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**Summary**

<b>Size.</b>	326 items and 1 printed volume
<b>Geographic locations.</b>	Sicily Island, La.; Port Gibson, Miss.; Natchez, Miss.; Tensas Parish, La.; Manassas, Va.; Pointe Coupee Parish, La.; Washington D.C.; Marion, Ohio
<b>Inclusive dates.</b>	1850-1935
<b>Bulk dates.</b>	1882-1935
<b>Language.</b>	English
<b>Summary.</b>	Papers and correspondence of Mrs. Emily Turpin Scott and her family, residents of Sicily Island, Louisiana.
<b>Organization.</b>	Series I, Correspondence and Personal Papers, 1850-1935, undated Series II, Financial and Legal Papers, 1897-1935 Series III, Printed items, 1870, undated
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### **Biographical/Historical Note**

Emily Turpin Scott, daughter of Laura Stevenson Archer (1817-1898) and Joseph Alexander Turpin, was a resident of Sicily Island, Catahoula Parish, Louisiana. In 1866, she married Israel S. Scott and the two had at least three children, including a son Dunbar, and a daughter, Laura Scott, who married Richard H. Harris and settled in Sicily Island.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of papers and personal correspondence of Emily Turpin Scott. Early correspondence includes a letter to Israel Scott from his mother (1850) and various letters to Emily Turpin from friends and family. The papers include an amnesty oath (1865) signed by Israel S. Scott and a letter to Scott from L.S. Turpin, Emily's mother, which expresses her approval of their marriage and wishes him happiness with her daughter (1866). Other correspondence (1879-1897) is between Emily and her mother and Emily and her children, Laura and Dunbar Scott. A letter (1894) from Emily V. Mason recalls events following the Civil War and the failure to recover property confiscated during the war. Other letters (1920s-30s) discuss cattle industry in Louisiana and the Midwest, the oil industry in La., lumber camps, the lumber industry, and road construction in Tensas Parish. A great deal of the correspondence comes from Kate Archer Drake, resident of Port Gibson, Mississippi, and niece of Emily T. Scott. These relate family news, Church activities, and gardening. Her letter of September 15, 1935 comments on the death of Huey Long.

Several letters (1915-1918) are concerned with the land holdings of Emily T. Scott's son-in-law, R. H. Harris in Sicily Island, Catahoula Parish, La. Stock certificates of the Pacific Wireless Telegraph Co. (1907) and the Golden Mining Co. in Phoenix (1910-13), and genealogies of the Turpin and Archer families are included, as is a printed volume entitled *The Changed Cross and other religious poems*. A photograph of R.H. Harris and three unidentified photographs are also included in the collection.

**List of Series**

**Series I, Correspondence and Personal Papers, 1850-1935, undated**

**Series II, Financial and Legal Papers, 1897-1935**

**Series III, Printed items, 1870, undated**

### **Series Descriptions**

#### **Series I, Correspondence and Personal Papers, 1850-1935, undated**

The earliest letter in the collection is from Ann Scott to her son Israel, and discusses crops, financial issues, and expresses worry over an outbreak of cholera (1850). The majority of the correspondence belongs to Emily Turpin and consists of a letter from Charlie Crane in Baltimore discussing mutual friends and old times (1855), a letter from a former teacher, J.T. Stoddard wishes her success in her music (1856), and a letter from a friend asks Emily to be a bridesmaid in her wedding (1865). A letter to Israel Scott from Laura S. Turpin approves his wedding plans with her daughter Emily (1866), and a letter to Mr. Scott from Dunbar Hunt provides news from Baltimore (1869). A large portion of the correspondence is letters to Emily from her mother (1879-1890) in which she sends news from Natchez of family matters and social activities. One letter mentions the death of Jefferson Davis (December 1889). A number of letters are written to Emily from her husband, Israel S. Scott that inquire after her health, their children, and provide news about mutual friends (1889-1894).

Correspondence involving her children is comprised of letters from Dunbar Scott talking about his studies and relatives in Natchez and later about financial and family affairs (1884-1901), and letters to Laura from her mother (1903). Later correspondence takes place among the children of Emily and I.S. Scott, especially Laura and her brothers (1930).

