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## **SUMMARY**

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| <b>Summary</b>              | The James M. B. Tucker Family Papers consist of personal correspondence, records pertaining to business affairs, documents associated with the sale and purchase of properties, ephemera including postcards and prayer cards, newspapers, certificates, family photographs, and two photograph albums. |
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## **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

James M. B. Tucker (1828-1890), a native of Tennessee, was a lawyer and judge in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana. In 1848 Judge Tucker married Caledonia Cornelia MARRS (1831-1910), a native of Shelbyville, Tennessee, and the daughter of John A. and Nancy Stone MARRS. Caledonia was orphaned at age three and raised by relatives, Lucinda B. Stone and John Stone, Jr., in Canton, Mississippi.

Judge J.M.B. Tucker and Caledonia had three sons and four daughters who survived childhood. Two Tucker daughters, Josephine Ashton Tucker (1854) and Mary Lee Tucker (1867-1870), died in infancy. The surviving Tucker children were Beverly Tucker (1850-1927), Lucie Alice Tucker (1852-1904), John MARRS Tucker (1855-1919), Caledonia "Callie" MARRS Tucker (1858-1933), James Boston Tucker (1860-1950), Lillie Maude Tucker (1864-1946), and Florence M. Tucker (1868-1925). According to the 1860 Census, the Tucker household also included 11 enslaved people between the ages of 2 and 35. The names of these individuals are not included in the census record.

The Tucker sons were all quite industrious. James B. Tucker was a local attorney, insurance agent, and temporary editor of the *Colfax Chronicle* of Grant Parish. John M. Tucker was a businessman who moved to Shreveport and became president of the People's Bank of Shreveport. The eldest son, Beverly, was a local merchant and grocer. The Tucker daughters Caledonia "Callie" MARRS, Lucie Alice, Lillie Maude, and Florence M. all took an active part in the social life of Natchitoches. Florence M. Tucker married Ernest Hertzog (1856-1942) and moved to St. Louis, Missouri. Florence and Ernest had two sons, Ernest, Jr., and John Hertzog.

Sophonra MARRS Strong (1817-1867) was sister to Caledonia Cornelia MARRS Tucker. Sophronia married physician, Dr. Joseph C. Strong Jr. (1808-1878). Their family of twelve children resided in Knoxville, Tennessee. Notable Strong children include Benjamin Rush Strong (1847-1815) and Albert N. Strong (1856-1930). Extended family for the MARRS sisters represented in the Papers include Samuel Wayne MARRS (1795-1881), Abijah Thomas MARRS (1789-1872), and Henry Bradshaw MARRS (1801-1880) of Kentucky, uncles to Caledonia Tucker and Sophronia Strong.

Judge Tucker managed rent and accounts for several Natchitoches area Prudhomme family members including Emile St. Anne Prudhomme, Madam E. St. Anne Prudhomme, John E. Prudhomme, Jean Prudhomme, and Ailhand Prudhomme. Additional Natchitoches area families represented in the Papers include Edna Chaffe Cockerham Maccoomb (1876-1928), daughter Dr. John Wesley Cockerham (1835-1921) and Emma Matilda Chaffe Cockerham (1855-1928).

Other families who figure prominently in the Tucker Papers include Texas residents Bertha Bonita Brookman Felts (b.1877) and Judge George Martin Felts (1858-1941) of Belton, Bell County, Texas. Their children were George B. Felts (b.1899), Bessie Bonita Felts (1900-1988), and William Thomas Felts (1902-1964). Their nephew, Amos Martin Felts (1886-1952), moved to Belton to live with his Uncle George. Texas families represented include the King and

Kleberg families of the King Ranch. Henrietta Rosa Kleberg (1889-1969), Alice Gertrudis Kleberg (1893-1997), and Robert Justus Kleberg (1896-1974) were the children of Alice Gertrudis King Kleberg (1862–1944) and Robert J. Kleberg (1853-1832). Any connection between the Felts, King-Kleberg, and Tucker families is unknown.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

**Content Warning: Materials in this collection contain white supremacist, and racially offensive ideologies, language, and depictions.**

