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LOCATION LIST

RAY, Lavender R., Papers.

<u>BOX</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1	Series 1-1 through 6-3	2132-01a
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3	Series 13-1 (Scrapbook)	2032-02/03a
0	Series 14-1 (Clarke & Roomey Store Account Book)	2174-47
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4	Folders 1-10	2132-03b
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0	Oversize items	o 047

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES
AND HISTORY - Manuscripts Inventory

Lavender R. Ray Papers; 1791-1792; 1831-1954.

Donor: Mrs. Eli A. Thomas

Lavender R. Ray (1842-1916) was born and lived most of his life in Newnan, Coweta County, Georgia. At the outbreak of the Civil War, he was a student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Over the objections of his parents, he volunteered for service in Company A, First Georgia Infantry, and saw action as a private in Stonewall Jackson's Corps. He transferred to Company H, First Georgia Calvary in 1862, again seeing action. In 1864 he was promoted to lieutenant and placed in charge of the Atlanta ammunition and powder magazine. After the fall of Atlanta, Ray was among the troops who pursued Gen. Sherman's Army and participated in the battle at Boykin's Mills, South Carolina, the last battle of the War fought east of the Mississippi River.

After the War, Ray returned to Newnan, read law with his father, and in 1866 was admitted to the Georgia Bar. Ray, whose law practice was active and successful, engaged himself in local affairs and politics. In 1880 he was chosen as one of Georgia's Democratic Presidential electors, in 1882 he served a term in the Georgia House of Representatives, and in 1884 he served a term in the Georgia Senate. During his two terms in the Georgia Legislature he introduced several bills which became law, including one which established the office of county administrator in each county. In 1891 Ray moved his home and law practice to Atlanta, Georgia, where he resided until his death in 1916.

While in Newnan Ray was for several years superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday School, a Master of the Masonic Lodge of Coweta County, and for years their representative to the Grand Lodge of Georgia. He was a life member of the Georgia Agricultural Society and a member of the Royal Arcanum Order.

Lavender R. Ray was the son of Bethenia Gilliam Lavender and Judge John Ray. Lavender Ray married Annie Felder of Americus, Georgia in 1871; and they had one daughter, Ruby Felder Ray, who married Rev. Eli A. Thomas of Atlanta, Georgia.

This collection is divided into the following series: (1) Lavender R. Ray Biographical and Personal Information; (2) Photographs; (3) Personal Letters and Diary; (4) Military Papers; (5) Subject Files; (6) Correspondence; (7) Joseph Jackson Felder (Lavender Ray's brother-in-law) Family Correspondence; (8) Judge John Ray Papers; (9) John Ray (Lavender Ray's brother) Papers; (10) John Robinson Papers; (11) Jameson-Shaw Legal Papers; (12) Miscellaneous; (13) Lavender Ray Scrapbook; (14) Clarke & Roomey Store Account Book. - cat. Sep.

A listing of series contents follows.

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Lavender R. Ray Papers

- Series #1: Lavender R. Ray Biographical and Personal Information, 1872-1916, approximately. 61 leaves.
- 1-1: Includes a biographical sketch, post cards, newsclippings, various membership cards, and a genealogical chart. (35 leaves)
 - 1-2: Sketched plans, materials list, and accounts of money spent on house designed by Ray and built for his family. (26 leaves)
- Series #2: Photographs, ca. 1872-1900. 7 items.
- 2-1: Photographs of Ray and of his home in Newnan.(7 items.)
- Series #3: Lavender R. Ray Personal Letters and Diary, 1861-1875. 61 leaves, 1 volume.
- 3-1: Ray's letters to family while he was in the army, and one to his wife in 1875. Diary kept by Ray during the War. (Typescript of diary is available in the Civil War Section.) (61 leaves.)
- Series #4: Lavender R. Ray Military Papers, 1862-1865. 69 leaves.
- 4-1: Ray's military orders and papers dealing with his command of the Atlanta ammunition and powder magazine. (69 leaves.)
- Series #5: Lavender R. Ray Subject Files, 1850-1916, 1937, 206 leaves. 11 items.
- *5-1: Ray's commissions as Major, Colonel, Judge Advocate General in the United Confederate Veterans, 1911-1913;[*and as Captain of the Newnan Guard in 1877.] (6 leaves.)
 - 5-2: Auction flyer advertising Ray property, sold in 1937. (3 leaves.)
 - 5-3: Bills introduced by Ray as a member of the Georgia Senate, 1882-1885. (10 leaves.)
 - 5-4: Catalog of the Newnan Seminary, 1850. Contains the names of teachers, students, and patrons. (1 item.)
 - *5-5: Certificates of admission to practice law in the Superior Court, 1871, [*Court of Appeals in 1910,] and other courts 1866 and 1871. [*Appointment as Commissioner to the Agricultural and Industrial Exposition, 1876;] eligibility for Cross of Honor given by the UDC; newsclipping about the Cross of Honor, 1908; and Oath of Allegiance, 1865. (9 leaves.)
 - 5-6: Program, roster, newsclippings, and correspondence concerning the annual United Confederate Veterans reunions, 1898-1909. (7 leaves, 1 item.)
 - 5-7: Newsclippings and correspondence concerning the Jamestown Exposition, 1907. Ray lent a silver urn from the Revolutionary period for display at the exposition. (16 leaves.)

