

DeKalb History Center

Safford Letter Collection

Scope and content: The Safford Letter Collection was assembled from original items found in the DeKalb History Center Subject Files.

Provenance: Found in Collection, ACC # FITS.164.

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Size: One half document box.

Organizational History of Clifton Academy: Four of the seven Safford Children have letters included in this collection. They were raised in Greensboro, GA and their father was Rev. Henry Safford.

Description: The Safford Letter Collection is 17 letters dating from 1846 to 1864 between siblings Mary Safford (Mrs. W.H. Thompson), Eunice B. Safford (Mrs. S.E. Scudder), Henry Safford, William 'Willie' B. Safford, and others. The Saffords were four of seven children of Rev. Henry Safford and were raised in Greensboro, Georgia. Eunice Safford and her husband Samuel Erwin Scudder lived in Decatur during the time period of this collection.

Subject Headings: Where possible, Library of Congress Subject Headings have been used.

Main entry: Safford, Mary
 Safford, Eunice B.
 Safford, Henry
 Safford, William "Willie" B.

Subject/Added entries: Greensboro, GA
 Penfield, GA
 Decatur, GA

Box Folder Contents and Dates

- 1 1 Isabella Anthony at Washington, GA to Mary Safford, Lexington, GA discussing their vacations, dated 12/22/1846
Mary T. Petrie at Washington, GA to Mary Safford describing the conditions at home, dated 11/23/1849
- 2 Rev. W.H. Thompson at Rome, GA to Mary Safford discussing Rome and offering his impressions, dated 7/17/1850
Mattie Harris at Oakland discussing books, dated 2/14/1851
Lucia L. Bass at Milledgeville, GA to Rev. W.H. Thompson discussing travel, dated 12/13/1852
Eliza Safford at Dalton, GA to Mary Safford discussing a wedding, dated 5/21/1853
Mary Petrie at Charleston, SC to Mary Safford discussing her husband's intention to become a pastor in Marietta, GA; dated 3/22/1854
William 'Willie' Safford to Mary Safford mentioning Hastings Camp Ground near Decatur; dated 8/7/1855
Safford sisters from Greensboro discussing clothes, dated 5/1855
Mrs. Henry Safford (Harriet Eliza Airey) at Greensboro, GA to her daughter discussing the weather, dated 1/29/1856
- 3 Eunice Safford Scudder at Decatur, GA to Mary Safford describing Decatur, dated 2/16; likely written between 1855-1860
- 4 W.H. Thompson at Nashville, TN to his wife Mary Safford Thompson discussing a trip; dated 10/19/1856
List of merchandise purchased at Wakefield by Mrs. W.H. Thompson (Mary Safford) and an article title "Occupation" dated 1/4/1858 to 9/15/1858
- 5 unknown at Atlanta, GA to Mary Safford discussing the death of their mother and mourning clothes, dated 3/20/1860
William 'Willie' B. Safford at Camp Ashby, White Bluff, near Savannah, GA to his sister Mrs. W.H. Thompson (Mary Safford) at Bolivar, Tennessee discussing Civil War refugees in Greensboro, GA; dated 4/11/1864
Article written by Mary J. Thompson (Mary Safford) describing a visit to the "old home place" near Penfield, Georgia; dated 1865
- 6 Eunice B. Scudder (Eunice Safford) to Mary Safford describing her day-to-day tasks without servants, dated 12/31