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SUMMARY

Size.	23 items
Geographic locations.	Catahoula Parish, Louisiana; Iberville Parish, La.; New Orleans, La.; Baton Rouge, La.; Wilkinson County, Mississippi; California
Inclusive dates.	1850-1869, undated
Language.	English
Summary.	Letters from members of the Liddell family pertaining to the California Gold Rush, migration of Southern planters to South America after the Civil War, and financial aid offered by Southern colleges to prospective students during Reconstruction.
Restrictions on access.	No restrictions on access.
Related collections.	Moses and St. John Richardson Liddell Family Papers, Mss. 531 John H. Randolph Family Letters, Mss. 4673 John H. Randolph Papers, Mss. 355, 356 St. John Richardson Liddell Record of the Civil War, Mss. 2101
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Stack locations.	C:61

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Moses Liddell (1785-1856) was a prominent planter of Elmsley Plantation, Woodville, Mississippi. In the mid 1840s he sold Elmsley and relocated nearer to his son, St. John Richardson Liddell of Llanada Plantation, Catahoula Parish, La. His daughter, Emily Jane Liddell (died 1904), married John Hampden Randolph, a lawyer and cotton planter in Wilkinson County, Miss., and Iberville Parish, La.

St. John Liddell (1815-1870) served as a brigadier general in the Confederate Army and resumed planting at Llanada after the war. He was fatally shot by Charles Jones on February 14, 1870 after a longstanding feud.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Letters from members of the Liddell family pertain to the California Gold Rush, the migration of Southern planters to South America after the Civil War, and financial aid offered by Southern colleges to prospective students during Reconstruction.

INDEX TERMS

Materials relating to these people, places, and things can be found throughout the entire collections.

American Confederate voluntary exiles--Brazil.

Boyd, David French, 1834-1899.

California--Gold discoveries.

Letters (correspondence)

Liddell, J. Andrew.

Liddell, Moses, 1785-

Liddell, St. John Richardson.

Little family.

Louisiana State Seminary of Learning and Military Academy.

Plantation owners--Louisiana.

Plantations--Louisiana.

Student aid--Southern States.

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folders</u>	<u>Contents</u>
C:61		1	2	Letter from J. Andrew Liddell in California to his cousin St. John telling of his mining for gold and mentioning many acquaintances from the Felicianas in California (April 21, 1850); letter from J. M. Wells, Jefferson College, Miss., to St. John discussing circulars for distribution (September 25, 1850); letters from Moses Liddell, Bayou Teche, to his son, St. John concerning plantation and family matters (September 28, October 5, 1851); letter from John H. Randolph, Bayou Goula, to Judge M. Liddell, Jeanerette, concerning purchase of J. N. Richardson's plantation (December 9, 1851); statement of account with Henry W. Moncuse, New Orleans (December 11, 1851).
			3	Letters to St. John Liddell and his family from friends offering help and sympathy concerning a feud resulting in the deaths of Samuel Glenn and Wiggins by Liddell (March 19, July 30, August 13, 1852); letter from M. A. Metcalfe, Natchez, relaying family news (June 21, 1853); letter to St. John Liddell from Walter Gillespie commenting on Madame Soulé, wife of Pierre Soulé—"nice, clever, well informed person," and the possibility of hiring a Scotch gardener (April 6, 1853); letter to St. John from teacher, R. Virginius Pye, applying for a position (June 6, 1854); letter to St. John from George C. McWhortey, Baton Rouge, regarding charges for state business (September 5, 1854); letter from George Wailes in which he mentions a political meeting and invites the Major to "hear something about the American Eagle," in reference to the Know-Nothing Party (October 9, 1855).
			4	Confederate civilian letter from M. Gillis, New Orleans, addressed to Liddell, Hardee's Command, Bowling Green, Ky., reflecting citizen's reaction to war situation, "feel safe here from attack by sea, 28,000 men in a parade;" discussion about military situation in Kentucky (November 28, 1861).
			5	Copy of General Order from Headquarters La. Militia (February 1, 1866); letter from Moses I. Liddell, Llanada, to Andrew mentions the idea of going to South America, "General and the rest of us have begun to turn our eyes toward Brazil-the Land of Promise-" (May 28, 1867); warrant in bankruptcy issued out of the District Court of the U. S. for the District of La. against the estate of St. John R. Liddell (1868); draft of letter to Major D. F. Boyd from St. John concerning his financial situation and his inability to send his sons to Louisiana State University, tells of schools where his sons are being received without payment of tuition together with printed card for the Louisiana State Seminary of Learning (1869).