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Lillian Kilbourne Papers
Mss. 4391
Inventory

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Summary

- Size.** 0.5 linear ft.; 1 volume
- Geographic locations.** Clinton, La.; Wilson, La.; Bayou Sara, La.; New Orleans, La.; Baltimore, Md.
- Inclusive dates.** 1880-1903
- Bulk dates.** 1880-1894
- Language.** English
- Summary.** Primarily personal letters Lillian Kilbourne received when she was teaching in Clinton at Silliman Female Collegiate Institute and Bayou Sara, Louisiana. Correspondents are relatives and friends from Clinton, Wilson, and Bayou Sara.
- Organization.** Arranged chronologically.
- Restrictions on access.** None.
- Related collections.** Eva Scott Family Papers, Mss. 2994
James Gilliam Kilbourne Family Collection, Mss. 690, 730
James Gilliam Kilbourne Family Papers, Mss. 1058
Holcombe-Kilbourne-Craddock Family Papers, Mss. 4478
James Gilliam Kilbourne Photographs, Mss. 023629
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- Stack location(s).** T:29
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Biographical/Historical Note

Lillian Kilbourne Smith, born August 15, 1868, was the daughter of James Gilliam (1828-1893) and Almena Leonora Perkins Kilbourne (1834-1904). Her brothers and sisters included Mary Octavia (1852-1881), James (1854-1924), Charles (1856-1937), Henry Gilliam (1858-1888), Lewis Perkins (1860-1912), Emma (b.1862), Susan Gilliam (1864-1913), Almena Fuqua (1870-1961), and Margaret Gayden (1873-1949). Lillian Kilbourne attended the Women's College of Baltimore (now Goucher College) and later Johns Hopkins, and taught at Silliman Female Collegiate Institute, Clinton, Louisiana. She married Eldridge Smith of Mississippi, and died in Clinton in 1949.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of personal correspondence of Lillian Kilbourne from the years 1880-1903. The letters from these years come primarily from family members, the most from her parents, her brother Lewis, and sisters Emma, Almena, and Susie, as well as from various cousins and niece Lucy Morehead. The earliest letters contain inquiries as to her studies and the family as well as relate news of other family members, while later letters were received while teaching at Silliman Institute in Clinton, Louisiana and include questions about her students and classes. All of the correspondence was written prior to her marriage to Eldridge Smith.

Aside from family members, Kilbourne's chief correspondent is Kate Scott, a resident of The Shades Plantation near Wilson, Louisiana. The two were close friends and their letters discuss the lives of mutual friends and local families as well as school, literature, and art. Also included are letters from Annie Lawrason, daughter of Judge Samuel McCutcheon Lawrason of Clover Hill Plantation. A letter from L. M. Ordway discusses the Tulane Home Study and Reading Society and invites Kilbourne to join, enclosing a printed list of the rules and courses (1886), and a letter from Mary Richardson, a former teacher at Silliman Institute, thanks Kilbourne for her letter and encourages her to visit (undated).

Also included in the collection are a small inventory book, containing lists of household items (1900), and a yearbook from the Women's College of Baltimore entitled *Donnybrook Fair: Class of '99* (Baltimore, 1898) which lists Lillian Kilbourne as a senior.

Index Terms

Bonnie Burn Plantation (La.)

East Feliciana Parish (La.)--Social life and customs.

Goucher College.

Kilbourne, Almena Leonora Perkins.

Kilbourne, James Gilliam, 1828-1893.

Kilburn Family.

Letters.

Scott, Kate.

Silliman Collegiate Institute (Clinton, La.)

The Shades Plantation.

West Feliciana Parish (La.)--Social life and customs.

Women--Louisiana--19th century.

Women teachers--Louisiana.

Container List

<u>Stack</u> <u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Contents (with dates)</u>
T:29	1	1-11	Papers, 1880-July 1892
	2	1-10	Papers, August 1892-1903, undated
		11	Inventory book, 1900, undated
	--	--	Items removed from yearbook, 1898
	--	--	Vol. 1: Yearbook, 1898
MICROFILM	--	--	Reels 33-34
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