

Folder 8: Simon Bolivar Buckner correspondence with Mary Kingsbury Buckner, 1846-1872

S.[imon] Bolivar Buckner, Fort Columbus, N.Y., to Miss Mary J. Kingsbury, no place. July 12, 1846. ALS, 4pp with envelope.

Expresses gratitude that Mary favorably replied to a previous letter from him. Tells her he is sailing for Point Isabel in the following day or so on the ship "Norman [?]."

[Simon] Bolivar [Buckner], Lyme, CT, to Miss Mary J. Kingsbury, Lyme, CT. May 2nd, 1850 [hand delivered]. ALS, 3pp.

Writes of his undying love for Mary on the eve of their marriage. **[photocopy: Sarah Belknap Ye-great granddaughter in Kansas City, Mo. has original—envelope copied]**

Simon [Bolivar Buckner], Chicago, IL, to Mary [Buckner], no place. Dec[ember] 9th, 1856. ALS, 4pp.

Entreats Mary not to worry about the gunshot wound he sustained from an unnamed assailant who is clearly a known adversary. Advises Mary that if he dies she should not accede to the adversary's probable pressure for Mary's hand in marriage. Mentions he has to go to NY for a few days to see about selling some of their lands to Mr. Baker and reassures her of his undying love.

Simon [Bolivar Buckner], Louisville, KY, to Mrs. Mary K. Buckner, New Orleans, LA. March 2nd, 1868. ALS, 4pp with envelope.

Notes he will not "let the first evening I have passed at our old home since 1861 elapse without writing" to Mary. Describes traveling through Tennessee, reaching Kentucky and the hospitality he received from everyone he met. Tells that John Morgan organized an escort that included Woolly, Steve, Chipley and Ben. He's staying with Dr. Bayless and has seen various friends of theirs. **[unidentified CDV of a woman is included]**

Simon [Bolivar Buckner], Louisville, KY, to Mrs. Mary K. Buckner, New Orleans, LA, March 12, 1868. ALS, 3pp, with envelope.

Tells Mary that he has been well-entertained during his trip to Kentucky and has hopes of soon negotiating closing on the sale of Mary's house to Col. Haldeman. Should be leaving to head to New Orleans in a few days.

Simon [Bolivar Buckner], Louisville, KY, to Mrs. Mary K. Buckner, New Orleans, LA. March 18, 1868. ALS, 4pp with envelope.

Discusses traveling in Elizabethtown and Green River on business and notes that their affairs are in better order than he had thought they would be. Notes that Col. W__ and the R.R. [railroads] owe him five years of rent totaling approximately \$2000. Mentions that he hasn't sold Mary's house and that they will likely have to wait until fall to do so.

Simon [Bolivar Buckner], Louisville, KY, to Mrs. Mary K. Buckner, New Orleans, LA, March 31, 1868. ALS, 3pp, with envelope.

Informs Mary that he has nearly complete the sale of her house and will be bringing home paperwork for her to sign. He will stop in Hart County to evict railroad tenants and "place ours in possession." Can't wait to get home to 3rd Street, corner of Camp. Send love from all Kentucky friends.

Mary [Kingsbury Buckner], Louisville, KY to Simon [Bolivar Buckner], Atlanta, GA. December 11, 1869. ALS, 4 pp with envelope and 1 page typed transcription.

Relates information about a dinner party with former Governor Magoffin where she became extremely ill. Informs Buckner that she is confined to her room because of her illness. Discusses General Breckinridge's possible political ambitions for the governorship of Kentucky.

Mary [Kingsbury Buckner], Louisville, KY to Simon [Bolivar Buckner], no place. February 16, 1872. ALS, 4 pp with 1 page typed transcript.

Discusses the bad weather, various illnesses afflicting their acquaintances, and the death of Miss Dora. Writes about her frustrations with the land lady and suggests buying Aunt Hiram's house.

Jane [C. Kingsbury], Old Lyme, [CT] to Simon [Bolivar Buckner], Louisville, KY. November 14, 1872. ALS, 4 pp with envelope.

Expresses regret for not seeing Buckner before he left New York and sends well wishes to Mary during her illness. Informs Buckner of the death of Mr. Sully as well.

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Includes Mexican War Correspondence.

S[imon] Bolivar Buckner, Sackets Harbour, NY to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Sant de St. Maire, MI. June 4, 1848. ALS, 2 ½ pp.

Discusses his acquaintance with the family and the virtues of Miss Mary [Jane Kingsbury]. Wishes to visit but the conflict with the “neighboring nation” [Mexico] prevents him. Asks to start correspondence with Mary.

