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**SUMMARY** 

**Size.** 9 items and 3 volumes

Geographic locations.

New Haven, Conn.; New Iberia, New Orleans, and St. Francisville, La.;

Raymond, Early Grove, and Dry Grove, Miss.

**Inclusive dates.** 1855-1913, undated

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**Summary.** Autobiography, diary, and manuscript writings of Emily Caroline Douglas

(b. 1840), native of New Haven, Conn., and later a resident of Louisiana and Mississippi, describing her New England childhood and relating experiences in the home of her brother, Rev. William Kirtland Douglas,

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#### **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Emily Caroline Douglas, born May 18, 1840 to Anne Carter (or Cotter) and John Douglas VII, was a native of New Haven, Connecticut, and later a resident of Louisiana and Mississippi. Her brother was the Reverend William Kirtland Douglas (1829-1898), an Episcopal clergyman and president of Jefferson College, near Natchez, during the Civil War. Rev. Douglas was also rector of the Church of the Epiphany in New Iberia, Louisiana, Grace Episcopal Church in St. Francisville, La., and Calvary Church in New Orleans. He married Sarah Louisa Tucker of Mississippi in 1857.

### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Autobiography, diary, and manuscript writings of Emily Caroline Douglas describing her New England childhood and youth and relating activities and experiences in the home of her brother, the Rev. William Kirtland Douglas.

The autobiography, written ca. 1904 and based partially on her diary (1855-1868), contains childhood and girlhood reminiscences of Connecticut family life, customs in the 1840s and 1850s, and describes daily happenings in New Iberia, La. (1858-1861); in Washington, Miss. (1861-1865); in Raymond, Early Grove, and Dry Grove, Miss. (ca. 1866-1881); and in New Orleans (1881-1886). She also describes the Attakapas country and its customs; describes Jefferson College and Coventry Plantation in Adams County; discusses the arrival of United States troops in Natchez and Adams County and relates its effect on family life and African Americans; contrasts her first impressions of the South with the South she has come to know; discusses the prevalence of malaria (1867) at Early Grove, a saw mill town in Mississippi on the Tennessee border; describes "Bishop Green's Training School and Associate Mission" (1867-1878), and the yellow fever epidemic (1878) at Dry Grove, in Hinds County, Miss.; and discusses Mardi Gras and the New Orleans exposition of 1884.

The diary (1855-1868) contains entries (1862-1863) made in Washington, Miss., and personal notes and poems (1855-1868), some of which have been copied in the autobiography. Douglas was twenty-two while living with the family of her brother, Rev. Douglas. The diary describes life in Washington, Miss., visits to neighbors and to Jefferson College, choir practice, and active participation in civilian aid to Confederate soldiers.

The manuscript items (undated) consist of poems written or translated by Emily Douglas and an incomplete typescript and extracts from the autobiography. Also included is a printed volume: *Genealogical Abstract of the Douglas Family*, compiled by Bernard Gruenstein for the children of W.K. Douglas (Bardstown, Kentucky, 1913).

#### COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

Papers consist of copies of poetry written or translated from German by Emily Caroline Douglas (undated), a typescript copy of part of "Autobiography" written by Douglas (undated), and typewritten extracts from "Autobiography" (undated).

The remainder of the collection consists of manuscript volumes as follows.

### Volume 1, Autobiography, ca. 1904

(Emily Caroline Douglas, called "Aunt Carrie", was born on May 18, 1840 in New Haven, Conn.)

### Chapter 1.

pp.2-51, Description of childhood activities in Connecticut, including:

