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Biographical Information:

Dr. Theodocius Joshua Scurlock of Texas and Mexico, and graduate of Tulane University.

Scope and Contents

The collection is primarily composed of letters received by Dr. Theodocius Joshua Scurlock (1828-1887), a graduate of Tulane University and a resident of Texas and Mexico, 1855-1888, from family members in Alabama and Texas, and friends in Alabama, Mississippi, and Texas. The letters reflect the restlessness of the pre-Civil War years, and the difficulties and disillusionment felt by many people during Reconstruction. The diary included was kept by Scurlock on his journey to Mexico, December 1867-April 1869, in which he gives his impressions of the people he encountered as well as the natural history of the regions he passed through.

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- This collection has been organized into six Series: 1. Letters, 1850-1859
2. Letters, 1860-1869
3. Letters, 1870-1879
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5. Letters, no date
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The letters in this collection are arranged into Series by ten year increments, the Subseries are then arranged chronologically into individual years. Not every year produced letters and this is reflected in overall arrangement.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1: Letters

Unit ID id162752

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Unit Date 1850-1859

Letters

Unit ID id162753

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/342988

Unit Date 1855

Lucena Scurlock, Macon County, Alabama, to son (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock) Pittsburg, Texas

Unit ID id162759

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343050

Unit Date 1855 January 14

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Glad to have received letter but worried about health; reports brother Dan had left for Irving College; money hard to come by and price for cotton very low; refers to pending lawsuit; other family news.

Lucena Scurlock, Macon County, Alabama, to her son (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock), Pittsburg, Texas

Unit ID id162761

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343051

Unit Date 1855 March 5

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Worries about health and relates deaths of various towns people; money hard to come by and business bad; other family and town related news.

**Lucena Scurlock, Macon County, Alabama, to her son (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock),
Pittsburg, Texas**

Unit ID id162763

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343052

Unit Date 1855 April 16

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Crops doing well; received letter from a most "dangerous woman," claiming son hadn't paid a debt; advises him to stay away from this "awful woman"; mentions pending lawsuit referred to as "hooke suit"(?); other family and town news.

**Augustus Darby, "Lockland" Macon County, Alabama, to Theodocius Joshua Scurlock,
Pittsburg, Texas**

Unit ID id162764

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343053

Unit Date 1855 May 3

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Refers to a favor which "came to hand"; talks about crops and prices; refers to the burning of a foundry in Montgomery, Alabama; many suffering from scarlet fever; mentions the Hook's lawsuit being taken to Supreme Court; other family and town news.

**Lucena Scurlock, Macon County, Alabama, to her son (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock),
Pittsburg, Texas**

Unit ID id162765

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343054

Unit Date 1855 June 12

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Complains about mail system; has not received any letters from son; crops doing very well, especially corn; discusses Hook's lawsuit; relates town "anecdote"; other family news.

**Elisa C. Scurlock, "Lockland, Macon County, Alabama, to brother, (Theodocius Joshua
Scurlock), Pittsburg, Texas**

Unit ID id162766

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343055

Unit Date 1855 July 1

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Glad to receive letter after "too months"; crops doing very well; Scarlet fever still "going through neighbourhood"; other family news.

**Lucena Scurlock, Macon County, Alabama, to her son (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock),
Pittsburg, Texas**

Unit ID id162767

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343056

Unit Date 1855 July 2

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Speaks of fine crops and many deaths from scarlet fever; Hook suit not yet decided; advises to stay away from the "slandering living old devil"who claims he hasn't paid debt; other family news.

Lucena Scurlock, Macon County, Alabama, to her son (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock), Pittsburg, Texas

Unit ID id162768

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343057

Unit Date 1855 July 13

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Worried that lawyers want evidence from him for Hook's case; advises not to give any at all; reports crops are good except cotton and all are well.

Lucena Scurlock, Macon County, Alabama, to her son (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock), Pittsburg, Texas

Unit ID id162769

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343058

Unit Date 1855 July 23

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Reports a retrial for "Hooke's"case and advises that he give no evidence; advises to stay away from "Tom the big baby"; asks him not to mention case in any letters except to her, Mit or Will; other family news.

S.G. Jones, Laplace, Alabama, to Theodocius Joshua Scurlock, Pittsburg, Texas

Unit ID id162770

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343059

Unit Date 1855 August 17

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Replies to question about health and crops; gives long account about political opinions relating to the "American party", break up of the Whigs and strengthening of Democrats; relates local arrests; business interests shifting; other news about common friends.

Lucena Scurlock, Macon County, Alabama, to her son (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock), Pittsburg, Texas

Unit ID id163965

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343060

Unit Date 1855 September 3

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Disease going around caused by snakes, many deaths; defines Hook's case as divorce case; advises to not give any evidence; case has been given a retrial; worried about Mary's [sister] health; not receiving Texas paper; other family news.

Dan Scurlock, Irving College, to brother Theodocius Joshua Scurlock, Pittsburg, Texas

Unit ID id163967

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343061

Unit Date 1855 September 15

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Received letter; has severe cold, health at Irving generally good; plans on staying two years; has not rained lately and is very warm; Had sent catalogue, will send another.

