

WADLEY, SARAH LOIS, 1844-1920.

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Wadley, Sarah Lois, 1844-1920.
Title: Sarah Lois Wadley papers, 1856-1920
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 461
Extent: 1.25 linear ft. (3 boxes) and 1 microfilm reel (MF) ; 1 microfilm reel (MF)
Abstract: Papers of Sarah Lois Wadley of Monroe County, Georgia including diaries, a small amount of correspondence, photographs, and a single manuscript writing.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access

Unrestricted access.

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Related Materials in Other Repositories

[Sarah Lois Wadley papers](#), Southern Historical Collection, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Source

Original materials lent for microfilming, 1965; additions given 1989-1990.

Citation

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Processing

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Collection Description

Biographical Note

Sarah Lois Wadley was born November 26, 1844 in South Market, New Hampshire, while her mother was visiting her husband's family. She was the first born of William Morrill Wadley (1813-1882) and Rebecca Barnard Everingham Wadley (1819-1905). The Wadley's other children were Mary Millen (1848-1936), William, George Dole (b. 1857) and John Eviringham (b. 1860). Mary Millen Wadley married William Greene Raoul (1843-1913) on October 27, 1868 in Savannah, Georgia.

Before the Civil War, William Morrill Wadley worked for the Central Railroad of Georgia. In 1857, the family moved from Oakland, Georgia to Amite City, Louisiana and Wadley managed the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Texas Railroad. In 1861, he was appointed Confederate superintendent of the railroads and in 1864 superintendent of railroad car work. After the war, the family moved back to Georgia, where Wadley became head of the Georgia Central Railroad in 1866. In 1873, the family moved to a large plantation, "Great Hill Place," near Bolingbroke, Monroe County, Georgia, in 1873. Sarah Wadley remained there for the rest of her life, caring for her mother until the latter's death in 1905. Sarah Wadley died December 7, 1920.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of the papers of Sarah Lois Wadley from 1857-1920. The papers include diaries, typescripts of diaries, a small amount of correspondence, photographs, and a single manuscript writing.

The original diaries in the collection are dated from 1857-1858, 1866, and 1877-1920. The collection also includes a typescript and a microfilm copy of her diaries from August 8, 1859 to February 4, 1866 with later entries dated 1868-1886. The diaries record family and business events, weather, gardening, and personal observations. Wadley describes in great detail the places she visits, the towns and the houses the family lived in, the people she met, and the customs of the time. During the Civil War, she writes faithfully giving the attitudes and reactions of herself and others to every event or rumor. Included in the collection is "Diaries of Sarah Lois Wadley, 1856-1920," by William Gaston Raoul (1995) which contains a transcription of all of her diaries.

Also included on the microfilm are two small volumes written by Sarah Lois Wadley: "A Brief Record of the Life of William M. Wadley written by his eldest daughter," 1906 (111 pages) and "In Memory of Rebecca Barnard Wadley," 1905 (68 pages), a newspaper clipping, an obituary from the *Albany Daily News and Advertiser*, and a typescript copy of an unidentified clipping about the bust of W. M. Wadley in Hodgson Hall (probable date 1906).

The collection also contains a small amount of correspondence which had been laid in the diaries, a printed copy of the volume she wrote about her father entitled "A Brief Record of the Life of William M. Wadley, written by his eldest daughter" [which is also on the microfilm]; and three photographs including a reproduction of a photograph of Sarah Lois Wadley, showing her seated in a rocking chair on a porch, a photograph of John E. Wadley, 1881; and a picture of an unidentified female sitting on a dock, November 1908.

Arrangement Note

Arranged by record type.

Container List

Diaries

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	1857-1858; includes correspondence and compositions
1	2	1859 August-April 1863 [transcription only] [See also MF1 for microfilm copy of original diary]
1	3	1863 May 16-February 4, 1866; 1868-1886 [transcription only] [See also MF1 for microfilm copy of original diary]
1	4	1866 August 20-24 [with holograph transcription]
1	5	1877 February 1-December 31, 1887
2	1	1888 January 1-December 31, 1893; "Measurement and Memorandum about Ditches"
2	2	1894 January 20-December 31, 1902; listing of those present for mother's 80th birthday, 1899; listing of roses planted, 1900-1901
2	3	1903 January 2- February 9, 1909; list of births; weight of Dole Wadley Burt, October-December 1901
2	4	1909 January 1-December 30, 1917
2	5	1918 January 1-December 3, 1920: recipe; seed order, January 15, 1919; star positions, 1918-1919
3	1	"Diaries of Sarah Lois Wadley, 1856-1920," by William Gaston Raoul (1995)

Other materials

2	6	Correspondence [found laid in diaries]
2	7	Photographs: Sarah Lois Wadley sitting in a rocking chair on a porch in her later years; John E. Wadley, 1881; and unidentified female sitting on dock, November 1908
2	8	Writing: "A Brief Record of the Life of William M. Wadley, written by his eldest daughter," 1906

Microfilm

MF1	Diary, 1859 August 8 - February 4, 1866 and 1868-1886; writings by Sarah Lois Wadley: "A Brief Record of the Life of William M. Wadley written by his eldest daughter," 1906 (111 pages) and "In Memory of Rebecca Barnard Wadley," 1905 (68 pages); a newspaper clipping; an obituary from the <i>Albany Daily News and Advertiser</i> ; and a typescript copy of an unidentified clipping about the bust of W. M. Wadley in Hodgson Hall (probable date 1906).
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