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Title: Carswell-Kilpatrick Family Letters

Date: 28 July 1886 – 29 December 1896

Extent: 1 box

Scope and Content: Collection of twenty-one (21) letters donated to the Augusta-Richmond County Public Library System on 21 February 2018 by Mr. Bryant Huff of Broxton, Georgia (see letter). The letters span a ten (10) year period from 28 July 1886 to 29 December 1896, and are mostly correspondence between Anna Cornelia Carswell and her first cousin Macon Kilpatrick, with a few outlying letters written between Anna and her sister Sarah Carswell.

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Administrative/biographical history: Letters were donated on 21 February 2018 by Bryant Huff, 83 Will Smith Road, Broxton, Ga 31519 (912-359-5628; bbryanthuff@hotmail.com). No relation to family. Biographical material in document box MS 121.

Conditions governing access: No restrictions.

Related resources: MS 119 Polhill-Miller-Carswell Family Papers; Anna and Sarah Carswell are sisters to James Alexander Carswell who married Livinia Miller Carswell, daughter of Cornelia Polhill Miller and Baldwin Miller.

Letter 1- 28 July 1886, to Anna Carswell from sister, Sarah Carswell; sent from Hephzibah, Georgia. According to the 1880 United States Federal Census (see attached papers), Anna would have been 17 in 1886, and Sarah 22. Names mentioned in this letter are: Aunt Emma, Aunt Sarah, and Cousin Hattie. Anna and Sarah Carswell are the daughters of John Franklin Carswell (b. 25 December 1817 in Burke County, Georgia). He had four sons and four daughters with Mary Jones Kilpatrick (b. 24 December 1823). John Carswell died on 31 October 1882 in Hephzibah, Georgia at 64, and Mary Kilpatrick died on 5 July 1892. (1 page). Children are Mary Carswell, John Hamilton Carswell, Franklin Washington Carswell, James Alexander Carswell*, Charles Mallory Carswell, Kattie Carswell, Sarah Carswell, and Anna Carswell.

The Carswell's are descended from Lieutenant John Carswell who served in the 4th Company, Georgia Battalion during the Revolutionary War (see SAR application submitted by Carswell Stovall Mayne, son of Anna Cornelia Carswell and George Stovall Mayne.)

Letter 2- 25 September 1886 from Anna Carswell to Macon Kilpatrick (Cousin Macon); sent from Hephzibah, Georgia. Letter mentions Cousin Liza Kilpatrick, Cousin Marian and Uncle Matthew, Sister Sarah Carswell, and Perth (?). Anna lists Macon's mother Edna and father James, and his brothers and sisters: Heard, Helen, Sarah, and Howard. Macon's father James Kilpatrick is Anna's mother's (Mary Jones Kilpatrick Carswells) brother. (1 page)

Macon Mallery Kilpatrick (b. 3 January 1865; d. 25 July 1904) is son of James Hines Kilpatrick (b. 18 October 1833, Burke County, Georgia; 27 March 1908, Greene County, White Plains, Georgia.) *See Find-A-Grave for Rev. James Hines Kilpatrick. Mary Jones Kilpatrick listed as sibling. *1880 US Federal Census Macon's mother listed as Edna (Edna Perrin Heard b. 30 April 1843, Richmond County, Augusta, Georgia; d. 26 March 1925, Greene County, White Plains, Georgia.) Find-a-Grave lists children as: William Heard, Helen Floyd, Sarah Brooks, and Howard Malcolm.

Letter 3- 1 January 1887 from Anna Carswell to Macon Kilpatrick; sent from Hephzibah, Georgia. Christmas News. Mentions Cousin Alex Carswell being at Uncle Matthew's. Also mentions Cousin Marian, Cousin George, Cousin Annie Swift, and Cyrus Hudson (Aunt Emma K's father. Kilpatrick ?) who died on 30 December 1886. (*listed on slave schedule as slave holder in Burke County, Georgia) (1 page)

Letter 4- 19 March 1887 from Anna Carswell to Cousin Macon; sent from Hephzibah, Georgia. Upset with Macon for irreverent behavior. (1 page)

Letter 5- 4 April 1887 from Anna to Macon; sent from Hephzibah, Georgia. (1 page)

Letter 6- 13 April 1887 from Anna to Macon; sent from Hephzibah, Georgia. Uncle Matthew (Carswell) died. Anna mentions that now three Carswell's have died. *See Find-a-Grave: Matthew Jackson Carswell b. 18 January 1822, Burke County, Georgia; d. 12 April 1887, Hephzibah, Georgia; m. Harriet Elizabeth Kilpatrick Carswell. (1 page)

Letter 7- 14 February 1888 from Anna to Macon; sent from near Watkinsville, Georgia. Anna is in Watkinsville for a teacher's exam and writing while in classroom. (1 page)

Letter 8- 29 February 1888 from Anna to Macon; near Watkinsville, Georgia. (1 page)

Letter 9- March 1888 from Anna to Macon; near Watkinsville, Georgia. Anna is staying with a Mrs. Middlebrook. (1 page)

Letter 10- 26 July 1888 from Anna to Macon; Hephzibah, Georgia. Many family names mentioned in letter. (2 pages)

Letter 11- 22 April 1889 from Anna to Macon; Hephzibah, Georgia. (2 pages)

Letter 12- 3 October 1889 from Macon to Anna; Nashville, Tennessee. Macon writing about a trip to Atlanta, then taking a train to Nashville. (2 pages)

Letter 13- 8 February 1890 from Anna to Macon; Appling, Georgia. Speaks of Alex Carswell's death, son of Uncle Matthew and Aunt Liza. (2 pages)

Letter 14- 27 July 1891 from Anna to Macon; Hephzibah, Georgia. (3 pages)

Letter 15- 27 August 1891 from Anna to Macon; Hephzibah, Georgia. Anna writes of attending marriage of Mary Williamson and Fred Cox, and that Mary's family is opposed to the marriage. Anna attended the "Formal Institute" in Augusta, Georgia from August 31-September 4, 1891. (1 page)

Letter 16- 27 February 1892 from Anna to Macon; Swainsboro, Georgia. (1 page)

Letter 17- 6 December 1892 from Anna to Macon; Bath, Georgia. Letter addresses jealousy Macon might feel because Anna writes of friends she meets. Anna writes of a George Williamson, and possibility of future marriage. (2 pages)

Letter 18- 19 June 1893 from Anna to Macon; Hephzibah, Georgia. (1 page)

Letter 19- 26 March 1895 from Macon to Anna; White Plains, Georgia. (2 pages)

Letter 20- 29 November 1896 from Helen (Macon's sister) to Anna; White Plains, Georgia. (1 page)

Letter 21- 29 December 1896 from Cousin Lizzie to Anna; Lewisville, Georgia (?). Congratulating Anna on her marriage. 1 page)