James G. Henderson Binetree P.O. Upshur County, Texas, to (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock) Pittsburg, Texas

Unit ID id163968

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343062

Unit Date 1855 September 24

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Requests help in getting into business as an "averseer."

James G. Henderson, Pinetree, Texas, to Theodocius Joshua Scurlock, Pittsburg, Texas

Unit ID id163969

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343063

Unit Date 1855 October 11

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Inflicted with typhoid, hopes to be well soon; asks that Scurlock take care of some business dealings; received letter from William Harrison giving news of many deaths in Montgomery, County [Alabama]; provides arrangements for moving [to Texas]; family news.

Dan Scurlock, Irving College to brother (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock)

Unit ID id163971

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343064

Unit Date circa 1855 December 2

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Times dull as session ending; has sprained ankle; has received letter from Ma which criticizes his spelling; will try again to send catalogue.

Lucena Scurlock "Lockland" Macon County, Alabama, to her son Theodocius Joshua Scurlock, Pittsburg, Texas

Unit ID id163972

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343065

Unit Date 1855 December 16

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Sends papers on Freeman Divorce case; refers to a petition and preparation of legal papers; other family news.

Letters**Unit ID** id163973**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/342989**Unit Date** 1856**Scope and Contents**

Boxes 2-3. 12 items.

Dan Scurlock, Irving College, to his brother Theodocius Joshua Scurlock, Pittsburg, Texas**Unit ID** id163976**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/343066**Unit Date** 1856 January 8**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 2 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Relates how letter had been detoured to mother's house, was "read at home" then sent on to Irving; advises T.J. to settle down and get married; also advises to not travel until decision to make Kansas a state is made; advises to go to Kansas if it becomes a slave state; mentions a planned act of violence by Negroes near Clarksville [Tennessee] on the Cumberland River; planned to knock us all in the head" and "make themselves free Ladies and Gentleman."; other family news.

Green B. McNiell Philadelphia Neshoba County, Mississippi to Theodocius Joshua Scurlock Pittsburg, Texas**Unit ID** id163977**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/343067**Unit Date** 1856 February 18**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 2 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Glad to hear that he is happy, expected him to be "Alabama-sick" [homesick]; has begun farming, finds it hard work; all in good health except mother who has "posey "; other news.

Green B. McNiell, Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi, to his friend, Theodocius Joshua Scurlock, Pittsburg, Texas**Unit ID** id163978**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/343068**Unit Date** 1856 April 26**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 2 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Complains in great length that Josh did not stop to visit on his way to Texas; glad to hear his health has improved with the "Minreul wutter"; inquires about a Negro, John, who held freedman's status; other family news.

S. G. Jones, Laplace, Alabama, to Theodocius Joshua Scurlock, Pittsburg, Texas**Unit ID** id163980**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/343069**Unit Date** 1856 May 18**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 2 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Relates the marriage of two couples of the area; reports the results of the elections for probate and circuit judge and refers them to their respective parties; have had long dry spell, hasn't been good for the "God of Macon...King cotton"; reports other deaths and gives some family news.

Lucena Scurlock, Macon County Alabama, to her son (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock)

Unit ID id163983

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343070

Unit Date 1856 June 12

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Bill has gotten married, spends great deal of time telling why he shouldn't have "don[e] the deed"; begs son not to go to Central America because climate not good for health; crops are doing well except cotton; inquires about "Ben's wife" who was lost on a boat which was sunk on 20 April 1856; has hired new help who is young and "don't know much"; other family news.

Dan Scurlock, Irving College to brother, Theodocius Joshua Scurlock Pittsburg, Texas

Unit ID id163985

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343071

Unit Date 1856 June 18

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Gives long philosophical and metaphorical arguments about the importance of good health; compares the "excruciating pain" of the invalid to the "vast freedom" of the healthy; will remain at College for 6 week break in isolation as few students have remained.

M.D. Brackmon Henderson, Rusk County Texas, to Mr. T. Thetford, Marshall [County, Texas]

Unit ID id163986

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343072

Unit Date 1856 July 20

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Refers to a debt owed by Mr. Scurlock and to Mr. Scurlock's absence at this time; mentions a hired black man in the employ of Mr. Scurlock.

Mr. [?] Rockmore Henderson, Rusk County, Texas, to Mr. T. Thetford

Unit ID id163987

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343073

Unit Date 1856 October 6

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Has not heard or seen [Theodoicus Joshua] Scurlock nor has he been in [Texas]; Has not the funds to pay the debt but will soon; refers to a boy [slave] who "has plenty to eat but nothing to do."

Mary Darby, Macon County, Alabama, to her brother (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock)

Unit ID id163988

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343074

Unit Date 1856 October 6

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Pleads with brother to stop his traveling, to buy a home and settle down; claims that hundreds of tears have been shed, thinking he was dead; begs [T.J.] to meet brother Billy in

Marshall Texas and stay with him.

