

Folder 34: Simon Bolivar Buckner Correspondence, 1870s

S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Tallahassee, FL to Col[onel] Chaz A. White, Washington, DC. February 12, 1871. ALS, 2 ½ pp.

 Informs White that Confederate States postage stamps have been acquired for White's lady friend and hopes that she believes him loyal to women

W. Lovell, New York, [NY] to [Simon Bolivar] Buckner, Louisville, KY. October 8, 1871. ALS, 4 pp.

 Congratulates Buckner for favorable ruling on a law suit. Lovell tells of economic struggles and the health of his family.

W. F. Smith, Cincinnati, OH to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Louisville, KY. October 24, 1871. ALS, 2 pp.

 Mentions the Great Chicago Fire and discusses their old friendship from when both lived in Chicago. Smith requests for a meeting between himself and Buckner.

S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Louisville, KY to R. W. Woolley, no place [Louisville, KY?]. May 8, 1877. ANS, ½ pp.

 Promissory statement to repay Woolley for a sum of \$1,570. Accompany Jefferson - County document concerning Buckner's debt to Woolley and the Louisville City National Bank dated May 8, 1877 and signed by Notary Public, Chaz Warren.

Joane S. Murrow, Munfordville, KY to S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, no place. October 6, 1877. ALS, 1 pp.

 Request for Buckner to promptly join Mrs. Boltin in suing two squatters on the Buckner and Boltin land.

R. S. Moxley, Louisville, KY to S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Chicago, IL. October 8, 1877. ALS, 1pp.

 Relates to the distribution of money to Buckner from the Louisville City National Bank.

R. Clutchfield, Paducah, KY to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Chicago, IL. November, 4, 1877. ALS, 2 pp.

 Request to sign a bond note that Clutchfield believes Buckner forgot when he was in Louisville. Clutchfield needs signature in order to keep his place.

Wm[William] J. Barret, Louisville, KY to [Simon Bolivar] Buckner, no place. November 5, 1877. ANS, 1 pp.

 Discusses Warren Mitchell's claim and how Buckner can help by sending a letter from him to Burnside.

Jacob Krieger, Louisville, KY to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, no place. November 6, 1877. ALS, ½ pp.

Notification that the amount of \$6371.46 is overdue to the Masonic Savings Bank in Louisville, KY.

Aylett B. Tooke, Glenlily, KY to Uncle [Simon Bolivar Buckner], no place. December 2, 1877. ALS, 4 pp.

Asks hiring advice about farm hands for next year. Tooke remarks on the large numbers of available workers that will result in hiring hands for reasonable wages and comments about current hands that he both likes and dislikes.

Aylett B. Tooke, Glenlily, KY to Uncle [Simon Bolivar Buckner], no place. December 10, 1877. ALS, 2 ½ pp.

Relating information about an unruly worker, Frank, who pretends to be ill and has not completed his work.

Aylett B. Tooke, Louisville, KY to Uncle [Simon Bolivar Buckner], no place. December 13, 1877. ALS, 2 ½ pp.

Discusses the running of the farm and ask about decision to retain farm hands for next year.

Duff G. Reed, Chicago, [IL] to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, no place. January 12, 1878. ALS, 2 pp.

Asks for a loan of money and discusses a theater play that he is writing for McKee Rankin.

C. M. Warren, Louisville, KY to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Chicago, IL. January 15, 1878. ALS, 1 pp.

Request to pay overdue note of \$1,000 to the Louisville City National Bank

Aylett B. Tooke, Glenlily, KY to Uncle [Simon Bolivar Buckner], no place. April 9, 1878. ALS, 3 pp.

Discusses the postponement of the farm's sale and records economic value of individual farm hands.

Aylett B. Tooke, Glenlily, KY to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Chicago, IL. April 11, 1878. ALS, 4 pp. with envelope.

Informs Buckner of the amount of money due to various parties in the county and value of property used by Briggs. Discusses several court cases pending regarding suits against Buckner.

R. N. [or W.] Kirby, Salt Lake City, [UT] to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Chicago, IL. June 5, 1878. ALS, 1 ½ pp.

Discusses the marriage of Von Bulow and relates his impression of Gen. Smith who borrowed money from Kuby.

