



Taylor Family Papers, 1856-1981
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Description: 8 Linear Feet (13 boxes + flat files)

Biog./Historical Note: John Ricards Taylor was the son of John Joseph Taylor (1811-1881) of Northumberland County, Virginia, and Mary Elizabeth Vandiver (1812-1895). In 1839, John Joseph Taylor moved his family to Shelby County, Missouri. In the early 1880s, Rev. John R. Taylor left Missouri to move to Florida, while other Taylor family members remained. In 1865, Rev. Taylor married Andromache (Annie) Porter, a native of Kentucky whose family lived at a place called Strawberry Hill near Paris, Missouri. Rev. Taylor's daughter, Mary Jewell Taylor, married Charles M. Noble in 1895. Her son, Charles M. Noble, Jr. (1896-1986), married Kathryn Schubert, and their daughter Kathryn (Kit) Schubert Noble married Robert Carter Henry in Greenville, South Carolina in 1943. She later became the wife of Robert Scott Small (1915-2007), a prominent South Carolina textile manufacturer.

Scope and content: These family papers originate with Rev. John Ricards Taylor, a native of Virginia and a Methodist clergyman of Missouri and Florida. The collection chiefly consists of family correspondence, the bulk of which dates from about 1870 to 1945. Letters of the 1850s and 1860s include a letter (1858) to Rev. Taylor from his brother William in Burlington (Va.); and letters to Rev. Taylor from friends in Monticello (Missouri), some of which pertain to wartime events and conditions there. Wartime correspondence includes letters to Annie Taylor from Evan S. Anderson. Other letters of the 1860s are mostly to Annie Porter Taylor from family members and friends in Missouri and elsewhere. Correspondence of the 1870s and into the early 1880s mainly consists of letters to Rev. Taylor and his wife Annie from family and friends in Missouri, Arkansas, Fort Worth (Texas), and elsewhere. Later correspondence of the 1880s is mostly letters to Rev. Taylor and his wife in Florida. A letter of Sept. 24, 1884, from John R. Taylor to his mother-in-law is written from Apopka (Florida). Taylor family correspondence of the later 1880s and 1890s includes letters to Rev. Taylor and his wife and their daughters Mary Jewell and Mattie May, and their son Richard (Dick) P. Taylor. Correspondence of 1892 through early 1895 is mostly courtship letters and notes between Jewell Taylor and Charles M. Noble, a druggist in Bushnell (Fla.). They married in the summer of 1895, and Charles M. Noble died in 1898. A letter of Jan. 14, 1907, to Jewell Taylor Noble from St. Mary's College in Dallas (Texas) informs her that there is no vacancy in the physical education department. Taylor family correspondence continues until the late 1930s, and correspondents include Mattie May Taylor Bailey, Grace Giles Taylor, Robert

Bailey Taylor (brother of Rev. John R. Taylor), and W. Granville Taylor. There are also some Tancre and Schubert family letters in the early 20th century correspondence. Later 20th century correspondence is mainly that of Charles M. Noble, Jr. and his wife Kathryn Schubert Noble.

There are also papers (1856-1915) of Rev. John R. Taylor, including some relating to his tenure as chaplain of the Florida House of Representatives. Other Taylor family papers include school records, religious writings, and notebooks of Mary Jewell Taylor. Tancre family papers include an edited transcription of the diary (1889-1903) of William Henry Tancre, as well as genealogical information. There are also papers relating to the families of Bicknell, Schubert and others, including a journal (1870-1871) of Rev. Bicknell of Wisconsin, and family history information. Noble family papers include biographical information on Charles M. Noble, Jr., a civil engineer; bills and receipts (1944-1963); and military records of Charles M. Noble, Jr., including a naval diary (1918) and information on his service in the Naval Reserve.

A few items pertain to Kathryn (Kit) Noble Henry Small, the daughter of Charles M. Noble, Jr. and Kathryn Schubert Noble. These include Ashley Hall School records, and a card (1944) announcing the birth of a daughter, Sarah Kathryn Henry.

