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SUMMARY

Size.	20 items, 1 letter file book, 1 microfilm reel
Geographic locations.	Baton Rouge, New Orleans, West Florida
Inclusive dates.	1769-1901
Bulk dates.	1769-1835
Language.	English, French, Spanish
Summary.	Unbound and bound official and personal papers of Philip Hicky, militia officer and planter of Hope Estate, East Baton Rouge Parish, and the Hicky family.
Restrictions on access.	Originals housed in the vault are not to be accessed. Use microfilm instead.
Related collections.	Daniel Hicky Letter, Mss. 238 Daniel Hicky Letter, Mss. 3430 Henry H. Walsh and Family Papers, Mss. 1622 Joseph Watson Correspondence, Mss. 1872 Philip Hicky and Family Papers, Mss. 2007, 2035 Philip Hicky Letter, Mss. 2704 Philip Hicky Letter to Fulwar Skipwith, Mss. 4949 Thomas Gibbes Morgan Letters, Mss. 2090
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Philip Hicky (1778-1859) was born in the Manchac District (now East Baton Rouge Parish) of West Florida, Louisiana. He was the son of Daniel Hickey (1740-1808), a native of County Clare, Province of Munster, Ireland, and Martha Screvin (sometimes spelled Scriven) of Worcestershire, England. Philip operated several large plantations in East Baton Rouge Parish including Hope Estate Plantation. He married Ann (also called Nancy) Mather (1780-1851), daughter of mayor of New Orleans James Mather, in 1800. Philip and Ann had at least five children. As captain of cavalry in the Spanish militia, Philip was active in the West Florida rebellion (1810). During the War of 1812, he served as a colonel in the 11th Regiment, 2nd Division, Louisiana Militia. He also served in the Louisiana senate as one of its earliest members and as a trustee of the College of Baton Rouge. He built the first sugar mill in East Baton Rouge Parish in 1814. He died at Hope Estate in Baton Rouge. The Hicky family was related to the Walsh and Morgan families.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Unbound and bound (in a letter file book) personal and official papers of Philip Hicky and the Hicky family. Papers pertain chiefly to the West Florida controversy and the Battle of New Orleans but also pertain to family matters and family history of the Hicky family. Some items pertain to the Walsh and Morgan families.

Unbound papers (materials separate from the letter file book) include an address titled "To the Inhabitants of the district of New Feliciana" (July 1810); a list of property in East Baton Rouge Parish owned by Philip Hicky (1812); letters to Philip from James Mather, writing from Liverpool, England (December 17, 1810), and Thomas Posey, writing from Washington, D.C. (December 18, 1812); a letter from Philip to his grandson Morris B. (Barker) Morgan (in Providence, Rhode Island) discussing Morgan's engagement to Isabella Manton and the high cost of hauling sugar from Grosse Tête plantations to the river (June 5, 1855); a letter from Philip to Isabella Morgan (October 3, 1858); one photograph (of Philip at age 81) and one note from Philip to his great-grandson Morris H. (Hicky) Morgan (June 19, 1859); three lists of births, marriages, and deaths of members of the Hicky family (1864, 1874); one copy of the family coat of arms (undated); a Spanish transcription and English translation of a document originally written by Carlos (Charles) Delassus with a card (April 10, 1888) from W. R. T. to Dr. M. H. (Morris Hicky) Morgan (in Cambridge, Massachusetts) commenting on the translation; one copy of "Hope Estate" recipe for punch, dated 1795 but copied in 1901, with one letter from Lavinia Morgan Drum, writing from Echo Farm in Bethesda, Maryland, to Morris H. Morgan commenting on old marriage customs and describing "Hope Estate" (May 20, 1901); a broadside titled "Tribute of Respect to the late Mrs. Ann Hicky" (oversize, 1851); and a certificate with seal appointing Philip colonel of the 11th regiment of the Louisiana Militia by Governor William C. C. Claiborne (oversize, 1813).

Bound papers are housed in a letter file book, created and compiled in 1888 by Morris H. Morgan. Materials are attached to numbered pages.

Materials from the 1700s include a memorandum identifying Martha Screvin of Worcestershire, England and Daniel Hicky of County Clare, Province of Munster, Ireland (opposite page 1, 1769); two letters to Daniel from Thomas Westropp, writing from Limerick, Ireland, relating matters pertaining to family and friends (page 1, May 28, 1769); one letter from Montfort Browne, English governor of the Bahamas, directing Daniel to hire a "pettianger" and deliver game, pigs, horses, and canoes for Browne's use (page 2, June 6, 1775); a copy of instructions, in French, from Governor O'Reilly to the lieutenant of police regarding the sealing of wills (page 1 ½, February 12, 1770); a copy of a Spanish ordinance concerning wills (page 3, 1792); an extract copied from *Mercure Britannique* of an article by Mallet de Pass on the state of England with a notation from James Mather to Daniel (page 7, March 28, 1799); and a letter, in Spanish, from Manuel Gayoso de Lemos, Spanish Governor of Louisiana and West Florida, to Philip Hicky (page 5, August 28, 1797).