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A[mbrose] E. Burnside, Green Brier White Sulphur Springs, WV to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner or D. W. Mitchell, [Chicago, IL]. July 28, 1878. Telegram, MN, 1 pp.

Leaving Monday night for Providence and requests Buckner to come at once.

A[mbrose] E. Burnside, Green Brier, White Sulphur Springs, WV to D. W. Mitchell, [Chicago, IL]. July 29, 1878. ALS, 1 pp.

Inquiring if Buckner arrived so that Burnside can meet with him in New York.

Anonymous, Louisville, KY. 187(?). AD, 24 pp.

Discusses the history and conflicts within the Catholic Church which include interaction with Roman Empire, separation of church and state, power of archbishops, and apostles. Appears to be written in Simon Bolivar Buckner's handwriting.

Folder 35: Simon Bolivar Buckner Correspondence, 1880s

[Mary Buckner Tooke], no place, to Brother [Simon Bolivar Buckner], no place. May 27, 1880 and February 6, 1881. ALS, 4 pp with 1 page typed transcription.

Discusses the merits of M[orris] B[elknap] as a husband for Buckner's daughter, Lily, throughout two continuous letters.

Clarisse Claiborne, Clarence Park Green Lake, to General S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Chicago, [IL]. September 1, 1881. ALS, 4 pp with envelope.

Relates the itinerary of the family's travels around the Wisconsin and New York areas in the coming weeks and requests for Buckner to join them at some point along the way.

Maggie L. Morehead, Hawesville, KY to Simon [Bolivar Buckner], no place. March 30, [1881?]. ALS, 4 pp.

Expresses affection for her uncle, Buckner, and relates information about her engagement to young lawyer.

M. M. Wing, Greenville, [KY] to General [Simon Bolivar] Buckner, no place. January 29, 1883. ALS, 3 ½ pp.

Inquiring if Buckner would purchase a tract of coal land near the Elizabethtown and Paducah railroads. Wing and two sisters need to sell land due to financial difficulties. Additional note added to letter, dated April 3, 1883, indicating that letter had been sent to Chicago but returned to Wing who will try to now reach Buckner in Louisville.

D. L. Gregory, Louisville, KY to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, no place. March 21, 1883. ALS, 1 pp with circular.

Sends information on his cancer treatments after a request by a woman, Harris, who indicated that Buckner had friend, Sam Walker, who was suffering from cancer. Dr. L. Gregory's medical treatment circular about his cancer treatment practice in Louisville, KY accompanied with letter.

James L. Corley, Norfolk, VA to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Louisville, KY. March 24, 1883. ALS, 1 pp.

Relates [unknown] situation is worse than stated and that an answer must be yes.

W. H. Lunkin, Hammons ville, KY to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Rio, KY. March 26, 1883. ALS, 1 pp (postal card).

Inquiring if Buckner would purchase a wagon from him.

J. M. Leraddock, Munfordville, KY to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, no place. March 26, 1883. ALS, 1 pp.

Writes itemized receipt for farm items bought by Buckner.

Mary [Buckner], no place, to Brother [Simon Bolivar Buckner], no place, May 27, 1883. ALS, 2 ½ pp.

Relates dates of visits from various family members and requests for her brother to visit the house soon.

Beach Harrell, Munf[or]d[ville], [KY] to Genl. S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, no place. March 28, 1883. ALS, 1 pp.

Informs Buckner that a memorandum he sent has been lost and arranges money to be sent to Buckner.

Bittie Middleton, Ennis, TX to Gen[era]l S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, no place. April 10, 1883. ALS, 2 pp.

Inquires about the payment of a calf that Middleton left at Buckner's place that was then killed and eaten by the family.

Hugh Henry, Paris, KY to Gen[era]l S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Louisville, KY. April 13, 1883. ALS, 1 pp with envelope.

Relates information about the upcoming [Democratic] Convention [for Kentucky gubernatorial race] and hopes for Buckner to become candidate.

J. N. Gallehr, Louisville, [KY] to Gen[era]l [Simon Bolivar Buckner], no place. May 1, 1883. ALS, 1 pp.

Writes of his support for Buckner's campaign for governor of Kentucky.