Oversize items (in flat file drawers) chiefly consist of genealogical charts compiled by Charles M. Noble, Jr., mostly dating from the 1960s up to 1981. Charts are for the Taylor and Noble families and their forebears and relations in England, Virginia, West Virginia, Missouri, Maryland, Louisiana, Alabama, and elsewhere. Related families include West, Grayson, McIntosh, Bonum, Vandiver, Newton, Vaux, Schubert, Perkins, Porter, Cavendish, Delaware (or Delawarr), and Stuart.

Note: Photographs have been removed to the SCHS Visual Material Collection. These include images of Charles M. Noble, Jr. in uniform; cartes de visite of some unidentified persons (made by German photographers); cartes de visite and cabinet photographs of individuals, some identified as member of the families of Bicknell, Kurrow, Noble and Porter; portraits of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Tancre; and color slides.

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Search terms:

Anderson, Evan Shelby, 1839-1903.
Bailey, Mattie May Taylor, 1866-1915.
Noble, Charles McIntosh, 1872-1898.
Noble, Charles McIntosh, 1896-1986.
Noble, Kathryn Schubert, 1896-1990.
Noble, Mary Jewell Taylor, 1873-1915.
Small, Kathryn Noble Henry.
Tancre, William Henry, 1889-1903.

Taylor, Andromache Porter, 1844-1891.
Taylor, John Ricards, 1838-1916.
Taylor, Richard Porter, 1871-1955.
Bicknell family.
Cavendish family.
Grayson family.
McIntosh family.
Newton family.
Noble family.
Perkins family.
Porter family.
Tancre family.
Taylor family.
Schubert family.
Stuart family.
Vaulx family.
West family.
Ashley Hall (Charleston, S.C.)
United States. Naval Reserve.
United States. Navy -- Officers.
Civil engineers.
Courtship -- Florida.
Families -- Florida.
Families -- Missouri.
Methodist Church -- Clergy.
Methodists -- Southern States.
Pharmacists -- Florida.
World War, 1914-1918 -- Naval operations.
Florida -- Genealogy.
Missouri -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865.

Container Listing:

BOX 1

- 1 Correspondence, 1858-1865. Correspondents include Rev. John R. Taylor, Annie (Porter) Taylor, and Taylor and Porter family members and friends. Correspondence includes a letter (1858) to John R. Taylor from his brother William in Burlington, Virginia. A letter (16 Oct. 1862) to J. R. Taylor from a friend in Monticello (Missouri) reports: "The Feds have been here ever since you left, and they have almost ruined the place." The same letter also states that a fellow Methodist (clergyman?) "has been banished from the state," and asks, "Shall crimes and tyrants cease but with the world?" A letter (18 Sept. [1863?]) to Annie Porter from Evan S. Anderson (Evan Shelby Anderson, 1839-1903?) reports that he is in Canada, "a place where I am free and not afraid to express my sentiments

and act as I please ... Here I meet gentlemen from all parts of the South who are avoiding the Feds.”

- 2 Correspondence, 1866-1869. Mostly letters to Annie Porter Taylor from family members and friends in Missouri and elsewhere, some of which are datelined “Strawberry Hill,” and a note added to a letter of 30 Oct. 1867 states this is “the Porter home in Missouri.” This letter is from Andromache (Annie) Porter Taylor to her husband Rev. John R. Taylor.
- 3 Correspondence, 1870-1879. Mostly letters to Annie and John R. Taylor from family and friends in Missouri, Arkansas, and elsewhere.
- 4 Correspondence, 1876-1879. Mostly letters to Annie and John R. Taylor from family and friends in Missouri, Fort Worth (Texas), and elsewhere.
- 5 Correspondence, 1880-1884. Mostly letters to Annie and John R. Taylor from family and friends in Missouri and elsewhere. A letter (24 Sept. 1884) from J. R. Taylor to his mother-in-law, is from Apopka (Florida).
- 6 Correspondence, 1885. Mostly letters to Annie and J.R. Taylor in Apopka (Florida) from friends and family in Fort Worth (Texas), New York, and Missouri.
- 7 Correspondence, 1886. Mostly letters to Annie and J.R. Taylor and their daughters from Florida, New York, Missouri, and elsewhere.
- 8 Correspondence, 1887.
- 9 Correspondence, 1888. Letters to the Taylors from Wisconsin, Florida, and Missouri.

