov. 1865, A. R. Salley, to Aunt (has not written because could not afford Paper, money is a scarce article, attempts to hire freedmen to plant a crop next year, Mr. Salley's poor health, produce from the garden, cattle driven off by Sherman - left only one which was killed by someone "more needy" but dose not credit it to the freedmen - "the whites are as much to be dreaded now as the blacks," 25 stores in Orangeburg and more building - "the rich men are striving to go ahead as usual," comments on the situaton of labor, northern women arrived to open a free school - "it seems like a dream... we are living in," fears an uprising of the blacks when they discover no land for them, Negroes returning from Sherman's forces, lumber mills being rebuilt and timber business flourishing, new paper - "the Carolina times - a weekly - missing the "old Mercury & Courier - it almost seems as if our very natures have undergone a mighty change," difficulties in. the family with free labor - "Ours have remained true to us - Judy does more "or me now than ever" but the parents want them to leave).

ALS, 26 Mar. 1867, Lynchburg, W. J. McLeod, to Dear Cousin (re payment for the piano).

ALS, 28 April 1867, Sumter, Sallie Durant, to Grandmother (family letter).

ALD, 12 May 1867, Nome, incomplete, to Mag (family letter, books read).

AL, 25 June 1867, incomplete- to "dear Aunt" (difficulty in getting the freedmen interested in the crop - "they care no farther than the meal they are partaking of," family and community, commenting on "changes that have come over our country & people").

ALS, 26 July 1867, Elmwood, Eliza, to Mrs. E. C. Murchison (missing her, domestic difficulties "no flour has been. brought to Cheraw - I never heard such a cry for it," discussion of fruit and vegetable available).

1860s

ALS, 14 Nov. 1867, Chester, Matthew Williams, to Moses E. McDonald, Lynchburg (describing his sufferings from a kidney ailment the nature of the disease and the various treatments and medicines administered, effect of the war on his finances - "my negroes all free... 33 likely ones... could have paid my debts... now I cant pay ten cents on the dollar. So much for nullification & secession which I was always opposed to"; advising him to go to the IN. C. springs for his rheumatism; opinion of conditions "the negroes have the ascendancy & the young ones quite impudent and all lazy & will steal"; and his inability to help him).

ALS, Feb. 1868, Home, Maggie Murchison, to Grandmother (getting settled, difficulty with the Negroes, Papa's decision to take the bankruptcy law and move to N. C., other people being sold out, plans for the trip to N. C.).

ALS, ? to June [1868], Anna R. L. (family and community news, "I never go to the Village my home attire would look strange in the midst of so much fashion & show, they carry it to quite an extreme", commenting on the political situation - "the negro... outvoted us, & they will make laws for us - what a horrible thought for such a people as we are to be governed by the negro - they seem as a general thing to have such a hatred for the white man - & now that power is in their hands we need expect no favours a war between the races will yet... be a sequel to all these sad changes").

ALS, 31 Aug. 1868, [near Americus, Ga.] Hope, to Aunt (loss of everything after the War, family news).

ALS, 31 Oct. 1868, Lenior, Sallie Durant, to Grandmother (undecided about leaving, methods of economizing with food, family news).

ALS, 17 Nov. 1868, Orangeburg, Martha, to Aunt (Cousin Aaron Jones passed through Orangeburg to Fla., family news, uneasy over Negro situation).

1870s

ALS, Nov. 1868, "Jones House" Lenoirs, Maggie B. M., to Grandmother (describing the mts., snow on the Blue Ridge, visiting various prople in the vicinity).

ALS, 10 Jan. 1869, At Home - incomplete- to Aunt (change in living, difficulty with the Negroes, family and community news).

ALS, 20 Feb. 1869, Fayetteville, N. C., Annie Stacy, to Maggie (friendly letter).

1870s

ALS, 2 Jan. 1870, Barnwell, Martha, to Aunt (her new home, family and friends).

ALS, 28 Mar. 1870, Home, M. L. Salley, to Aunt (family letter).

ALS, 4 April 1870, M. A. B., to Aunt Eliza (family letter).