H. M. Hoskins, Uniontown, KY to Mort [Hoskins], no place. May 3, 1883. ALS, 1 ½ pp.

Request for his brother [Mort] to support General Buckner in order to secure his nomination for governor in that county and believes Southern men should vote for Buckner because of his service to the Confederate cause.

Geo[rge] Chandler, Chicago, [IL] to General [Simon Bolivar Buckner], no place. May 4, 1888. ALS, 1 pp.

Discusses maintaining Buckner's finances in Chicago and wishes him luck with his bid for governor.

J. H. B. Ruggs, Owenton, KY to S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Munfordville, KY. May 5, 1883. ALS, 1 pp.

Relates message that first instructions were given [for unknown project, presumably about gubernatorial race].

Wm. H. Winn and James Truly, Mount Sterling, KY to Gen[era]l S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, no place. May 5, 1883. ALS, 1 pp.

Relates decision from County Convention that Montgomery County endorses Buckner for governor.

Morris B. Belknap, Louisville, KY to Gen[era]l S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, no place. May 7, 1883. ALS, 1 pp.

Discusses his search for cheaper building supplies that Buckner requested.

W. H. Brian, Paducah, KY to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Louisville, KY. May 8, 1883. ALS, 2 pp with envelope.

 Informs Buckner of support in Burton County as gubernatorial nominee, especially among old Confederates.

D. W. Jones, Danville, KY to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Louisville, KY. May 9, 1883. ALS, 1 pp with envelope.

 Informs Buckner of his belief that he will receive the gubernatorial nomination and asks if Buckner becomes governor to considering stopping the Danville, Lancaster, and Nicholasville Turnpike Road.

H. H. H. Peeler, Horse Cave, KY to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Louisville, KY. May 12, 1883. ALS, 1 pp.

 Request Buckner to make room for the Hart County delegations.

James B. McCreary, Richmond, KY to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, no place. May 14, 1883. ALS, ½ pp.

 Informs Buckner of the strong delegation from Madison County going to the [state Democratic] convention and requests to meet with Buckner in Louisville once he arrives.

Geo. W. Duvall, Princeton, KY to Gen[eral] [Simon Bolivar] Buckner, no place. May 15, 1883. ALS, ½ pp.

 Relates news that he will not be able to attend the [state Democratic] convention in Louisville tomorrow but his county supports Buckner but “we could not instruct for you” because of Capt. Allen being a candidate for lieutenant governor.

D. W. Mitchell, Chicago, IL to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Louisville, [KY]. May 17, 1883. ALS, 1 pp.

 Relates news that his daughter, Marie, died today.

Samuel H. Buck, New Orleans, [MS] to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Louisville, KY. May 17, 1883. ALS, 1 pp.

 Sends his best wishes for Buckner’s bid for governor.

H. C. Martin, Munfordville, KY to Gen[eral] S. B. Buckner, Louisville, KY. May 19, 1883. ALS, 3 pp.

 Encourages Buckner to not have regrets about the result of his campaign and praises Buckner connection with the Confederacy.

Anonymous, Nashville, TN to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Munfordville, KY. May 21-26, 1883. Invitation, 3 pp.

 Invites Buckner to the Nashville for the Drill and Carnival and asks for a reply.

Chas G. Preuch, Boston, [MA] to Gen[era]l S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Louisville, KY. June 26, 1883. ALS, 1 pp.

Discusses his collection of Confederate general signatures and Confederate documents written late in the war. Requests the signature of Buckner and inquires about other addresses to Confederate generals.

Anonymous, Canmer, KY to S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, at home [Munfordville, KY]. July 11, 1883. AN, ½ pp.

Itemized receipt with individual costs of items.

Anonymous, Frankfort, KY to Gen[era]l S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Louisville, [KY]. (?) 15, 1883. ALS, 1 pp.

Encourages Buckner that he should concentrate his forces and tomorrow strike a decisive blow. Signed as "An Old Comrade."

Joseph C[lay] S[tiles] Blackburn, Versailles, Ky. to General S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Munfordville, Ky. November 30, 1886. ALS, 2 ¼ pp. with envelope.

Blackburn sends Buckner a pair of old pistols as a contribution to Mrs. Buckner's request for antique weapons to decorate one of the rooms in their house. The older of the two is purportedly the one that [Aaron] Burr used to kill [Alexander] Hamilton. It came from the Marshall family and was owned by the father of Thomas F. Marshall from whom he received the pistol and its provenance. Regrets that Mrs. Buckner is ill. Approves of Buckner's letter to the State Executive Committee and expects Buckner to be successful. He would have visited with his daughter if Mrs. Buckner had been well.