- (a) Making of paper dolls, pp. 5-6.
- (b) Doing fancy work on perforated paper, crocheting, pp. 6-7.
- (c) "Trundling" hoops and sliding upon ice, "for girls did not skate in those days," pp. 7-8.
- (d) Stagecoach trips to Branford, Connecticut, and sailing, pp. 8-9.
- (e) Attendance at weekly singing class for children led by Mr. Phoebus, p. 10.
- (f) Participation in programs at the Centre or North Church, p. 11.
- (g) Visits to the Douglas family home at Northford, Conn., giving a description of the farm house, furniture, food, a "walk into" fireplace for baking pie or bread, grinding of apples into "cheese," church services during which ladies and children chewed dried fennel seed, and Sunday customs, pp. 12-26.
- (h) Mentions ownership of her own flower "border" garden, p. 27.
- (i) Attendance with Sister Nettie at boarding school of Madame Roberti where "young ladies from nearly every State, even Cuba was represented," pp. 27-31.
- (i) Enjoys attending Yale chapel on Sunday evening with Kirtland, pp. 31-32.
- (k) Relates play activities with Mary R., pp. 23-33.
- (1) Describes preparations for and observation of Thanksgiving, pp. 34, 41-43.
- (m) Describes attic, mentioning its contents—rope swing, cannon ball suspended near swing, "queer looking long black buckets" made of leather required by law for protection, dried herbs
- (n) Tells about father's membership in a volunteer fire company, pp. 35-37.
- (o) Compares school books of her day to those of father and mother in attic, pp. 39-40.
- (p) Describes New Haven and its customs, pp. 43-49.
- (q) Mentions seeing Presidents Polk, Pierce, and Buchanan ride through New Haven, p.50.
- (r) Describes her Christmas dress received in 1850, pp. 50-51.
- pp. 52-83, Description of life in Connecticut after death of father (Dec. 29, 1850) until departure for New Iberia, Iberia Parish, including
  - (a) Relates death and burial of father on New Year's Day [1851], pp. 52-54.
  - (b) Tells of father's occupation as clock maker, mentioning that father was building town clock for church steeple in Meriden, Connecticut, at time of death which was completed by Kirtland Douglas, pp. 55-56.
  - (c) Kirtland changes from study of law to ministry, and enters Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut [1853], pp. 56-57.

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- (d) Annette Douglas opens school in family home, p. 57.
- (e) Kirtland graduates from Trinity College [1854], and is ordained deacon by Bishop Brownell, [1853]. He assumes duties at Thomsonville, Connecticut, a little manufacturing town where carpet mills are located, pp. 57-58.
- (f) Kirtland becomes rector of St. John's, Warehouse Point, Connecticut, and is joined by mothers and sisters, pp. 58-59.
- (g) Describes departure from New Haven and arrival at rectory of St. John's, pp. 58-63.
- (h) Describes the community of Warehouse Point, the old church nearly a hundred years old, "a curiosity in itself," damage caused by the flood, tobacco sheds located in the fields, and the German settlement which, "formed a village in itself," pp. 63-69.
- (i) Kirtland is ordained priest by Bishop [Williams] at St. John's, [1854], pp. 69-70.
- (j) Describes old time "donation party", pp. 70-71.
- (k) Relates activities of brother, pp. 71-73.
- (l) Bishop Polk and other southern bishops need assistants in South. Kirtland's health poor, so he accepts invitations from the congregations at St. Joseph and Waterproof, Tensas Parish [1855], pp. 74-75.
- (m) Annette continues teaching class at rectory until spring, and Kirtland's mother and sisters return to New Haven, pp. 74-75.
- (n) Mrs. Douglas dies. Her daughters remain in family home, New Haven [ca. 1856], pp. 77-80.
- (o) Describes visits made to Middletown, Connecticut, the home of her father's two brothers, and the celebration of Thanksgiving; and mentions Uncle Benj. had been mayor of the city and Lieutenant Governor of the State, pp. 80-82.

### Chapter 3.

pp. 84-120

Describes trip from Connecticut via Havana to New Iberia, La., and living at the rectory in New Iberia [1858-1861, Jan. 1], and at the rectory in Washington, Miss., until outbreak of the Civil War, including

- (a) Description of sea voyage and travel from New Orleans to New Iberia, pp. 84-87. (p. 86 missing)
- (b) Description of Attakapas country, pp. 87-89.
- (c) Mentions celebration of Christmas by the [Church of the Epiphany], New Iberia.
- (d) Describes household, and relates story of "Mammy Judy" who was born in Africa and sold as slave in America, pp. 90-92, 102-104.
- (e) Describes New Iberia, the congregation, work of Kirtland, the holding of services at St. Martinville in the "town hall", trip to "Generret" (Jeanerette), Iberia Parish, and discusses her work with the "little choir" composed of Sunday School children, pp. 93-98.
- (f) Mentions visits to the homes of planters, including Orange Island, the home later purchased by Joseph Jefferson, the actor, pp.93-98.
- (g) Discusses church picnic sponsored by Methodists and Episcopals, pp. 100-101.
- (h) Mentions visits of Bishop Polk to collect funds for the "proposed University upon Sewanee Mountain," p. 101.
- (i) Describes trip from New Iberia to Opelousas, St. Landry Parish, including the countryside, the road, dress of men in blue goods called "cotonade" hand-woven on looms placed on gallery, cattle dead from lack of water, and discusses services held in the town hall at Opelousas, pp. 105-109.

