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Markham (Thomas R.) Papers
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Summary

Size.	878 items and 10 volumes
Geographic locations.	Louisiana, particularly New Orleans; Vicksburg, Miss.; Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Inclusive dates.	1794-1932
Bulk dates.	1850-1890
Language.	English
Summary.	Papers of the Reverend Thomas R. Markham, chaplain in the Confederate States Army and pastor of the Lafayette Presbyterian Church in New Orleans, including correspondence, sermons, printed items, scrapbooks, and other materials.
Organization.	Chronological
Restrictions on access.	If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm.
Related collections.	None
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Also available on:	Microfilm 5735, Series B, Reel 12 Omissions: Volumes, sermons and printed matter

Biographical/Historical Note

Thomas Railey Markham was a Presbyterian minister in New Orleans who joined the Confederate Army and served as a chaplain in two regiments. Born in Fayette, Mississippi, in 1828 to William F. and Susan Railey Markham, he spent his childhood in Vicksburg. In 1850, Markham entered Princeton Theological Seminary, where he graduated as a Presbyterian minister. In 1856, Markham became the pastor of Lafayette Presbyterian Church in New Orleans and married Mary E. Searles in 1858. Between 1862 and 1864, he enlisted in the Confederate Army, serving as a chaplain until the end of the Civil War. After the war, Markham returned to Lafayette Presbyterian Church and continued his activities as minister until 1894. The Hodgson family were prominent and involved members of his congregation.

Scope and Content Note

The bulk of the collection deals with Markham's activities as a minister of the Presbyterian Church, both as a chaplain during the Civil War and as pastor of Lafayette Presbyterian Church in New Orleans. Materials include volumes containing sermons and lecture notes taken at Princeton Theological Seminary; two memorandum books (1859, 1865) containing the names of parishioners of the Fulton Street Presbyterian Church, New Orleans; and (43) memorandum books (1877-1892) giving a day-by-day account of Markham's social and church activities. Some personal papers are also present.

The Civil War material, consisting of correspondence, military orders, certificates of authorization and other papers, is chiefly concerned with Markham's activities as a chaplain attached to General W. S. Featherson's Brigade. The letters, written by various members of the Markham and related families, tell in detail of skirmishes and naval operations at Vicksburg, mentioning the arrival of the sloop-of-war *Arkansas*; army operations around Chattanooga and Knoxville, Tennessee (1862); a review of the army before President Jefferson Davis and Generals Bragg and Polk near Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and a description of the battle (1863); convalescent camps near Atlanta, Georgia (1864); and visits to the hospitals in Mississippi and Georgia (1864). Among these papers are lists and related statistics prepared by Markham giving the names of soldiers from Mississippi regiments and their respective church denominations; and a circular letter (1862) from Major J. L. Power, superintendent of Army Records, State of Mississippi stating the information required to prepare a military record of every officer and private from Mississippi serving in army commands of the Confederacy.

The manuscript and printed material for the 1870s and 1880s give information relative to the origin and development of the Presbyterian parochial schools in New Orleans, and contain a few items pertaining to the activities of the Lafayette Presbyterian Church.

The collection also contains papers of the Hodgson family, members of Markham's congregation, including a list of books in the Thomas R. Markham Memorial Library, Lafayette

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Presbyterian Church given by Mrs. E. E. Hodgson (1894); printed material giving a history of the Vicksburg Confederate Cemetery (1893); form letters and pamphlets of the Louisiana Sunshine Society (1910); and letters to Miss Daisy M. L. Hodgson, Recording Secretary General of the Confederate States Memorial Association (1932).

The bound manuscript volumes include scrapbooks containing clippings from New Orleans and Vicksburg newspapers of members of Markham's family and congregation, and other articles on many Confederate veteran and memorial organizations.

List of Series

Series I, Markham Personal Papers, 1847-1940

Series II, Sermons and Memoranda, 1850-1893

Series III, Printed items, 1794-1920

Series IV, Scrapbooks, 1861-1931

Series V, Hodgson Family Papers, 1859-1932

Series Descriptions

[The collection is arranged chronologically, but like items are described in groups below. See the Container List for description reflecting physical arrangement]

Series I, Markham Personal Papers, 1847-1940

Markham's personal papers include a fragment of a letter addressed to him at Oakland College, Claiborne County, Miss. (1847), a letter from Thomas R. Markham in Marshfield, Mass. to his father in Vicksburg discussing his visit to the grave and home of Daniel Webster (September 1, 1853), and a letter from a congregant expressing his pleasure in having Markham back in Vicksburg and looking forward to his sermons (December 24, 1855). The marriage license of Thomas R. Markham and Mary E. Searles is included (1858). Other papers include a deed of sale of a slave by William F. and Susan R. Markham to Thomas R. Markham and wife (1860), and a receipt for a subscription to *Southern Presbyterian Review* (1861).