S[imon] Bolivar Buckner, Governor’s Island, NY Harbour to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Sant de Ste. Marie, MI. July 12, 1846. ALS, 2 ½ pp.

Informs Mrs. Kingsbury that he will be leaving for Texas soon. Expresses happiness at receiving approval to begin correspondence with Miss Mary [Jane Kingsbury].

S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Rio Grande River, Near Matamoros, Mexico to [Jane C.] Kingsbury, no place. January 27, 1847. ALS, 4 pp.

Discusses barriers to his correspondence with Miss Mary [Jane Kingsbury] including the principles of Mary’s school and his military movements in Mexico. Describes the landscape of Mexico.

S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Palo Alto, TX to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Lyme, CT. February 8, 1847. ALS, 3 pp.

Relates information that his next military movement will be with the attack on Vera Cruz by General [Winifred] Scott and aided by General [Zachary] Taylor.

S[imon] Bolivar Buckner, Anton Lizardo, Veracruz, Mexico to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Lyme, CT. March 5, 1847. ALS, 2 pp.

Writes from onboard Elizabeth Denison ship. Inform Mrs. Kingsbury that the troops are about to attack Veracruz. Details the enemy’s numbers and position.

S[imon] Bol[ivar] Buckner, Puebla, Mexico to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Brooklyn, NY. June 12, 1847. ALS, 3 pp. [Portion of page 3 broken off.]

Informs Mrs. Kingsbury of the battle at the pass of Cerro Gordo. Describes the beauty of Puebla and states the military’s next action to be an invasion of Mexico City. Mentions an offer to work at West Point.

S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Mexico City, Mexico to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Brooklyn, NY. October 24, 1847. ALS, 3 pp.

Outlines his military movements to Mexico City and the subsequent capture of the city from the Mexican Army. Wonders about the slow pace of the mail and the absence of letters from Mary [Jane Kingsbury] over the past year.

S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Tacubaya, Mexico to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Lyme, CT. April 21, 1848. ALS, 3 pp.

Describes the contrasting scene of the now peaceful city that had seen the bloodiest battles of the war. Writes about the difficulties of climbing Popocatepetl and mentions possibly treaty negotiations with the Mexican government.

OSCE [written in Simon Bolivar Buckner's handwriting], City of Mexico, to anonymous [Jane C. Kingsbury?], no place. May 10, 1848. ALS, 15 pp with 11 page typed transcription [3 copies].

Describes in detail the Volcano of Popocatepetl. Relates the history of the mountain and Cortes attempts to climb the mountain. Writes about his accent along with several other American officers to the summit. Expresses his group's feelings of national pride in conquering the Mexican mountain, the beauty of the landscape, and the weather.

[Attached to first transcription]

Simon B[olivar] Buckner, [III], Carmel, CA to Mother [Adele Blanc Buckner], no place. August 30, 1958. TLS, 1 pp.

Informing mother of the completion of a transcription of "the Mexico letter."

S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, West Point, NY to J[ane] C. K[ingsbury], New York, [NY]. September 8, 1848. ALS, 2 pp.

Inquires about accompanying Miss Mary [Jane Kingsbury] to New York City. Attempts to clear confusion over his possible waning affection for Miss Mary.

S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, West Point, NY to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, New York, [NY]. April 29, 1849. ALS, 4 pp with envelope.

Discusses the coming of spring weather, an upcoming trip to Sleepy Hollow, and the ending of his relations with Mary [Jane Buckner].

S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, West Point, NY to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, [New York, NY?]. May 25, 1849. ALS, 2 ½ pp.

Congratulates Major [Julius Jesse Bronson Kingsbury] on his return from California and promotion. Mentions trip to Sleepy Hollow.

S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, West Point, NY to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, New York, [NY]. June 9, 1849. ALS, 3 pp with envelope.

Writes about seeing several of their mutual acquaintances recently. Mentions his reconciliation with Mary [Jane Kingsbury].

S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, West Point, NY to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, [New York, NY?]. July 19, 1848. ALS, 4 pp.

Describes the nature of his feelings in regard to his recent engagement with Mary [Jane Kingsbury] and Mrs. Kingsbury's view of her daughter [Mary]. Asks for Mary's daguerreotype in a locket, despite Mary's disapproval of the image.

S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, West Point, NY to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, New York, NY. July 23, 1849. ALS, 3 pp with envelope.

Reports on Lieutenant Paine's arrival and ask for Mrs. Kingsbury to write a letter for the Major [Julius Jesse Bronson Kingsbury] to send along with Paine to California.

S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, West Point, NY to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, no place. August 10, 1849. ALS, 4 pp.

Discusses his recent meeting with his "best-friend" [Mary Jane Kingsbury]. Ponders the certainty of Mary's feelings towards him.