Lucena Scurlock, Macon County, Alabama, to her son (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock), Sulphur Springs, Lampassas County, Texas

Unit ID id163989

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343075

Unit Date 1856 October 6

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Glad to receive letter and that he [T.J.] hasn't gone to Nicaragua; sorry to learn he has been "lying on the bed of affliction"; encourages him to go to Marshall County, Texas to meet brother Bill who has just married; sister has been married; sent 2 letters to different addresses; other family news.

R.W. Montgomery, Webberville Travis County, Texas to Theodocius Joshua Scurlock

Unit ID id163992

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343076

Unit Date 1856 November 30

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Rejects Scurlock's proposition to buy his land in Nepsheer County; would like \$3 an acre; doesn't believe land in that area is selling for less.

C.A. Laughlin, Austin City, Texas to his friend, Theodocius Joshua Scurlock, New Orleans, Louisiana

Unit ID id163993

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343077

Unit Date 1856 December 15

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Hopes business better for Scurlock than himself; selling out and moving to New Orleans; enjoyed traveling from his town.

Letters

Unit ID id163995

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/342990

Unit Date 1857

Scope and Contents

10 items. Box 1 folder 4.

C.A. Laughlin, Shreveport, Louisiana, to friend Theodocius Joshua Scurlock

Unit ID id163996

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343078

Unit Date 1857 March 3

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Has returned to "this city" and plans to stay; is pleased by the business prospects; believes could make good profit on investments; likes the amusements of the city.

Lucena Scurlock, "Lockland" Macon County, Alabama, to her son (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock)

Unit ID id163997

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343079

Unit Date 1857 April 5

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Has not received word in 3 months; very cold weather and is affecting the crops; very little corn; money is tight; has bought "a negro"; had poor crop last year; other family news.

S.G. Jones, Cross Keys, Macon County Alabama, to Theodocius Joshua Scurlock

Unit ID id164001

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343080

Unit Date 1857 May 3

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Has had a "very cold and backward spring"; 200 deaths since Xmas from measles; brother is talking about joining U.S. Army; Democrats have full ticket for legislature and County offices; many old Whigs have gone Democrat; Democrats only party "able to beat back abolitionists and save our country from ruin"; reports Freeman and Williams lawsuit decided in favor of Williams; other family and town news.

Thomas Harbison, Macon County, Alabama, to friend (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock)

Unit ID id164003

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343081

Unit Date 1857 June 14

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Relates family is well, brother Dan is home from Tennessee, brother William had measles; will try to visit [T.J.] and that part of country; a few deaths have occurred caused by measles; other town news.

Town News. Green B. McNiel Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi to his friend (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock)

Unit ID id164004

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343082

Unit Date 1857 July 16

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Glad to have received letter; sorry Josh didn't come to visit; crops doing badly because of cold spring but should make profit in cotton; voted for Buchanan in election as did Josh.

Dan Scurlock, Tuskegee, Alabama to his brother (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock)

Unit ID id164005

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343083

Unit Date 1857 August 11

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents In good health; has been trying to find a job; reading law now; married an

scope and contents in good health; has been trying to find a job; reading law now; married an unnamed woman; crops okay except cotton for which it has been too cold.

S.G. Jones, "Lockland" Macon County, Alabama to Theodocius Joshua Scurlock

Unit ID id164006

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343084

Unit Date 1857 August 30

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Glad to receive letter and all in good health; American Party has won full representation in both Houses of Congress; describes political antics of both parties concerning "burying" the opponent; crops doing well except cotton because of cold; relationship between Jones family and Scurlocks not on firm ground as a result of daughter Mit's husband; other town news.

Lucena Scurlock, "Lockland" Macon County, Alabama, to son (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock)

Unit ID id164007

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343085

Unit Date 1857 September 18

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Has not been well but glad to receive letter; crops not very good, cotton getting a high price, about 15 cents; Wishes he could come to visit before she dies; discourages [Josh] to go to Central America as there will be "fighting enuf [sic] to do in your own native land."; other family news.

Dan Scurlock, Tuskegee, Alabama, to brother (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock)

Unit ID id164008

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343086

Unit Date 1857 September 30

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Has a slight cold; have been several weddings; thinking about going to law school in Tennessee; would like to set up practice in Texas or "other new country, "; other family news.

Thomas S. Cliett, Macon County, Alabama, to Theodocius Joshua Scurlock, Cuba hatched P.O., Texas

Unit ID id164009

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343087

Unit Date 1857 November 1

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Has the "clap", likes T.J.'s proposition, would like to be doing something; hard times coming on; other family news.

Letters

Unit ID id164010

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/342991

Unit Date 1858

Scope and Contents

Box 1 folder 5. 11 items.

Dan Scurlock, LaPlace, Alabama, to his brother Theodocius Joshua Scurlock

Unit ID id164013

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343088

Unit Date 1858 February 5

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Just returned home; has a cold; expenses for trip amounted to \$60, Did not need money advanced by T.J.

William M. Johnston, Marshall, Texas, to Theodocius Joshua Scurlock

Unit ID id164014

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343089

Unit Date 1858 February 20

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Has on hand \$150 belonging to T.J. received through money order; Mr. Barker has paid nothing on debt; sister sends word T.J. must get married.