S. A. Cunningham, Hopkinsville, KY to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Louisville, Ky., May 19, 1887. ALS, 5 pp.

Informs Buckner of his appreciation for saving his life during the war and informs him of the account he compiled about the Battle of Franklin. With enclosure of S. A. Cunningham's printed account of the Battle of Franklin from the *National Review*[?] – "Battle of Franklin: A Confederate Soldier's Thrilling Experience." Nashville, TN. April 9, 1887. Newspaper clipping. 1 pp [photocopy of letter and article included].

Sam R. Ireland, Ann Arbor [MI] to Buckner, no place [Frankfort, KY]. January 1, 1889. ALS, 1p.

Invites Buckner to speak to the Law Department of the University of Michigan on February 22, 1889, on the occasion of Washington's Birthday.

Sam R. Ireland, no place [Ann Arbor, MI] to Buckner, Frankfort, KY. no date [January 1, 1889]. ALS, 2 pp.

Adds his personal appeal to Buckner to address the UM Law Department. At this time of growing sectional "affiliation that pervades our country" it would be beneficial to have someone from the South address a group from the North in honor of "him whose name is our common heritage."

W. H. Craig, Mount Pleasant, TN to Gen[era]l S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Frankfort, KY. July 30, 1889. ALS, 1 pp.

Thinks he might be able to recover a trunk of Buckner's that was hauled from Fort Donelson at the surrender. Asks Buckner to write more on the subject.

W. H. Craig, Mount Pleasant, TN to Gen[era]l S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Frankfort, KY. August 6, 1889. ALS, 1 pp.

Inquires, for a second time after no response, if Buckner would like his trunk from Fort Donelson.

W. H. Middleton, Ennis, TX to Gen[era]l S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Frankfort, KY. November 5, 1889. ALS, 4 pp with envelope.

Relates the well-being of his family in Texas and his business deals selling land.

N. H. Woodford, Guthrie, KY to Hon. W. N. Sweeney and J. S. Pettet, Owensboro, KY. April 26, (?). ALS, 1 pp.

Asks Sweeney and Pettit to introduce Gen. S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner to the people in the city. Filed with 1880s correspondence.

John Barret, Louisville, Ky. to General [Simon B. Buckner], no place. Sunday afternoon, 188(?). ALS, 1 pp.

Discusses a meeting that was to take place with Governor James [Knott] that day but the governor's party is late. Filed with 1880s correspondence.

Jack C. Hayes, no place, to [Simon B. Buckner], no place. no date [1880s?]. ANS, 1 pp.

Sends compliments to Buckner and regrets that Buckner could not get Bullitt County delegation accepted by the committee on credentials but feels as close to Buckner as he did at Fort Donelson as a member of the 2nd Kentucky infantry, C.S.A. Filed with 1880s correspondence.

D[avid] W. Yandell, no place [Louisville, Ky.] to My dear Simon [Buckner], no place [Louisville, Ky.]. Sunday, no date [1880s]. ALS, 1 pp.

Relates that he cannot predict the outcome of the nomination for governor at the convention but barring a disaster it will be Buckner. If he can help let him know. Filed with 1880s correspondence.

Anonymous, Louisville, KY to Anonymous, no place. 18(?). AN, 1 pp.

Records numbers of support for Knott and Buckner in Kentucky counties- Bullitt, Franklin, Henry, Scott, and Warren. Filed with 1880s correspondence.

Unknown newspaper, "Our Consistent Mayor", Louisville, KY. no date. Newspaper clipping.

Article raising the question of mayoral reelection with a reprint of a statement made by Mr. [Charles Donald] Jacob in 1875 that argued against reelections. Several other incomplete articles contained within clipping. Filed with 1880s correspondence.

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W. H. Middleton, Fort Worth, TX to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Frankfort, KY.
January 5, 1890. ALS, 2 pp. with envelope.

Asks for financial aid from Buckner due to difficult economic times in Texas.

W. T. Cox, no place, to Gov[ernor] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Frankfort, KY. no date [January 1890?]. TLS, 1 pp.