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- (j) Contrasts ideas of the south gained through the reading of such books as "Uncle Tom's Cabin" with the real south, pp. 109-110.
- (k) Kirtland becomes president of Jefferson College, near Natchez [1861], and family travels by boat and train from New Iberia to Natchez via New Orleans, pp. 110-112.
- (l) Spends Christmas Eve at Coventry Plantation, Adams County, the home of the step-father of her sister-in-law. Comments on jollity among the servants. Describe landscape, servants, and life at "Coventry", pp. 112-115.
- (m) Kirtland commences services in the little "upper room" of Jefferson College since there is no church in Washington, and Emily takes over duties as organist and choir director, pp. 114-115.
- (n) Scarlet fever breaks out in family, pp.116-117.
- (o) Describes Jefferson College, its buildings, landscape, library, museum, and upper chamber. Curiosities were collected by Col. P.L. Wailes, state geologist, and put in glass cases, p. 117-120.

## Chapter 4.

pp.121-181

Description of Natchez and surrounding area during the Civil War, including:

- (a) Mention of trips made by Kirtland into country for supplies to relieve shortage of food; organization of sewing societies; with many a "Sewing bee" being at "Coventry"; report of skirmishes; practice periods at Jefferson College, pp.121-127.
- (b) Mention of "shelling" of Natchez, and relates Kirtland's account of the confusion in Natchez caused by three gunboats "lying under the hill," pp. 127-129.
- (c) Description of servants' dance under the "China trees" and comment of how little they appreciate the kindness of "Northern sympathizers" in their behalf, pp.133.
- (d) Mention of Attakapas being deserted by gentlemen, since most have gone to war, pp. 136.
- (e) Description of daily happenings, including a trip to "Coventry", visits from friends (Dr. Wailes, Vic, and Captain Cummings), walk to Mrs. Bryan's or the "Academy," Sunday School and church attendance, Oct. [1862], pp. 137-142.
- (f) Mention of death of Lieutenant Oscar Kibbe, and failure of Kirtland to bring body back from Chattanooga, pp. 145-146.
- (g) Tells of cutting up carpets to make blankets for soldiers, Dec. 8, [1862], pp. 150.
- (h) Relates celebration of Taylor's birthday, Dec. 20, [1862], pp. 151-152.
- (i) Description of Christmas, [1862]; and New Year's day, 1863, with surprise visit by Mr. and Mrs. Ellis, refugees from Bayou Lafourche, pp. 152-154.
- (j) Mention of visit from Bishop Green, Apr. 1 [1863], pp. 158-159.
- (k) Relates alarm caused by report that Federals were at Fayette, near Washington, and describes "baking day" in preparation for arrival of Confederates, pp. 159-163.
- (l) Relates preparations made to leave Washington following report that Federals were at Mr. Rowan's plantation in neighborhood, p. 163-164.
- (m) Wishes that Northern friends could see welcome given Kirtland upon his return by Mammy Judy, p. 164.
- (n) Fear of United States troops "wandering about through the Country", p. 165.
- (o) Mentions, Aug. 2, 1863, that the invader has arrived, that a strong Federal force has been placed at Natchez, that daily squads of U.S. soldiers pass the door with some coming to the door for food, pp. 165-167.

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- (p) Comments on loss of hundreds of servants who have gone to Yankees "to get free," and inability of Federals to take care of them in Natchez, pp. 167-169.
- (q) Comments on annoyance caused by "out laws" or "Jayhawkers," p. 173.
- (r) Spends remainder of war days at "Coventry", and mentions getting small quantities of provisions and supplies from Natchez, p. 174-175.
- (s) Mentions services discontinued in "upper room" because Federals had taken possession of Washington and the College, p. 175.
- (t) Description of Christmas, 1863, at "Coventry", pp. 176-181.

#### Chapter 5.

pp. 182-231

Following Civil War, Kirtland Douglas assumed ministerial duties of St. Mark's Church at Raymond, Mississippi, and later at Early Grove, Mississippi.