S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, West Point, NY to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Waterbury, CT. August 13, 1849. ALS, 5 pp with envelope.

Mentions Mr. Paine forwarding letters to California and a letter from Miss Blanche. Provides excerpts of his personal diary entries regarding his "Pilgrimage to Sleepy Hollow," primarily describing the landscape of town.

S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, New London, CT to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Lyme, CT. November 14, 1849. ALS, 1 ½ pp with envelope.

Relates his and Mary [Jane Kingsbury]'s travel plans back to Lyme.

S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, [New York], NY to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Brooklyn, NY. June 26, 1850. ALS, 1 pp with envelope.

Congratulates Mrs. Kingsbury on the return the Major, [Julius Jesse Bronson Kingsbury].

S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Steamboat Anthony Wayne, Mississippi River to J[ane] S. Kingsbury, Lyme, CT. October 28, 1850. ALS, 8 pp with envelope.

Describes his journey with Mary [Jane Kingsbury Buckner] from New York to Fort Snelling which started on September 26, 1850. Details the weather and landscapes of the states the couple passed through.

Simon [Bolivar Buckner], Fort Snelling, MN to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Lyme, CT. June 18, 1857. ALS, 4 pp with envelope.

Writes about various promotion received by various officers in the Army. Discusses the Major [Julius Jesse Bronson Kingsbury]'s property in Chicago and his meeting with Governor Ramsey.

Simon [Bolivar Buckner], Fort Snelling, MN to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Lyme, CT. July 28, 1851. ALS, 3 pp.

Considers sending his wife [Mary Kingsbury Buckner] away from Fort Snelling but decides not to at the present moment. Relates news of the Major [Julius Jesse Bronson Kingsbury] staying the Washington [D.C.] and a treaty with the Indian tribes in Minnesota.

Simon [Bolivar Buckner], Fort Snelling, MN to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Lyme, CT. August 6, 1850. ALS, 1 pp.

Writes about sending "one rebellious little wife" [Mary Kingsbury Buckner] back to her mother [Jane C. Kingsbury] for the winter.

Simon [Bolivar Buckner], Fort Atkinson, to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Lyme, CT. March 7, 1852.
ALS, 4 pp.

Reports on his actions during the past winter including seeing the Rocky Mountains.
Discusses Mary [Kingsbury Buckner]'s absence from his life.

Simon [Bolivar Buckner], New York, [NY] to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Chicago, IL. April 16, 1853.
ALS, 4 pp with envelope.

Discusses recovering from an illness and being confined to the indoors. Informs
Kingsbury that he would quit the Army if a suitable business position came along.

Simon [Bolivar Buckner], New York, [NY] to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Detroit, MI. May 1, 1853.
ALS, 4 pp with envelope.

Writes about Mary [Kingsbury Buckner]'s struggle with bronchitis and a hemorrhage.

Simon [Bolivar Buckner], New York, [NY] to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Detroit, MI. May 15, 1853.
ALS, 4 pp with envelope.

Reports that Mary is recovering but still weak from her recent illnesses and Mrs. Bicker's
visits to check on Mary.

Simon [Bolivar Buckner], New York, [NY] to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Detroit, MI. May 21, 1853.
ALS, 4 pp.

Reports on Mary [Kingsbury Buckner]'s continued recovery from her illnesses and the
couple's plans to travel after she is well again.

Simon [Bolivar Buckner], New York, [NY] to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Detroit, MI. June 2, 1853.
ALS, 2 pp.

States Mary [Bolivar Buckner]'s improved health and her wish to travel to Detroit as
soon as possible. Asks if dresses can be made for Mary in Michigan.

Simon [Bolivar Buckner], New York, [NY] to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Detroit, MI. August 2, 1853.
2 ½ pp with envelope.

Discusses his plans to travel to Kentucky and wishes Kingsbury to join him, his brother
[Turner Hartswell Buckner], and his wife [Mary Buckner].

Simon [Bolivar Buckner], Munfordville, KY to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Detroit, MI. August 27,
1853. ALS, 3 pp.

Recounts his visit to Kentucky where he met up with old friends and his mother
[Elizabeth Ann Buckner].

Simon [Bolivar Buckner], New York, [NY] to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Detroit, MI. September 8,
1853. 2 pp.

Informs Kingsbury of hearing about the Major [Julius Jesse Bronson Kingsbury]'s
serious injury from Colonel Winder.

Simon [Bolivar Buckner], New York, [NY] to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, [Detroit, MI?]. September 23, 1853. 4 pp.

Discusses the Major [Julius Jesse Bronson Kingsbury]'s injury and Mary Kercheval's illness.