ALS, 21 April 1870, Orangeburg, A. S. Salley, to Sister (has written Aunt Pella to come live with them).

ALS, Aug. 1871, Orangeburg, M. L. Salley, (expressing her ideas on church membership, family news).

MS, 1 Jan. 1872, Sumter, A. A. Solomons (bill).

1880s

ALS, 12 July 1873, Atlanta, Ga. (friendly letter).

ALS, 7 Jan. 1874, Sumter (illegible).

ALS, 13 Jan. 1875, Annie D., to Mag (accepting an invitation).

MP, 22 June 1876, Sumter Institute (invitation to commencement addressed to Miss Ellie DuRant).

1880s

MP, 3 Nov. 1880 (invitation to marriage of Julia Anderson to John A. McRae).

ALS, 18 Mar. 1882, Lynchburg, Janie, to Mama (family letter, relating her husband's experience with sniffing "chloroform" for a cold).

ALS, 6 Aug. 1882, Rockey Point, E. M. Mitchell, to Cousin (family letter).

ALS, 29 Aug. 1882, Hendersonville, N. C., Mrs. T. P. Barley, to Cousin [Charles Durant] (requesting information re the family).

MS(T), 1882-1892, "Memoirs of our Beloved Mother, Written At Lynch-burg, S. C., Marion, N. C. and Landrum S. C." [M. B. M.]).

MP, 27 June 1883, (invitation to commencement at Sumter Institute).

1880s

ALS, 21 Jan. 1884, Branchville, Janie, to Mother - Mrs. C. H. Durant, Lynchburg (re her teaching - 6 pupils at \$3 per month - board at \$8 in a pleasant home, discussing a personal problem).

ALS, 5 May 1884, Summerville, C. S. Sherman, to Roderic Durant, Lynchburg (declining an invitation to visit, relating his visit to Mrs. Wannamaker and meeting others in the family, inviting him to visit them at their home in New Nassau, N. Y.).

ALS, 11 May 1884, Jennie, to Sallie McDowell (re things left with Aunt Addie Durant).

MS, vol. bd., 1884-1886, Charles Henry Durant (memorandum book).

ALS, 31 Aug. 1885, S. W. D., to Nag (family letter, trouble with Negroes).

ALS, 3 Sept. 1885, Magnolia, Annie Scott, to Mrs. Charles H. Durant, Spruce Pine, N. C. (family and community news, religious activities - disappointment in progress of the Sunday School, the Darkies and their meetings very annoying).

ALS, 17 Aug. 1886, Sumter, Calvin W. Chandler, to Mr. C. Durant, Magolia (re renting his land).

MS, 14 Dec. 1886, Sumter, C. H. DuRant (tax receipt).

ALS, 10 Jan. 1887, Marion, N. C., John to Buddy (re samples of tobacco to sell, thinking of opening a school).

1880s

ALS, 23 May 1887, Lynchburg (sickness in community and family news).

ALS, 3 June 1887, Magnolia, C. E. Timmons, to Dallie Durant (elected to membership in a soc.).

ALS, 19 Jan. 1888, Jacksonville, Fla., Hope L. Jones, to Cousin (family letter).

ALS, 27 Mar. 1888, Jacksonville, Fla. [Hope Jones] - incomplete (family letter).

ALS, 13 May 1888, Macon, Ga., -incomplete, to cousin (family news).

ALS, July 1888, Lynchburg, Sallie to Mrs. C. H. Durant, Marion, N. C. (family letter).

ALS, 6 Aug. 1888, Knoxville, Ga., Lizzie, to Cousin (family letter).

ALS, 27 Aug. 1888, Marion, N. C., U. S. Internal Revenue, M. B. M., to "My Dear K" (family and community news).

ALS, 3 Sept. 1888, M. B. M., to M. E. McDonald, St. Matthews (began [teaching] school).

ALS, 20 Sept. 1888, Marion, N. C., M. B. M., to Mr. M. E. McDonald, St. Matthews (her school, religious affairs of the community).