BOX 2

- 1 Correspondence, 1889. Mainly correspondence of Mattie and Jewell Taylor and their parents Annie and J. R. Taylor.
- 2 Correspondence, 1890 (January – May). Taylor family correspondence. Correspondents include Mattie May Taylor, Jewell Taylor, and Richard (Dick) P. Taylor.
- 3 Correspondence, 1890 (July – Nov.).
- 4 Correspondence, 1891. Correspondence of Annie and J. R. Taylor and their daughters.
- 5 Correspondence, 1892 (Jan. – June). Correspondence of Annie and J. R. Taylor and their daughters. Letters are from Rome (Georgia), Florida, and elsewhere.

- 6 Correspondence, 1892 (July – Oct.). Mostly correspondence of Jewell Taylor, including courtship notes between her and Charles M. Noble. His notes are requests to call on her.
- 7 Correspondence, 1892 (Nov. – Dec.). Mostly correspondence of Jewell Taylor, including courtship notes between her and Charles M. Noble.

BOX 3

- 1 Correspondence, 1893 (Jan. – Feb.). Mostly correspondence of Jewell Taylor, including courtship letters between her and Charles M. Noble, who writes from Bushnell (Florida).
- 2 Correspondence, 1893 (March). Mostly courtship correspondence of Jewell Taylor. Also includes a letter to her from her brother Richard P. Taylor in Oxford (Georgia).
- 3 Correspondence, 1893 (April). Mostly courtship correspondence of Jewell Taylor and Charles M. Noble.
- 4 Correspondence, 1893 (May). Mostly courtship correspondence of Jewell Taylor.
- 5 Correspondence, 1893 (June). Correspondence of Jewell Taylor and other Taylor family members.

BOX 4

- 1 Correspondence, 1893 (July). Mostly courtship correspondence of Jewell Taylor and Charles M. Noble.
- 2 Correspondence, 1893 (August). Mostly courtship correspondence of Jewell Taylor and Charles M. Noble.
- 3 Correspondence, 1893 (Sept.).
- 4 Correspondence, 1893 (Oct.).
- 5 Correspondence, 1893 (Nov.).
- 6 Correspondence, 1893 (Dec.).

BOX 5

- 1 Correspondence, 1894 (January). Letters to Jewell Taylor from Charles M. Noble and others, and between Jewell Taylor (mostly writing from Melrose, Florida) and Charles M. Noble.
- 2 Correspondence, 1894 (February).
- 3 Correspondence, 1894 (March).
- 4 Correspondence, 1894 (April).
- 5 Correspondence, 1894 (May).
- 6 Correspondence, 1894 (June).

BOX 6

- 1 Correspondence, 1894 (July). Includes letters of Jewell Taylor from Duke, Georgia.
- 2 Correspondence, 1894 (August).
- 3 Correspondence, 1894 (September – October).
- 4 Correspondence, 1894 (December).
- 5 Correspondence, 1895 (January – February).
- 6 Correspondence, 1895 (March). Many letters dating from the spring in 1895 have to do with the upcoming marriage of Jewell Taylor and Charles M. Noble.
- 7 Correspondence, 1895 (April).
- 8 Correspondence, 1895 (May). Includes letters with the letterhead “C. M. Noble, Druggist, Bushnell, Florida.” Other correspondents include Richard P. Taylor.

BOX 7

- 1 Correspondence, 1895 (June – July). A letter of July 2, 1895, is addressed to Jewell as “Mrs. Charles Noble.” One of her correspondents is her brother Richard P. Taylor.
- 2 Correspondence, 1895 (August – September). Mainly letters between Jewell and Charles Noble.

- 3 Correspondence, 1895 (October – December). Correspondents include Granville Taylor, Grace Giles Taylor, and Richard P. Taylor.
- 4 Correspondence, 1896 (January – June).
- 5 Correspondence, 1896 (July – September). A letter of July 17, 1896, mentions the birth of a son, “little Charlie.” Jewell Taylor Noble’s letters are from Duke, Georgia.
- 6 Correspondence, 1896 (October).
- 7 Correspondence, 1896 (November).
- 8 Correspondence, 1896 (December).
- 9 Correspondence, 1897 (January).
- 10 Correspondence, 1897 (February).
- 11 Correspondence, 1897 (March).