Materials from 1800 to 1804 include a letter from Philip to Nancy [Ann] Mather, daughter of James Mather (page 9, March 17, 1800); a letter to Philip from James Mather consenting to the marriage of his daughter (page 8, March 26, 1800); a letter, in French, from Ann, writing from

Des Allemands, St. Charles Parish, to Philip (page 14, May 14, 1804); letters and orders, in French, from Carlos de Grand-Pré, Spanish governor of West Florida in Baton Rouge, to Philip, captain of the militia at the time, including: two letters discussing a criminal case (page 9 ½, August 10 and 18, 1801), one letter giving instructions concerning a military census to be made (page 26, February 6, 1803), two letters discussing the settlement of Pousett's estate (page 27, February 12 and 19, 1803), one order for the seizure of arms (page 28, April 2, 1803), one order for the arrest of an escaped debtor (page 12, July 5, 1803); five items concerning the Kemper Rebellion, including two summons to report to the Governor's House (pages 30-31, May 15 and October 6, 1804) and three orders identified as follows: one for a list of men capable of bearing arms (page 31, July 21, 1804), one for the arrest of John Cooper (page 32, November 3, 1804), and one for oxcarts (page 32, 1804); one letter, in French, from Ann to Daniel (page 10, March 18, 1802); and one letter, in French, to M'hubert Proval from Vasscemond regarding a private matter (page 10 ½, June 7, 1801).

Materials from 1805 to 1807 include letters and orders, in French, from Grand-Pré to Philip, including a letter pertaining to slaves accused of concealing a runaway female slave (page 16, March 23, 1805) and a letter about a possible American invasion (page 34, September 20, 1805); an order, in French, from Philip commanding cavalry and infantry to assemble at a Baton Rouge fort (page 15, September 21, 1805); one letter to Philip from George de Passauy, writing from Montezuma Farms, promising information requested by Grand-Pré (page 14 ½, September 21, 1805); one letter, in French, from Antonio Cruzat to Philip summoning him to Governor's House with a notation, in English, stating the purpose was to borrow money from the Catholic Church (page 19, January 7, 1807); one copy of a letter to Grand-Pré from Philip and George Mather, Jr. concerning the will of Dr. Luis Faure (page 36, August 25, 1806); and one letter to Philip from a slave named Pancho seeking freedom promised by Faure (page 36 ½, 1806).

Materials from 1810 and 1814 include five items pertaining to the movement for self-government at Baton Rouge including one request to Philip, George Mather, Richard Deval, and Thomas Lilly from John H. Johnson, William Barrow, John Mills, and John Rhea, of New Feliciana, that proceedings of the District meeting be given to Carlos Delassus, Spanish Governor in Baton Rouge, and permission be granted by him for holding similar meetings in the future (page 41, July 3, 1810), one letter to Shepard Brown, commandant of Districts St. Helena, Chifoncta (Tchefuncte), and Tangipahoa, from Philip, Joseph Sharp, George Mather, William Herries, Richard Deval, John Davenport, Thomas Lilly, and Manuel Lopez urging Brown's selection of four delegates to attend a convention at the Plains on July 25 (page 42, July 6, 1810), one letter to Philip from R. Fowler opposing the selection of Sharp as a delegate and stating refusal to submit to French and Yankee factions (page 43, July 8, 1810), one letter to Philip from John Mills acknowledging receipt of letter and packet directed to delegates of New Feliciana (page 44, July 14, 1810), and one resolution from Philip, Manuel Lopez, Thomas Lilly, John Morgan, and Edmund Hawes, delegates from District of Baton Rouge, calling for the election of eight civil officers for the administration of safety and justice (page 21, 1810); one list of patriotic subscribers contributing to the expedition against Pensacola and Mobile (page 22, October 28, 1810); one statement of account of the State of West Florida with Philip (page 23, November 24, 1810); one memorandum of articles to be purchased in London by James Mather for Philip and Ann (page 11, 1810); orders (copies) issued by Philip, colonel of the 11th regiment, 2nd battalion, identified as follows: order to John Keisen for a flatboat (page 51, December 22,

1814), order for a meeting at fort of patrol to go to Galvez Town (page 56, December 24, 1814), and order concerning battalion command and arrest of John Ireland and permission to return home (page 59, December 29, 1814); one copy of appraisal of flatboat belonging to Frederick Arbour used to transport military stores and ordnance (page 52, December 22, 1814); two replies from David Fluker to Philip's marching orders concerning strength of regiment (page 53, December 22, 1814); one letter from John McArthur, writing from Taylor's Landing, notifying Philip of his arrival and deficiency of arms (page 56, December 26, 1814); one order from Philemon Thomas, major general, 2nd Division, to Philip for arrest of men failing to report (page 60, December 30, 1814).

