

BOSTICK FAMILY PAPERS
1834-[1861-1864]-1870

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INTRODUCTION

The Bostick Family Papers, 1834-[1861-1864]-1870, were donated in July of 1996 by Irene Jackson Wills, Granbery Jackson, and Ridley Wills II. The collection consists of 73 items, mostly correspondence, is housed in one archives box, and occupies 5 linear inches of shelf space. These documents are additions to, and replace, photocopies originally donated by the Wills' in February 1967, which comprised accession number 67-010, Bostick Papers, 1861-1864. With this new accession, the Bostick Papers collection, 1861-1864, accession number 67-010, has been dissolved.

There are no restrictions on the collection, and single copies of the Bostick Family Papers may be made for scholarly research purposes.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Bostick Family Papers, 1834-[1861-81641-1870, consisting of seventy-three (73) letters of correspondence (and some few telegrams) are centered mostly around the family's activities during the Civil War. The collection occupies one archives box and is arranged alphabetically by the writer's name, then chronologically. For most of the letters there is included a typed transcription which was donated earlier when photocopies of the letters were donated as accession number 67-010.

As reflected in these letters, the Bostick family apparently consisted of Hardin Perkins Bostick and his wife Margaret Litton Bostick; sons J. Litton Bostick, Abe Bostick, Thomas Hardin Bostick, and Joe Bostick; and daughters Mary Ann (Bostick) Anderson, Eliza Jane (Bostick) Early (wife of John F. Early), and Catherine (Bostick) Halbert (wife of Bently Halbert).

The collection's two earliest letters (dated 1834, 1841) are written by Hardin Perkins Bostick to his wife Margaret Litton Bostick. One other letter dated 1858 was also written by Bostick to his wife. Letters dated February 26, 1861 (folder 72) and May 7, 1861 (folder 70) from L.M. Shackelford and E.W. Sehon respectively, indicate that Hardin P. Bostick died in early 1861.

A series of six letters dated 1850 and 1853 (folders 24-29), recount a period of time that J. Litton Bostick spent as a miner and farmer in California.

The bulk of the letters (63 in number) is concentrated between 1861 and 1864, and most of these recount in some detail the experiences of the Bostick sons during the Civil War. The majority were written by Abe, J. Litton, and Thomas H. Bostick to their mother and sisters. J. Litton Bostick an officer, HQ, Liddell's Division, was wounded in battle on July 21, 1864, and later died on July 29, 1864; Abram (Abe) Bostick a Major, 7th Tennessee Infantry ("The Blues"), was killed in a fight near Richmond, June 28, 1862; Thomas Hardin Bostick, was a Captain, Co. K, 7th Tennessee Infantry ("The Blues"); and Joseph Bostick was a Major, 34th Tennessee Infantry. Apparently, brothers Thomas H. and Joe survived the hostilities. Letters from Col. John F. Goodner (folder 63) and E. L. F. McKenzie (folder 68) give added details concerning the death of Abe Bostick.

The latest letter, dated December 28, 1870 (folder 58) was written to the Rev. Thomas H. Early and signed by Hardin, Lila, and John Early, apparently the children and husband of Eliza Jane (Bostick) Early.