Civil War papers include a certificate from Headquarters Protection Rifles, Company F, Confederate Battalion certifying Markham to be an active member (October 1861), a pass into Camp Lewis headquarters (September 1861), and a voting registration certificate from the city of New Orleans (October 21, 1861). A letter from Col. William T. Withers recommends Markham as chaplain (August 1862) and a warrant from the Provost Marshal's Office, Vicksburg, calls for punishment if Markham's property is molested (1863). Letters from Rev. Markham to his wife discuss friends, family, and events of the war. He tells of naval battles, the shelling of Vicksburg from Union ships, evacuation of homes, and the resulting destruction and death in the city (May-July 1862). A letter to Thomas from his brother Will sends condolences for the death of his son, tells what his own regiment has been doing, and asks for news from Vicksburg (July 1862), and letters to his mother tell of his regiment's march through the Cumberland Gap (October 22, 1862), the Battle of Murfreesboro (January 8, 1863 and undated), and various cases he has seen while working in the hospital (September 1864-February 1865). Also included are lists, such as members of the Protestant church in the 3rd Mississippi Regiment (August 22, 1864) and additions to church membership in Featherston's Brigade (August 1864). Undated loose diary entries discuss life in the camps and fellow soldiers. A certificate states that Rev. Markham has been commissioned to serve as a missionary in the Confederate States Army in General Featherston's Brigade (January 1, 1865) and property orders from the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands issued to Mrs. Susan R. Markham restore property in Warren County (October 12, 1865).

Post-Civil War papers discuss the Presbyterian Church in New Orleans and the state of parochial schools. For example, a number of letters from Markham to W.C. Raymond (July 1870) and J.W. Beardslee (June 1876) discuss these issues, as well as those of Sunday school and members of the congregation. A letter from W. S. Featherston in Holly Springs, thanks Markham for his condolences after the death of Featherston's wife and two children of yellow fever (March 2, 1879). Rev. Joseph B. Stratton of Natchez writes to Markham thanking him for work done in his church and he discusses issues regarding the Presbyterian Church (November 6, 1890), and a letter and biographical data discuss the Reverend A. R. Graves (January 30, 1891). Also

included is a report from a meeting of the Trustees of the Lafayette Presbyterian Church (undated).

A typewritten copy of the eulogy of Rev. Markham given by Dr. Palmer (March 1894) is included, as is a list of library holdings from Markham Memorial Library given to Lafayette Presbyterian Church (1894).

Series II, Sermons and Memoranda, 1850-1893

The bulk of the collection consists of Markham's sermons and notes concerning his church. These include lecture notes taken at Princeton Theological Seminary (1850-1855), numerous notebooks and loose paper containing sermons given at the Presbyterian Church at Vicksburg (1855-1856) and Lafayette Presbyterian Church at New Orleans (1857-1893). Visiting books for the Fulton Street Presbyterian Church of New Orleans are also included (1859, 1865) as are a large number of memorandum books containing notes for sermons and day-by-day accounts of Markham's social and church activities (1877-1892).

Series III, Printed items, 1794-1920

Newspaper clippings discuss Presbyterian Churches and parochial schools in New Orleans (ca.1870), the life of Jefferson Davis (undated), and various articles discussing church concerns (1830-1890). Two issues of *Southwestern Presbyterian* are included (November 16, 1876 and November 27, 1890).

Two unidentified and undated photographs are included (Studios of W.W. Washburn, New Orleans, and Simon, New Orleans), as well as seven photographs of a Confederate monument being erected in Vicksburg, Mississippi (1920). A number of visiting cards, sympathy cards, and invitations are also included (undated).

The collection contains 38 anniversary programs for the Presbyterian Parochial Schools (1868-1895), programs pertaining to church functions (1868-1910), and excerpts from prayer books. A number of bound printed items are also included (see container list).

Series IV, Scrapbooks, 1861-1931

Four scrapbooks, most likely compiled by members of the Hodgson and McWhan families, contain clippings from New Orleans and Vicksburg newspapers of obituary notices of Reverend Markham, members of his family and congregation, and other articles on Confederate veteran and memorial organizations (1861-1931).

Series V, Hodgson Family Papers, 1859-1932

A letter from Joshua Beardman in Switzerland to his sister Estelle Hodgson in New Orleans discusses life in Geneva and plans an upcoming trip to Louisiana (August 24, 1867), and a letter to Mrs. Hodgson from John C. Potts describes an injury and his time in a hospital (January 6, 1869). A number of letters also discuss a property dispute involving the Hodgson, Dozier, and Chopin Families (June 9, 1876 and August 5, 1879). An article calling congregants to mourn Mrs. E.E. Hodgson was written shortly after her death on May 4, 1894.