Simon [Bolivar Buckner], New York, [NY] to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, [Detroit, MI?]. October 6, 1853. ALS, 4 pp.

Debates about who will take over the Command of the Pacific Division and relates military troop movements to Florida.

Simon [Bolivar Buckner], New York, [NY] to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Detroit, MI. November 3, 1853. ALS, 4 pp.

Explains why he has not been able to visit the Kingsburys and writes about meeting with Mrs. Bicker.

Simon [Bolivar Buckner], New York, [NY] to J. C. Kingsbury, [Detroit, MI?]. December 7, 1853. ALS, 4 pp.

Reports on Mary [Kingsbury Buckner]'s travels and well being. Mentions the death of Dr. Mower.

Simon [Bolivar Buckner], Chicago, IL to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Detroit, MI. January 26, 1855. ALS, 8 pp with envelope.

Relates information regarding the Major [Julius Jesse Bronson Kingsbury]'s land dispute. Discusses the difficulties in discharging Mary [Kingsbury Buckner]'s "Cook" and obtaining a mill Cook currently claims.

Simon [Bolivar Buckner], Chicago, IL to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, no place. February 9, 1855. ALS, 4 pp.

Writes about getting Cook to give up a mill and leasing the mill out in the coming spring.

Simon [Bolivar Buckner], New York, [NY] to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Chicago, IL. April 5, 1855. ALS, 3 pp.

Discusses Mary [Kingsbury Buckner]'s travel plans and his attempts at trying to obtain money.

Simon [Bolivar Buckner], New York, [NY] to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Chicago, IL. April 4, 1855. ALS, 8 pp with envelope.

Informs the Kingsburys that his resignation [from the Army] has been accepted. Expresses confusion and love towards Mary [Kingsbury Buckner] who he has wronged [in an unknown manner]. Discusses his unsuccessful attempts at obtaining loans.

Simon [Bolivar Buckner], Chicago, [IL] to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Lyme, CT. November 23, 1856. ALS, 3 ½ pp.

Describes damage from a recent storm in Chicago and Kentucky, his and Mary [Kingsbury Buckner]'s travel plans, and a recent meeting in Lexington, [KY] with vice-president elect, [John C.] Breckinridge.

Simon [Bolivar Buckner], Chicago, [IL] to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Brooklyn, NY. December 9, 1856. ALS, 4 pp.

Details a recent conflict he had where the opponent [name unknown] tried to assassinate him but managed to only slightly wound him. Writes about trying to sell a strip of land on the north Branch property.

Simon [Bolivar Buckner], Chicago, [IL] to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Lyme, CT. December 23, 1856. ALS, 4 pp.

Discusses a sale [of land] with Mr. Baker, obtaining money from the Smiths, and finding a farm to settle at in the mountains of Georgia.

Simon [Bolivar Buckner], Chicago, [IL] to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Lyme, CT. January 1, 1857. ALS, 4 pp.

Relates the arrangement details he made with Mr. Baker regarding a strip of the "Kingsbury Tract" land and his upcoming travel plans to travel south.

Simon [Bolivar Buckner], Chicago, [IL] to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Lyme, CT. January 6, 1857. ALS, 4 pp with envelope.

Informs Kingsbury that he will be sending money to her and requests for her to travel with him and Mary [Kingsbury Buckner] south to find a farm residence.

Simon [Bolivar Buckner], Chicago, [IL] to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Lyme, CT. January 12, 1857. ALS, 4 pp.

Expresses his desire for Kingsbury to travel south with the Buckners and discusses his travel plans to meet her.

Simon [Bolivar Buckner], Chicago, [IL] to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Lyme, CT. January 18, 1857. ALS, 1 pp.

Mentions his travel delay but assures Kingsbury he will be leaving to meet her and Mary [Kingsbury Buckner] soon.

Letterhead scrap paper, no date.

Marked with dashes and scribbles. Letterhead reads "Correspondencia Particular, del Ministro de Estado y del despacho de Guerra u Marina" and contains a picture of a snake in a bird's beak alongside war weapons and armor.

Simon Bolivar Buckner to Jane C. Kingsbury Unmatched Envelopes

[Simon Bolivar Buckner], West Point, NY to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Lyme, CT. August 14 [1849?] [sent].

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[Simon Bolivar Buckner], Fort Snelling, [MN] to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Lyme, CT. May 11, 1851.
Received May 31, 1851

[Simon Bolivar Buckner], Waterbury, [CT] to Jane C. Kingsbury, New York, [NY]. March 29
[sent].

[Simon Bolivar Buckner], Washington, D.C. to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, Louisville, KY. July 6,
1858 [sent].

Engineer Department, Official Business. H. G. Might, Capt. of Engineers.

