

Prisoners of War held at the Customs House (Civil War) Collection

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Louisiana State Museum Historical Center

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Descriptive Summary

Provenance:	Items in this Collection were a gift to the Louisiana State Museum by Florence L. Smith in 1947
Title:	Prisoners of War held at the Customs House (Civil War) Collection
Dates:	September 1863
Abstract:	Autograph book kept by Julia Kate Tyler of Confederate soldiers imprisoned at the Customs House.
Extent:	2 folders
Accession:	12797

Biographical / Historical Note

The U.S. Custom House in New Orleans is one of the oldest and most important federal buildings in the southern United States and one of the major works of architecture commissioned by the federal government in the nineteenth century. This monumental granite building was begun in 1848 and built over a period of 33 years. The grand Marble Hall in the center of the building is one of the finest Greek Revival interiors in the United States.

The partially completed building was first occupied in 1856 when the U.S. Customs Service moved into the first floor. The post office followed in November 1860, and the building served as the city's main post office through the remainder of the nineteenth century. Although construction was suspended during the Civil War, the building was occupied briefly by Confederate forces and then by the Union Army after New Orleans was occupied in 1862. It was also used to house captured Confederate soldiers, reportedly up to 2,000 men at one time.

<http://www.gsa.gov/portal/ext/html/site/hb/category/25431/actionParameter/exploreByBuilding/buildingId/925>

Scope and Content

Autograph book kept by Julia Kate Tyler of Confederate soldiers imprisoned at the Customs House. Includes name, regiment, and home address. Book is indexed according to order of name as it appears in the book.

Subjects

Confederacy
Soldiers
Civil War
Customs House
Prisoners of War
Julia Kate Tyler

Access of Use Restrictions

Access

Collection is **open** for research

Related of Separated Materials

1863, Map of Port Hudson and its defenses drawn by de Baun (12797.8)

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

Prisoners of War at the Customs House Collection, Louisiana State Museum
Historical Center

Acquisition Information

Collection was donated by Florence L. Smith on June 10, 1947

Notes

Contents List

Folder 1: 1863, Autograph book kept by Julia Kate Tyler of Confederate soldiers imprisoned at the Customs House; includes name, regiment, and home address

Folder 2: Index of names listed in autograph book from the Louisiana Genealogical Register