A letter to Miss Hodgson from Laura Edward Monteith discussing the Confederate Memorial Association (August 29, 1904) is included, as are a Convention Call for the Louisiana Sunshine Society of which Miss Daisy M.L. Hodgson is organizer (March 19, 1910), and letters to Daisy Hodgson from the Sons of Confederate Veterans (March 6, 1930 and February 25, 1932).

Cross References

Subject	Date	Description of relevant documents
American newspapers-- Connecticut--Norwich.	1794	Two sheets, unidentified papers
Confederate States of America. Army--Chaplains.	1862-1864	Correspondence, military orders, certificates of authorization and other miscellaneous papers chiefly concerned with Markham's activities as a chaplain attached to General W. S. Featherson's Brigade
Hodgson family.	1894-1932	List of books in the Thomas R. Markham Memorial Library, Lafayette Presbyterian Church given by Mrs. E. E. Hodgson; printed material giving a history of the Vicksburg Confederate Cemetery; letters and pamphlets of the Louisiana Sunshine Society; and letters to Miss Daisy M. L. Hodgson
Lafayette Presbyterian Church (New Orleans, La.)	1870-1894	Papers, sermons of Markham, pastor of the Lafayette Presbyterian Church in New Orleans, 1856-1894.
Presbyterian Church-- Education--Louisiana--New Orleans.	1856-1894	Newspaper clipping about New Orleans parochial schools; broadside about Presbyterian Parochial Schools; letter to Rev. Markham from J.W. Beardslee discussing Sunday school; anniversary programs for the Presbyterian Parochial Schools
Presbyterian Church-- Louisiana--New Orleans-- Clergy.	1856-1894 (except 1862-1864)	Papers, sermons of Markham, pastor of the Lafayette Presbyterian Church in New Orleans, 1856-1894.
Presbyterian Church-- Louisiana--New Orleans-- Sermons.	1856-1894	Sermons of Markham
Sunshine Society (New Orleans, La.)	1910	Form letters and pamphlets of the Louisiana Sunshine Society
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865-- Monuments--Societies, etc.	1893	Broadside concerning Confederate monument in Vicksburg, Miss.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Veterans-- Societies, etc.	1861-1912	Articles on many Confederate veteran and memorial organizations within scrapbooks

Container List

<u>Stack Location</u>	<u>Box: Folder</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Contents</u>
B:42	1:1	1847-1859	Envelope addressed to T.R. Markham (1847); letter from T.R. Markham to his father (1853); letter to Rev. Markham (1855); marriage sermon (1858); marriage license of Thomas R. Markham and Mary E. Searles (1858);
	1:2	1860-1863	Deed for sale of slave by William F. and Susan R. Markham to Thomas R. Markham and wife (1860); subscription to <i>Southern Presbyterian Review</i> (1861); certificate from Headquarters Protection Rifles, Company F, Confederate Battalion certifying Markham to be an active member (1861); copy from minutes of Protection Rifles regarding expenses incurred by Markham as a member (1861); pass into Camp Lewis headquarters (1861); Register's Office—city of New Orleans voting registration certificate (1861); letters from Rev. Markham to his wife (1862); letter from Col. William T. Withers recommending Markham as chaplain (1862); letters from Will Markham to his mother and brother (1862-1863); order of Col. William T. Withers to Chaplain Markham (1863); warrant from Provost Marshal's Office, Vicksburg, for arrest if Markham's property is molested (1863); Provost Marshal's Office pass by permission of General McPherson (1863)
	1:3	1864-1869	Slip signed by M. Emanuel, president of the Southern R. R. Co. (1864); special order signed by Brigadier General Featherston recommending that Markham report as soon as he's able to travel (1864); consolidated list of members of Protestant churches—3 rd Mississippi Regiment (1864); lists of church members in regiment (1864); property orders from Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands issued to Mrs. Susan R. Markham restoring property in Warren County (1865); letter from Thomas to his mother (1864-1865); letters from Thomas to his wife (1865); letter from Joshua Beardman to his sister Estelle Hodgson (1867)
	1:4	1870-1888	Newspaper clipping about New Orleans parochial schools; broadside about Presbyterian Parochial Schools (1870);
	1:5	1890-1898	Letters to W.C. Raymond from Markham (1870); letter to Rev. Markham from J.W. Beardslee discussing Sunday school (1876); letter from W. S. Featherston, Holly Springs, to Markham at the death of his wife and two children of yellow fever (1879); letter from W. S. Featherston, Attorneys at Law, recommending J. B. Johnson (1882); Letter from the Rev. Joseph B. Stratton, Natchez,