- (a) Discusses household difficulties through illness and loss of servants, pp. 182-183.
- (b) Discusses work of Kirtland at Raymond, Hinds County, as rector for 1 year of St. Mark's Church, including observation of Christmas, the re-opening of a young ladies' seminary and the starting of a mission at Dry Grove, ten miles away, pp. 193-198.
- (c) Mentions Sunday School Christmas tree at St. Mark's, pp. 197-198.
- (d) Describes trip to Early Grove, Mississippi, on the Tennessee border where Kirtland becomes rector, pp. 198-205.
- (e) Describes church building, rectory, church services and music, mentioning that the organ is moved between the home and church on the shoulders of 8 men, pp. 198-205.
- (f) Mentions opening of school at "Wilson Hall" by Sister Nettie, p. 209.
- (g) Describes sawmill located near marsh, and states that sawdust is always decaying and throwing out its odors causing much discussion among doctors; mentions custom of bringing quinine bottle to table and everyone taking a dose, p. 210.
- (h) Relates preparation for and celebration of Sunday School picnic, pp. 211-215.
- (i) Tells about Douglas family taking malaria medication (quinine), pp. 215-218.
- (j) Tells about Christmas tree becoming source of real happiness, with little things picked up or made during the year being put away in reserve, pp. 218-222.
- (k) Describes family life at Early Grove, and last days and burial of Mammy Judy, pp. 222-227.
- (l) Tells about leaving Early Grove and returning to Dry Grove [1867] where congregation establishes "Bishop Green's Training School and Associate Mission," pp. 230-231.

#### Chapter 6.

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Description of Dry Grove community, church activities, and visit to Connecticut in 1871.

- (a) Describes welcome by congregation of the "Church of the Holy Comforter," community of Dry Grove, and Easter services, pp. 232-235.
- (b) Discusses "Bishop Green's Training School," pp. 236-238.
- (c) Discusses trip to Connecticut with Kirtland, including convention ride in elevator at Louisville, Kentucky (p. 241), visit to Washington, D.C. (p. 243); visit to New York; New Haven, Branford, and Middletown, Connecticut (pp. 245-247); and attendance at church convention in Baltimore (pp. 248-251).
- (d) Describes preparations and celebrations for Christmas (pp. 253-261, 275), Easter (p. 275 and 290), Palm Sunday (p. 278-279), St. Valentine's Day (p. 285).

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- (e) [?]
- (f) Comments favorably on growth of school, chapel services, church music, and mentioning that in those days no "hymn boards" were in churches, pp. 261-264.
- (g) Discusses organization of Tau Sigma Society by young men for improvement in declamation and composition and popularity of "Public night" programs given at the public school house, pp. 265-269.
- (h) Expresses admiration for Sister Nettie who nursed, cooked, and taught school, pp. 269-271.
- (i) Mentions visit to "Burleigh," the home of Col. Dabney, pp. 272-273.
- (i) Discusses music scholars, vocal practice, hymn singing, pp. 273.5-274, 285-287.
- (k) Mentions visit of Bishop Green to Crystal Springs, Miss., where he was met by Kirtland and entire "Training School," p.280.
- (1) States that Taylor Douglas leaves for three years of study in Connecticut, p. 280.
- (m) Comments favorably on visit from Bishop [Green], p. 288.

### Chapter 7.

pp. 291-334

Discussion of activities, work, and yellow fever epidemic [1878] at Dry Grove, Miss., including:

- (a) Description of routine of daily life and special services, pp. 291-292.
- (b) Notes changes in Dry Grove community when politics runs high, and describes political barbecues, pp. 294-301.
- (c) Description of severity of yellow fever epidemic, [1878], mentioning that New Orleans people sent medical aid and supplies to Dry Grove, pp. 303-321.
- (d) Lack of public funds for schools causes Emily to open school in rectory, pp. 322-323, 326-331.
- (e) Taylor Douglas plans to enter theological school at Sewanee, p. 332.
- (f) Bishop Green's Training School closes, p. 333.
- (g) Kirtland accepts call to Calvary Church, New Orleans [1881].

#### Chapter 8.

pp. 335-377

Description of activities at Calvary Church, New Orleans, 1881-1886.

- (a) Describes Calvary Church, located in Garden District, New Orleans, corner of Prytania and Conery Streets, and its congregation, pp. 335-341.
- (b) Boy choir at Calvary Church was only one in New Orleans, p.339.
- (c) Compares rural community of Dry Grove to city living, pp. 342-353.
- (d) Describes marriage of Pennie Douglas to young clergyman from "Bishop Green's Training School," pp. 354-356.
- (e) Describes preparation and celebration of Sunday School Christmas, pp. 357-359.
- (f) Describes great "fair" or exposition in New Orleans, 1884, mentioning that organ built for Jesuit Church was set up at exposition and played by William Pilcher, son of the manufacturers, pp. 362-372.
- (g) Taylor Douglas ordained by Bishop Galleher at Calvary Church, and married same day, pp. 375-377.