G.B. McNiell, Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi, to Theodocius Joshua Scurlock

Unit ID id164015

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343090

Unit Date 1858 March 7

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Misses Josh very much, encourages him to come and visit several times; family is well; has been married; other family news.

Dan Scurlock, "Lockland" Macon County Alabama, to brother Theodocius Joshua Scurlock

Unit ID id164016

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343091

Unit Date 1858 April 21

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Has received no word since February; refers sarcastically to Cupid and Social Life; reading [law] at home; intends to come to Texas following winter; other family news.

Dan Scurlock, LaPlace, Alabama, to brother Theodocius Joshua Scurlock

Unit ID id164018

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343092

Unit Date 1858 May 5

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Describes the fashions of LaPlace and the young ladies; crops doing well, plenty of food; convention meeting in Montgomery, Alabama, to discuss dissolving of nation; court system inefficient and overloaded; other family and town news.

G.B. McNiell, Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi to Friend (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock)

Unit ID id164019

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343093

Unit Date 1858 June 2

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Surprised to hear he is studying medicine although thinks he's too old; married a 45 year old man to his first wife, thought that was strange; has been very ill with chills and fever; crops not very good, winter was too wet.

Dan Scurlock, "Lockland" Macon County, Alabama, to brother (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock)

Unit ID id164021

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343094

Unit Date 1858 July 13

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Describes in detail the "examinations" which were attended by all the music lovers; loves young America; still plans to go to Texas to live, would like to practice law there; sister is living in unfortunate situation; encourages him to study medicine; other family news.

N.D. Ward, Marshall, Texas to Theodocius Joshua Scurlock

Unit ID id164022

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343095

Unit Date 1858 July 29

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Requests to have bond signed, money given and note returned, in reference to Hart Conyer.

N.D. Ward, Marshall, Texas to Theodocius Joshua Scurlock

Unit ID id164023

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343096

Unit Date 1858 August 18

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Has received signed note; rejects offer to sell piece of land to a friend because terms are too long for the low price offered.

Lucena Scurlock, Alabama, to her son (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock)

Unit ID id164024

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343097

Unit Date 1858 September 1

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Has been ill for 10 days; advises him to not go to New Orleans too early because of Yellow fever; encourages him to write to brother [Dan] to go to law school in Montgomery; other family news.

Dan Scurlock, to brother (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock)

Unit ID id164025

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343098

Unit Date 1858 September 1

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents All in good health; have been a few cases of Typhoid fever; crops very good; has been reading [law], feels this year has been a waste, will go back to read [with another lawyer] as before; other family news.

Dan Scurlock, LaPlace, Alabama, to brother (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock)

Unit ID id164026

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/342993

Unit Date 1859 December 1

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Ma has decided to move to Polk County Texas; requests a small house; this has foiled plans for school, will maybe farm in Texas if can't find a school.

Series 2: Letters and Papers

Unit ID id164028

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/342983

Unit Date 1860-1869

Scope and Contents

Box: 1-2. 38 items.

Letters

Unit ID id164029

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/342994

Unit Date 1860

Scope and Contents

Box 1, folders 6-7. 20 items.

W. Carrie, Pittsburg [Texas?] to [?]

Unit ID id164033

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343099

Unit Date 1860 February

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Receipt for \$287.50 included; speaks of terms of payment; refers to an unknown lawsuit; has a jug of whiskey and no one to drink it with.

Dan Scurlock, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, to his brother (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock)

Unit ID id164034

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343100

Unit Date 1860 March 23

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Has made business contacts requested; the deal will be come up in court but there

Scope and Contents Has made business contacts requested; the due bill has come up in court but they cannot collect on it; and other family news.

Thomas Harbison, Polk County, Texas to friend, Theodocius Joshua Scurlock

Unit ID id164035

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343101

Unit Date 1860 May 24

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Land sold to Day and Thompson for \$3 an acre; brother William left for Alabama; corn looks good but cotton is small, haven't had rain since 16 of April; other town news.

Dan Scurlock, Mt. Pleasant, Texas to brother (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock),

Unit ID id164036

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343102

Unit Date 1860 May 31

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Discusses recent emigration to Texas of family and friends from Macon County Alabama; presents some prejudices toward northwesterners; refers to a note coming due; crops good but need rain; refers to the "railroad sensation" in Jefferson which will take some time to settle; other family news.

Thomas Harbison, Polk County Texas, to Theodocius Joshua Scurlock

Unit ID id164037

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343103

Unit Date 1860 June 22

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Speaks of crops and lack of rain; reports problems with child slave Scurlock left to his brother; other family news.

Dan Scurlock Mt. Pleasant Texas to brother (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock)

Unit ID id164038

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343104

Unit Date 1860 July 3

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Making preparations from 4th of July Celebration; have had little rain and temperatures have been up to 98 [F.]; has heard of yellow fever in T.J.'s city, advises him to take care of himself; refers to the drinking habits of friends.

Tobias Gibson Richardson, Louisville, Kentucky to Theodocius Joshua Scurlock

Unit ID id164039

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343105

Unit Date 1860 July 3

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Instructions referring to Scurlock moving out of the house he is living in and what

Scope and Contents instructions referring to Scurlock moving out of the house he is living in and what the owner expects will be done by Scurlock in upkeep.