Requests documents and information from Buckner to assist the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives in their investigation of the Jefferson Circuit Court and the Judge.

S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Frankfort, KY to W. T. Cox, no place. January 23, 1890. ALS, 2 pp.

Agrees to provide information on the investigation [of the Jefferson Circuit Court and the Judge] requested in letter from Chairman Cox. Permits Cox's committee to examine any communications to the General Assembly.

S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Frankfort, KY to S. B. Erwin and H. G. Brown, Clinton, KY.
January 27, 1890. ALS, 3 ½ pp.

Discusses the receipt of resolutions adopted by [labor] associations- "Kentucky Wheel", "Alliance", and "Knights of Labor." Writes that public officials have a duty to work for the public's interest and assures them that the General Assembly will report any attempts at barring the rights of Commonwealth citizens.

F[rankling] G. Adams, Topeka, KS to Governor Simon B[olivar] Buckner, Frankfort, KY.
January 28, 1890. TLS, 1 pp with certificate and envelope.

Informs Buckner of his election by the Board of Directors of the Kansas Historical Society as an Honorary Member. Official certificate as Honorary Member of Kansas Historical Society accompanied with letter.

W[illiam] C. Goudy, Chicago, [IL] to Gov[ernor] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, no place. April 30, 1890. TLS, 1 pp with envelope.

Discusses money owed for services in the Supreme Court Kingsbury case and congratulates Buckner for his success at the close of the case.

S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Frankfort, [KY] to Gentleman of the [Senate and House of Representative], no place [Frankfort, KY]. May 27, 1890. ALS, 2 ½ pp.

Informs General Assembly that they will not receive his approval for a bill that would provide money to pay certain expenses of the state. Restates various sections of bill and believes the bill would not benefit the public.

S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Frankfort, KY to Gentleman of the Senate and House of Representative, no place [Frankfort, KY]. May 27, 1890. ALS, 1 ½ pp.

Relates farewell to General Assembly at the end of the regular legislative session and praises General Assembly for their financial responsibility despite his previous opposition to their methods.

John W. Jacobs, no place to Old Lost Brigade, no place. September 2, 1890. ALS, 2 pp with envelope.

Informing his old comrades that he cannot attend their gathering but send his best wishes to the men. Lists the men dead from their unit and writes that he still mourns the loss of those men. Post script personal notes of praise written to Captain Jo[s]e[ph] W. Abbott and Governor [Simon Bolivar] Buckner.

Anonymous, Frankfort, [KY]. 1891. AD, 2 pp.

Formal contract regarding the construction of roads from the Branch Penitentiary to Eddyville, [KY] depot and the train railway with the Morse and Foard Company. On Kentucky Executive Department letterhead and appears to be Simon Bolivar Buckner's handwriting.

Morris B. Belknap, Lyme, CT to Gen[eral Simon Bolivar] Buckner, Rio, KY. January 17, 1892. ALS, 1 pp with 1 page typed transcript.

Relates news that Mrs. Kingsbury died and asks for Buckner to assist her attorney in settling her estate since Henry Kingsbury is in Egypt.

R. I. Watson, Paris, TX to Col. [Simon] Bolivar Buckner, Rio, KY. April 22, 1892. ALS, 1 p.

Informs Buckner that he was with his brother T[urner] H. Buckner's party in 1854 going to California and with him when he drowned in the Arkansas River. Watson was a mere lad and his brother was like a father to him. Asks if Buckner knows what became of the other members of the party.

Marcus J. Wright, Washington, [DC] to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, no place. August 20, 1892. ALS, 1 ½ pp.

Relates information from the "records of the War of the Rebellion" in regards to the removal of Colonel Bragg as the head of the Army of Tennessee. Inquires about Buckner's recollection of joining up with Bragg during the war.

Horace Porter and A Howard Clark, no place to Hon. S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, no place. January 24, 1893. TLS, 1 pp with envelope.

Identifies Buckner as a member of the special meeting for the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution that is to be held in New York City on February 16, 1893.

Tom L[oftin] Johnson, Washington, DC to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Rio, KY. January 27, 1894. TLS, 1 pp.

Discusses how this time is critical for the Democratic Party and reassures Buckner that the party must continue to stand for free trade. Informing Buckner that he will be sending a copy of his recent speech.