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### Chapter 9.

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Discusses closing of Calvary Church, and transfer, [1886], of Kirtland Douglas to Grace Church, St. Francisville, including:

- (a) Description of visit to Pennie Douglas Upton at rectory, McComb, Miss., pp. 380-387.
- (b) Description of pleasures enjoyed in New Orleans West End, Spanish Fort, music concerts, Mardi Gras, Christmas, pp. 378-379, 389-393.
- (c) Accounts for closing of Calvary Church and transfer to Grace Church, St. Francisville, pp. 395-398.

# V

Volume 2, Diar	ry and notebook, 1855-1868
a. Diary entries	(1862-63) include:
1862	
Sept. 28	Attended service in "little upper room" [Jefferson College] where Kirtland preached to small congregation. Read Dr. Hallum's lecture on the Lord's Prayer.
Sept. 29	Kirtland left with Mrs. Giles for Woodville, Wilkinson County. Sifted flour, helped making crackers and ginger cookies. Practiced 2 hours at college. Received Miss Ayers and Miss Knight at home. Commenced a "soldier sock."
Sept. 30	Ashtons said good-bye on way to Jefferson. After practice at College, received Margaret Joy at home.
Oct. 1	Since gunboats left Natchez, quiet has been restored, and refugees are returning home. "Essex" was damaged on way to Natchez as it passed Port Hudson.
Oct. 3	Visited Mrs. Giles, and drank "sugar coffee" for first time. Translated Italian. Finished sock, and started its mate.
Oct. 4	Read of General Mansfield's death at Sharpsville. Mrs. Newman not at choir practice. Callers received at home were Mrs. Whitehurst, Mary Wright, Sue Rawlings. Servants danced under "China trees." Comments on how little servants appreciate kindness of Northern sympathizers.

- Oct. 5 Sue Covington takes place in choir.
- Oct. 6 6 years since mother's death.
- Oct. 7 Practiced at Mrs. Critchlow's home. Lunched with Miss Eliza. States that Mrs. Dixon relates anecdotes of war. Mrs. Devalcours writes that Attakapas deserted by gentlemen who have gone to War. Miss Turpen and Hattie come for tea.
- Completes 3 pairs of socks, and will knit gloves. Oct. 8
- Oct. 9 Commenced "Soldier sock." Went to College.

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Oct. 10	Practiced at Mrs. Critchlow's. Cold, rainy.			
Oct. 11	Cold, rainy. Bound Taylor's hat, finished sock, started another. Went to College for choir, but had it "all alone in my glory."			
Oct. 12	Only 6 children at Sunday School. Comments favorably on brother's sermon.			
Oct. 13	Mentions practice. She, Mrs. Taylor, and Mrs. Churchill had tea with Mrs. Giles. Margaret Joy and Susan Rollins called. Went to College. "Coventry" is pretty but lonely.			
Oct. 16	Calls received were Dr. Wailes, Vic, and Capt. Cummings. Walked to Mrs. Bryan's or the "Academy" as it is called. Margaret Ivy Calls. Emily visits Mrs. Critchlow.			
Oct. 19	Emily discusses evening spent in home of Col. Wailes.			
Oct. 20	Captain Cummings left for Elgin.			
Oct. 21-22	Mentions callers, and relates activities.			
Oct. 26	Small congregation because of cold weather. Mr. and Mrs. Kibbe return from plantation in Arkansas.			
Oct. 28	Writes Aunt Sallie in guarded manner because of war conditions.			
Oct. 29	States Mrs. Churchill went to Alabama. Mentions social calls made.			
Oct. 30-31	Relates activities.			
Nov. 1	Starched and ironed clothes successfully for not having "much practice in the art." Relates choir difficulties.			
Nov. 3	Kirtland buries German child in Natchez. Reads French with sister.			
Nov. 6	Kirtland returns from Natchez with telegram announcing death of Oscar Kibbe. Received callers.			
Nov. 7	Kirtland leaves for Chattanooga to bring home body of Oscar Kibbe. Received callers.			
Nov. 11	Passes evening with Mrs. Giles.			
Nov. 16	Kirtland still away. Emily and Nettie attend Methodist services led by Rev. Wadsworth. Shocked to hear of the death of Col. Wailes.			