Green B. McNiell, Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi, to friend (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock)

Unit ID id164040

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343106

Unit Date 1860 July 29

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Family all well; had intended to move to Texas but crops failed, will have to buy corn this year; anxious to see Josh, wants to know why he hasn't married.

Dan Scurlock Mt. Pleasant Texas to brother (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock)

Unit ID id164041

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343107

Unit Date 1860 August 4

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Weather has been very hot, have had no rain, crops are burning, cotton failing, wonders if Texas is "a fit place for civilized men to live", many Western towns and private homes have been burned because of the abolition movement, "The people are aroused to a sense of their [the abolitionist's] danger", compares it to Harper's Ferry; refers to T.J.'s thesis, suggests the topic of Tetanus, mentions a case of murder Dan is defending; centering on a Negro who contacted tetanus after a severe whipping.

William Gardner, Pittsburg, Upshur County Texas to (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock)

Unit ID id164042

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343108

Unit Date 1860 August 24

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Inquires about a note for several hundred dollars that he has heard nothing about, would like to know what happened to it; shows his discontent with Texas, describes it as "this land of contention where belzebub seems to be prime ruler."

G.B. McNiell, Philadelphia Neshoba County, Mississippi to friend (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock), New Orleans, Louisiana

Unit ID id164044

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343109

Unit Date 1860 August 29

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Sorry to hear [Scurlock's] mother is dissatisfied with her move to Texas, but has heard many are; the drought continues, has traveled to Alabama and 200 miles up Alabama River and found the drought reaches further; friends wanted to look him up in New Orleans; encourages him to come visit; other family and town news.

Thomas H. Harbison, Polk County, Texas to Theodocius Joshua Scurlock

Unit ID id164045

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343110

Unit Date 1860 September 4

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents All in good health, crops are turning out better than expected; has traded land in Tennessee for land in Texas; reports murder of old man by child in Sumpter, South Carolina, in jail waiting trial; coal is scarce, other family and area news.

Dan Scurlock to brother (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock)

Unit ID id164047

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343111

Unit Date 1860 September 4

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Received letter with thesis, contained information they already had, refers to the lawsuit thesis was needed for; finally received rain which rejuvenated crops; health of area has been good, "too much so for the good of the Doctors", refers to murder committed by Jack Taliaferro, includes other town news.

G.B. McNiell, Philadelphia Neshoba County Mississippi to friend (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock)

Unit ID id164049

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343112

Unit Date 1860 September 21

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Begs "Dosh" to come and visit him, outlines how to get to Philadelphia; all are well, has heard from Scurlock's mother who hates Texas and wants to return to Alabama.

R.A. Brown, Baton Rouge, Louisiana to Theodocius Joshua Scurlock

Unit ID id164050

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343113

Unit Date 1860 September 9

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Promises to pay what he owes in few weeks.

Thomas H. Harbison, Polk County, Texas to friend, Theodocius Joshua Scurlock

Unit ID id164051

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343114

Unit Date 1860 October 10

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Corn crop better than expected; relates robbery charges against men from Polk County and other town news.

Bailey Barton, Pittsburg, Upshur County, Texas to Theodocius Joshua Scurlock

Unit ID id164052

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343115

Unit Date 1860 October 15

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Describes details of common friend's death, also refers vaguely to various other [medical] cases "town is improving, have built a female college and have a Methodist preacher who will convert...the negroes and dogs before they stop", other town news.

Dan Scurlock, to brother (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock)

Unit ID id164053

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343116

Unit Date 1860 October 23

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Gives lengthy opinion of upcoming Presidential election between Douglas and Lincoln and also projection and hopes for house and Senate elections; other family news.

Dan Scurlock Mt. Pleasant Texas to brother Theodocius Joshua Scurlock

Unit ID id164054

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343117

Unit Date 1860 November 27

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents "Bad crops, low water and high prices"; will be traveling back to Polk County before Christmas; gives results of Presidential elections; other family news.

W.W., Corrie, Pittsburg, Texas to Dr. Theodocius Joshua Scurlock

Unit ID id164056

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343118

Unit Date circa 1860 December 19

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents All well; friend has stopped drinking; this friend wants to fight when war begins; [Brother] Dan "fixing n to go see Mother; other news.

Letters and Papers

Unit ID id164058

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/342995

Unit Date 1862

Scope and Contents

Box 2, Folder 1. 2 Items.

Diploma of Medicine for Theodocius Scurlock from Louisiana University Tulane (in Latin)

Unit ID id164062

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343119

Unit Date 1862 March 5

Mixed Materials Manuscripts Oversize Box 20 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

T.N. Pitts, Pittsburg, Texas to Dr. Theodocius Joshua Scurlock

Unit ID id164063

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343120

Unit Date 1862 September 6

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Hasn't heard from him; corn crops good, leaf worm has injured cotton crops; has decided to study medicine; hopes girlfriend hasn't decided to marry someone else, encourages Scurlock to marry; relates town affairs.