The family papers of James M.B. Tucker largely consist of correspondence. This includes the correspondence of Caledonia C. Marrs Tucker, and her daughters Callie, Lucie, Lillie, and Florence. Additional items pertain to the Tucker sons, James B. Tucker, and John M. Tucker. The eldest son, Beverly, is mentioned, but none of his papers are included in the collection. Correspondence details church activities, dances, balls, picnics, musical performances, and other social events in Natchitoches. Additional topics cover gardening, clothing, and various domestic matters. Family matters cited include deaths, weddings, and children of family members in Natchitoches, La., Texas, and Tennessee. Noted items cover Callie Tucker's visits to relatives in Canton, Mississippi. Included among the correspondence are valentines, birthday cards, and ephemera such as musical performance programs, dance cards, invitations to balls and dances, and newspaper clippings.

Also included in this collection are papers pertaining to the business affairs of Judge J.M.B. Tucker. This includes documents associated with the sale and purchase of lands in Natchitoches Parish and Panola County, Texas. The business papers of Judge Tucker cover his acting as agent for the Prudhomme family and others. Records include receipts for groceries, clothing, and dry goods from various Louisiana businesses. Receipts for the payment of state, property, and other taxes, and papers related to business dealings in Natchitoches are also included. Scattered among these papers is correspondence related to Caledonia Tucker's efforts to sell lands belonging to the family, collect dividends from shares in oil companies, and settle the business affairs of her husband following his death.

Records include a collection of postcards from correspondents traveling in the United States and abroad. Ephemera includes an assortment of devotional and prayer cards, mostly in French. Miscellaneous printed materials include broadsides and circular advertisements. Newspapers include clippings related to family members, local events, and news of the Strong family in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Photographs include small portraits of the Tucker family. Items include several ambrotypes and one example of post-mortem photography. Two photograph albums document areas of Texas.

## **LIST OF SERIES**

### **Series I. Papers, 1816-1919, undated**

(Box 1-3; Vol. 4, 6, 8-9; OS:T Folder 1, 3)

### **Series II. Printed Materials, 1867-1912, undated**

(Box 3-7; OS:T Folder 2)

### **Series III. Photographs, circa 1856-1925, undated**

(Box 3, 6; Vol. 1, 3)

## **SERIES DESCRIPTIONS**

### **Series I. Papers, 1816-1919, undated**

This series comprises paper records from the Tucker family. Letters, notices, and receipts are organized in chronological order (1816-1919). Additional unbound items include definitions, notes, invitations, and a collection of empty envelopes. Bound items include several notebooks, a diary (1892-1893), and a record book (1873-1887). Oversize items include records, notices, and certificates.

#### **Letters, notices, and receipts, 1816, 1835-1859. (Box 1, Folder 1)**

Letters include correspondence from W.F. and Abijah T. Marrs of Tompkinsville, Kentucky to their niece (Sophronia Strong) and Dr. Joseph C. Strong, Jr. Details concern property in Illinois (circa 1835). Another letter from R.M. Browing of Scottsville, transmits power of attorney for his brother to J.M.B. Tucker (1859). Notices include the funeral notification of Lucinda B. Stone, wife of John Stone.

Financial records include receipts issued to J.M.B. Tucker at Natchitoches from Walmsley, Carver and Co., and blank checks of the Banque des Amelioration, New Orleans (circa 1830s).

#### **Letters, notices, and receipts, 1860-1869. (Box 1, Folder 2)**

Letters of note include correspondence to Caledonia "Cal" covering news from Canton, Mississippi, and the Battle of Grenada (January 4, 1863). War correspondence includes a letter to J.M.B. Tucker, acting Agent of the Confederate States Depository (1865). Minnie Strong (daughter of Sophronia Strong) writes to her aunt, Caledonia (1869).

Certificates include land grants to Antonie Casey, and deed of property to James M.B. Tucker. A certificate from the office of Governor Henry Clay Warmoth awarded John M. Tucker a free education at Centenary College (1869).