Remaining materials (1815-1859, undated) include one order (copy) from Philip for officers to make a new census of military companies (page 63, June 8, 1815); a receipted bill to Philip from James Hopkins, tailor (page 21, March 2, 1816) and a receipted bill from A. B. Morgan for sugar, clothing, shoes, ink, and drayage (page 67, July 22, 1835); four letters to Philip from correspondents F. D. Conrad (at New Orleans) discussing purchase of Philip's land from Mrs. Rowell and reaction to Philip's letter to Vincent Nolte (page 64, May 18, 1825), A. C. Macomb, United States major general, promising to send additional forces to protect Baton Rouge arsenal (page 66, April 16, 1832), Robert Anderson, later general commanding Sumter, commenting on marriage of Adele Hicky (daughter of Philip) to Fowler, natural resources of Maine, and generosity of two of its citizens in contributing to asylum (page 68, April 1, 1835), and one business letter from Morris, lieutenant governor, regarding the purchase of sugar (page 69, July 15, 1835); four poems including an ode by Valerie Trudeau on his marriage to Eliza W. Walsh, addressed to Louise Walsh (page 72, August 23, 1851), one poem by Maimée (Morgan) Guyol (page 73, undated), and two poems titled "Sentiments" and "An Old Song" to the tune of "fill the Flask the Music bring" (page 71, undated); one political satire on the Book of Chronicles narrating a part of the events in the West Florida controversy, published in *The Story of the West Florida Rebellion* by Stanley Clisby Arthur (page 46, undated); and a first draft of a memorandum/note attached to photograph of Philip, given by him to Morris H. Morgan (page 73, June 19, 1859).

CROSS REFERENCES

Subject	Date	Description of relevant documents
Anderson, Robert.	1835	Later general commanding Sumter (1861); letter from Kennebec Arsenal, Maine comments on approaching marriage of Adele Hicky to Fowler, natural resources of Maine, and generosity of two of its citizens in contributing to insane asylum (page 68, April 1).
Baton Rouge--Arsenal.	1832	Additional forces promised to Philip Hicky by A. C. Macomb for protection of arsenal (page 66, April 16).
Baton Rouge--Residents.	1769-1835, 1851-1901	Bound and unbound personal and official correspondence and orders of the Hicky and related Morgan and Walsh families concerning the Kemper Rebellion, the West Florida controversy, Hope Estate Plantation, and family genealogy.
Broadsides.	1851	Broadside from Baton Rouge titled "Tribute of Respect to the Late Mrs. Ann Hicky" (oversize).
Brown, Shepard.	1810	Commandant of Districts of St. Helena, Chifoncta (Tchefuncte), and Tangipahoa; letter from Philip Hicky, Sharp, Mather, Herries, Deval, Davenport, Lilly, and Lopez urging Shepard to select four delegates from his district to attend convention on July 25 at the Plains (page 42, July 6).
Browne, Montfort.	1775	Later English governor of Bahamas; letter from Pensacola, West Florida directs Daniel Hicky to hire "pettianger" and deliver game, pigs, horses, and canoes for Browne's use (page 2, June 6).
Census--Military--Baton Rouge.	1803-1804, 1815	Grand-Pré gives Philip Hicky instructions for census (page 26, February 6, 1803) and issues order for list of men capable of bearing arms (page 31, July 21, 1804); Hicky's order (copy) to officers of battalion for new census of military companies (page 63, June 8, 1815).
Conrad, F. D.	1825	Letter from New Orleans discusses purchase of Philip Hicky's land from Mrs. Rowell and relates reaction caused by Philip's letter to Vincent Nolte (page 64, May 18).