Jo. F. Ford, Earlington, KY to S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Rio, KY. April 13, 1894. TLS, 1 pp.

Inquires about obtaining a big dog like Buckner's and asks where to find the pups. Relates his dissatisfaction with the current governor [John Y. Brown] and fears for the state if he is elected again.

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Anonymous, El Paso, TX to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Rio, KY. November 15, 1897. AL, 1 pp with envelope.

Relates family information gathered by Mr. A. R. Bortenstein and Mrs. Sallie Nelson Robins for the Sons of the Revolution.

MacRae Sykes, New York, NY to General [Simon Bolivar Buckner], no place. September 22, 1899. ALS, 2 pp with envelope.

Inquires to Buckner about finding older members of the Aztec Club of 1847 to attend the club's annual meeting so that younger generations can personal meet the officers [from the Mexican War].

A. Barnett, no place, to Governor Buckner, no place. no date [1890s?]. ALS, 2 pp.

Cautions Buckner not to be bribed into decisions and warns of "Veto Club."

Anonymous, no place. no date [1890s?]. AD, 2 ½ pp.

Discussion about filling the vacancy left by Senator Blackburn. Relates General Assembly's troubles in finding a replacement that matches the ability and loyalty held by the former senator. Appears to be Simon Bolivar Buckner's handwriting and filed with 1890s correspondence.

Folder 37: Simon Bolivar Buckner Correspondence, 1900- 1911

D[aniel] H[arvey] Hill [jr.], Raleigh, [NC] to S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, no place. September 24, 1900. ALS, 1 pp.

Relates that General Longstreet's book indicated a false statement that his father, General Hill, wrote the petition for the removal of General Bragg. Inquires if Buckner will send a statement correcting Longstreet's information.

E. D. Brown, Lampasas, TX to Hon. Simon B[olivar] Buckner, no place. 1900. ALS, 4 pp.

Relates his admiration of Buckner's courage during the Civil War and discusses his opposition to Mr. [William Jennings] Bryan.

Sam M. Boone, Danville, KY to Gen[era]l S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Glen Lilly, KY. July 11, 1901. ALS, 3 pp. with envelope.

Relates his conversations with General William Preston about service with Nathan Boone in the Mexican War. Thinks Buckner also served with Boone. Inquires if Buckner would write and send his recollections of Nathan Boone.

Frank G. Smith, Washington, [DC] to anonymous, no place. January 1902. TLS, 1 pp.

Indicates that a copy of the Atlas of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga battlefields was sent through the mail.

Sarah M. Dooe, Washington, DC to Gen[era]l [Simon Bolivar] Buckner, no place. February 15, 1902. ALS, 3 ½ pp.

Inquires if Buckner will write her his recollections of her deceased husband, Captain Benjamin Dooe. Informs that Captain Dooe was commander of fleet that received Buckner's sword at the surrender to at Fort Donelson.

G. H. Barfield, Louisville, KY to Gen[era]l Simon Bolivar Buckner, Glenn Lilly, KY. July 23, 1904. ALS, 3 pp (with additional 2 pp. written copy of receipt) with envelope.

Informs Buckner of a successful remedy to treat dysentery and bowel movement troubles with a remedy given to him by his uncle in 1866. Includes a copy of 1866 receipt from uncle Dr. W. B. Barfield.

Archibald Gracie, NW [Washington, DC] to General [Simon Bolivar Buckner], no place. December 9, 1905. TLS, 3 ½ pp.

Informs Buckner that he is still working on the Records of the Battle of Chickamauga. Asks Buckner to fill the gap of information about troop movements during the battle.

G. W. Ripley, Beards, KY to Gen[era]l S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Rio, KY. March 25, 1906. TLS, 2 pp with envelope.

Discusses the re-gathering of the Society of the Cincinnati of the State of Virginia that became disorganized by the Civil War. Informs Buckner of the discovery of the roll book which names Buckner and Claiborne descendents and ensures the men of the family membership.

S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Glen Lily, KY to Hon. Henry B. Hines, Louisville, KY. October 1907. ALS, 8 ½ pp.

