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**FARAR (BENJAMIN) PAPERS**

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**SUMMARY**

<b>Size.</b>	58 items
<b>Geographic locations.</b>	Laurel Hill, Natchez, Mississippi; New Orleans, Louisiana
<b>Inclusive dates.</b>	1773-1826, undated
<b>Bulk dates.</b>	1773-1790, 1809-1826
<b>Language.</b>	English; some land grants are in Spanish
<b>Summary.</b>	Copies of letters (1809-1825) from Captain Benjamin Farar of Laurel Hill near Natchez and from members of related families, pertaining principally to family life and few references to social life in New Orleans. Collection includes 3 English and Spanish land grants (1773-1790).
<b>Location of originals.</b>	Originals located at Tulane University Library, New Orleans.
<b>Organization.</b>	Arranged chronologically.
<b>Restrictions on access.</b>	If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm.
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<b>Copyright.</b>	Copyright of the original materials is retained by descendants of the creators in accordance with U.S. copyright law.
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### **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Benjamin Farar was a planter of Laurel Hill Plantation near Natchez, in Adams County, Mississippi. He was married to Mary Ellis Farar and had daughters, Mary Farar and Anna Eliza Farar Mercer. Jane Ellis Rapalje was a sister-in-law. Associates include Thomas Butler, John Dick, Abner L. Duncan, and William Kenner.

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Personal and business correspondence (1820-1826) concerns family matters and life at Laurel Hill Plantation, with some references to social life in New Orleans. Correspondents include Mary Farar, Anna Farar Mercer, and other family members, friends, and associates including Thomas Butler, John Dick, Abner L. Duncan, and William Kenner. The earliest items in the collection include an English and a Spanish land grant and a land survey of holdings near Ouachita, Concordia Parish, Louisiana. All items are on microfilm except two photocopies of letters from Benjamin Farar concerning his illegitimate daughter (undated).

Also see: Pierce, Butler, *The Unhurried Years: Memories of the Old Natchez Region*. (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1948).

**COLLECTION DESCRIPTION**

**Land Surveys (1773, 1787, 1790); 3 items**

- May 12, 1773      Letters patent to Thomas Hutchins for 1000 acres on Second Creed, Adams County, Mississippi, and survey by Elias Durnford, surveyor general. [Document recorded in the Register's Office, West of Pearl River, Washington, Mississippi, March 30, 1804.]
- 1787              Survey by Carlos Trudeau of land of Francisco de Castro, at the Post of Ouachita, Concordia Parish
- 1790              Spanish grant to Benjamin Farar including survey of land in Pointe Coupee Parish by Carlos Trudeau and certification by Governor Estavan Miro.

**Correspondence of Benjamin Farar, (1809-1826); 53 items**

- May 20, 1809      Abner L. Duncan, New Orleans, to Captain Benjamin Farar near Natchez, Mississippi Territory.
- March 11, 1812      Benjamin Farar, New Orleans, to Mrs. Mary Farar, Laurel Hill, Natchez.
- October 15, 1814      Mary Farar, Laurel Hill, Natchez, to Mr. Benjamin Farar, New Orleans.
- October 18, 1814      Anna Farar, Laurel Hill, Natchez, to Mr. Benjamin Farar, New Orleans.
- October 19, 1814      Mrs. Mary Farar, Laurel Hill, Natchez, to Mr. Benjamin Farar, New Orleans.
- October 26, 1817      Mary Cocke, Springfield, Kentucky, to Miss Mary Farar, Lexington, Kentucky.
- January 10, 1818      R. Rigsby, Lexington, Kentucky, to Captain Benjamin Farar, near Natchez.
- March 7, 1818      Benjamin Farar, Chapetulas [postmarked New Orleans] to Mrs. Mary Farar, Laurel Hill, Natchez
- April 27, 1818      Mary Farar, New Orleans, to Mrs. Mary Farar, Laurel Hill, Natchez.
- May 1, 1818      Frances Kenner, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to William Kenner, Esq., New Orleans.
- May 3, 1818      Mary Farar, New Orleans, to Mrs. Mary Farar, Natchez

May 7, 1818 Mary Farar, New Orleans, to Benjamin Farar Esq., Laurel Hill, Mississippi.

May 12, 1818 Mary Farar, New Orleans, to Mrs. Mary Farar, Natchez.

March 4, 1819 Anna Eliza Farar, New Orleans, to Mr. Benjamin Farar, Laurel Hill near Natchez, Mississippi Territory.

March 30, 1819 Mrs. Mary Farar, New Orleans, to Mr. Benjamin Farar Esq., Natchez.

April 6, 1819 Mrs. Mary Farar, New Orleans, to Mr. Benjamin Farar, Laurel Hill, Natchez.

September 24, 1819 Henry Nelson, Washington, Mississippi, to Benjamin Farar Esq., care of William Kenner & Company, New Orleans.

October 24, 1819 Mary R. Nelson, Baltimore, Maryland, to Mrs. Mary Farar, care of Benjamin Farar Esquire, Natchez, Mississippi Territory.

January 18, 1820 J. Saac Mayfield to Benjamin Farar.