* [The item(s) in brackets with asterisk * removed to oversize. 0-047.]

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- 5-8: Muster roll of Company A, First Georgia Infantry, 1862. Accounts of two engagements in 1862, written in 1909. (25 leaves.)
- 5-9: Miscellaneous political records and documents; ballots, 1891; courtesy railroad tickets, 1894-1895; invitation to Governor's inaugural reception, 1882; autographed photograph of Alexander Stephens; newsclippings and printed material relating to Ray's various political campaigns. (29 leaves.)
- 5-10: Newsclippings and memo concerning 1909 reunion of the 1884-1885 General Assembly of Georgia. (11 leaves.)
- 5-11: Newsclippings, correspondence, rosters, programs, a commission, and miscellaneous papers concerning the Royal Arcanum, 1889-1915. (50 leaves, 9 items.)
- 5-12: Biographical information about Dick Thompson (1832-1906), slave and servant of Ray family who accompanied Ray during the War. (5 leaves.)
- ~~5-13:~~
*5-13: Newsclippings and correspondence relating to Wheeler Calvary reunions, 1899-1900; general information and correspondence concerning a Wheeler Memorial, 1906. Includes one letter to Theodore Roosevelt concerning the memorial. [*Words and music to "Wheeler's Calvary".] (17 leaves.)
- 5-14: Newsclippings of the death of Gen. Wheeler, 1906, and about memorial services for him, 1912 and 1916. (18 leaves.)
- Series #6: Lavender R. Ray Correspondence, 1869-1912. 100 leaves, 2 items.
- 6-1: Four letters of recommendation for Ray, 1869, by J. W. Bradley of Newnan, Jas. Stacy of Newnan, John Cooke of Newnan, and W. B. Smith of Atlanta. Purpose of letters is not indicated. (4 leaves.)
- 6-2: Letter from Governor Alfred H. Colquitt concerning Electorial College, 1880. (1 leaf.)
- 6-3: Correspondence with Alex Roulston and W. P. Trimble concerning legal and financial matters relating to Speer's Steam Engine, 1887-1888. (25 leaves.)
- 6-4: Letter inviting Ray to attend inauguration of James A. Garfield, 1881. (1 leaf.)
- 6-5: Letter by Ray announcing candidacy for Judgeship of Tallapoosa Circuit, 1894, a printed recommendation for Ray, and the election returns. (9 leaves.)
- 6-6: Correspondence with F. C. Ainsworth, 1904-1916, dealing with personal military records that Ray had, and a chronological listing of Ray's military activities, 1861-1865. (12 leaves.)

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- 6-7: Correspondence, newsclippings, and miscellaneous papers concerning Ray's A. B. Degree from the University of North Carolina, 1911. (15 leaves, 2 items.)
- 6-8: Correspondence and miscellaneous papers concerning Ray Park in Newnan, 1907-1935. (24 leaves.)
- 6-9: Letter from the Atlanta Civic League asking Ray to run for Judge of Superior Court of Fulton County, 1912. (1 leaf.)
- 6-10: General correspondence, 1880-1911. Correspondents were Joseph E. Brown, W. L. Stallings, Minnie Iverson Randolph, Winfield Scott Hancock, and T. R. Whitley. (8 leaves.)
- Series #7: Joseph Jackson Felder Letters, 1861-1964. 97 leaves.
- 7-1: Felder's letters to his family in Americus, Georgia. He was Ray's brother-in-law. (97 leaves.)
- Series #8: Judge John Ray Papers, 1840-1864. 9 leaves.
- 8-1: Correspondence and miscellaneous legal papers of Lavender's father.
- Series #9: John Ray Papers, 1861-1864. 14 leaves.
- 9-1: Correspondence and military papers of Lavender Ray's older brother, John Ray. (14 leaves.)
- Series #10: John Robinson Papers, 1831-1860. 23 leaves, 1 item.
John D. Ray and John M. Robinson married the Lavender Sisters, Bethenia & Mary.
- 10-1: ~~Relation to John Robinson to Ray is unknown.~~ Papers include grants, deeds, and legal papers. (23 leaves, 1 item.)
- Series #11: Jameson-Shaw Legal Papers, 1791-1792. 2 leaves.
- 11-1: Two petitions of Robert Jameson and Jonas Shaw to the Wilkes County, Georgia, Inferior Court.
- Series #12: Miscellaneous, 1831-1954. 43 leaves, 1 volume.
- 12-1: Newsclippings; bankruptcy notice, 1877; letter to Mrs. Eli Thomas; and various loose papers without clear relation to Ray. (34 leaves.)
- 12-2: George Michael Lavender Day Book, deeds, grants, one bond. Lavender was owner of a trading post in Indian territory in northeast Georgia. (14 leaves, 1 item.)
- Series #13: Lavender R. Ray Scrapbook, ca. 1860-1916. 1 volume.
- 13-1: Contains personal letters to Ray, photographs, newsclippings