Discusses fraudulent elections and corrupt politics in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Responds to Hines request to vote as a Confederate soldier for all Democratic candidates. Relates harsh criticism for the Democratic Party's system but still indicates he will vote against Republicans. Cites the violence in the 1905 Louisville election and "The Holy Pilgrims group" as indication of the corruption of politics.

S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Glen Lily, KY to A. T. M[a]cDonald, Louisville, KY. March 26, 1908. ALS, 4 ½ pp.

Discusses his appointment as president of the Law and Order League in Kentucky and states why he believes Kentucky needs the League. Relates incidents of disorder and lawbreaking around the state, particularly in regard to the American Tobacco Company.

L. A. Wait, Ithaca, NY to General [Simon Bolivar] Buckner, Rio, KY. July 20, 1908. TLS, 1 ½ pp with envelope.

Mentions his meeting with Colonel Morris B. Belknap who detailed a story of Colonel Wilder and his Union troops asking advice from Buckner during battle. Requests for Buckner to reply with an account of Colonel Wilder to pass along to an acquaintance, Dr. Wilder.

D. L. Pheeps, Chaumont, NY to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, no place. January 27, 1909. ALS, 3 pp.

Relates he was a Union soldier but expresses his admiration for Buckner as a general in the Civil. References Buckner's courage as he remained with his troops at Fort Donelson unlike Floyd and Pillow.

[Mary] Ellen M[arcy] McClellan, Morristown, N[ew] Jersey, to General [Simon Bolivar] Buckner, no place. February 28, [1909]. ALS, 3 pp.

Son showed her Buckner's interview in "Confederate Veteran;" they send thanks for his appreciation of "the General" [presumably George B. McClellan]. Hope to meet again; sends greetings to Mrs. Buckner, remembers "dear Henry Kingsbury in the long long ago."

J[acob] M. Dickinson, Washington, [DC] to General [Simon Bolivar] Buckner, Munfordville, KY. April 16, 1909. TLS, 1 pp.

Relates his thanks for Buckner's approval of his new appointment [as Secretary of War]. Mentions Mr. [William Jennings] Bryan's political defeats and the attempts to "republicanize" the South.

W. T. Ellis, Owensboro, KY to General S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Munfordville, KY. December 31, 1909. TLS, 3 ½ pp.

Informs of his admiration for Buckner's service during the Civil War and praises Buckner's interview published by the Nashville Banner. Discusses and encourages more contributions to Southern history in favor of the Confederate cause.

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Thos. D. Eldridge, Memphis, TN to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Munfordville, KY.
March 25, 1910. ALS, 1 ½ pp.

Discusses how he is the same age as Buckner and feels great esteem for Buckner.

W[illia]m K. Boardman, Louisville, KY to General Simon Bolivar Buckner, Gen Lily, KY. July 20, 1910. TLS, 1 pp with envelope.

Permits Buckner and his son membership to the Kentucky Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Requests documents from Buckner's Revolutionary War descendant, Turner H. Morehead.

George Lewis Danforth and William Kellogg Boardman, Louisville, KY to anonymous, no place. October 13, 1910. TL, 1 pp.

Relates information about the annual meeting for the Kentucky Society of the Sons of the American Revolution to take place on October 19, 1910 at "Lansdowne" in Glenview, KY by Mr. R. C. Ballard Thruston.

Gilbert A[dams] Hays, Sewickley, PA to General Simon [Bolivar] Buckner, Frankfort, KY.
December 12, 1910. TLS, 1 pp with envelope.

Inquires about obtaining information regarding Buckner's interactions his father, General Alexander Hayes, at West Point for an upcoming biography.

W[illia]m K. Boardman, Louisville, KY to General Simon Bolivar Buckner, Munfordville, KY.
December 22, 1910. TLS, 1 pp with envelope.

Informs that certificates for Buckner and his son have been sent by express.

G. T. Fleming, Pittsburg, PA to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Munfordville, KY. April 21, 1911. TLS, 1 ½ pp.

Inquires again about gaining information on Alexander Hays' West Point life, previously requested in letter from Gilbert A. Hays, for his biography of the general.

V. A. Sepscott, Red Bluff, CA to General [Simon Bolivar] Buckner, no place. May 1, 1911.
ALS, 4 pp.

Writes his recollections of the Battle of Fort Donelson and mentions his additional involvement in the war.