The remainder of the correspondence comes from friends and families. A letter to Mrs. I.S. Scott from L.V. Cooley discusses cattle and breeding prices (1887), and a letter from Emily V. Mason discusses school days, her recent travels to Europe, and her attempt to obtain redress of property confiscated during the Civil War (1894). Letters from her nephew Randal N. Hunter (1920-1928) discuss the lumber industry, in particular a sawmill in operation, in Tensas Parish, and those from cousin Augustine "Tenie" Lejeune (1923-1935) discuss family matters and comment on acquaintances and local affairs. A number of letters are written from Port Gibson, Miss. by Kate Drake, Emily Scott's niece, and some from Drake's mother, Ellie (1926-1935, undated). These letters are written to both Emily and Laura Scott and discuss political, local, and church affairs, provide news about family members, and gossip about mutual friends. One such letter discusses local reaction to the discovery of oil in Jackson, Mississippi (March 23, 1930), while another mentions the death and funeral of Huey Long (September 15, 1935).

Other personal papers include an address delivered at the funeral of Mrs. Frances Patterson by Rev. William Finney (1860), the amnesty oath of Israel S. Scott (1865), remarks of Rev. W. Finney at the funeral of Glasgow Archer (1869), and the poem "The Wee White Lamb in the Fold" (undated). Genealogical notes of the Turpin and Archer families are also included (undated).

**Series II, Financial and Legal Papers, 1897-1935**

While the collection includes a fragment of an insurance policy in the name of D.H. Scott (1897), the majority of financial and legal papers belong to the Richard H. Harris family. Documents such as a power of attorney form from Boston Blade to R.H. Harris (1904), an act of sale for land to R.H. Harris (1904), and the sale of real estate by Richard H. Harris to John F. Marshall (1908) are all included, as well as twenty shares of stock in Pacific Wireless Telegraph Company for R.H. Harris (1907), 500 shares of stock in Golden Mining Company (1910), and 1570 shares in Golden Mining Company (1911). Letters to R.H. Harris concern the sale of land (1915), as does a letter to Laura Scott Harris from Louisiana Central Lumber (1932). Also included are tax receipts (1926-1927), a letter to the Confederate Pensioners of the State of Louisiana from L.B. Baynard, State Auditor (1930), and a receipt certificate for stock of General American Finance System, Inc. for I.R. Harris (1932-1935)

**Series III, Printed items, 1870, undated**

Newspaper clippings include poems and articles about churches from various newspapers, one being *The Shreveport Times* (undated). Four photographs can also be found, one of R.H. Harris (W.W. Washburn, New Orleans), and three unidentified portraits (undated).

A printed volume entitled *The Changed Cross and other religious poems* (Anson D.F. Randolph and Co.: New York, 1870) is also included. The volume was originally given to Mrs. Sarah G. Archer from a friend, Maggie M. Mullen (June 1870) and then given to Laura Scott from her Aunt S. Archer (May 1895).

Cross References

Subject	Date	Description of relevant documents
Archer, Glasgow--Death and burial.	1869	Remarks made by William Finney at Archer's burial. Jan. 17.
Archer, John.	1927	Descendents enjoy reading letters by great-grandfather, dating back to 1832, to grandmother when she was at school. Kate A. Drake letter, Mar. 27, 1927.
Archer, Sarah E.	1895	Gives 1870 printed volume of religious poems to her niece, Laura Scott. May.
Archer family.	undated	Genealogy of Turpin and Archer families. Folder 14
Byrd, Richard Evelyn, 1888-1957.	1930	Virginia delegation including governor and Lejeune leaves on boat to escort Byrd to battery for parade.
Cattle--Iowa.	1887	3 year old steers weigh 2,200; 2 year olds, 1,800; and yearlings 1,300, and fine cattle so numerous that fancy breeding prices cannot be obtained. LeVere Cooley, Oct. 3.
Cattle--Mississippi--Rodney.	1890	Dunbar Hunt describes his South Side Hay and Stock Farm, and states most of the cattle were purchased at Fort Adams and New Orleans. Feb. 23.
Cooley, Le Vere.	1887, 1925	Describes fine Iowa cattle at West Liberty commenting on weight of steers and yearlings; states fine cattle so numerous that fancy breeding prices not obtained. 1 letter by, Oct. 3; Operates <i>George Prentiss</i> in Ouachita trade according to brother, Dec. 4, 1925.
Cooley, Stoughton.	1912, 1925, 1929	Employed as clerk on <i>America</i> , 3 friends, letters by: Apr. 14 and 19, Dec. 21, 1912 (New Orleans and Illinois); Friendly letter stating Captain Cooley operates <i>George Prentiss</i> in Ouachita trade, Dec. 4, 1925; Printed New Year's greetings, Dec. 27, 1929. Los Angeles, California.