February 14, 1820 Benjamin Farar, Laurel Hill, Natchez, to Mrs. Mary Farar, care of William Kenner & Company, New Orleans.

February 15, 1820 Mrs. Mary Farar, New Orleans, to Mr. Benjamin Farar, Laurel Hill near Natchez, Mississippi Territory.

February 17, 1820 William Kenner, New Orleans, to Mrs. Mary Farar, New Orleans.

February 18, 1820 Joseph Saul, New Orleans, to Mrs. Mary Farar, New Orleans.

March 3, 1820 M. Carroll, Natchez, to Mrs. Jane Rapalje, New Orleans.

March 7, 1820 Benjamin Farar, Natchez, to Mrs. Jane Rapalje, New Orleans.

March 8, 1820 Mary Farar, New Orleans, to Mr. Benjamin Farar, Laurel Hill near Natchez, Mississippi Territory.

March 8, 1820 Benjamin Farar, Laurel Hill, Natchez, to Mrs. Mary Farar, New Orleans.

March 13, 1820 M. Carroll, Natchez, to Mrs. Mary Farar, Laurel Hill, Natchez

March 14, 1820 Mary Farar, New Orleans, to Benjamin Farar Esq., Laurel Hill, Natchez.

March 20, 1820 Benjamin Farar, Laurel Hill, Natchez, to Mrs. Mary Farar, New Orleans.

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April 4, 1820 Benjamin Farar, Laurel Hill, Natchez, to Mrs. Mary Farar, New Orleans.

April 11, 1820 Benjamin Farar, Laurel Hill, Natchez, to Mrs. Mary Farar, New Orleans.

May 21, 1820 A.T. Jeter, Natchez, to Mrs. Jane Rapalje.

April 7, 1821 Thomas Butler, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Hon John Dick, New Orleans.

May 7, 1821 John Dick, New Orleans, to Benjamin Farar, Esquire, Laurel Hill, Natchez.

June 9, 1821 John Dick, New Orleans, to Miss Anna E. Farar, Laurel Hill, Natchez.

March 10, 1822 Rd. Cocke and Mary Cocke, Montgomery (near Clarksville, Tennessee), to Capt. Benjamin Farar, Laurel Hill, near Natchez.

May 4, 1822 Benjamin Farar, Laurel Hill, Natchez, to John Dick Esq., New Orleans.

September 28, 1822 Benjamin Farrow [Farar] Esq., to Clemt Lee Bready, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

January 21, 1823 John Dick, New Orleans, to Miss Anna Farar, Laurel Hill, Natchez.

March 5, 1823 Anna Mercer, New Orleans, to Benjamin Farar Esquire, Laurel Hill, near Natchez.

March 14, 1823 Anna Mercer, New Orleans, to Benjamin Farar Esquire, Laurel Hill, Natchez

April 1, 1823 Anna Farar Mercer, New Orleans, to Mr. Benjamin Farar, Laurel Hill near Natchez

October 30, 1823 John Dick, Oakland [postmarked New Orleans] to Benjamin Farar, Esquire, Laurel Hill, Natchez, Mississippi.

January 14, 1824 Thomas Butler, The Cottage, St. Francisville, Louisiana, to Capt. Benjamin Farar in his absence, Dr. W. W. Mercer, Laurel Hill, Natchez.

February 13, 1824 Ann Butler, The Cottage, St. Francisville, Louisiana, to Miss Eliza Young, care of William N. Mercer Esq., New Orleans.

April 10, 1824 Benjamin Farar, Laurel Hill, Natchez, to Mrs. Anna E. Mercer, New Orleans.

March, 1825 James A. Girault, Louisville, Kentucky, to Capt. Benjamin Farar, Laurel Hill near Natchez.

April 23, 1825	William Brune, Natchez, to Benjamin Farar Esquire, Laurel Hill, Natchez.
May 20, 1825	L. Pitcher, New Orleans, to Benjamin Farar Esq., Natchez, Mississippi.
July 1, 1825	Thomas Butler, near St. Francisville, Louisiana, to Benjamin Farar Esq. near Natchez.
September 16, 1825	Thomas Butler [postmarked St. Francisville] to Dr. William N. Mercer Laurel Hill near Natchez.
March 8, 1826	Statement signed by Stephan Duncan and Benjamin F. Young.
undated	Benjamin Farar, Laurel Hill, Natchez, to Mrs. Anna Farar Mercer.
undated	Benjamin Farar, Laurel Hill, Natchez, to Mrs. Anna Farar Mercer.

**INDEX TERMS**

Butler, Thomas, 1785-1847.

Dick, John.

Farar, Mary.

Kenner, William, 1774-1824.

Land grants.

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Mercer, Anna Farar, 1796-1839.

Natchez (Miss.)--History.

New Orleans (La.)--Social life and customs.

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**CONTAINER LIST**

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<u>Location</u>	<u>Folder/Reel</u>	<u>Contents (with dates)</u>
Mss.MF:F	Reel 1	Land surveys (1773, 1787, 1790) and correspondence (1809-1826)
Misc. F	Folder 1	Photocopies of 2 letters written by Benjamin Farar concerning his illegitimate daughter (undated)
MF 5322, Series H	Reels 24-25	Benjamin Farar Papers, 1773-1826, undated