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SUMMARY

Size.	63 items
Geographic locations.	New Orleans, La.; Baton Rouge, La.; Mobile, Ala.; Washington, D.C.; Richmond, Va.; Natchez, Miss., Paris, France
Inclusive dates.	1833-1901
Bulk dates.	1847-1887
Language.	English
Summary.	Personal papers of James Hagan concerning his business, slaves, and service in the Mexican War and the Civil War, as well as correspondence of his uncle, John Hagan.
Organization.	Series I, John Hagan correspondence, 1833-1848, Series II, James H. Hagan papers, 1847-1901.
Restrictions on access.	If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm. John Hagan correspondence (1833-1848) housed in the vault is restricted, copies are found in B:11, Box 1, Folder 1.
Related collections.	N/A
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

James Hagan, a native of Ireland, came to America as an infant with his parents. He grew up in Pennsylvania, where his father was a farmer. Hagan began working for his uncle, John Hagan, in a branch of his uncle's business in Mobile, Alabama. At the outset of the war with Mexico, Hagan joined the Texas Rangers and participated in the storming of Monterey. He received a commission as captain in the Third Dragoons and was mustered out of service at the end of the conflict. At that time, Hagan turned his attentions to planting in Alabama. In 1861 he was commissioned captain with a company from Mobile County and shortly after was commissioned major of a regiment. Following the battle at Shiloh, Hagan was made colonel of the newly created Third Alabama Cavalry. For the last two years of the Civil War, he was a brigade commander under General Wheeler. Hagan was promoted to the rank of brigadier general just before the close of the war.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The letters to John Hagan pertain to land transactions involving Gilbert Marquis de Lafayette, Zachary Taylor, and George Washington Lafayette. James H. Hagan's papers relate to his military career and his death. These items include Hagan's commission as captain, issued by President James K. Polk; a slave bill of sale; an invitation to the reunion of survivors of the Alabama Cavalry, Third Regiment; Confederate currency issued as payment for service in the Army of the Confederate States; and a request for James Hagan to be appointed for military service in the Spanish American War.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I, John Hagan correspondence, 1833-1848

Correspondence to John Hagan largely relates to land matters; for example, a letter from Josiah Coghill pertains to the purchase of land in New Orleans by John McDonogh (February 26, 1833) and a letter from the Marquis de Lafayette discusses a land deed involving Hagan (January 22, 1834). A letter from Zachary Taylor discusses his assignment to military duty at Fort Gibson and his intention to purchase a plantation near Natchez from Hagan (May 26, 1841), and another discusses a claim of Cypress Grove Plantation (March 29, 1848). Letters to Hagan from George Washington Lafayette discuss land sales and claims originally involving his father, the Marquis de Lafayette (October 1, 1841 and November 5, 1848). In these letters, he also discusses the death of his father and political events in France.

Series II, James H. Hagan papers, 1847-1901

Apart from a sale of slaves from B.M. Campbell to J. Hagan (1857), the majority of papers of James Hagan pertain to his military career. These include his appointment to captain in the Third Regiment of Dragoons (1847), a letter from the Provost Marshal General granting safe passage for Miss Hagan from Fort Pike in New Orleans to Pascagoula, Miss. (September 24, 1863), letters from the Provost Marshal General commandeering Hagan's house for the U.S. Army's use and ordering all occupants to vacate the premises (April 1865), and the presidential pardon of James Hagan (1866).

A letter from Camden, Alabama, invites James Hagan to a reunion of his old regiment (September 10, 1887), and letters to Hagan and Joseph F. Johnston (governor of Alabama) from Joseph Wheeler (Committee on Ways and Means, House of Representatives) discuss an appointment to service in the Spanish-American War for Hagan (April 25, 1898).

Also included in the collection is Confederate currency issued to Hagan as payment for service (1864), and newspaper clippings relating his death (1892, 1901, undated).

INDEX TERMS

Confederate States of America. Army. Alabama Cavalry Regiment, 3rd.

Cypress Grove Plantation (Miss.)

Hagan, James H., 1821-1901.

Hagan, John, fl. 1834-1848.

Lafayette, Georges Washington Louis Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1779-1849.

Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834.

Land titles--Registration and transfer--Louisiana.

McDonogh, John.

Money--Confederate States of America.

Slaveholders--Louisiana.

Spanish-American War, 1898.

United States. President (1845-1849 : Polk)

United States. President (1849-1850 : Taylor)

United States. President (1865-1869 : Johnson)

Wheeler, Joseph, 1836-1906.

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack</u>			
<u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Contents (with dates)</u>
B:11	1	1	Series I, John Hagan Correspondence, 1833-1848 1833-1848 Copies of letters (originals in vault)
		2-4	Series II, James H. Hagan papers, 1847-1901 1857-1898
		5	1892, 1901, undated Newspaper clippings
OS:H			Appointment of James Hagan to Captain in the Third Regiment of Dragoons (1847); presidential pardon of James Hagan (1866)
Vault 8, MRDF 8			1833-1848 Originals of letters, restricted access (Use copies found in B:11, Box 1: Folder 1)
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