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Dana, Charles.	1932	Kate A. Drake discusses occupants of "Goat Castle" and no longer believes murder of Miss Merrill was committed by Dana or Miss Dockery. Aug. 13.
Finney, William, d. 1873.	1860, 1869	Delivers burial orations at funeral of Mrs. Frances Patterson (Jan. 3, 1860) and funeral of Glasgow Archer (Jan. 17, 1869).
Funeral orations.	1860, 1869	Reverend William Finnley's oration at funeral of Mrs. Frances Patterson (Jan. 3, 1860); Finnley's remarks at funeral of Glasgow Archer (Jan. 17, 1869)
Gold mines and mining-- Arizona.	1910-1913	Stock certificates issued R. H. Harris in the Golden Mining Co., July 9, 1910 and Oct. 14, 1911; Notice of stockholders' meeting scheduled by the Golden Mining Co. in Phoenix, Aug. 8, 1913.
Harding, Warren G. (Warren Gamaliel), 1865- 1923--Death and burial.	1923	John Lejeune selected as 1 of 12 men to escort body of Harding to Ohio. Letter by "Tenie" Lejeune, Aug. 20.
Harris, Richard H.	1904-1926, undated	Land records, including correspondence, act of sale, receipts for taxes and legal fees; estate papers; and personal photograph.
Homeowner's insurance-- Policies--Louisiana-- Florence.	1897	Issued by Mechanics and Traders Insurance Co. of Natchez on dwelling of Dunbar H. Scott at Florence, in Catahoula Parish. Sept. 13.
Hunt, Dunbar.	1890	Operates South Side Hay and Stock Farm. Feb. 23.
Hunter, Randal N.	1920-1929	Adjusts affairs at bank caused by shortage; states sawmill in operation gives town nice trade; comments on large amount of public work in Parish, including construction of gravel roads; states high wages being paid by logging camps. Letter by Hunter, Aug. 16, 1920; 3 friendly letters mentioning Christmas family reunions and sending Christmas greetings. Dec. 22, 1926, 1928, and 1929.

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Lejeune, Augustine L.	1923-1935, undated	13 friendly letters by "Tenie" discussing family matters, including activities of General Lejeune, and commenting on the few people she knows in Pointe Coupee Parish since leaving there 29 years ago; Receives better care at Harlem Ridge according to Kate Drake, Oct. 13, 1935.
Lejeune, John Archer, 1867-1942.	1921-1932, undated	Explains delay in sending check caused by necessity of waiting for payday. Aug. 1, 1921; Lejeune escorts Harding's body to Marion, Ohio (Aug. 23, 1923); Replaced by General Neville following resignation (undated, folder 14). Augustine Lejeune letters; Plans to remain in Washington until acceptance of Pacific Coast appointment (Feb. 17, 1929); Accepts superintendence of Virginia Military Institute (May 11, 1930); Included in Virginia delegation to meet Lieutenant Byrd (June 29, 1930); Suffers serious fall at Virginia Military Institute (Sept. 23, Oct. 1, and Dec. 11, 1932). Kate A. Drake letters.
Long, Huey Pierce, 1893- 1935--Death and burial.	1935	Kate Drake comments on floral pieces, including offering from King of England and other "big bugs," on Long's grave; thinks country is better off without Long; states Long never shared his own wealth. Sept. 15.
Loyalty oaths-- Mississippi--Adams County.	1865	Signed by Israel S. Scott before clerk of probate court. Nov. 16.
Lumber trade--Louisiana-- Tensas Parish.	1920	Randal N. Hunter states that sawmill operation gives town good trade; mentions high wages paid by logging camps. Aug. 16.
Magruder, Eliza L.-- Diaries.		Kate A. Drake relates family enjoyment of Magruder diary, 1853-1855. Letter, Dec. 30.
Mason, Emily V.	1894	Recalls school days with Emily Turpin Scott and activities following Civil War, including 14 years in France and recent European travel; unable to obtain redress of property confiscated by war. Letter by, June 8.