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concerning political activities of Ray, and military papers.

Series #14: Clarke and Roomey Store Account Book, ^{1828-1832.} ~~1843~~. 1 Volume.

14-1: Account book of the Clarke and Roomey (general merchandise)
Store in Coweta County. Lists names, dates, purchases, and amount.

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LAVENDER R. RAY Papers, Addition, 1829-1904 and undated.
12 folders. Original loose papers, 146 items, 172
pieces; printed material, 15 items, 15 pieces; original
bound volumes (small) 2 items.

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These papers are an addition to the inventoried
Lavender R. Ray Papers, 1791-1792, 1831-1954. Both sets
of papers contain similar types of records concerning Ray's
family members, professional life, and military and other
activities.

Below is a cross-reference for the particular records
in each set of papers which are of a similar nature.

<u>Lavender R. Ray Papers, 1791-1792, 1831-1954</u>	<u>Lavender R. Ray Papers, Addition 1829-1904 and undated</u>
Folder 4-1 Ray/Military Papers	Folder 1 Ray military papers
Folder 8-1 Judge John Ray Papers	Folder 7 John Ray Papers
Folder 9-1 John Ray Papers	
Folder 5-1 U.C.V. Newnan Guard	Folder 5 Records on Organizational Affiliations
Folder 5-6 U.C.V.	
Folder 5-11 Royal Acranum	
Folder 5-13 Wheeler Cavalry	
Folder 5-4 Catalog of Newnan Seminary	Folder 7 John Ray Papers (tuition at Newnan Seminary)
Folder 6-1 Letters of Recom- mendation	Folder 4 Professional and Business Papers (letters of recom- mendation)
Folder 12-2 George M. Lavender Day Book	Folder 6 G. M. Lavender papers

A folder inventory of the Lavender R. Ray Papers, addition
follows:

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- 1 Lavender R. Ray Civil War Military Papers, 1863-1865.
Original loose papers, 18 items, 20 pieces.

Records created in Ray's capacity as acting ordnance officer. Ray was a member of Co. H. 5th GA Cavalry. Includes also an 1865 letter to President Andrew Johnson from some Newnan, Georgia women in behalf of Jefferson Davis, prisoner of U.S. Army.

- 2 Lavender R. Ray Personal and Family Papers, 1866, 1881-1898 and undated. Original loose papers, 25 items, 32 pieces; printed material, 10 items, 10 pieces.

Includes undated [1880?] broadsides concerning Ray's speaking engagements as a Democratic Elector; Ray's 1891 dental records; miscellaneous letters concerning his transfer of churches from Newnan to Atlanta; railroad passes to the GA State Agricultural Convention; and miscellaneous family items including records of trips to St. Louis and Chicago.

- 3 Lavender R. Ray Account and Memorandum Book, 1889-1894. Original bound volume (small), 1 item.

Contains a record of personal and business receipts and disbursements, and some memorandum and real estate accounts at the back of the book.

- 4 Lavender R. Ray Professional and Business Papers, 1880-1892. Original loose papers, 13 items, 16 pieces.

Includes Newnan Municipal Election Tally sheet (Ray, candidate for mayor); Ray's State Senate 1885 Expense Statement; professional incoming letters from A. H. Colquitt, Joseph E. Brown, and Hoke Smith; letters of recommendation; papers concerning a widow's pension of Emily Joyner; and papers concerning the incorporation of the Central Land Company, Atlanta.

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- 5 Lavender R. Ray Records on Organizational Affiliations, 1890-1904. Original loose papers, 16 items, 18 pieces; printed material, 2 items, 2 pieces.