M.W. Davis, Livingston, Polk County Texas to friend "Dosh"(Theodocius Joshua Scurlock)

Unit ID id164066

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343033

Unit Date 1866 September 10

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Asks advice on collecting lawyers in Upshur County, has not gotten judgement on claims of Scurlock's; Frank Bensen has eloped with Darby's wife; cotton crops poor.

Letters

Unit ID id166229

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/342997

Unit Date 1867

Scope and Contents

14 items. Box 2, folders 1-2.

Theodocius Joshua Scurlock, Texas State Lunatic Asylum, Austin, Texas to Wilson L. Collins

Unit ID id166232

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343121

Unit Date 1867 January 3

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Expresses his opinion about national politics, predicts a military governor for Texas judging by the acts of the "Vandal Congress," has no faith in "Andrew Johnson the chief of drunkards of the Vandal states." Advises to sue, D.J. Kimball for money he owes; has not heard from Pittsburg and will write a "cuss lettr"if they "do not respond".

Dan Scurlock, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, to brother Theodocius Joshua Scurlock

Unit ID id166754

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343122

Unit Date 1867 February 3

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Has had to harvest his own cotton because he has no laborers; hired no freedmen because of some fights the previous year; will give up farming and maybe sell rugs with Dr. Hendricks; money is hard to come by; [Brother] Bill just recovering from serious illness; other family news.

Theodocius Joshua Scurlock, Austin City, Texas, to brother Dan Scurlock, Mt. Pleasant, Texas

Unit ID id166755

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343123

Unit Date 1867 March 3

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Shows very little faith in the "Vandal n government; questions whether Dan has received the horse he sent; business not very good, advises that one should run business on a cash system; relates he has lost about \$200 on a credit based system; had had difficulty with superintendent of Lunatic Asylum, told him what he thought of him and challenged him to a fight, all stemmed from disagreement on treatment of patients; will be leaving soon.

Dan Scurlock to brother Theodocius Joshua Scurlock

Unit ID id166756

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343124

Unit Date 1867 April 7

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Will begin selling rugs, have ordered supply from New Orleans; hopes doing better in city than would have at Asylum; other family news.

Dan Scurlock Mt. Pleasant, Texas to AL[?]

Unit ID id166757

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343125

Unit Date 1867 June 6

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Has not heard from brother (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock) since March; would like any information on him as had heard rumor that he had been killed; selling goods with Dr. Hendricks in "six full stores in Mt. Pleasant".

Dan Scurlock to brother (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock)

Unit ID id166758

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343126

Unit Date 1867 June 24

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Relates rumors that T.J. is dead and how this rumor came about; Long guilt speech about the death of his mother; never received the horse sent to him; other family news.

F.C. Swain, Austin, Texas to friend "Sky"[?]

Unit ID id166759

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343127

Unit Date 1867 July 14

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Discusses different medical cases and dental cases; relates deaths of

acquaintances; has been very ill.

G.B. McNiell Philadelphia, Nesoba County Mississippi to friend Theodocius Joshua Scurlock

Unit ID id166761

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343128

Unit Date 1867 August 2

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Mentions Scurlock has left Austin but not where he's gone; war has ruined him; crops have been good; at home at time of surrender; has begun preaching and serving his God.

F. Carry C. Swain, Waco, Texas to Dr. Theodocius Joshua Scurlock

Unit ID id166763

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343129

Unit Date 1867 August 20

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Have been in city 5 days, very different from Austin; many sick town supporting 10-12 Doctors and many drug stores; has met a gay widow with whom he keeps company.

C.M. Etheredge [?], Austin, Texas to Dr. (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock)

Unit ID id166764

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343130

Unit Date 1867 September 4

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Enquires of a Claiborne Herbert in Columbus, Colorado County; has opened a school but is doing poorly, would appreciate any help Scurlock could give; gives update on doctors from Austin Lunatic Asylum; will be leaving Austin soon.

Dan Scurlock, Mt. Pleasant Texas to brother (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock)

Unit ID id166765

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343131

Unit Date 1867 September 15

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Has been in poor health; crops have been very poor; war has destroyed the South and the "Southern devils have a hard hand of it after we get through a war in which we lose everything"; will continue in business if can.

Louis C. Wise, Austin Texas to Dr. (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock)

Unit ID id166766

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343132

Unit Date 1867 September 17

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Jobs hard to get in Austin; Doctors from Lunatic Asylum did not do well in private practice, have gone to Georgetown; negro notary has been appointed in Austin, other town news.

Harry C. Swain, Waco, Texas, to friend "Sky" [?]

Unit ID id166767

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343133

Unit Date 1867 September 21

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Did not make as much in business here as in Bastrop; encourages Sky to join him and "Dock" in Austin; Dock will pay his passage to Austin; 2 deaths from yellow fever; enjoying company of "The widow".

Harry Swain, Austin, Texas, to friend "Sky,"

Unit ID id166770

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343134

Unit Date 1867 October 13

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Austin dull place; Gen. Joseph Jones Reynolds has arrived to take over department; Boon has located office, not doing well; City covered with grasshoppers; describes as "dumb poor country"; "Better be in Hell without claws".