ALS, 24 Sept. 1888, Marion, N. C., M. D. N., to M. E. McDonald, St. Matthews (family letter).

1880s

ALS, 7 Oct. 1888, Marion, N. C., M. B. M., to M. E. McDonald, St. Matthews (plans for leaving).

ALS, 18 Oct. 1888, Lynchburg, wife to M. E. McD., St. Matthews (family letter).

ALS, 29 Oct. 1888, Magnolia, M. B. M., to [same] (family letter). ALS, Oct. 1888 [same] (family and community news).

ALS, 21 Mar. 1889, Lynchburg, Sissies to C. H. Durant, Landrum (family letter).

ALS, Mar. 1889, Orangeburg, Sallie, to Papa (family news).

AM, 11 April 1889, St. Matthews, R. E. D. , to Charlie (family news).

ALS, 11 April 1889, Lynchburg, Janie, to Mama [Mrs. C. H. Durant], Landrum (family news).

ALS, 6 May 1889, Lynchburg, Auntie, to Rod (family news).

ALS, 17 May 1889, Lynchburg, Sissie to "Tattie" (family, her hat business).

ALS, 18 May 1889, Lynchburg, Janie, to Mama (family news).

ALS, 22 Aug. 1889, Georgetown, Maria 13., to Janie (family letter). ALS, Aug. 1889, M. F. M. (family news).

1890s

ALS, 5 Nov. 1889, St. Matthews, M. E. McDonald, to Budder [C. H. Durant] (re a business venture).

ALS, 7 Dec. 1889, St. Matthews, M. B. M., to Tattie (school children planning a Christmas Tree).

ALS, 21 Dec. 1889, Lynchburg, Janie to Mama (family).

ALS, 31 Dec. 1889, Lynchburg, Sissie to Tattie (Christmas activities and family news).

1890s

ALS, 15 May 1890, Magnolia, J. A. Rhame, to C. H. Durant (re a package).

ALS, 15 May 1890, Magnolia, Julius A. Rhame, to M. C. H. DuRant (returning Mrs. D.'s bond and mortgage - records show both are paid).

ALS, 27 May 1890, Lynchburg, Janie to Mama (her growing millinery business, delay in the mails because of "the numerous Radicals 'Niggers' in the P. O. business,").

ALS, 2 Sept. 1890, Lynchburg, H. W. R., to Mrs. C. H. DuRant, Landrum (family letter including community news).

ALS, 21 April 1891, Lynchburg, H. W. R., to Sallie Durant, Landrum (family and community news with comments on church and a flourishing Sunday School, a robbery at Magnolia similar to a Jesse James affair).

1890s

ALS, 30 Oct. 1891, Hartsville, Marie, to Papa (child's letter).

ALS, 4 Jan. 1892, Hartsville, J. D. Walsh, to "Mr. Mock" (returning a pillow).

ALS, 19 Mar. 1892, Orangeburg, Mamie to Cousin Sallie (family and community news).

ALS, 10 Jan. 1893, Newport News, Geo. A. Harrison, to M. E. McDonald, Richmond (re funds to enable them to leave town, poor business conditions).

ALS, 11 Jan. 1893, Richmond, Va., Papa, to Dear Roy (advising him re school, business opportunities in R., with some description of the town).

ALS, 17 Jan. 1893, Magnolia, to Sister Mag (family news).

ALS, [20 Jan. 1893, Landrum,] to M. E. McD., Richmond (snow, family news, anxiety over educating the children - including a letter from Roderick).

ADS, 20 Jan. 1893, Richmond, Papa to M. Bruce McDonald, Landrum (reporting on his activities).

ALS, 21 Jan. 1893, Georgetown, Maria, to Mag (love for her kin, Georgetown being "overstocked" with strangers two large lumber mills in operation owned by Northern and Western men, real estate selling at high prices, new houses being built, Tom to lecture at the "South Carolina College for Women in Columbia" and her distress over his determination to marry Miss Burkmyer who teaches in the graded schools in Cola., Rob attending medical lectures in Baltimore).

1890s

ALS, 24 Jan. 1893, [Landrum,] M. B. McDonald, to M. E. McD., Richmond (family and community news).

