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SUMMARY

Size.	4 manuscript volumes
Geographic locations.	Augusta, Georgia
Inclusive dates.	1749-1910
Bulk dates.	--
Language.	English
Summary.	Photocopies of reminiscences of Maria McKinne Winter Robertson on her life and residence in Georgia, and also on her family history.
Restrictions on access.	If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm.
Related collections.	N/A
Copyright.	Copyright of the original materials is retained by descendants of the creators in accordance with U.S. copyright law.
Citation.	Maria McKinne Winter Robertson Reminiscences, Mss. 3479, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, La.
Stack location.	UU:166

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Maria McKinne Winter Robertson was born on Fairview Plantation, Georgia. She lived in Augusta, Georgia, and later New Orleans, Louisiana.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The volumes consist of anecdotal accounts about her own and related families. Topics focus primarily on her life in Georgia and include education, travel, agriculture, family events, business affairs, and natural disasters. Robertson describes Georgia citizens, residences, and social customs; and she discusses antebellum, Civil War, and Reconstruction historical events. Some specific topics include formation of the Ku Klux Klan in Georgia; descriptions of late 19th-century women's apparel; the scarcity of dolls during the Civil War; family visits to New York and Boston for medical, educational, and social reasons; the 1888 flood of the Savannah River; and the Charleston earthquake of 1886.

CROSS REFERENCES

Subject	Date	Description of relevant documents
African Americans--Georgia.	1860s, 1911	Faithfulness of servants during the war; "Black Mammy" in household of Mrs. Anne M. Winter, newspaper tribute, February 22, 1911;
Augusta (Ga.)--History--19th century.	1850s-1900s	Robertson describes Augusta citizens, residences, and social customs; and she discusses antebellum, Civil War, and Reconstruction historical events;
Earthquakes--Georgia--Charleston.	1886	Effects of Charleston earthquake of 1886;
Fairview Plantation (Ga.)	Ca. 1854	Walton family place on the sand hills near Monte Sano, previously owned by McKinne family and Maria was born there 1854; built in 18 th C., it was summer home of George Walton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence;
Floods--Georgia--Augusta.	1888	Description of hardships and devastation caused by Savannah River flooding, in personal reminiscences and newspaper articles;
Georgia--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.	--	Yankees said to send mercenaries, as substitutes, from European boats directly to the front, "lonely boys and friendly – German. . ."
Ku Klux Klan (19th cent.)	1865-	Formation of Klan and its purpose; cooperation of Union military organizations;
Sherman, William T. (William Tecumseh), 1820-1891.	1864	Said to have spared Augusta and The Hill because the burial place of a young child of his was located there;
Winter, John Gano.	1799-1865	Judge, planter, businessman, grandfather of Maria Robertson; with sons Jim and Joe spent Civil War in England: pro-South but anti-slavery. Name "Gano" derived from "Ganeaux;"
Women--Education--Georgia.	Mid 19 th century	At Miss Winifred C. Tyson's school, study of astronomy and expurgated classics for girls;

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Women's clothing--Georgia.	Late 19 th century	Shoes in Civil War times; description of lifetime mourning wardrobe worn by Mrs. G. W. Winter; note on appearance of ready-made clothes in the 1870s;
Woolfork, Lucy Margaret.	Mid 19 th century	Wife of Virginius Gadsen Hitt, cousin to Maria Robertson; remarks on her obvious resemblance to George Washington of whom she was a descendant;
Yellow fever--Georgia.	1854	Because of epidemic in the cities, McKinne family leaves Columbus and Augusta for Fairview Plantation near Monte Sano; there, Maria was born;

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack</u>			
<u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folders</u>	<u>Contents</u>
UU:166	1	1	Part of the reminiscences, "Notes on the Children of George Washington Winter and Anne Galphin McKinne;"
		2	Part of the reminiscences, "Childhood Recollections: Civil War;"
		3	Part of the reminiscences, "The Sand Hills & Augusta, Georgia;"
		4	Part of the reminiscences, random notes;