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Conrad, Frederick.	1858	Philip Hicky comments on death of Frederick Conrad from St. Anthony's fire (erysipelas) in Amite Springs, Tangipahoa Parish in letter to Isabella Morgan (October 3).
Cooking recipes.	1901	Copy of recipe from "Hope Estate," Baton Rouge of punch recipe dated 1795 with explanatory remarks by Lavinia Morgan Drum.
Cruzat, Antonio.	1807	Summons from Baton Rouge, in French, ordering Philip Hicky to Governor's House with notation, in English, stating purpose was to borrow money from the Catholic Church (page 19, January 7).
Faure, Luis.	1806	Medical doctor; copy of letter to Grand-Pré from Philip Hicky and George Mather, Jr. concerning Faure's will (page 36, August 25); letter from Pancho, a slave, to Hicky appealing for freedom promised by Faure (page 36 ½, 1806).
Feliciana Parish-- Inhabitants.	1810	Address to the inhabitants of New Feliciana contains names of delegates appointed from District and residents (July); Johnson, Barrow, Mills, and Rhea send Delassus proceedings of District meeting (by Hicky, Mather, Deval, and Lilly) and urge permission be granted for future meetings (page 41, July 3); Mills acknowledges receipt of letter and packet directed to New Feliciana delegates (page 44, July 14).
Flatboats.	1814	Order from Baton Rouge issued by Philip Hicky to John Keisen for flatboat (page 51, December 22); appraisal of flatboat belonging to Frederick Arbour used in transporting military stores and ordnance (page 52, December 22).
Fowler, R.	1810	Letter from "Highlands," Baton Rouge opposing the selection of Joseph Sharp as delegate and states refusal to submit to French and Yankee factions (page 43, July 8).

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French.	1810	James Mather states dislike of teaching French language, manners, and principles to children (December 17); R. Fowler opposes selection of Joseph Sharp as Baton Rouge delegate because of Sharp's French sympathies, states refusal to submit to French factions (page 43, July 8).
Gayoso de Lemos, Manuel, 1747-1799.	1797	Spanish governor of West Florida and Louisiana; letter, in Spanish, to Philip Hicky (page 5, August 28).
Genealogy--Hicky family.	1769, 1851, 1864, 1874, undated	Three lists of births, marriages, and deaths (1864, 1874); copy of coat or arms (undated); memorandum identifying Martha Screvin and Daniel Hicky (opposite page 1, 1769); burial broadside of Mrs. Ann Mather Hicky (oversize, 1851).
Genealogy--Walsh family.	1851, 1864, 1874, undated	Genealogical information concerning Hicky and related Morgan and Walsh families (1864, 1874, undated); ode by Valerie Trudeau on his marriage to Eliza W. Walsh (page 72, August 23, 1851).
Grand-Pré, Charles Boucher de, 1754-1809.	1801-1806	Spanish governor of West Florida; correspondence and orders, in French, concerning legal matters, military census, seizure of arms (Kemper Rebellion), and possible United States invasion (various pages in letter file book).
Hope Estate Plantation--Baton Rouge.	1795-1859, 1901	Residence of Daniel and Philip Hicky (1795-1859); burial broadside of Mrs. Ann Mather Hicky (oversize, 1851), punch recipe (dated 1795, copied 1901), and former customs related by Lavinia Morgan Drum (May 20, 1901).
Immigrants--Daniel and Martha Hicky--Baton Rouge, Mobile, Pensacola, West Florida.	1769, 1775, 1799, 1802	Memorandum identifying Daniel Hicky and Martha Screvin (opposite page 1, 1769); friendly letter from Thomas Westropp relating matters concerning family and friends of Daniel Hicky in Ireland (page 1, May 28, 1769); business letter from Montfort Browne (page 2, June 6, 1775); family letter, in French, from Anny Hicky (page 10, March 18, 1802).

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[Ireland] Limerick.	1769	Letters from native Thomas Westropp comment on local happenings, family, and friends of Daniel Hicky (page 1, May 28).
Kemper Rebellion.	1804	Summons to report to Governor's House (pages 30-31, May 15 and October 6); orders for list of men capable of bearing arms (page 31, July 21); order for oxcarts (page 32, 1804); arrest of John Cooper (page 32, November 3).
Macomb, A. C.	1832	U.S. major general; letter promises additional forces to Philip Hicky for protection of Baton Rouge arsenal (page 66, April 16).
Marriage customs and rites.	1901	Former customs related by Lavinia Morgan Drum (May 20).
Mather, James.	1799-1800, 1810	Commission merchant, mayor of New Orleans, and father-in-law of Philip Hicky; sends Daniel Hicky extract of article by Mallet de Pass commenting on state of England (page 7, March 28, 1799); consents to marriage of daughter and Philip Hicky (page 8, March 26, 1800); memorandum of articles to be purchased by Mather in London for Philip and Ann Hicky (page 11, 1810); comments on steamboat travel from New York City to Albany, visit to Niagara Falls, voyage to Liverpool, Wellington's service in Napoleonic Wars, dislike of French language and customs, and education of women (December 17, 1810).
Medical diseases-- Erysipelas.	1858	See cross reference for Conrad, Frederick.
Morgan, Morris H. and family.	1888, 1901	Personal letters, official correspondence, and orders of Daniel and Philip Hicky collected by Morgan (letter file book assembled in 1888); genealogical information concerning the Hicky and related Morgan and Walsh families; recipe for punch from "Hope Estate" and letter from Lavinia Morgan Drum (1901).
New Orleans, Battle of, New Orleans, La., 1815.	1814-1815	Military orders issued by Philip Hicky and replies (pages 51-53, 56, 59, 63, 1814-1815); order from Philemon Thomas to Philip Hicky for arrest of men failing to report (page 60, December 30, 1814).