**Letters, notices, and receipts, 1870-1875. (Box 1, Folder 3-4)**

Letters include correspondence to Caledonia Tucker (daughter of John A. Marrs) concerning family history in connection with claim to an estate in Scotland. This includes letters from Samuel W. Marrs, and several cousins, which mentions property in Illinois (1875). Several items of correspondence are related to Nazareth Academy, near Burkesville, Kentucky. Sister Columba Carroll writes to Caledonia, speaking about the joy of teaching a pupil's daughter. Correspondence to Caledonia includes a letter from her friend and schoolmate J.C. Jones. Caledonia writes a letter to Callie, recalling her own time at Nazareth Academy (1874). Additional letters to Callie Tucker include correspondence from her friend Emma F. Watson, her cousin Albert N. Strong, Teresa C. Gough, Mrs. D.P. Griffith, and Charles A. Dunckelman.

Family correspondence to Caledonia Tucker includes a letter from her niece, Minnie H. Strong, in Tennessee. Additional correspondence to Caledonia is from a schoolmate Amanda (possibly Sanders) of Luckland Planation. Ephemeral items include a valentine written to Callie, and dance invitations to Temperance Hall and the residence of Narcisse Prudhomme. Notation includes drafted remembrances lamenting the passing of two Tucker daughters, Josephine Ashton Tucker (July 30 – August 5, 1854) and Mary Lee Tucker (1867-1870).

Financial records include items related to Emile and Jean Prudhomme. Legal records cover the case of Joseph Stephens vs. Henrietta Prudhomme, wife of Theophile Prudhomme (1875).

**Letters, notices, and receipts, 1876-1879. (Box 1, Folders 5-6)**

Letters to Caledonia Tucker include correspondence from her friend Amanda (possibly Sanders), and her cousin Clara Lee Puckette of Canton, Mississippi. [See Series III for details concerning a photo removed from a Clara Puckette letter (March 27, 1879).] Correspondence from H.B. (Henry Bradshaw) Marrs of Kentucky, to his niece Caledonia, concerns family history and estates in Scotland and Illinois. The letter includes a list of names and addresses of his children.

Letters to Callie Tucker include correspondence from Charles A. Dunckelman, and from Annie Whitted [sic] of Coushatta. Louisiana. A letter to Callie from James Genius contains a proposal of marriage. Family correspondence includes a letter from Caledonia to Callie while visiting Cote Joyeuse in Natchitoches Parish. Social notes to Callie include invitations to an exhibition, entertainments, a buggy ride, the theater, and a party. There's also an invitation from "Carrie" of Evergreen Plantation concerning the "Ladies

of Tiger Island.” A note from G.R. Draughon (August 2, 1878) included an enclosed photograph. [The original photograph is in Box 6, Folder 23. See Series III description and container list for details.] Miscellaneous items include a poem written to Lucie from Massillon A. Cassidy of Strawberry Plains. Invitations detail dances and soirees at Natchitoches and Montgomery, admittance to the Young Men’s Ball at Coushatta, and a program for the Calico Ball at Natchitoches.

Letters to Judge J.M.B. Tucker include correspondence related to land properties from George B. Rains of Texas, and J.P. Van Dorston of Vandalia, Illinois. Additional items related to Judge Tucker include a draft of a petition on the parish court of Natchitoches.

Property records include a redemption receipt issued to James M. B. Tucker for property sold in Panola County, Texas. Financial records include a statement of accounts due (1876, 1878). Records include receipts, statements, and rental accounts associated with Jean Prudhomme and J.M.B. Tucker. Several items cover details of promissory notes associated with A.L. Bretel and James M.B. Tucker. Additional items include city taxes (1878), invoices, bills of lading, and dry goods account statements. Items of note include a commission of John [sic] M.B. Tucker as parish judge of Natchitoches.

**Letters, notices, and receipts, 1880-1882. (Box 1, Folder 7; Box 2, Folders 1-2)**

Correspondence includes several letters to Callie Tucker received while visiting relatives in Canton, Mississippi (February 23-July 3, 1882). These include letters from her mother Caledonia, her siblings Lillie, Florence, Lucie, and James. Letters postmarked primarily from their home in Natchitoches, with a few from Shreveport, Louisiana. Correspondence relays news of family and friends. Local entertainments described include the Natchitoches Brass Band, the Acme Ball Club, and social life in the neighborhood. Items of interest include details on the organization of a local dramatic company, and transportation by river. Correspondence to Callie from her friends includes letters from Annie Whitted in Coushatta, and Emma Perot in Campti, Louisiana. Letters give news of friends and social life in Natchitoches. Correspondence to Caledonia Tucker includes letters from her schoolmate Leila S. Hickox of Luckland Plantation, and from Mrs. E. Grosvenor, Council Bluffs, Iowa. Correspondence from Camile Morris in Baltimore speaks of Henry Boyce and his sister, Mrs. Powhatan Clarke.

