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**SUMMARY**

<b>Size</b>	1 linear foot, 4 oversize folders
<b>Geographic locations</b>	Rapides Parish (La.), New Orleans (La.), Natchez (Miss.)
<b>Inclusive dates</b>	1786-1999, undated
<b>Bulk dates</b>	1865-1898, 1970-1999
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Summary</b>	The Texada family, originally from Castile, Spain, immigrated to Natchez, Mississippi; they later moved to Rapides Parish, Louisiana, where they were significant landholders and planters. This collection consists of correspondence and genealogical materials. The bulk of the correspondence is from the Civil War period and is written to Margaret Ker Davidson Texada. The letters are predominately from Charles V. Cosby, her cousin; Joseph Welsh Texada, her husband; and John Pintard Davidson, her father. The genealogical materials include research and notes, newspaper clippings, photographs, copies of vital records, and excerpts from publications all relating to the Texada family. Familial relations researched in the genealogical materials include the Ker, Davidson, Pintard, Landers, Hickman, Luckett, and Peyton families.
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**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

The Texada family, from Castile, Spain, immigrated to Natchez, Mississippi and later moved to Rapides Parish, Louisiana, where they were landholders and planters. Don Manuel Garcia de Texada (1756-1817) was the first of the Texadas to immigrate to America from Spain, and he settled in Natchez, Mississippi. In 1780, he married Mahalah Trevillion (1768-1860) of Tennessee, and the couple had two children, John Augustus (Augustin) (1789-1869) and Joseph Garcia.

In 1811, John Augustus moved to Rapides Parish, Louisiana, where he was a planter with land holdings of up to 3000 acres. In 1811, he married Lucy Welsh (1794-1845) and the couple had 12 children. Five of their children lived: Lewis Emanuel, a politician and Civil War Veteran, Martha (Mary), Thomas Jefferson, Joseph Welsh, and Theodore. John Augustus operated Castile Plantation, which was later operated by his son, Lewis Emanuel.

John Augustus and Lucy's son, Joseph Welsh Texada (1831-1902), was a graduate of Princeton. He and his siblings received land holdings from their father and he received China Grove plantation. In 1853, he married Margaret Ker Davidson (1835-1926) of Kentucky, the daughter of physician John Pintard Davidson (1812-1890) and Laurette Ker. They lived in Rapides Parish, Louisiana from 1864-1876. Joseph Welsh served as a captain in the 8<sup>th</sup> Louisiana Cavalry, served with the Crescent Regiment in the Battle of Shiloh, was a state representative, and served on the Louisiana Police Jury. Joseph Welsh and Margaret had two sons, Joseph William (Jody) and Davidson Ker. Joseph Welsh's and Margaret's son, Davidson Ker Texada (1874-1938), married Mary Vance Hickman (1878-1944) and had four children: Margaret Ker Texada, Blanchard Hickman, Anita Dolores, and Mary Vance.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection is divided into two series: Correspondence (1856-1919, undated) and Genealogical Materials (1830-1999, undated). The collection contains correspondence, genealogical research and notes, newspaper clippings, photographs, copies of vital records, and excerpts from publications. The bulk of the correspondence is from the Civil War period and is written to Margaret Ker Davidson Texada. The letters are predominately from Charles V. Cosby, her cousin; Joseph Welsh Texada, her husband; and John Pintard Davidson, her father. Margaret Ker Texada Landers, daughter of Davidson Ker Texada and Mary Vance Hickman and granddaughter of Joseph Welsh Texada and Margaret Ker Davidson Texada, compiled the majority of the genealogical materials, which include research on the following families: Davidson, Pintard, Hickman, Ker, Lockett, Peyton, and Texada.

The series are predominately described at the item level, although many items are located in a single folder. As a result, one folder will contain numerous items listed in the container list. The initial title of a folder generally describes the folder's contents, while the items listed after describe specific items in that folder.

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**SERIES DESCRIPTIONS****Series I. Correspondence, 1856-1919, undated**

The Correspondence series (1856-1919, undated) contains correspondence from the Texada family and their acquaintances. The bulk of the correspondence is written to Margaret Ker Davidson Texada during the Civil War period and is from Charles V. Cosby, her cousin; Joseph Welsh Texada, her husband; and John Pintard Davidson, her father.

Charles V. Cosby and Joseph Welsh Texada were Confederate soldiers. The correspondence from Charles V. Cosby is sometimes addressed to Margaret, while others are addressed to his mother and sister. Crosby was stationed throughout Louisiana and Texas during the time of his correspondence. Joseph Welsh Texada was a Captain of Company A, Rapides Minute Company under Henry M. Favrot in the 2nd Louisiana State Guards Battalion. This battalion was consolidated with the 1st Louisiana State Guard Cavalry Battalion.

Joseph's correspondence to his wife is of interest because it discussed his experiences in the war, but it also gave information regarding Margaret's experience. The correspondence included information regarding politics, his wartime woes, and family and plantation management. He wrote of various war leaders, such as General Richard Taylor and Colonel Henry M. Favrot, and revealed information regarding promotions and politics. He told of campaigns against Jayhawkers, Quantrill's Raiders, and of Confederate soldiers wives turned Yankee spies after their husband's passing. Joseph also mentioned illness in numerous correspondence, and seems to have spent much of his campaign in ill health.

Joseph gave direction to his wife on plantation matters and child rearing, but later allowed Margaret to make decisions in his absence. He told her he had confidence in her decision making and she handled many plantation matters. He offered her child rearing advice and he constantly feared for their son's safety. He inquired about the slaves and warned of his son going near the slave quarters. He asked Margaret to keep Jody safe, not to let him fall off steeds, get stepped on, or spend too much time in the sun. Margaret often supplied Joseph during his campaign, so he wrote home searching for materials such as toothbrushes and shirts.

The correspondence between Joseph and Margaret is not complete. Two of the letters are located at Tulane University, while others were not delivered to Margaret. As a result, Texada repeats information throughout the letters.

This series is arranged in alphabetical order by sender's last name. The last folder in the series is a transcription by Mary David Baker of the letters from Joseph Welsh Texada to Margaret Ker Davidson Texada.

**Series II. Genealogical Materials, 1830-1999, undated**

The Genealogy subseries (1830-1999, undated) contains family trees, correspondence with libraries and researchers, biographies from texts, notes on research, wills, newspaper clippings, photocopies of vital records, photographs, and obituaries. Mary Vance Texada Landers, the daughter of Mary Vance Hickman (1878-1944) and Davidson Ker Texada (1874-1938), collected the majority of the materials. She studied the family's past extending from Spain, Maryland, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Virginia. The records include research on the Davidson, Pintard, Hickman, Ker, Lockett, Peyton, and Texada families. The records include photographs and newspaper clippings that relate to all of the families. The bulk of the research pertains to the Texada family. There is also research pertaining to family plantations, including China Grove and Linden.

The records are alphabetically arranged into subseries by family name and type of record accordingly: Davidson and Pintard Family Research; Hickman Family Research, Ker Family Research, Lockett-Peyton Family Research, Mary Vance Texada Landers Research and Research Contracts, Newspaper Clippings, Photographs; and Texada Family Research.

Included in the subseries Davidson and Pintard Family Research is the medical diploma of James C. Workman. It is possible this diploma was in the possession of John Pintard Davidson and that Workman was associated with him through the medical practice and University of Pennsylvania schooling. James C. Workman is affiliated with the Wright-Boyd Family Papers, Mss. 3362.



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