R. C Ballard Thruston, Louisville, KY to General Simon Bolivar Buckner, Rio, KY. May 22, 1911. TLS, 1 pp.

Requests for Buckner to correct a stenograph report relating to his recent presentation for the [Sons of the American Revolution] Kentucky Society to the National Society.

V. A. Sepscott, Red Bluff, CB to General S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Kentucky. June 5, 1911.
ALS, 4 pp.

Writes his recollections of the Battle of Fort Donelson.

Folder 38: Correspondence from formerly enslaved people including Shelborn Matthews

Letter: Albert Buckner, Van Alstyne, Texas, to Simon Bolivar Buckner, Rio, Hart County, Ky., 15 May 1892, ALS, 3 pages with envelope.

A letter from a former slave who grew up with S.B. Buckner. Albert has a photograph collection of former Generals including S.B. Buckner and is living within 2 miles of where he was freed.

Albert Buckner, Van Alstyne, Texas, to Simon Bolivar Buckner, Rio, Hart County, Ky., 25 December 1897, ALS, 4 pages with envelope.

A letter from former slave who requests a photograph of Buckner and daughter, Lily.

H. T. Buckner, Van Alstyne, TX to S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Louisville, KY. September 29, 1903. ALS, 2 pp. with envelope.

Inquires about S. B. Buckner's knowledge of his father, Albert Buckner, who is now deceased. Indicates his father talked frequently about S. B. Buckner.

Robert Gordon, Troy, Ohio To Simon Bolivar Buckner, Munfordville, Ky., 2 May 1911, ALS, 2 pages with envelope.

A former slave of Dick Bolin who cooked for them at Camp Boone who later went north and served the 6th Artillery at Vicksburg and the 9th Louisiana under General Butler.

Photograph of Black man in front of tree identified as Shelburn, a formerly enslaved by Buckner.

Shelborn Mathews, Mt. Holly, Arkansas to Simon Bolivar Buckner, Sr., Munfordville, Ky., 21 September 1908, ALS, 2 pages with envelope.

Made it home safe and thanks for the visit to his old home.

Shelborn Mathews, Mount Holly, Arkansas to Simon Bolivar Buckner, Sr., Munfordville, Ky., 8 October 1908, ALS, 2 pages with envelope.

Sends greetings and wishes good health.

Shelborn Mathews, Mt. Holly, Arkansas to Simon Bolivar Buckner, Sr., Munfordville, Ky., 28 December, 1909, ALS, 2 pages with envelope.

Sends greetings and if Buckner travels through Camden, Shelborn would like to come back to Kentucky with him.

Shelborn Mathews, Mt. Holly, Arkansas to Simon Bolivar Buckner, Sr., Munfordville, Ky., 12 November 1910, ALS, 2 pages with envelope.

He is well and would like to hear from Buckner.

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Folder 39: Letters to Simon B. Buckner, Jr. and wife

Mark B[urckle].Hatch, Aztec Club, Washington, D. C., to Simon B. Buckner, Jr., Rio, Hart County, Kentucky. November 1, 1893. TLS, 1 pp. [also envelope]

Buckner is invited to join the Aztec Club as an associate member, based on a vote taken on October 15 in St. Louis, MO. [Aztec Club is a hereditary organization relating to those who fought in the Mexican War.]

Philip Hayes, The Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to [Simon] Bolivar [Buckner, Jr.], [West Point, New York]. October 22, [n.y.]. ALS, 1 pp. With enclosure, 1 p, typed.

Hayes writes to SBB, Jr., enclosing a typed copy of a letter from General Robert E. Lee to his son, G> W. Custis Lee; Hayes believes it would be inspirational to provide a copy to each West Point Cadet. He also mentions "the situation at West Point regarding field officers." Letter from Lee to his son talks about the importance of frankness and duty. "Duty, then, is the sublimest word in our language. Do your duty in all things.... You cannot do more; you should never wish to do less."

R. B. Carter, James T. White & Company, New York [NY] to Mrs. Simon B. Buckner, Jr., San Francisco, Calif[ornia]. June 27, 1940. TLS, 1 p.

Writes to Mrs. Buckner, sending her a galley proof of the biography SBB, Jr. had prepared for *The National Cyclopedia of American Biography*, requesting that she review it and return it. [Enclosure not with letter.]