[Simon Bolivar Buckner], Little Rock, AR to J[ane] C. Kingsbury, New York, [NY]. February
27 [sent].

Anonymous, [County] Recorder's Office, Stockton, San Joaquin County, CA. [1917?]
Confederate Bond and Series of Notes.

Four two cent United States postage stamps in red with image of George Washington.

Folder 11: Simon Bolivar Buckner and Julius J. B. Kingsbury correspondence 1848-1856

S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, West Point, NY, to Maj[or] J[ulius] J.B. Kingsbury, Atlantic Hotel, NY, October 27th, 1848. ALS, 3pp with transcript.

Asks for Mary's hand in marriage and notes that in the interest of "propriety" that he is entirely dependent on the Army.

S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, New York, [NY], to Maj[or] J[ulius] J.B. Kingsbury, Detroit, MI, July 19, 1853 [postmarked New York August 13], ALS, 4pp with transcript.

Relays the fact that he ran into Henry in Washington and they went to West Point together to look into the possibility of Henry obtaining one of several open "at large" appointments. Reports that he is working to get Henry's name on lists of several important men in military and government for winter appointments. No news on his own station other than it is likely he will spend the winter in Washington.

J[ulius] J.B. K[ingsbury], Lyme, CT, to [Simon Bolivar] Buckner, no place, Jan[uary] 28, 1856. ALS, 4pp with transcript.

Discusses his reservations about legally signing over a plat of his "north Branch property as lies east of that river" because he doesn't trust the Chicago City Council. Talks about how he intends to retain rights to the property described as the "Kingsbury threat" until his trouble with City Council and Railroad company are taken care of. Asks about a settlement with Mr. Cook and whether he is aware of \$500 payment made to Mr. Baker.

S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Chicago, [IL], to Major [Julius J.B. Kingsbury], no place, March 4, 1856, ALS, 2pp.

Expresses his sadness that Mary no longer loves him and that they are separating. Notes that she will be returning to the east on the following morning with Henry. Hopes that he will win her back.

S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Chicago, [IL], to Major [Julius J.B. Kingsbury], Washington, D. C., March 28th, 1856, ALS, 4pp.

Reports he has received the plat of the Kingsbury tract. Talks about the Brainard suit and counsels the Major to give the property in question to Henry and encourages him to testify in the suit. Asks for sanction to sell Henry strip of land including bed of the river previously sold to him by the Major, due to "existing circumstances." Notes that he is "desirous of getting south as soon as possible."

Simon Bolivar Buckner to Henry Kingsbury, 1856

[Simon Bolivar Buckner], Chicago, IL to Henry [W. Kingsbury], Washington, D.C. April 12, 1856. ALS, 8pp.

Reassures Henry that he can hold property and encourages him to testify in the Brainard suit. Transcribes part of his letter of 28th March, 1856 to Major Kingsbury regarding his belief Kingsbury should give Henry the land in question. Insists his motives are pure despite his wife's suspicion otherwise. Presses Henry again to talk to his father about getting title to the Clark St. and North Branch properties. Refers to his difficulties with Mary and says he will not apply for Superintendency of the Custom House and that he will go south soon. Notes that it will be easier on both him and Mary's family to do so.

Simon [Bolivar Buckner], Chicago, [IL], to Henry [W. Kingsbury], Sing Sing, NY. May 15th, 1856. ALS, 3pp with envelope.

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Tells Henry he's leaving for Arkansas and gives him instructions to send Mary and their mother as much money as they need. Informs him that he could not wait longer for Henry's reply regarding the Kingsbury tract and so he sold it to him for one dollar. Reiterates that he intends to stay away from Chicago when Mary is there as it will be better for both families.

Folder 12: Simon Bolivar Buckner to Thomas L. Barret 1851-1852

S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Fort Snelling, MN to Tom [Thomas L.] Barret, Louisville, KY. June 26, 1851. ALS, 4 pp with 1 ½ page typed transcript [2 copies].

Reminisces about their youths in Kentucky and ponders the different paths their childhood friends have taken.

S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Fort Snelling, MN to Tom [Thomas L.] Barret, Louisville, KY. June 26, 1851. ALS, 1 pp [handwritten page 4 of original letter].

S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Fort Atkinson to Thom[as] L. Barret, Louisville, KY. February 10, 1852. ALS, 4 pp with 2 ½ page transcript.

Discusses his journey from Fort Snelling to Fort Atkinson. Writes poetically about the landscapes he has passed through during his travels around the country.

Folder 13: Civil War Letters, 1862

Letter: General Simon Bolivar Buckner, Fort Donelson.

To General U.S. Grant, near Fort Donelson, 16 February 1862, ALS, 1 page.