Social notices include a Valentine poem, invitations, and programs. Entertainments include weddings, various dances, and receptions, held in Cloutierville and Coushatta, Louisiana, and Canton, Mississippi. Benefit affairs include a supper given by the Hebrew Ladies’ Society in Natchitoches for the Touro Infirmary, and a dance for the Natchitoches Rifles. Items of note include certificates awarding honorary membership to Lucie A. Tucker from Natchitoches area firehouses, the Mechanics Hook and Ladder Company No.1, and the Perseverance Fire Company No.1.

Financial records include a dental bill, and statements of rents collected for Jean and Emile St. Anne Prudhomme by J.M.B. Tucker.

**Letters, notices, and receipts, 1882-1889. (Box 2, Folders 1-4)**

Correspondence includes letters to Callie from Emma Perot, and from her cousin Benjamin Rush Strong telling of plans to visit Europe. A letter to Callie from her friend Lou (March 26, 1882) includes a photograph of a young girl. [The original photograph is in Box 6, Folder 25. See Series III description and container list for details.] Letters to Caledonia Tucker are from Mrs. C. Hamilton concerning Florence Tucker, and from her cousin Marshall Pepper in Sidney, Ohio. A letter to Caledonia from F.S. Marrs in Texas, details family relationships. Several letters to a friend (Caledonia Tucker) from Mrs. E. Grosvenor tell of her life in Iowa. Letters from James B. Tucker to his mother tell of his work at the *Colfax Chronicle* and his visits to Susie McKnight. Letters to Judge J.M.B. Tucker from his son James B. Tucker at Colfax, give information on taxes and concern James' law cases. Correspondence includes a letter to J.M.B. Tucker from Caledonia, while caring for their son James in Fairmont, Louisiana. She mentions a proposed visit of Newton Blanchard (Congressman and later Governor of Louisiana, 1904-1908).

Miscellaneous items include a birthday card, and an invitation to the Purim Ball of the X.L.C.R. Club. Additional items include a Natchitoches Parish Teacher's Certificate for Lucie Tucker, and pages from *The Century Magazine* for April 1886.

Property records include a receipt and tax notice for land in Panola County, Texas. Inherited land in Panola County originally belonged to James B. Tucker, father to Judge J.M.B. Tucker and Mary Tucker Barlow. Related correspondence from H.N. Nelson and B.D. Crocket concerns the land tract in Panola County.

Several letters are from a Texas land agent, George C. Greer, concerning the purchase of land. Records include a land warrant for property in Natchitoches Parish assigned to Felix Metoyer by Aylcey Martin, widow of Manes Martin, a War of 1812 veteran. Correspondence includes letters from the United State Land Office at Natchitoches and the General Land Office at Washington. Letters concern Homestead Entry No.1521 in the contest between George W. Lampkins and Willis Elly.

Financial records include receipts for dry goods, groceries, and medical bills. Statements of accounts involve Madame Emile St. Anne Prudhomme and Jean Prudhomme. Correspondence from Emile St. Anne Prudhomme concerns collection and payment of a debts, postmarked Cote Joyeuse.

Various records include correspondence to Judge J.M.B. Tucker from attorneys Rutland and Elliot (Baton Rouge), and Ira Lampley of John W. Tullis & Company (Alabama) concerning property sales. Letters to Judge J.M.B. Tucker from Mortimer Perot and J.B. Birkhand concern financial transactions. Documents include a draft of an agreement between Mrs. J.B. Morantinie and James M.B. Tucker. Additional records include a promissory note concerning James B. Tucker, H.M. Hyams, John M. Tucker, and Dr.

Joseph S. Stephens. Items of interest include the life insurance policy for John M. Tucker from the Grand Lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and a registry certificate of a Holstein-Friesian bull.