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Nov. 17	Attends funeral of Col. Wailes conducted by Rev. Miller.			
Nov. 18	Sister Salie visits "Coventry." Emily and Nettie visit Mrs. Newman. Receives several visitors at rectory.			
Nov. 19	Sister Salie returns home with basket of "pindas" for Taylor.			
Nov. 22	Guests in evening include Mrs. Newman, Mrs. Shields, Mary Shields, Allie Kibbe, Capt. Cummings.			
Nov. 25	Kirtland returns but could not bring the body of Oscar Kibbe.			
Dec. 2	Kirtland tries to repair melodeon.			
Dec. 8	Made 5 soldier's blankets from carpet.			
Dec. 9	Describes St. Catherine's Creek. Visits Margaret Ivy, Mrs. Fuller, and Mrs. Whitehurts (?). Mrs. Giles gives Emily about \$30.00 collected from congregation as reward for musical services on Sunday.			
Dec. 25	Relates happenings of Christmas Day—attendance at church, dinner at "Coventry," and visit with Mrs. Ashton and her sons.			
Dec. 16	Mentions visits with Mrs. Drake, Miss Wadsworth, Miss Milsap.			
Dec. 19	Visited Miss Milsap with Nettie, and called at College.			
Dec. 20	Relates celebration of Taylor's birthday.			
1863 Jan. 1	Comments on the arrival of New Year's day. Mentions visitors, including Mr. and Mrs. Ellis, relatives of General Bragg's wife, who are refugees from Bayou Lafourche.			

# b. Notebook entries (1855-1868) include:

Poetry written or translated from Italian, French or German by "Carrie," 1855-1868; memoranda of letters received and sent, 1858; books read, 1861; letters sent, 1861.

# Volume 3

Printed volume: Genealogical Abstract of the Douglas Family, compiled by Bernard Gruenstein for the children of W.K. Douglas. Bardstown, Kentucky, 1913

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# **CROSS REFERENCES**

Subject	Date	Description of relevant documents
AcadiansLouisianaSocial life and customs.	ca. 1860	Describes men dressed in "cotonade", looms on gallery, hospitality, Autobiography, pp. 105-107.
Adams County (Miss.)History19th century.	1863	Comments on annoyance caused by jayhawkers there, Autobiography, p. 173.
Autobiographies.	Ca. 1904	See: Inventory.
Calvary Church (New Orleans, La.)	1881-1886	Describes congregation, church, and activities of clergyman and his family, Autobiography, pp. 335-379, 289-298.
Coventry Plantation (Miss.)	1861-1863	Describes landscape, servants, plantation life, holidays, visitors, and war times, Autobiography: pp. 112-115, 126, 153, 174-181. Diary: 1862, Oct. 13; Nov. 18-19; Dec. 25.
Diaries.	1855-1868	Entries pertaining to Jefferson College, civilian aid to Confederate soldiers; family life, and federal occupation, Adams County, Sept. 28, 1862-Jan. 1, 1863.
Douglas, W. Taylor.	1862-1881; 1861, 1881- 1886	Protestant Episcopal clergyman in Louisiana, Mississippi; describes his childhood, his entrance to Sewanee Theological School, his ordination and marriage in New Orleans.
Douglas, William Kirtland, 1829-1898.	1853-1898	Protestant Episcopal clergyman in Connecticut, Louisiana, Mississippi; discusses family life and church activities of Douglas. See: Inventory for Autobiography and Diary.
FreedmenMississippi.	ca. 1858, 1861	Relates faithfulness of African American servants, Autobiography, p. 102, 164. Describes dancing under trees in back yard, Adams County, 1861, Autobiography, p. 133. States inability of federals to care for migrant African Americans. (Natchez). Autobiography, p. 167-169.
FreemasonsMarylandBaltimore.	1871	Describes Knight Templars convention, Autobiography, pp. 240-245.