 Contains incoming letters and documents concerning Ray's membership in the Atlanta Scotch-Irish Society; Royal Arcanum; Newnan Guards; and Camp A, Wheeler's Cavalry, United Confederate Veterans.

- 6 George M. Lavender Papers, 1835-1848 and undated. Original loose papers, 14 items, 14 pieces; original bound volume (small), 1 item.

 Lavender R. Ray's great grandfather, George M. Lavender was an early settler of Floyd County, and operated a store or trading post called Lavender's. Some of these papers concern his trading with various Cherokee Indians. One item is entitled "Account of notes not attested that was registered at the Cherokee Agency in January, 1836." This item, and a small hand-bound undated volume contain alphabetical listings of Indian names and monetary amounts. Also included are records concerning the settlement of Lavender's estate, including an undated receipt of Eady P. Printemp (formerly Eady P. Lavender) for 13 slaves.

- 7 John Ray Papers, 1829, 1851-1870 and undated. Original loose papers, 7 items, 8 pieces; printed material, 1 item, 1 piece.

 Includes papers possibly of both Judge John Ray, L. R. Ray's father, and John D. Ray, L. R. Ray's brother. Included are land records, and 1851 tuition statement of Newnan Seminary, and apprenticeship records to John Ray (and Miss Susan A. Ray) for an orphaned black child named Marian., 1867-1868.

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- 8 Mat(t)hew Reade * Genealogical Information, undated.
Original loose papers, 7 items, 13 pieces.

Mat(t)hew Reade (1815-1888) of County Mearth Ireland, later of Fayetteville, Fayette County, and Fairburn, Campbell County was a friend of Lavender Ray. Ray was the administrator of Reade's Estate, which involved the location of numerous distant relatives, as Reade had no children.

Genealogical information, possibly compiled by Ray, concerning the brothers, sisters, nieces, and nephews of Mat(t)hew Reade.

* Reade's relatives also spelled this name Read, Reed, Reede, and Reid. Lavender Ray usually spelled his name "Reade," as did many relatives.

- 9 Incoming Letters to Mat(t)hew Reade, 1848-1884.
Original loose papers, 15 items, 15 pieces.

The letters are from relatives in Ireland, New York, New Orleans, and Philadelphia. A few early letters concern sickness and poverty in Ireland and passage of relatives to America. Other letters concern the sharing of family news and the location of relatives in America.

- 10 Mat(t)hew Reade Heirs Correspondence with Lavender R. Ray, 1888-1892. Original loose papers, 30 items, 35 pieces.

Primarily incoming letters from relatives of Mat(t)hew Reade, deceased, concerning Reade family members, and inquiries about the estate settlement. Includes also copies of some Ray outgoing letters.

Mat(t)hew Reade was the 4th child of Michael Reade and Mary Price. His brothers and sisters were: James (1806-1879); Ann, who married Patrick Keegan; and Mary, who married Thomas Weldon.

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- 10 After the death of Mat(t)hew's father, his mother married Thomas Donegan. Some of the letters to Lavender Ray were from: Ann Reade Keegan and her daughter Mary Keegan Stern; nephew Mathew Reade, son of James Reade; Kate, Thomas, and James Weldon; and John Heffron, Rosa Heffron, and Mary L. Heffron Nunn, children or grandchild of Jane Donegan Heffron, half-sister of Mat(t)hew Reade, deceased.

Oversize. See listing of oversized items in 0-047, which contains 5 folders. Folders 1-3 of 0-47 are from Lavender R. Ray Papers; Folders 4-5 of 0-047 are from Lavender R. Ray Papers. Addition.

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Folder

- 0-047 Lavender R. Ray Papers and Lavender R. Ray Papers, Addition. 5 folders.
- 1 Lavender R. Ray's Commission, Capitan of Newnan Guards, 1877. Original loose papers, 1 item, 1 piece. Removed from Series 5-1.
- 2 Appointment of Lavender R. Ray to practice law in Georgia Court of Appeals, 1910. Appointment of Lavender R. Ray as Commissioner, Agricultural and Industrial Exposition, 1876. Original loose papers, 2 items, 2 pieces. Removed from Series 5-5.
- 3 Words and Music to "Wheeler's Cavalry" c. 1906. Printed material, 1 item, 2 pieces. Removed from Series 5-13.
- 4 George M. Lavender Deeds, 1837. Original loose papers, 2 items, 2 pieces. Removed from Lavender R. Ray Papers, Addition.
- 5 Broadsides. "Jeff Davis is Dead," 1889, Newnan, Georgia Memorial Service. "U.C.V. Annual Reunion," 1906, New Orleans, travel via Atlanta & West Point R.R. Co. and Western Railway of Alabama. Printed material, 2 items, 2 pieces.