Copy of surrender communication.

Letter: General Simon Bolivar Buckner, Dover, Tennessee.

To Col. W.W. Machall, A.A. Gen. Nashville, Tenn., 18 February 1862, ALS, 3 pages.

Describes surrender of Ft. Donelson and asks for an inquiry as to how it happened.

Letter: W. F. Barret, Louisville, Ky.

To General Simon Bolivar Buckner, Fort Warren, Mass., 26 May 1862, ALS, 1 page.

Deals with legal matters in Louisville.

Letter / pass: General Simon Bolivar Buckner, Munfordville, Ky.

Open letter, No Place, 18 September 1862, ALS, 1 page.

A pass to allow prisoners D T Barret and Isaac Everett, Jr. to pass through Confederate lines as they have been paroled.

Orders: General Braxton Bragg, Munfordville, Ky.

To General Simon Bolivar Buckner, Munfordville, Ky., 17 September [1862], ALS, 1 page.

Special orders No. 8 – Buckner is to raise troops in Kentucky for the C.S.A.

Letter: J. W. Taylor, Frankfort, Ky.

To General Simon Bolivar Buckner, No place, 28 September 1862, ALS, 1 page.

Reports Union troops concentrated in Louisville and ask courier to return so he can report updates of union troop locations.

Letter: General J.C. Breckinridge, Headquarters Breckinridge's Division.

To Officers of the 5th Kentucky Regiment, 18 September 1862, ALS, 3 pages.

Breckinridge will look into their request to disband the regiment, but feels they need to go through the Confederate government since Kentucky is recognized as a Confederate State with representatives in both houses of the government.

Letter: Members of the 32nd Tennessee Regiment, C.S.A., from camp.

To General Simon Bolivar Buckner, 1 December 1862, ALS, 2 page.

Members of the unit are petitioning Buckner to have their Col. Cook promoted to their General and wish Buckner to help with letters to President Davis and General Breckinridge endorsing Cook.

Will of General William Preston, hand written, lists his assets and makes arrangements for disbursing those assets. Dated 27 December 1862 and delivered to General Simon Bolivar Buckner's care on 2 May 1864.

Folder 14: Civil War Letters, 1863

Letter: Charles F. Johnson, Mobile, Alabama.

To Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, No Place, 15 January 1862, ALS, 1 page.
Asking for leave to visit sick father.

Letter: J. E. Johnston, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

To Simon Bolivar Buckner, No Place, 14 February 1863, ALS, 2 pages.
Replying to Buckner's request to be assigned to Kentucky troops, saying he can help Buckner since the president assigned him to Mobile. Johnston feels that Buckner would be more valuable in charge of the Kentuckians, but there is not enough Kentucky troops to have two Generals (Breckinridge is already in charge) with the troops.

Telegraph: Brig. Gen. John Adams, Jackson [Mississippi?]

To Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Mobile, Alabama, 20 March 1863. 1 page
Col. Wickliff's deposition is in Clark's care, but he must testify in person.

Letter: Geo. B. Hodge, Richmond, Virginia.

To Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Mobile, Alabama, 28 April 1863, ALS, 2 pages.
Hodge took Buckner's letter to the President.

Letter, Photocopy (Original still with family)(2 copies): Gen. William Preston, In the Field.

To General Simon Bolivar Buckner, ??? Corps, 20 September 1863, 1 page.
Praises Gracie and Kelly for their performance in battle. "We now hold all the ground so bloodily contended".

Telegram: S. Cooper, A/J Gen'l.

To Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Richmond, Va., 1 October 1863. 1 page.
Buckner is not part of the Department of East Tennessee as long as he serves under Gen. Bragg.

Letter (Original and Transcript): William Preston, No Place.

To Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, No Place, 19 October 1863, ALS, 3 pages.
Thanks Buckner for the time Preston served in Buckner's command and worries about Chattanooga.

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Folder 15: Civil War Papers: 1863 Cavalry raid into Eastern Tennessee – SBB Civil War Papers, 13-20 June 1863

Document: Brig. Gen., Monticello

To: Capt. J. N. G[???], Knoxville Tennessee, 13 June 1863. AD. 1 page.

A note asking permission for Lt. Murry to be allowed to help in collecting “absentees from his company”.

Document: Coded order 17? June 1863. AD. (very faded ink.) 1 page.

A coded message with a pencil translation on the same page. Reports the enemy at Lenoir, Tennessee.

Document: (Very faded) 18 June 1863. AD 1 page.

Seems to be a report of enemy position.

Letter: V[ictor]. Sheliha, Chief of Staff, Headquarters Department of East Tennessee.