ALS, 25 Jan. 1893 [same].

ALS, 30 Jan. 1893, [same,] Marie and M. B. M., to E. M., Richmond (articles for the children).

ALS, 31 Jan. 1893, incomplete - Magnolia, to Nephew Roderick (admonishing him to get an education, their new house).

ALS, Jan. 1893, M. B. M. [same].

2 ALS, [Jan. 1893 - same].

ADS, 9 Feb. 1893, Landrum, T. F. Carpenter to M. E. McD., Richmond (friendly letter, purchased an organ for the church).

ALS, 9 Feb. 1893, Sumter, Bultman & Bro., to M. E. McD. (collecting a bill).

ALS, 12 Feb. 1893 (card from M. B. M.).

ALS, 13 Feb. 1893, Georgetown, Marie to Mag (family).

MS, 11 Feb. 1893 (valentine).

1890s

ALS, [14 Feb. 1893,] M. E. McD., Richmond (family affairs).

ALS, 17 Feb. 1893, M. E. McD., Richmond (family affairs).

ALS, 17 Feb. 1893, M. E. McD., Richmond (family affairs).

ALS, 17 Feb. 1893, Magnolia, Jean, to Nag (family activities).

ALS, 21 Feb. 1893, H. B. M., to E. McD., Franklin, Va. (family and community news).

ALS, 21 Feb. 1893, Landrum, Marie McD. & M. B. M., to Papa (discussing school, birthday present for Prude).

ALS, 26 Feb. 1893, N. B. N. (family).

ALS, 27 Feb. 1893, Landrum, Maggie Bruce McDonald & Mother [M. B. M.] (school, the new organ).

ALS, Feb. 1893, M. B. M. (family).

ALS, 3 Mar. 1893, M. B. M (family).

ALS, 6 Mar. 1893, M. B. M. (relating a storm which blew the old academy" building" off its blocks," church activities).

1890s

ALS, 14 Mar. 1894, Magnolia, Jean to Nag (family news).

ALS, 16 Mar. 1894, M. B. N., to M. E. McD. (family and community news).

ALS, 12 Aug. 1893, M. B. N., to M. E. McD. (family and community news).

ALS, 14 Aug. 1893, M. B. N., to M. E. McD. (church activities).

ALS, 15 Aug. 1893, Roderick to Papa (church activities).

ALS, 29 Aug. 1893, M. B. N., to M. h. h. (church and family activities).

ALS, 28 Aug. 1893, M. B. N., to M. h. h. (church and family activities).

ALS, Aug. 1893, M. B. N., to M. h. h. (church and family activities).

ALS, Aug. 1893, M. B. N., to M. h. h. (church and family activities).

ALS, 21 Sept. 1893, Newberry, Annie to Mama (relating her trip to N.).

ALS, 24 Sept. 1893, Bennettsville, Dollie to Friend (inquiring if she plans to teach again, housekeeping - her cook stove).

1890s

ALS, 29 Sept. 1893, Georgetown, Maria B., to Mag (family news - Tom to Marion to teach).

2 ALS, Sept. 1893, M. B. M. to husband (same).

2 ALS, 3 and 6 Oct. 1893, Magnolia, Janie to Nag and Sissie to Tattle (importance of teaching her child, community and family news).

5 ALS, 9-16 Oct. 1893, Landrum, M. B. N. & family to M. E. Mc. (family letters).

ALS, 17 Oct. 1893, Magnolia, to Mag (family news).

4 ALS, 22 Oct. 1893, Landrum, M. B., to M. E. Mc. (family news).

9 ALS, Oct. - 24 Nov. 1893, Landrum, M. B. M. & family to M. E. Mc. (family news, friends going to the World's Fair, church activities, wedding in the family).

ALS, 24 Nov. 1893, Magnolia, Sallie to Pape (trip here and stop in Cola.).

7 ALS, 27 Nov. - 1 Dec. 1893 and 1893, Landrum, M. B. M. and family to M. E. Mc. (family, community and church activities).