BOX 8

- 1 Correspondence, 1897 (April). Mostly letters between Jewell and Charles Noble; also family letters.
- 2 Correspondence, 1897 (May). Correspondents include Granville Taylor.
- 3 Correspondence, 1897 (June). A letter, June 12, 1897, recommends Mrs. C. M. Noble for a position as a teacher.
- 4 Correspondence, 1897 (July – December). Correspondents include W. Granville Taylor and Mattie May Taylor Bailey. A letter of September 29, 1897, to Mrs. Noble from a school board member in Aztec, New Mexico, informs her that she is hired as a teacher. Her next letter is addressed to Granville Taylor from Aztec, N.M. Letters of this period relate that Charles M. Noble is ill.
- 5 Correspondence, 1898. Includes letters to Jewell Noble from family members regarding Charles M. Noble’s imminent death. A letter to her dated January 10, 1898, acknowledges a telegram reporting his death. Letters of condolence follow.
- 6 Correspondence, 1899. Correspondents include Mattie May Taylor Bailey, Granville Taylor, Jewell Noble, “Master Charles McIntosh Noble,” Richard P. Taylor, and Rev. John R. Taylor.
- 7 Correspondence, 1900. Family correspondence.

- 8 Correspondence, 1901.
- 9 Correspondence, 1902.
- 10 Correspondence, 1903. Letters from Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, etc. Includes letters from cousins in Missouri.

BOX 9

- 1 Correspondence, 1904. A letter dated December 21, 1904, to Jewell Noble from her sister Mattie May Bailey in Atlanta, Georgia, is written on stationery of the Daughters of the Confederacy, Georgia Division.
- 2 Correspondence, 1905. Family correspondence.
- 3 Correspondence, 1906. Correspondents include Dr. R. P. Taylor (dentist) in Jacksonville, Florida.
- 4 Correspondence, 1907 (January – June). A letter of January 14, 1907, to Jewell Taylor from St. Mary's College in Dallas, Texas, informs her that there is no vacancy in the physical education department.
- 5 Correspondence, 1907 (July – December).
- 6 Correspondence, 1908 (January – June).
- 7 Correspondence, 1908 (July – December).
- 8 Correspondence, 1909. Includes a letter, Oct. 22, 1909, from Mrs. C. M. Noble to her son Charles regarding her new job with a nursery at MacClenny, Florida. Other correspondents include Richard P. Taylor and John R. Taylor.

BOX 10

- 1 Correspondence, 1910. Correspondents include Robert Bailey Taylor (the brother of Rev. John R. Taylor), a real estate dealer in Marshall, Missouri.
- 2 Correspondence, 1911.
- 3 Correspondence, 1912. A letter dated Feb. 1, 1912, is to Rev. J. R. Taylor from his son Granville in New York, writing under the letterhead of the National Casket Company.

- 4 Correspondence, 1913-1916. Correspondents include Grace Giles Taylor in Virginia. A telegram of Oct. 1, 1914, to Mrs. J. A. Tancre concerns the death of "Mother." A letter of May 13, 1915, to Mrs. Tancre in Jacksonville, Florida, is from her son William S. Tancre in Washington, D.C.
- 5 Correspondence, 1917-1918. Correspondents include Mattie May Taylor Bailey. There are also letters from Wenzel J. Schubert (1888-1971) to his grandmother Jane Avis Waterman Tancre (1838-1923).
- 6 Correspondence, 1919.
- 7 Correspondence, 1920-1923. Includes letters to Mattie May Taylor Bailey and Tancre family correspondence.
- 8 Correspondence, 1924-1929. Includes letters to Mattie May Taylor Bailey and Tancre family correspondence.
- 9 Correspondence, 1930-1935. Includes letters to Charles M. Noble, Jr. from his aunt Maud (Annie Maud Taylor Bridges, 1869-1944) in Jacksonville, Florida; and letters to Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Noble (Kathryn Noble).
- 10 Correspondence, 1936.
- 11 Correspondence, 1937. Many letters are to Kathryn and Charles M. Noble. Correspondents include W. Granville Taylor (Asheville, N.C.), Wenzel Schubert, Walter Schubert, and Annie Maud Taylor Bridges.
- 12 Correspondence, 1938.