**Letters, notices, and receipts, 1890-1899. (Box 2, Folders 5-6)**

Judge James M.B. Tucker died 20 January 1890. Correspondence and records concerning his passing include letters of sympathy to Caledonia Tucker from her niece Jennie S. Balmain, and her friends Ann Braud, Jennie C.B. Joffrion, and Leilia S. Hickox. Items comprise a black rimmed memorial card for Judge James M. B. Tucker. Funerary financial records include correspondence from Downs & Company's Marble Works of Shreveport, and a receipt from the American Graveyard in Natchitoches. Possible related estate records include a letter to Caledonia from her son James enclosing a life insurance policy, and fire insurance policy on the Tucker family home.

Correspondence to Caledonia Tucker includes letters from her daughter, Florence T. Hertzog in Little Rock, and from her friend Emily C. Phillips in Fresno, California. Additional correspondence includes a letter from J.M. Marr concerning the Marr (Marrs) family. Items of interest include a letter for F.M. Welch appointing Miss Lucky Tucker [sic] vice-president of the Central Louisiana State Fair Association. Social correspondence includes an invitation to a Comus Club event, and an invitation to the King's Ball from Will H. Tunnard.

Records concerning property and land sales include a letter to Judge J.M.B. Tucker from A.F. Geimmer. Following Judge Tucker's passing, property correspondence is addressed to Caledonia Tucker. Correspondence from family includes a letter from H.N. Nelson of Texas, concerning the division of land among the Tucker heirs. Marrs family correspondence includes a letter from J.M. Marrs of Spring Grove, Michigan. Letters from F.S. Marrs of Texas contain family news and details of John A. Marrs land. A letter to Aunt (Caledonia) from C.H. Teal in Colfax concerns the value of her lands. Correspondence from dealers interested in the timber lands of Winn and Red River Parishes includes letters from W.H. Howcott and John Watton (New Orleans), and H.M. Loomer & Company and C.S. Searing (Alexandria). Additional inquiries about land sales in Red River Parish include letters from Ira Lampley (Alabama), and Sheriff J.M.T. Elliot. Correspondence concerning land or timber in Panola County, Texas, includes letters from land agent George C. Greer, and Yates & Nobel of Longview (Texas).

Business and financial records include bills and statements concerning lumber, labor, groceries, and merchandise. Bills of lading cover shipments received on the steamer *Hallette*. Items of interest include a postcard to John M. Tucker, attorney at law, from Ernest Cadwell (Shelbyville, Tennessee) concerning an investigation of records.

**Letters, notices, and receipts, 1900-1904. (Box 3, Folders 1-2)**

Family correspondence includes letters from a cousin, Marcia Waskom (Texas), to James B. Tucker and his mother Caledonia. There are several letters addressed to Caledonia from Florence Tucker Hertzog and her sons, John and Ernest. Correspondence to Caledonia from John M. Tucker includes letters concurrent with his position as President of the People's Bank of Shreveport. Significant correspondence is addressed to Caledonia Tucker and her daughter Lillie (May 19 - June 21, 1904). Letters received during their visit with Florence Hertzog in St. Louis to see the World's Fair. Items include letters from Callie, Lucie, John, and James. They give news of home, and sale of the People's Bank of Shreveport by John.

Lucie Tucker died suddenly of heart failure in October 1904. Correspondence includes various items connected with expenses for Lucie's funeral. Additional financial records include tax receipts, and bills for groceries, dry goods, professional services, and merchandise.

**Letters, notices, and receipts, 1905-1919. (Box 3, Folder 3)**

Financial records include items related to the funeral expenses of Lucie Tucker. Items of interest include the draft of the deed for the estate of Lucie Tucker to John M. Tucker from her siblings Callie, Lillie, Beverly, James, and Florence. Papers also include several tax receipts for state, parish, and city taxes.

Ephemera includes a broadside with handwritten corrections of an itinerary for a private party to Europe. [Picture postcards (1905-1919) moved to Box 6. See descriptions for Series II and the container list for details.]