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Grace Episcopal Church (Saint Francisville, La.)	1886-1898	Appointment and service of William Kirtland Douglas as rector, Autobiography, pp. 395-398, <i>Genealogy</i> , pp. 12-13.
Hinds County (Miss.)Religious life and customs.	1866-1881	Discusses Bishop Green's Training School and Associate Mission, 1867-1878, Autobiography, pp. 230-231, 236-238, 280, 333. Describes congregation, local community, special services, music, rectory of the Church of the Holy Comforter, 1866-1881, Autobiography, pp. 232-292; discusses church activities and reopening of seminary for young women, ca.1866, Autobiography, p. 193-198.
HolidaysConnecticut.	Ca. 1848- 1886	Describes preparations for and observation of Christmas, Thanksgiving, New Year, Palm Sunday, Easter, Valentine. See: Inventory for Autobiography and Diary.
HolidaysMississippi.	Ca. 1848- 1886	Describes preparations for and observation of Christmas, Thanksgiving, New Year, Palm Sunday, Easter, Valentine. See: Inventory for Autobiography and Diary.
Iberia Parish (La.)	1858-1861	Relates activities of clergyman of Church of the Epiphany and his family, Autobiography, pp. 89-109.
Immaculate Conception Church (New Orleans, La.)	1884	Organ built for, set up at exposition, and played by William Pilcher, son of manufacturer, Autobiography, pp. 362-372.
Jefferson College (Washington, Miss.)	1861-1865	Describes buildings, landscape, library, museum, religious services; federal occupation. Autobiography, p. 114-120, 175. Diary, 1862, Sept. 28-29; Oct. 9, 11-13, 26; Nov. 1; Dec. 2, 9. <i>Genealogical Abstract</i> p.12.
Jefferson, Joseph, 1829-1905.	ca. 1859	Mentions visit of Jefferson (actor, artist) to plantation at Orange Island. Later bought by, Autobiography, pp. 99-100.
MalariaMississippi.	1866-1867	Location of sawmill near marsh causes medical discussion; everyone takes dose of quinine at table, Autobiography, pp. 210, 215-218.

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MississippiHistoryCivil War, 1861-1865Personal narratives.	1861-1865	Discusses arrival and occupation of United States Army; describes civilian aid to Confederate States Army; relates social and religious activities. Diary entries, Sept. 28, 1862-Jan. 1, 1863. Autobiography, pp. 112-181.
Natchez (Miss.)HistoryCivil War, 1861-1865.	1862-1863	Confusion caused by shelling of Natchez and three gunboats "lying under the hill," Autobiography, pp. 127-129; Diary, 1862, Oct. 1. Arrival of federals, and inability of U.S. Army to care for migrant African Americans, Autobiography, pp. 163-169.
New Orleans (La.)Social life and customs.	ca. 1884	Discusses Mardi Gras, concerts, Spanish Fort, West End, exposition, Autobiography, pp. 378-379, 389-393.
Polk, Leonidas, 1806-1864.	1858, 1860	Assistants needed in South, Autobiography, p. 74. Collects funds in Iberia Parish for "proposed University upon Sewanee Mountain," Autobiography, p. 101.
RoadsLouisiana.	ca. 1860	Comments unfavorably on roads between Opelousas and New Iberia, Autobiography, pp. 105-106.
Slave trade.	Prior to 1850	Relates capture of sale of slave, Autobiography, pp. 90-92, 102-104.
St. Landry Parish (La.)	ca. 1860	Discusses Episcopal services in town hall, Autobiography, p. 108.
St. Martin Parish (La.)	1859	Episcopal services held in "town hall," Autobiography, p. 94.
Teche, Bayou (La.)	1858-1860	Describes country, family life, and customs in Teche country, Autobiography, pp. 87-92, 105-110.
Tensas Parish (La.)	1855-1858	Kirtland Douglas assumes religious duties in Tensas Parish, Autobiography, pp. 74-75. <i>Genealogical Abstract</i> p.11.
Voyages and travels.	1858	Description of sea voyage from Connecticut to Iberia Parish via Havana, pp. 84-87.

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<b>Subject</b> Wailes, B. L.	<b>Date</b> 1861	Description of relevant documents Colonel, geologist of Adams County; collection of curiosities at Jefferson College, Autobiography, pp. 119-120. Social visits with B. L. Wailes, Diary, 1861, Oct. 16 and 19. Death and burial of B.L. Wailes, 1861, Nov. 16 and 17.
World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition (1884- 1885: New Orleans, La.)	1884	Description of great "fair", Autobiography, pp. 362-372.
Yellow feverMississippi.	1878	Describes severity of the epidemic in Hinds County, and assistance given community, Autobiography, p. 303-321.

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