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			regarding the Presbyterian Church (1890); letter and data regarding the Reverend A. R. Graves (1891); letter and data from J. Chamberlin on the Presbyterian Church west of the Mississippi, and in particular Trinity Church in Concordia Parish; laundry receipt (1892); typewritten copy of eulogy given by Dr. Palmer at the funeral of Rev. Markham
	1:6	1901-1940	Convention call from the Louisiana Sunshine Society (1910); Letter to Miss Hodgson from Laura Edward Monteith (1904); letter to Daisy from Mary L. Wright (1927); letters to Daisy M.L. Hodgson from the Sons of Confederate Veterans (1930, 1932); postcard to Miss Hodgson from Austin, Texas (1931); program for Confederate Memorial Day Ceremonies (1940)
	1:7	undated	Resolutions on the death of Mrs. E.E. Hodgson; report from a meeting of the Trustees of the Lafayette Presbyterian Church in New Orleans; lists of library holdings; envelopes
B:42	2	1850-1856	Lecture notes taken at Princeton Theological Seminary. Notebooks containing sermons given at the Presbyterian Church at Vicksburg.
B:42	3	1857-1859	Notebooks containing sermons given at the Lafayette Presbyterian Church at New Orleans, 1 notebook containing list of volumes in library of Thomas R. Markham, New Orleans, 1857, 1 visiting book containing list of names and families in the congregation of the Fulton Street Presbyterian Church in New Orleans, 1859; 1 daily record or diary for 1859.
B:43	4	1860-1866	Notebooks containing sermons, 1 Visiting book for the Fulton Street Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, 1865
B:43	5	1867-1873	Notebooks containing sermons Sermons on loose sheets of paper
B:43	6	1874-1878	Sermons on loose-leaf paper and notebooks. 5 memorandum books
B:44	7	1879-1885	Sermons on loose-leaf paper and notebooks 9 memorandum books; 1 scrapbook (Volume 9)

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B:44	8	1886-1893	Sermons on loose leaf paper 22 memorandum books
B:44	9-11	Undated	440 items: Notes, sermons, parts of sermons, drafts for speeches and sermons.
B:45	12	Undated, 1920	Photographs (Folder 57)
B:45	12	Undated	41 items: Cards (Folder 58)
	12	1868-1910	98 items (Folder 59) 38 Anniversary programs for the Presbyterian Parochial Schools 1868-1895; various printed invitations, programs, broadsides, excerpts from prayer books
	12	1830-1890	Newspaper clippings (Folder 60)
	12	1904	<u>Bound Printed Material</u> (Folders 61-63) <i>Minutes of the Fourth Annual Convention of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association, Held in New Orleans, La., May 19- 22, 1903.</i> (New Orleans: Searcy & Pfaff, Ltd., Printers. 1904) 1 copy
		Undated	Specimen book of a passage from the Bible in 213 languages and dialects.
		1869	Improved book slate, 1869
		Undated	<i>Anniversary Greetings</i> . No. 1. (Philadelphia: McCalla & Stavely)
		1909	<i>Manual of the International Sunshine Society, Adopted at the Annual Convention, May 20, 1909.</i> (New York: International Sunshine Society. 1909) 1 copy
		1899	<i>Address at Unveiling of the Monument to Rev. Thomas R. Markham, D. D., Metairie Cemetery, New Orleans, May 20, 1899</i> by J. L. Power. 2 copies
		1886	<i>Glimpses of Bethlehem</i> . No. 4. (Philadelphia: McCalla & Stavely 1886) 1 copy

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B:45	12	1881	<i>A Historical and Commemorative Discourse, delivered in the Lafayette Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, La., Dec. 19, 1880, by the Pastor, Rev. Thomas Railey Markham, D. D.</i> (New Orleans: 1881 Hopkin's Printing Office), 4 copies
		1904	<i>The Black Cat</i> (Boston: The Short story Publishing Co., 1904) 1 copy
		Undated	<i>A Civic Movement to Meet A Civic Need of New Orleans, La.</i> (New Orleans: Tulane University Press) 1 copy
	12	1884	<i>Commemorative Exercises on the Fortieth Anniversary of the Installation of the Rev. Joseph B. Stratton, D. D., Pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Natchez, Miss.</i> (Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co. 1884) 2 copies
99:M	1	1876, 1890	<i>Southwestern Presbyterian</i> November 16, 1876 November 27, 1890
OS:M	1	1794, 1893	Broadsides
<u>Manuscript Volumes:</u>			
J:4	--	ca. 1853	Vol.1 Notebook, Church Government notes;
J:4	--	1853	Vol.2 Notebook, notes and sermons;
J:4	1	ca. 1863	Vol.3 Notebook, Sermons preached at various places
J:4	--	1864-1869	Vol.4 Notebook, notes and sermons;
J:4	--	1911	Vol.5 Notebook, notes and sermons;
B:46		1861-1931	Vol.6 Scrapbook
B:46		1865-1904	Vol.7 Scrapbook
B:44	7	1880	Vol.9 Scrapbook
B:46		1882-1912	Vol.10 Scrapbook
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