

# Creagh and Ketchum families papers, 1840-1904

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## Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Creagh and Ketchum families papers, 1840-1904  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 43  
**Extent:** 1 microfilm reel (MF)  
**Abstract:** Microfilm copy of the papers of the Willie S. Creagh and William H. Ketchum families of Mobile, Alabama, including correspondence, legal documents, notes, bills, receipts, and tax statements  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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## Collection Description

### Biographical Note

Willie S. Creagh married William H. Ketchum in the 1850s. She had previously been married to Alexander M. Creagh, who died in 1854. Willie Ketchum's children by her first marriage were Clara (Mrs. J.C. Denis of New Orleans, Louisiana); Amanda (Mrs. Charles D. DeFord, m. 1869, d. 1990); John W. Creagh; Sallie; and Willie. William H. Ketchum had a home built in Mobile, Alabama about 1860. The family (William H. Ketchum remained in the United States) lived in Europe, 1868-1869, where most of the children were in school.

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**Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of a microfilm copy of the papers of the Creagh and Ketchum families from 1840-1904. The papers include correspondence, legal documents, notes, bills, receipts, and tax statements. The correspondence includes letters of Willie Ketchum and of her family, written from Mobile, New York, and Paris. Many letters are to Willie Ketchum from her husband William; some are from an army camp in Corinth, Mississippi (1862-1863). Other letters discuss family, travel, and business.

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## Container List

Box	Folder	Content
MF1	1	1801, French document.
MF1	2	1840-1842, Six letters to Arthur Denis in Paris (France) and later in Lexington, Kentucky, about personal and family affairs, from Charles Jules Denis or Jules Charles Denis writing from Paris and New Orleans. (French language)
MF1	3	1852-1859, Scattered notes, bills, receipts of Alexander M. Creagh and of his estate (William H. and Willie S. Ketchum, administrators)
MF1	4	1860-1867, Letters from William H. Ketchum to his wife, Willie and a few papers relating to the Creagh estate
MF1	5	October 30, 1860, Mobile (Ala.), W.H. Ketchum to his wife in the country urging her to join him in Mobile, where their new house is in process of building; an account of his boat trip to Mobile
MF1	6	1861, Some builders' bills
MF1	7	1862-1863, Letters from W.H. Ketchum written from army camp at Corinth (Miss.)
MF1	8	May 12, 1862, Eliza, Buena Vista, Miss., to her brother, W.H. Ketchum.
MF1	9	1865, Tax statement for 1854, Mobile (Ala.)
MF1	10	1867, Letters from W.H. Ketchum in New York and Mobile, with news of family and friends, and comments on the woes of cotton men
MF1	11	1868-1869, Letters from W.H. Ketchum, mostly written from Mobile, to his family living in Europe. He was in Europe with them for a while. The Creagh girls were put in schools in Paris, except Clara who was married to J.C. Denis and living in New Orleans. In addition to Major Ketchup's letters there is some correspondence among the other members of the family
MF1	12	September 1868, Ketchum's letters written to his wife on his way home from Europe and back in Mobile in October, speaking of business conditions, heat, etc., she remaining in Paris
MF1	13	October 26, 1868, Amanda Creagh in Paris to her sister Clara Denis in New Orleans, telling of marriages and other news of young people
MF1	14	November 1, 1868, W.H. Ketchum on the troublous times in the South
MF1	15	December 3, 1868, W.H. Ketchum (Mobile) to his family about their arrangements in Europe, his troubles at home, news of marriages, the theatre, plans for painting the house, etc.
MF1	16	January 11, 1869, Ketchum to his wife, telling of the Christmas season in Mobile, the new minister, comments on the Creagh girls' suitors
MF1	17	March, 1869, Amanda Creagh married to Charles D. DeFord in Paris. Letters continue through June 1869 to Mrs. Ketchum in Paris, from her husband in Mobile and in Hot Springs, Arkansas

- MF1 18 July 1870 - January 1871, Letters from Miss Willie Creagh to her sister, written from Saratoga and New York City. Correspondence between Amanda Creagh DeFord, still in Europe and her mother in New York
- MF1 19 1873, 1887, Legal documents, land titles
- MF1 20 1890-1904, scattered family letters mostly letters of condolence at the death of Amanda DeFord in 1890, written by Col. Denis, the Glover and Carr kin and other members of the family chiefly to Miss Willie Creagh
- MF1 21 Letters of condolence
- MF1 22 Brisco family genealogy - typescript, 6 pages
- MF1 23 Miscellaneous papers and clippings
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