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Nolte, Vincent.	1825	Merchant; letter by F. D. Conrad from New Orleans discusses reaction caused by Philip Hicky's letter to Nolte (page 64, May 18).
Picture.	1859	Photograph of Philip Hicky at age 81 presented to youngest great-grandson, Morris H. Morgan, according to memorandum (June 19).
Posey, Thomas, 1750-1818.	1812	U.S. Senator for Louisiana; letter sent from Washington, D.C. to Philip Hicky discusses General Smythe's failure to cooperate in War of 1812, passage of congressional bills increasing navy and relieving militia, cabinet changes, and slave insurrection in Louisiana (December 18).
Public official.	1812	See cross reference for Posey, Thomas, 1750-1818.
Slave letter.	1806	Letter from Pancho, a slave, appealing to Philip Hicky for freedom promised by late master, Luis Faure (page 36 ½).
Slave health.	1858	Letter from "Hope Estate," Baton Rouge from Philip Hicky to Isabella Morgan (in Providence, Rhode Island) commenting on sickness and death of slaves from fevers and dysentery (October 3).
Slave insurrections.	1812	Thomas Posey comments on suppression of revolt (December 18).
Spanish Governors-- Louisiana.	1770, 1797, 1810, 1888	O'Reilly's instructions (copy), in French, regarding sealing of wills (page 1 ½, February 12, 1770); Gayoso's letter, in Spanish, to Philip Hicky (page 5, August 28, 1797); New Feliciana District meeting proceedings sent to Delassus with request for permission to hold future meetings (page 41, July 3, 1810); Spanish transcription and English translation of document from Delassus and card commenting on translation (1888).
Steamboats.	1810	James Mather comments on accommodations and travel time from New York City to Albany (December 17).

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Successions--West Florida.	1770, 1792	Copy, in French, of instructions from O'Reilly to lieutenant of police regarding the sealing of wills (page 1 ½, February 12, 1770); copy of Spanish ordinance concerning wills (page 3, 1792).
Thomas, Philemon.	1814	Major general, statesman; letter from Baton Rouge issues order to Philip Hicky for arrest of men failing to report (page 60, December 30).
Travel.	1810	James Mather discusses steamboat travel from New York to Albany, visit to Balston Springs and Niagara Falls, and voyage to Liverpool (December 17).
Walsh family--Baton Rouge.	1851, 1864, 1874, undated	See cross reference for Genealogy--Walsh family reference.
War of 1812--Canada.	1812	General Smythe's failure to cooperate in struggle for Canada discussed by Thomas Posey (December 18).
West Florida--Controversy.	1802-1807, 1810, undated	Letters and orders, in French, from Grand-Pré to Philip Hicky concerning unrest, Kemper Rebellion, and possible American invasion (pages 24-26, 28, 30-35, 38, 1802-1806); Hicky's order, in French, commanding cavalry and infantry to assemble at Baton Rouge fort (page 15, September 21, 1805); summons, in French, by Cruzat for Hicky to report to Governor's House with notation, in English, for purpose of borrowing Church money (page 19, January 7, 1807); address to inhabitants of New Feliciana listing delegates for district and residents (July 1810); five items pertaining to movement for self-government at Baton Rouge and account list of subscribers for expedition against Pensacola and Mobile (pages 21-23, 41-44, 1810); political satire on Book of Chronicles narrating events (page 46, undated).
Women--Education.	1810	James Mather states personal views on education of women (December 17).

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack</u> <u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folders</u>	<u>Contents with dates</u>
VAULT:8	1	1-2 vol. 1	Unbound papers, 1810-1812, 1855-1874, 1888, 1901, undated Bound papers (letter file book), 1769-1859, undated
OS:H	--	1	Certificate of appointment, 1813; Mrs. Ann Mather Hicky broadside, 1851
MSS.MF:H	--	reel 1	Unbound and bound (letter file book) papers, 1769-1901 (oversize materials not included)