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Military pensions--Cost-of-living adjustments--Louisiana.	1930	Form letter issued by L. B. Baynard, State Auditor, announcing increase in pension from \$30 to \$60 monthly.
New Year--California.	1929	Printed New Year's greetings sent by Stoughton Cooley, Dec. 27.
Oil wells--Louisiana--Richland Parish.	1930	Local people have gone wild with discovery of oil at Jackson, Mississippi; Laura went to Richland Parish to see the oil well. Kate Drake letter, Mar. 23.
Patterson, Frances--Death and burial.	1860	Remarks made by William Finney at Mrs. Patterson's burial. Jan. 3.
Petroleum--Prospecting--Mississippi--Hinds County.	1930	Local people have gone wild with discovery of oil at Jackson, Mississippi; Laura went to Richland Parish to see the oil well. Kate Drake letter, Mar. 23.
Photographs.	undated	Photograph of Richard Harris and 3 unidentified photographs.
Port Gibson (Miss.)	1926-1935	Friendly letters principally from Kate A. Drake and her mother, Ellie D. Drake, discussing Protestant activities, local news and happenings, observance of Christmas, visit to the Taliaferro's garden, high water, and family matters.
<i>Robert E. Lee</i> (Steamboat)	1879	Friendly letter by Mrs. Turpin to daughter, Jan. 18.
Scott, Ann.	1850	Expresses worry over her son's exposure to cholera in city; discusses hard times and farming matters; punishes George because he was remiss in farm duties. Letter by, May 14.
Scott, Israel S.	1865, 1889-1894	Signs amnesty oath before clerk of probate court. Adams County, Nov. 16, 1865; Friendly letters from Sicily Island to wife, 1889-1894.
Ship captains--Illinois.	1887	Describes fine Iowa cattle at West Liberty commenting on weight of steers and yearlings; states fine cattle so numerous that fancy breeding prices not obtained. 1 letter by, Oct. 3.

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Ship captains--Louisiana.	1925	Operates <i>George Prentiss</i> in Ouachita trade according to brother, Dec. 4, 1925.
Sicily Island (La.)	1850-1935	Papers of Emily Turpin Scott consisting principally of family of family correspondence and land records of her son-in-law, Richard H. Harris.
Stationery.	1854	Letter paper used by student at Burlington College. May 14.
Stoddard, J. T.	1856	Appreciates letter from his former pupil, Emily Turpin. Nov. 3.
Telegraph--Washington (State)	1907	Stock certificates issued R. H. Harris by Pacific Wireless Telegraph Co., Aug. 6.
Tensas Parish (La.)-- Economic conditions-- 20th century.	1920	Randal N. Hunter states operation of sawmill gives town nice trade; mentions high wages paid by logging camps; comments on large amount of public works in Parish, including construction of gravel roads. Aug. 16.
Turpin, L. S. (Laura Stevenson), 1817-1898.	1866	Consents to Emily's marriage to [Israel] Scott. 1 letter by, Apr. 18.
Turpin family.	undated	Genealogy of Turpin and Archer families. Folder 14
Weis, Julius.	1907, 1922	2 friendly letters to Emily T. Scott. Nov. 13, 1907 and Mar. 7, 1922.

**Container List**

<u>Stack Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Contents (with dates)</u>
A:25	1	1-10	(1850-1929)
	2	11-15	(1930-1935, undated)
		16	Newspaper clippings (undated)
		17	Photographs (undated)
		--	1 printed volume (undated)
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