To: Brig. Gen. John Pegram, No Place, 18 June 1863. AL. 1 page

An official copy of a dispatch letter describing Union Army movements near Big Creek Gap.

Document: V[ictor] Sheliha, Chief of Staff, Headquarters Department of East Tennessee.

To: Gen. Frazier, No Place, 18 June 1863. AD. 2pages.

An official copy of orders to Frazier to move his forces to be near Clinton, Tennessee. (Original copy from 1863 and two transcripts)

Document: Maxwell, No Place.

To: Major Sheliha, Headquarters, Lenoir, Tennessee, 19 June 1863, AD (2 copies). 1 page

Reports on enemy movements in east Tennessee. Threaten to burn a bridge and cut telegraph wires.

Note: Brig. Gen. John Pegram. Washing[ton County?]

To Commanding Officer, Clinton, Tennessee. 19 June 1863. ANS. 1 page.

Leaving here with a few hundred of best cavalry but leaving a guard for artillery.

Letter: Brig. Gen. John Pegram, Washing[ton County?]

To Captain Galleher, Knoxville, Tennessee 19 June 1863. ALS. 1 page.

Letter describes the movement of Pegram’s forces and the enemy positions.

Letter: Col. John S. Scott, Big Creek Gap, Tennessee.

To Gen. S. B. Buckner, No Place, 19 June 1863. ALS. 1 page.

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Describes the Yankee forces as reported by an escaped prisoner from Scott's Brigade who spent about 12 hours with the Yankee troops.

Letter: Major T.J. Clay, Clinton, Tennessee.

To Major General Buckner, No place, 20 June 1863. ALS. 1 page with envelope
Reports on positions of Confederate units under Frazier and Gracie.

Note: Lt. Jas. Ford, No Place.

To Col., No Place, 20 June 1863. ANS. 1 page.
The enemy is cannonading Knoxville and are divided on two roads, waiting reinforcements.

Note: Col. J. S. Scott, near Knoxville, Tennessee.

To Gen. Buckner, Clinton, Tennessee, 20 June [1863], ANS. 1 page.
Will move toward Knoxville with 220 men and engage enemy.

Note: Col. J.S. Scott, Heading east on the road.

To Gen. Buckner, Clinton, Tennessee, 20 June 1863, ANS. 1 page.
Enemy on the road heading east but unsure as to which "Gap" they are heading for, but hope to find out soon.

Letter (transcript included): Lt. Col. R. H. Moore, Kingston, Tennessee.

To Gen. Buckner, Clinton, Tennessee, 20 June 1863, ALS. 1 page.
Reports on positions of cavalry available and enemy movements.

Document: Maj. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Beaver Dam Church

To Col. J. S. Scott, No Place, 30 June 1863 AD. 4 pages.
This document has copies of all of the order, dispatches, etc. sent to Scott between 18 and 22 June 1863.

Document: (Written in Code with translation on back): 20 June 1863. AD. 1 page.

This document discusses troop movements in east Tennessee. Includes a note from Major Sheliha about telegraph wires being cut.

Note: Major T. J. Clay, Clinton, Tennessee.

To Maj. Gen. Buckner, In the field, 21? June 1863. ANS. 1 page.
Discusses movements of troops.

Letter: Brig. Gen. A.(Archibald) Gracie, Headquarters, Jacksboro, Tennessee.

To Maj. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, No Place, 20 June 1863, ALS. 2 pages.
Reports his position and current orders to march from Cumberland Gap to Big Creek Gap.

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Letter: Brig. Gen. A. Gracie, Ross Farm, near Clinton, Tennessee.

To Maj. Gen. Buckner, Clinton, Tennessee, 20 June 1863. ALS. 1 page.

Gracie reports his infantry is at Ross farm, but he ordered his cavalry back to Cumberland Gap.

Letter: Col. N.C. Grigg, Knoxville, Tennessee.

To Maj. Gen. Buckner, No Place, 20 June 1863. ALS. 2 pages.

The enemy attacked the positions, but fell back to destroy the railroad leading into the city.

Letter: Coded letter from 20 June 1863. No translation.

To Unknown, No Place. AL. 1 page.

Letter (original and transcript): Maj. V. Sheliha, Chief of Staff.

To Captain Galleher, No Place, 20 June 1863, ALS. 3 pages.

Reports enemy losses and the strategy for attacking the enemy forces by containing them in the front and attacking their flanks and rear.

Note: Very Faded and most illegible: Unknown Writer, London, Tennessee

To Unknown, No Place. Undated. AN. 1 page.

Seems to be reporting troop positions.

Note: J N. Galleher, Headquarters, Department of East Tennessee.

To General [?], No Place, 20 June 1863, ANS. 1 page.

Maj. Gen. Buckner orders him to cross the Clinch and be prepared.

