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SUMMARY

Size.	0.5 linear feet
Geographic locations.	Louisiana, Mississippi
Inclusive dates.	1864-1867
Bulk dates.	1865
Language.	English
Summary.	Correspondence, legal, and financial papers of lessees of Tyconia, Good Hope, and Hermitage Plantations in Concordia Parish, Louisiana.
Organization.	Series I, Correspondence, 1865-1867 Series II, Legal papers, 1864-1865 Series III, Financial papers, 1864-1866
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

George Gillson Klapp of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and James D. Waters (1832-1892) leased Tyconia Plantation in Concordia Parish, Louisiana, from Albert Davis for the year 1864. Klapp and Waters (referred to as government lessees) jointly leased Good Hope and Hermitage plantations from Levin R. Marshall (a "loyal" plantation owner) during 1865 and 1866. These contiguous plantations were situated on the west bank of Lake Concordia, three miles northwest of the town of Vidalia in Concordia Parish.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of correspondence, legal, and financial papers of George Gillson Klapp and James D. Waters, co-lessees of Tyconia, Good Hope, and Hermitage Plantations in Concordia Parish, Louisiana. Labor reports filed with the Natchez District Freedman's bureau, payrolls, and labor contracts provide information about the operation of these cotton plantations at the end of the Civil War.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS**Series I. Correspondence, 1865-1867, undated (44 items)**

Correspondence includes letters between George Gillson Klapp and James D. Waters regarding plantation supplies and services. Some of the problems mentioned include the shortage of adult men for hire, the theft (among laborers) of cotton and other property, transportation of supplies and people across the Mississippi River, and the risk of high water episodes causing levee crevasses and flooding. The letters also discuss the lease of Tyconia, Good Hope, and Hermitage plantations, planting strategies, the removal of freedman from the plantation, and the rigors of filing reports to the Freedman's Bureau.

Two printed items – a newspaper clipping about Alexander H. Stephens' speech against succession and a small broadside advertisement for a boarding and day school in Natchez, Mississippi – also are included, as are three envelopes.

Series II. Legal papers, 1864-1865 (21 items)

Legal papers include mule loans, an arms permit, papers granting permission to transport, permission to own a skiff and a flat boat, and documents describing the punishment of freedmen for stealing cotton and other items. Contracts between plantation owner (Albert Davis) and lessees (Klapp and Waters) as well as between laborers and employer are included. Labor contracts list names, ages, rates of pay, and special skills of hired hands.

Reports compiled by Klapp and Waters are comprised of lists of freedmen (including women and children) living and working at Tyconia and Good Hope plantations, presumably submitted to the Freedmen's Bureau in Natchez. The reports include names, ages, and work performance comments.

Series III. Financial papers, 1864-1866 (35 items)

Financial papers consist of promissory notes and receipts for goods and services, post office box rental, and taxes. Also included are accounts of merchandise purchased by laborers.

Payroll documents list names of persons, rates of pay, numbers of days worked, amount of cotton picked, and wages paid. Deductions for rations received and "pig" or "hay" fines are also recorded on some of the payrolls.

Inventories of real and personal property of Good Hope Plantation reflect the livestock, tools, farm equipment, and household goods owned, loaned, or hired by Klapp and Waters during their tenure at Good Hope. Occasionally the value of items is reported.

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