Dan Scurlock, Mt. Pleasant, Texas to brother (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock), Mexico

Unit ID id166773

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343135

Unit Date 1869 October 10

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Describes his plans to get in touch with brother; feels government is in bad condition, "Texas will soon pass through to fiery ordeal of what is denominated reconstruction", expresses his prejudices toward Black people; begs brother to come back to Texas.

Series 3: Letters

Unit ID id166775

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/342984

Unit Date 1870-1879

Scope and Contents

6 items. Box 2, folder 3.

Letters

Unit ID id166777

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/342998

Unit Date 1870

W.L. Collins, Jefferson, Texas to Dr. Theodocius Joshua Scurlock, Tuxpan, Mexico

Unit ID id166781

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343136

Unit Date 1870 February 24

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Expresses opinion of government: "I hope it [government] will sink to the letter

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Dan Scurlock, Mt. Pleasant Texas to brother (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock)

Unit ID id166783

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343137

Unit Date 1870 May 25

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Waited until Texas was accepted back into the Union; considers this a good gained from reconstruction; claims Negroes will remain in place they should, inferior position; wants to know about Mexico: politics, commercial facilities and social events; encourages him to come back to the U.S.; other town news.

W.L. Collins, Jefferson, Texas to Dr. Theodocius Joshua Scurlock, Tuxpan Republic of Mexico

Unit ID id166786

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343138

Unit Date 1870 June 25

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Relates local political happenings through reconstruction; and some very strong opinions; thanks for the description of Mexico; sends regards of many people and relates other family and town news.

W.L. Collins, Jefferson, Texas to Dr. Theodocius Joshua Scurlock, Tuxpan "Republic" of Mexico

Unit ID id166789

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343139

Unit Date 1870 August 6

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Relates his preconception of Mexico; "hopes to see all Democrats elected" in upcoming elections; other town news.

Theodocius Joshua Scurlock, Tamiahua, Tuxpan, Republic of Mexico to brother [Dan Scurlock]

Unit ID id166795

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343038

Unit Date 1871 January 18

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Does not agree that Democrats have never changed, has been in poor health; is doing well in profession; explains his problems at the Asylum; eating in Mexico is cheap; is studying man; [contains several passages with no meaning].

Dan Scurlock, Mt. Pleasant Texas, to brother (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock) [Fantima, State of Vera Cruz, Mexico]

Unit ID id166797

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343039

Unit Date 1879 May 25

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Hasn't heard from him in 2 months; encourages him to come visit Mt. Pleasant; claims it will be one of the most important small towns when the railroad is built from St. Louis through Texarkana; is now assessing taxes for the county; other family news; includes envelope.

Series 4: Letters

Unit ID id166800

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/342985

Unit Date 1880-1889

Scope and Contents

16 items. Box 2, folders 3-4

Letters

Unit ID id166801

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343000

T.J. Eckards and J. Tessier, Tuscan Mexico to Mr. Teodocio [Theodocius] J. Scurlock, Fantima, Mexico

Unit ID id166805

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343041

Unit Date 1883 August 20

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Received account against Jose Gamundi for \$73.88; has placed credit in his name for \$73.88.

Mary M. Harris Mt. Pleasant, Texas to Uncle Dr. Theodocius Joshua Scurlock, Tamiahua, Mexico

Unit ID id166829

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343042

Unit Date 1887 January 24

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Questions why he hasn't come to visit; gives description of herself; relates father's [Dan Scurlock] poor health; gives some town news.

Dan Scurlock, Mt. Pleasant, Texas to brother (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock),

Unit ID id166804

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343040

Unit Date 1882 March 3

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Wife not well with ovarian tumor; has become partner in goods firm; still county

tax assessor; receives 6500 for this job; Mt. Pleasant included on Railroad which begins in St. Louis and will go to the Rio Grande to connect with Mexican rail encourages him to come and visit.

Letters

Unit ID id166807

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343001

Unit Date 1884

A.M. Boyd, Tuxpan Mexico to Theodocius Joshua Scurlock, M.D., Fantima, Mexico

Unit ID id166812

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343140

Unit Date 1884 June 26

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Refers to securing claims on oil wells and coal mines; expects that there will be a boom in oil lands after Mexican Presidential election; hopes to do some speculating; hopes to settle himself financially for life.

A.M. Boyd Tuxpan, Mexico to Dr. Theodocius Joshua Scurlock, Fantima Mexico

Unit ID id166814

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343141

Unit Date 1884 November 5

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Sickness is increasing; has received "Charge of the Vice-consulate property." refers to a matter concerning archives [records of the consulate?], other town news.

Letters

Unit ID id166816

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343002

Unit Date 1886

Dan Scurlock Mt. Pleasant, Texas to brother Dr. Theodocius Joshua Scurlock, Fantina, Mexico

Unit ID id166820

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343142

Unit Date 1886 January 22

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Is now working at a bank as a cashier and continues to assess taxes; is living comfortably but still must pay off some debts from Merchandising; family is well and being educated as he would like; refers to the Democratic Victory for Presidency and remarks "that the south is again at the Head of National affairs;" other family news.