**Letters, notices, and receipts, undated. (Box 3, Folder 4)**

Correspondence to Caledonia Tucker includes letters from Mrs. Jones (Pennsylvania) asking about James H. Ransdall. Additional correspondence includes letters from Leila S. Harrison concerning the trial of her brother, and from Caledonia's cousin Mary M. McClelland (Kentucky) with news of the Berkley family. Additional items include a letter to Lucie from Marie Gouaux, and a Christmas telegram to Lillie M. Tucker from W.H. Mullen. Miscellaneous items include a letter to Lou from John, a draft letter asking to be appointed assistant teacher, and notes on Mrs. Heman's death and of her poetry.

Items of interest include a copy of a sworn statement made by Samuel W. Marrs concerning his ancestors (circa 1874). Miscellaneous items include a list of out-of-state creditors, poems, essays, and a program of songs. Financial records include a statement of account of J. M. B. Tucker with Francois Petitjean, and a bill for Miss L. Tucker.

**Notes and invitations, undated. (Box 3, Folder 5)**

Miscellaneous items include definitions of legal terms written on slips of paper, probably used by James B. Tucker while studying law. Notes to Callie include several from her mother Caledonia, from Fanny Blanchard concerning a raffle, and from Julie Sompayrac concerning a dress. An unsigned note to Callie from a friend mentioned that she heard her brother "Johnnie" was "expected to go down the river with the rest of the gentlemen to quell the disturbances there" (possibly referencing the Colfax Riot of 1873).

Social items include notes from Lizzie Hamlin, G.R. Draughon, and several invitations from J.M. McGregor. Printed invitations include a series of soirees given by Professor J. Hundley Williams at his Dancing Academy in Natchitoches. Handwritten invites include a soiree at Lacoste Hall (Natchitoches), a literary entertainment given by Mrs. Allison's Private School at the Fireman's Hall, and a local hop or dance.

Miscellaneous items include a collection of empty envelopes. Items may or may not correlate to correspondence within these papers. Many have postmarks and return addresses. Printed return addresses include the U.S. Land Office in Natchitoches, and timber land dealers H.M. Loomer & Co. (Alexandria) and W.H. Howcott (New Orleans). A fanciful color printed envelope addressed to J.B. (James B.) Tucker depicts a railroad map of Shreveport, with city facts on the back. The return address is Commercial National Bank, Shreveport, with a 1905 postmark. The envelope likely held correspondence from John M. Tucker, writing home to his brother in Natchitoches.

**Vol. 4. Diary, 1892-1893.**

This diary was authored by an unknown woman, age 33, living in New Orleans with her parents. There is a probable connection to the Chaffe family. Much of the content tells of the diarist's time with relatives in Natchitoches, Louisiana. Entries also mention relatives or friends in Louisville, Kentucky, and Elisabeth, New Jersey. She spends much of her time visiting Mrs. Barton who is ill. There are numerous references to doctors and the sick. The diarist is elected as a member of the Women's Hospital Board, an appointment she refuses. She is active in organizations of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

**Vol. 5. "Lucinda Tucker's Dictation Book" notebook, 1866.**

This notebook consists of notes taken in dictation by Lucinda "Lucie" Tucker. French and English languages used.

**Vol. 6. "Lucy Tucker" notebook, undated.**

This notebook is the English grammar and botany notebook of Lucy/Lucie Tucker.

**Vol. 7. Anonymous Notebook, undated.**

This hand-sewn notebook contains botanical notes, essays, and poems copied and analyzed by an unknown author. The stitched binding was unbound for preservation and readability.

**Vol. 8. "Bookkeeping exercises" notebook, undated.**

This anonymous ledger of bookkeeping exercises was created by an unknown bookkeeping student. Notes cover definitions and best practices with descriptions, examples, and dated entries. Additional content includes mathematical equations with descriptions and examples.

**Vol. 9. Record Book, 1873-1887.**

This volume is J. M. B. Tucker's accounts ledger for rents with Emile St. Anne Prudhomme, John E. Prudhomme, Madam E. St. Anne Prudhomme and Ailhand Prudhomme. Judge Tucker managed the rent accounts of the Prudhomme family. Record books give names of persons from whom collected, dates, and amounts. Disbursements from the funds are itemized and give date, name of person to whom paid, and in some instances purpose of payment.