BOX 11

- 1 Correspondence, 1939.
- 2 Correspondence, 1940. Letters of the 1940s are mostly those of the Noble family (Charles M. and Kathryn Noble and their children and relations). Correspondents include Kay (Kathryn?) Noble at Ashley Hall School in Charleston, S.C., and Mary Ball Noble.
- 3 Correspondence, 1941-1943.
- 4 Correspondence, 1944 (January – July).
- 5 Correspondence, 1944 (August – December).
- 6 Correspondence, 1945 – 1950.

- 7 Correspondence, undated of the 1890s.
- 8 Correspondence, undated.
- 9 Correspondence, undated.

BOX 12

- 1 Taylor family papers: papers of Rev. John R. Taylor, 1856-1915. Some of his papers relate to Taylor as chaplain for the Florida House of Representatives, 1909-1913.
- 2 Taylor family papers: school records, 1883-1902.
- 3 Taylor family papers: religious writings.
- 4 Taylor family papers: religious booklets for children, 1884-1888, entitled *Our Little People*.
- 5 Taylor family papers: children's literature. One item is a small book entitled *Little Nuts to Crack*, which includes an inscription dated 1878. Two locks of hair were enclosed in this book.
- 6 Taylor family papers: greeting cards.
- 7 Taylor family papers: calling and business cards.
- 8 Taylor family papers: miscellaneous items, 1865-1900, including bills, and a letter, 1914, from Mrs. M. M. Taylor Bailey in Waycross, Georgia, requesting the Confederate records of Henry A. Lucas of the Athens Guards, or Cook's Battalion, with a reply from the Adjutant General that there were no records on file for Lucas.
- 9 Taylor family papers: notebooks of Mary Jewell Taylor, 1890s.
- 10 Tancre family papers: diary of William Henry Tancre, 1889-1903. This is an edited transcription of the diary made by Wenzel Joseph Schubert in 1947. It includes photocopies of photographs.
- 11 Tancre family papers: papers relating to the William H. Tancre diary and family history, 1948-1978.
- 12 Tancre family papers: miscellaneous items including genealogical information.
- 13 Papers relating to the families of Bicknell, Schubert, etc. Includes a journal, 1870-1871, of Rev. Bicknell of Wisconsin, grandfather of W. S. Tancre; and a memoir by Rev. Bicknell (which includes some family history).

- 14 Noble family papers: miscellaneous items including the marriage certificate, 1917, of Charles McIntosh Noble and Kathryn Schubert; papers relating the D.A.R. membership of Kathryn Noble; and biographical information on Charles M. Noble, a civil engineer.

BOX 13

- 1 Noble family papers: bills, receipts, etc., 1944-1963.
- 2 Noble family papers: school records, 1905-1941, including school records of Kathryn Noble at Ashley Hall School in Charleston, S.C.
- 3 Noble family papers: Charles M. Noble military records, 1917-1957. Includes his enrollment record, 1917, and discharge, 1921; and information on his service in the Naval Reserve.
- 4 Noble family papers: naval diary, 1918, of Charles M. Noble

OVERSIZE FLAT FILES

Folder 1 includes the following charts:

“The West Family of Stafford, Prince William and Fairfax Counties, Virginia”

“Grayson Family of Louisiana”

Sons of Capt. William Noble and Aurelia Augusta Austin

Delaware (or Delawarr)-West Family, An English Family

“McIntosh: Moy Branch of Clan McIntosh”

“The Bonum Family of Northumberland and Westmorland Counties, Virginia”

Vandiver family chart

“The Noble Family of Virginia, Tennessee and Louisiana”

“The Newton Family of Westmorland County, Virginia”

“The Vaux Family of Westmorland County, Virginia”

“Some Descendants of Isaac Allerton”

“Sherman Family: A Partial Chart”

“Taylor Family of Northumberland and Lancaster Counties, Virginia” (multiple charts)

“The McIntosh Family of Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi”

Folder 2

Harding-Barker Family Chart

Folder 3

Noble family charts

Folder 4

Schubert family chart

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Perkins family chart

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Porter Family of Somerset County, Maryland

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Cavendish family chart

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Taylor family charts

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Stuart family charts

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Vandivers of Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and Missouri

Folder 11

Crayon or charcoal rubbings of West family tombstones, 1600s-1700s