ALS, 28 Nov. 1893, Georgetown, Maria to Mag (servant problems, family).

ALS, 15 Dec. 1893, Marion, N. C., J. A. McDonald, to Jennie (facetious letter to a child).

1890s

9 ALS, 4 Jan. - 4 Feb. 1894, Landrum, M. A. B. & family to M. E. Mc. (family news).

2 ALS, 25 Jan. & Jan. 1894, Magnolia, Bubber to mama (relating his activities).

4 ALS, 8 - 21 Feb. 1894, Landrum, N. B. N., to M. E. Mc. (family).

ALS, 17 Feb. 1894, Magnolia, Bubber to Mama (re his trip to Sumter).

ALS, 19 Feb. 1894, Magnolia, Sissie to Tattie (return of Bubber and Papa).

ALS, 22 Feb. 1894, Magnolia, Sissie to Tattie (difficulty with Johnny in the Post office).

ALS, 26 Feb. 1894, Marengo, N. C., to Maggie (friendly letter).

21 ALS, 26 Feb. - 28 Feb. 1894, Landrum and Magnolia (family letters).

ALS, 30 Mar. 1894, to Tattie (commenting on the Darlington Riot).

MSS, 30 Mar. 1894 - 10 Feb. 1896 (chiefly family letters).

ALS, 18 Mar. 1896, J. A. Rhame from Magnolia to Capt. M. E. McD., Landrum (re obituary of his)

MS, 1896, (portion of a diary).

1900s

NP, 16 Dec. 1897, Columbia Female College, John A. Rice (re smallpox scare).

ALS, 9 Sept. 1899, Marion, N. C., N. B. M., to near M." (her teaching, family news).

MP, vol. bd., 1899, James Lide Coker, History of Co. G., 9th Reg. and Co. E., 6th Reg., C. S. A. with MS account of M. E. McD.'s services).

1900s

ALS, 11 Feb. 1908, Landrum, Sue to Sallie (friendly letter).

2 MPs, 12 Feb. 1817 and 8 June 1918, (obit of M. E. McD. and article of D. Bruce Salley on the Wright Brothers flights).

Undated

5 MSS, n. d. (war services of McDonalds).

120 MSS, n. d. (chiefly family letters).

MS, n. d. (genealogy of descendants of Charles Williams - b. in Mecklinburg Co., Va.).

3 MPs, n. d. (dag. of members of the family).

Undated

ALS, n. d., Rodin to Mother (family news).

ALS, n. d., M. L. Salley - incomplete (family, fire in the village).

ALS, n. d., Eliza to Mother [Mrs. Durant] (invitation to visit).

ALS, n. d., St. Matthews, M. K. W., to Dear Aunt (her boarding house, garden and family).

ALS, n. d., Sumter Co., Hope, to Dear Aunt (sending Julia to school and Billie off to Va., hardships of the War, family news).

ALS, 14 Oct. n. y., Macedonia, N. C., K. Murchison, to Mrs. Roderick E. Murchison (effect of the water on them).

ALS, n. d., K. Murchison, to Mrs. R.E. Murchison (note).

ALS, n. d., Eliza Murchison, to Grandmother (child's note).

ALS, n. d., Nicks, to Dr. Roderick Murchison (re his religious thoughts - just from a camp - "I suppose 120 were converted").

ALS, n. d., S. Surr, to Mrs. Eliza C. Murchison, O. (friendly letter, in town to sell her cotton, attending church, sending a quilt to be made).

Undated

ALS, n. d., Vienna, Isabella G. Cross, to Sister (family letter).

ALS, n. d., Roddie, to mother (her sewing, plans to cone home but told the Negro situation would be terrible, family news).

ALS, n. d., Cokesbury [Female Academy], Eliza, to Grand-mother [Mrs. E. C. Murchison] (situation at the school with Mr. Connoe absent, examination at the "Male College").

MS, n. d. (medical composition).

MS, n. d. (medical recipes).

MS, n. d. (sermon).

4 MSS, n. d. (miscellaneous and of no value).

MS(R), n. d. (copies of family records from the Bible).