**Oversize Records and Documents, 1852-1905, undated.**

Oversize correspondence includes letters from Ira Lampley, of John W. Tullis & Co. (Alabama), concerning land in Coushatta, Louisiana (1890-1891). Financial records include the rental records and bills of Emile St. Anne, John, and Jean Prudhomme (1877-1882). Records also include accounts of construction supplies and labor paid by John M. Tucker (1904-1905). Notable items include an oversize embroidery pattern drawn on the back of a recycled promissory note for "Susan" (1852).

**Certificates, 1855-1896, undated.**

Oversize property records include a certificate from the U.S. General Land Grant Office to Antoine Casey, and bounty land awarded to Aylcey Martin, widow of James Martin, (1855). There are several oversize certificates of life insurance policies for James B. Tucker from American Mutual Accident Association, Mutual Life Insurance Co. of NY, and Mechanics' & Traders Insurance Co. of New Orleans. Items include certificates awarded to John M. Tucker from the Grand Lodge Ancient Order of United Workmen of Texas, Natchitoches Lodge No. 10 (1883). Records for John Tucker cover his election as Parish Judge for Natchitoches by the State of Louisiana (1878).

**Series II. Printed Materials, 1867-1912, undated**

**Newspapers and clippings, 1867-1908, undated.**

Newspaper holdings include *The Daily Pointer*, May 2, 1908 (Ardmore, Oklahoma) and the *Knoxville Daily Free Press*, Nov. 22, 1867. Clippings include an obituary for Sophronia B. Strong, circa 1878. Additional family-related clippings cover the closing of the People's Bank in Shreveport with details about John M. Tucker (circa 1905). Articles of interest include news of the Mechanic's Hook & Ladder Co. firetruck named the "Lucy T.," in honor of Lucie A. Tucker.

**Printed materials, 1887-1904, undated.**

Broadside poem dedicated to Confederate Veterans at Shreveport Reunion, 1887.  
Poems on broadside distributed by the Royal Tailors of Chicago.  
Circular advertising A. Bouchereau's Louisiana Sugar Report.  
Circular advertising a course in penmanship by R.N. Marrs.  
Program of songs sung by Ida Harder, St. Louis, Missouri, 1904.  
Broadside poem by W. Jasper Blackburn, Little Rock, Arkansas, 1889.  
Price list of memorial cards.  
Circular advertising Dr. Earl's Publications.  
Broadside theater programs of "The Garden of Allah" and "The Klansman".  
Menu of the Oriental Hotel, Dallas, Texas.

**Bound printed materials, 1876, undated.**

Bound items include *The Scientific American Hand Book* (1876). Also included is an illustrated album of real estate belonging to B.R. (Benjamin Rush) Strong in Knoxville, Tennessee. Properties cited include city and suburban houses and lots, factory sites, and farms.

**Vol. 2. Album: postcards from abroad, 1903-1904, undated.**

The only volume included in the printed materials series is comprised of picture postcards from Scotland, England, France, and Belgium. Most are addressed to Mrs. Edwin T. Maccomb in London, Paris, New Orleans, or Natchitoches. Some postcards are addressed care of "Will Chaffe," or "Dr. J.W. Cockerham, Natchitoches." Edna Chaffe Cockerham Maccomb (1876-1928) was the daughter of Natchitoches residents, Dr. John Wesley Cockerham (1835-1921) and Emma Matilda Chaffe Cockerham (1855-1928). Any connection, aside from Natchitoches, between Edna C. Maccomb and the Tucker family is unknown. A photocopied, handwritten note associated with the album reads, "this is Dr. Corcham [Cockerham?], Fenner, and Clark family stuff out of the attic of this

house.” [A mounted studio photograph of a white rose was removed from Vol. 2 and relocated to Box 3, Folder 9. See Series III for descriptions regarding photographs.]