CONTAINER LIST

Box Number 1/1

1. Anderson, Mary Anne to Thomas H. Bostick, 7/13/1862
2. Bate, Maj. Gen., William B. to Samuel S. Cooper, 3/22/1864
3. Bostick, Abe to Margaret Litton Bostick, 7/18/1861
4. Bostick, Abe to Margaret Litton Bostick, 7/21/1861
5. Bostick, Abe to Eliza Bostick Early, 7/26/1861
6. Bostick, Abe to Mag, 8/4/1861
7. Bostick, Abe to Margaret Litton Bostick, 8/20/1861
8. Bostick, Abe to Catherine Halbert, 8/13/1861
9. Bostick, Abe to Catherine Halbert, 9/7/1861
10. Bostick, Abe to Catherine Halbert, 10/5/1861
11. Bostick, Abe to Catherine Halbert, 11/6/1861
12. Bostick, Abe to Margaret Litton Bostick, 11/30/1861
13. Bostick, Abe to Eliza Jane Early, 12/10/1861
14. Bostick, Abe to J. Litton Bostick, 12/16/1861
15. Bostick, Abe to Margaret Litton Bostick, 12/22/1861
16. Bostick, Abe to Catherine Halbert, 1/ 8/1862
17. Bostick, Abe to Margaret Litton Bostick, 1/31/1862
18. Bostick, Abe to Margaret Litton Bostick, 3/17/1862
19. Bostick, Abe to T. H. Bostick, 5/23/1862
20. Bostick, Abe to T. H. Bostick, 6/20/1862
21. Bostick, Hardin P. to Margaret Litton Bostick, 2/4/1834
22. Bostick, Hardin P. to Margaret Litton Bostick, 3/2/1841
23. Bostick, Hardin P. to Margaret Litton Bostick, 5/24/1858
24. Bostick, J. Litton to "My Dear Father," 5/25/1850
25. Bostick, J. Litton to Hardin Perkins Bostick, 8/8/1850
26. Bostick, J. Litton to Margaret Litton Bostick, 6/24/1853
27. Bostick, J. Litton to Margaret Litton Bostick, 6/29/1853
28. Bostick, J. Litton to Bently Halbert, 8/12/1853
29. Bostick, J. Litton to Family, 8/13/1853
30. Bostick, J. Litton to Margaret Litton Bostick, 2/23/1862
31. Bostick, J. Litton to Margaret Litton Bostick, 2/25/1862
32. Bostick, J. Litton to Margaret Litton Bostick, 7/21/1862
33. Bostick, J. Litton to Catherine Halbert, 3/12/1863
34. Bostick, J. Litton to Catherine Halbert, 7/19/1863
35. Bostick, J. Litton to Mary Anne Anderson, 8/31/1863
36. Bostick, J. Litton to Margaret Litton Bostick, 9/22/1863
37. Bostick, J. Litton to Margaret Litton Bostick, 10/14/1863
38. Bostick, J. Litton to Catherine Halbert, 10/26/1863

39. Bostick, J. Litton to Margaret Litton Bostick, 10/30/1863
40. Bostick, J. Litton to Margaret Litton Bostick, 11/9/1863
41. Bostick, J. Litton to his sister, 1/20/1864
42. Bostick, J. Litton to Bettie Bostick, 5/31/1864
43. Bostick, J. Litton to Margaret Litton Bostick, 6/13/1864
44. Bostick, J. Litton to Catherine Halbert, 6/14/1864
45. Bostick, J. Litton to Catherine Halbert, 6/26/1864
46. Bostick, J. Litton to Margaret Litton Bostick, 6/28/1864
47. Bostick, Joe to Thomas H. Bostick, 7/7/1862
48. Bostick, Thomas H. to Margaret Litton Bostick, 6/30/1862
49. Bostick, Thomas H. to Mat McClain Bostick, 6/30/1862
50. Bostick, Thomas H. to Margaret Litton Bostick, 7/4/1862
51. Bostick, Thomas H. to Margaret Litton Bostick, 3/13/1863
52. Bostick, Thomas H. to Bettie Topp Bostick, 7/25/1864
53. Bostick, Thomas H. to Bettie Topp Bostick, 7/31/1864
54. Bostick, Thomas H. to Margaret Litton Bostick, 7/31/1864
55. Bostick, Thomas H. to Bettie Topp Bostick, 8/1/1864
56. Early, Eliza Bostick to Margaret Litton Bostick, 5/9/1862
57. Early, Eliza Bostick to Margaret Litton Bostick, 7/17/1862
58. Early, Hardin, Lila, and John to Thomas H. Early, 12/28/1870
59. Early, John F. to Thomas H. Early, 8/8/1861
60. Frye, John D. to Thomas H. Bostick, 6/29/1862
61. Frye, John D., Telegram to Thomas H. Bostick, 7/1/1862
62. Green, Nathaniel to Margaret Litton Bostick, 8/30/1864
63. Goodner, Col. John F. to Mrs. H. P. Bostick, 9/12/1862
64. Litton, Isaac to Margaret Litton Bostick, 8/6/1864
65. Maney, L. M. to George A. Leeper, 6/11/1862
66. McClain, R. P. Telegram to Thomas H. Bostick, 6/29/1862
67. McClain, J. S. to Margaret Litton Bostick, 7/6/1862
68. McKenzie, E. L. F. to Miss Mary Ann "May" Anderson, 6/30/1862
69. Reid, Ann Litton to Margaret Litton Bostick, Summer 1862
70. Sehon, E. W. to Margaret Litton Bostick, 5/7/1861
71. Sehon, E. W. to Margaret Litton Bostick, 8/1/1862
72. Shackelford, L. M. to Margaret Litton Bostick, 2/26/1861
73. Thomas, Kate to Thomas H. Bostick, 7/1/1862