

**SANDIFER (RICHARD M.) PAPERS**  
(Mss. 699)  
Inventory

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Baton Rouge, Louisiana State University

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**SUMMARY**

<b>Size.</b>	21 items, 8 volumes
<b>Geographic locations.</b>	Pike County, Miss.; Warren County, Miss.; Osyka, Miss.; Magnolia, Miss.; Clinton, La.
<b>Inclusive dates.</b>	1831-1880
<b>Bulk dates.</b>	1858-1878
<b>Language.</b>	English
<b>Summary.</b>	Personal papers of Richard M. Sandifer and his family of Pike County, Mississippi primarily relate to the Civil War and the medical education of Sandifer's brother H. W. Sandifer. Included are letters of the Varnado family, also of Pike County.
<b>Organization.</b>	Arranged chronologically.
<b>Restrictions on access.</b>	If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm.
<b>Related collections.</b>	Lemanda E. Lea Papers, Mss. 704
<b>Copyright.</b>	Copyright of the original materials is retained by descendants of the creators in accordance with U.S. copyright law.
<b>Citation.</b>	Richard Sandifer Papers, Mss. 699, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, La.
<b>Stack locations.</b>	E:40, J:6

### **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Richard Monroe Sandifer resided in Osyka, Mississippi with his wife Elizabeth F. Sandifer. He was a soldier and a prisoner of war during the Civil War, released in 1865. Their son, H.W. Sandifer, was a medical student at the University of Louisiana (1875-1878).

The Varnado family, also from Osyka, Mississippi, consisted of J.E. Varnado and his children H.H. Varnado, Quinnie Varnado, and Rolley Hazard Varnado, who died of typhoid dysentery in 1863.

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Papers of Richard M. Sandifer of Pike Co., Miss. consist mainly of correspondence, official documents, financial receipts, and manuscript volumes. Some of the correspondence includes a letter from Richard Sandifer to his wife from Camp at Milldale, Warren County, Miss. (1862), letters from H.H. Varnado to his sister Quinnie (1878) and a letter from R.H. Varnado to his mother (undated). Documents include a certificate releasing Sandifer as a prisoner of war (1865), and one pledging his oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States (1865). A tract of land on the Tangipahoa River (undated) can also be found, along with an unsigned description of the Battle of Shiloh (1862). Manuscript volumes include notebooks of H.W. Sandifer while a student in the medical department at the University of Louisiana (1875-1878), as well as account ledgers from Osyka, Miss., and a bible belonging to R.H. Varnado (published 1861).

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

<u>Stack</u> <u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>
E:40	1	1	1831-1878, undated: 20 items Receipts and notes of Wm. Y and Richard M. Sandifer; one letter from "William" to "Sister" (1858); deed of lease between John H. Moore and Henry McDaniel (1859); letter from Richard Sandifer to his wife (1862); a property return in Pike Co. subject to war tax (1862); account of the Battle of Shiloh, unknown author (1862); documents releasing R. M. Sandifer as a Union prisoner of war and his oath to defend the U. S. Constitution (1865); 3 letters from H.H. Varnado to his sister Quinnie Varnado, Osyka, Mississippi (1878); envelope addressed to Miss Quinnie Varnado; letter from R.H. Varnado to his mother (undated)
J:6		2	Tract of land on the Tangipahoa River, undated
		--	Vol.1 Journal 1857-1858 Expense Account Book in Osyka, Miss.
		--	Vol.2 Ledger 1878-1880
		--	Vol.3 Memorandum Book 1864
		--	Vol.4 Notebook Dec.1875 Medical notebook of H.W. Sandifer
		--	Vol.5 Notebook Jan.1876 Medical notebook of H.W. Sandifer
		--	Vol.6 Notebook Feb.-Mar.1876 Medical notebook of H.W. Sandifer
		--	Vol.7 Notebook Dec.-Jan.1877-1878 Medical notebook of H.W. Sandifer
		--	Vol.8 <i>The New Testament</i> , pub. 1861 Owned by Cpl. Rolley Hazard Varnado d. March 29, 1863, at age of 18.

**INDEX TERMS**

Correspondence.

Loyalty oaths.

Louisiana – History – Civil War, 1861-1865.

Medical students – Louisiana.

Mississippi – History – Civil War, 1861-1865.

Notebooks.

Osyka (Miss.)

Pike County (Miss.)

Sandifer, Elizabeth F.

Sandifer, H.W.

Shiloh, Battle of, Tenn., 1862.

United States – History – Civil War, 1861-1865 – Prisoners and prisons.

University of Louisiana.

Varnado family.

Varnado, H.H.

Varnado, Quinnie.

Varnado, Rolley Hazard, d. 1863.

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		2	Tract of land, undated
J:6	1	--	Vols. 1-8