**Postcards and ephemera, circa 1904-1912, undated.**

Ephemeral materials include postcard correspondence and ephemera removed from Box 3, Folder 3 and 7. Items include various picture postcards from across the United States. Most postcards cover correspondence to Lillie M. Tucker from her cousin Will. Content and imagery chronicle Will’s travels through Oklahoma and Texas (1907-1909). Items of note include two panoramic postcards, one of the University of Texas at Austin, and another of the Baltimore Conflagration of 1904. Additional picture postcards without correspondence depict Colorado landscapes, Nashville, and Charleston. Ephemera includes holiday cards, calling cards, and a 1910 calendar postcard from Nazareth Academy, in Kentucky. Other items include a mechanical die cut book detailing handkerchief, fan glove, and parasol flirtations titled “*The Little Flirt or the Floral Language of Love.*”

**Series III. Photographs, circa 1856-1925, undated**

**Vol. 1. “Chicago Ranch, Texas” photograph album, circa 1896.**

This album is a photographic journal featuring a “town girl” from Louisiana visiting a Texas ranch. Chicago Ranch and Santa Gertrudis Ranch are cited among the photograph captions and notation. Nelson Morris, Chicago meat packer of Morris & Co., founded the Chicago Ranch circa 1883. Black and white photographs depict ranch life and captions tell of roundups, wild wolf chases and wild horses. The album is addressed to the “Palm girls” and is signed by their cousins “John and Charlie.” Photographs include an image captioned, “Henrietta and Alice Kleberg at the Santa Gertrudis Ranch.” The young girls appear to be 6 and 10 years old. Henrietta and Alice are the daughters of Alice Gertrudis King Kleberg and Robert J. Kleberg. Rancho Santa Gertrudis is part of the extensive King Ranch property in Texas. Photographic captions also mention the King and Kleberg families. There are several photos of “the new Kleberg baby,” a boy about age 2-3 years old, who may be Robert Justus Kleberg (1896-1974). Other individuals mentioned include Wilbur Mass, Nadia, Denny, and Elise. A loose photograph of the Richmondville Hotel remains in the album. Notation on the photograph verso reads “Given to me by Mr. Fenton, May 19, 1896 –”

**Vol. 3. “Kodak Views” photograph album, circa 1906.**

This album is a photographic journal featuring the creator’s home and the town of Belton, Texas in Bell County. It is heavily annotated with captions referencing each photograph. The album contains photographs of the creator’s home and notable buildings in the town

of Belton. Buildings featured include Belton Light & Power on the Leon River, Belton High School, Baylor College, Central Hotel, Carnegie Library, the New Presbyterian Church, and Confederate Park. A loose postcard with notation depicts the Bell County Court House with the Opera House in the background.

Handwritten captions mention Bess, George and William, and a reference to "Our boys, Amos Felts and Herbert Rather." Felts and Rather were graduates of Belton High School (1906). Amos Martin Felts moved to Belton, Texas aged 16 to live with his uncle, Judge George Martin Felts. The photograph album is without signed authorship but was most likely made by Bertha Bonita Brookman Felts. Bertha was wife to Judge G.M. Felts, and their children were George B., Bessie Bonita, and William Thomas Felts. A small, mounted photograph removed from the album depicts an unknown young man. This photograph is in Box 6, Folder 31.

### **Photographs removed, circa 1856-1925, undated.**

Photographs include small portraits of possible Tucker family, extended family, and/or friends. Most photographs are unidentified and undated. Circa dates apply to items found within postmarked letters, removed for conservation. Notice of removal is included with the letter and the original photograph. Items include several ambrotypes and various paper-based photographs.

Items removed from Box 1 include a small oval portrait attached to a note from G.R. Draughon (August 2, 1878), and an ambrotype of a young man included in a letter from Clara Lee Puckette to Caledonia Tucker (March 27, 1879). Removed from Box 2 is a cabinet card photo found with a letter to Callie from Lou (March 26, 1882). Notation on the photograph verso reads "To Auntie from Callie." Additional items removed include one mounted studio photograph of a white rose from Vol. 2. Removals from Vol. 3 include a small, mounted photograph of an unknown young man. [Further volume descriptions in Series II.] The remaining photographs are of unknown origin. Items of note include a photographic postcard from Nina "Ninette" to Caledonia Tucker. An ambrotype of a mother with child appears to be an example of post-mortem photography. Items with approximate dates ("circa") include a tombstone photograph for Florence Hertzog (1867-1925).

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