Mary D. Pitts, Milledgeville, Georgia to cousin Theodocius Joshua Scurlock, Mexico

Unit ID id166823

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343143

Unit Date 1886 March 14

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Mary D. Pitts, Milledgeville, Georgia to cousin, Theodocius Joshua Scurlock, Mexico

Claude Scurlock, Mt. Pleasant, Texas to his uncle Dr. Theodocius Joshua Scurlock, Tamiahua, Mexico

Unit ID id166824

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343144

Unit Date 1886 March 28

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Gives description of himself: gives family news; describes Mt. Pleasant; asks many questions about Mexico and whether a Doctor could do well there; hopes to study medicine.

Claude Scurlock Mt. Pleasant, Texas to Uncle Dr. Theodocius Joshua Scurlock, Mexico

Unit ID id166825

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343145

Unit Date 1886 May 18

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Gives town news; crops look good, had a hail storm nearby; has chosen medicine as a prospective occupation; town working hard to raise money for railroad to town; includes lineage of Scurlock family.

J. Tessier, Tuscan Mexico to Mr. Theodocius Joshua Scurlock, Tamiaqua Mexico

Unit ID id166826

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343146

Unit Date 1886 October 23

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Acknowledges "carta"[?] and list of goods sent to him; will do all in his power as executor of his will to deliver property safely.

Letters

Unit ID id166830

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343003

Unit Date 1888

William L. Scurlock, Carrigan, Polk County, Texas to J. Tessier, Tuscan, Mexico

Unit ID id166834

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343147

Unit Date 1888 April 16

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Questions will of Dr. Theodocius Joshua Scurlock; inquires whether estate was left to brothers individually and was it lawful under Mexican laws; others are trying to come in on will.

J. Tessier, Tuscan, Mexico to William J. Scurlock, Corrigan, Polk County, Texas

Unit ID id166836

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343148

Unit Date 1888 May 5

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Not acquainted with Mexican laws but believes the brother [William and Dan] are only benefactors.

J. Tessier, Tuscan Mexico to Daniel Scurlock, Mt. Pleasant, Texas

Unit ID id166838

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343149

Unit Date 1888 May 14

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents J. Tessier, Tuscan Mexico to Daniel Scurlock, Mt. Pleasant, Texas

J. Tessier, Tuscan Mexico to Daniel Scurlock, Mt. Pleasant, Texas

Unit ID id166839

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343150

Unit Date 1888 June 7

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Assures him possessions have been sent; explains that his brother (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock) did not have a great estate when he died; advises him to contact two friends who knew him; requests a receipt sent to him from [Scurlock's] papers.

Dan Scurlock, Mt. Pleasant, Titus County Texas to A. G. Pardue, Agt., Southern Express Co. New Orleans, Louisiana

Unit ID id166840

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343151

Unit Date 1888 June 9

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Inquiring about possessions of deceased brother (Theodocius Joshua Scurlock) which he has not yet received; requests that he make some enquires; refers to his brother's assassination.

C.A. Pardue, agt. New Orleans, Louisiana to Dan Scurlock, Mt. Pleasant, Texas

Unit ID id166841

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/343152

Unit Date 1888 June 12

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Informs him goods have arrived, will pay duties and willship as soon as possible.

Series 5: Letters**Unit ID** id166843**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/342986**Unit Date** undated**Scope and Contents**

Box 2, folder 5. 3 items.

Theodocius Joshua Scurlock, Tuxpan, Mexico to [brother Dan Scurlock ?] Mt. Pleasant, Texas**Unit ID** id166846**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/343046**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 5 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents 6 pages, pages 1 and 2 missing. Discusses the advantages of living outside of the U.S.; shows his bitterness toward U.S. politics, racial problems and how the government is taking care of them; defends Mexico as a better place to live; discourages any immigration. Pages 1 and 2 missing.

Lucena Scurlock, Macon County, Alabama, to son, Theodocius Joshua Scurlock**Unit ID** id166847**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/343047**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 5 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Fragment ALS. Relates Bill Moore's crime of forgery for 50 bales of cotton and his arrest.

Mary P. Darby, to her brother Theodocius Joshua Scurlock**Unit ID** id166848**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/343048**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 5 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Fragment of Begs brother to return to Marshall to comfort Mother and rest of family; relates [sister] 'Mit' has married; also "Beany [?]" was shot dead previous morning.

Series 6: Diary**Unit ID** id166852**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/342987**Unit Date** 1867-1869**Diary of Theodocius Joshua Scurlock****Unit ID** id166854**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/343049**Unit Date** 1867 December-1869 April**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 6 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents 16 Manuscript volume with typescript copy. Diary of Theodocius Joshua Scurlock containing details of Dr. Scurlock's journey from Texas to Tulango, Mexico; his impressions of the lifestyles of the people he encountered as he traveled south and the novelties he sees and learns about

for the first time; and a table of distances traveled, detailed weather reports, and descriptions of the locations and names of towns stayed in. It gives an insight to the questioning nature of Dr. Scurlock and his ability to describe some of the methods of technique he viewed (e.g., medical and spinning). It also contains lists of edible birds and animals, trees for lumber and various fruit trees and vegetables.