Note: Maj. Gen. Jos. Wheeler, Shelbyville, Tennessee.

To Gen. Jno. Pegram, No Place, 20 June 1863, ANS. 1 page.

Wheeler has dispatched a Division of his command to cut off the enemy.

Letter: Official Copy: J. N. Galleher, Clinton, Tennessee

To General[?], No Place, 20 June 1863, AL. 1 page.

Reports on enemy positions and gives order to move troops.

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Note: Major Sheliha, Headquarters to Maj. Gen. Buckner, No Place, 21 June 1863. AN. 1 page.
Staff is moving to Knoxville, Tennessee.

Note: Col. John S. Scott, Bryants Crossroads to Maj. Gen. Buckner, No Place, 21 June 1863. ANS. 1 page.
Reports on his troop strength and position.

Note: Col. Grigg, No Place to Maj. Sheliha, Knoxville, Tennessee, 21 June 1863. ANS 1 page.
He is picketing the roads about 15 miles from town.

Note: Gen. J. W. Frazer, Harbison Crossroads to Genl. Buckner, No Place, 21 June 1863, ANS. 1 page.
Reports enemy positions.

Letter: Major Sheliha, Headquarters to – letter in code. 21 June 1863. ALS. 1 page with envelope.

Note: J H Galleher, Harbison's Crossroads, Tennessee to Brig. Gen. Pegram, No Place, 21 June 1863. AN.
1 page.
An official copy of orders to send officers to collect stragglers.

Note: J H Galleher, Camp Beaver Creek to Majors Hays or Sheliha, Knoxville, Tennessee. ANS. 1 page.
Gen. Buckner moving with Frazer's Brigade to Blaine's Crossroads.

Letter: Major Sheliha, Knoxville, Tennessee to Maj. Gen. Buckner, No Place, 21 June 1863. ALS. 2 pages,
very faded.
The ink has faded making it hard to read, seems to be about troop positions.

Letter: Samuel K. Hays, Knoxville, Tennessee to Maj. Genl. Buckner, No Place, 21 June 1863. ALS. 3
pages.
Hays is arranging for corn to be delivered as rations for the troops and the enemy is gathering at
Strawberry Plains.

Letter: Jno. Pegram, Knoxville, Tennessee to Gen. S. B. Buckner, Com'd. Dept., 21 June 1863. ALS. 1 page.
Pegram just arrived in Knoxville and Command will be there in 2 hours – 400 men available after
2 hours rest.

Note: Brig. Genl. A Gracie Jr., Clinton, Tennessee to Maj. Genl. Buckner, 21 June 1863, ANS. 1 page.
Reports position and will move as soon as possible.

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Note: Brig. Genl. A Gracie, 9 miles from Clinton to Maj. Genl. Buckner, No Place, 21 June 1863. ANS. 1 page.

Will rest for ½ hour then continue march. Will join you at Haveston.

Letter: Brig. Genl. Jno. Pegram, Croff's Fork, 5 miles from Strawberry Plains to Maj. Genl. Buckner, No Place, 21 June 1863, ALS. 1 page.

Enemy moving towards New Market and Morristown. Will cross river and march all night to attack in the morning. Mentions Lee moving towards Gettysburg.

Note: Col I Morrison, Commanding Brigade to Capt. Minot, Powder Spring Gap, 22 June 1863. ANS. 2 pages.

Bring commissary to Plains Crossroads. Note on back confirming order.

Note: Major A R H Ranson, Blaine's Crossroads to Capt. J H Galleher, No Place, 22 June 1863. ANS. 1 Page.

Orders were given to bring up stragglers, but unit is in good spirits and ready to fight.

Letter: Col. Morrison, Powder Spring Gap to Maj. Genl. Buckner, No Place, 22 June 1863, ALS. 2 pages.

Discusses troop movements. Has Buckner's further orders on the back.

Letter: Brig. Genl. A. Gracie, 1 mile south of Clinton to Major Sheliha, No Place, 22 June 1863. ALS. 1 page.

In dire need of supplies, particularly corn for horses.

Note: Col Grigg, 1.5 miles from Knoxville to Major Sheliha, Knoxville, 22 June [1863]. ANS. 1 page.

Asks of news of enemy.

Note: Brig. Genl. Pegram, 3 ½ miles from Leech's Ford over Powel River to Col. [Scott?], No Place, 22 June 1863. ANS. 1 page.

Reports on skirmishing. Capt. Scott killed.

Letter: Capt. A. P. ????, No Place to Maj. Sheliha, Knoxville, 22 June 1863. ALS. 1 Page.

Discusses getting tents and food to his troops.

Letter: Maj. Gen. S B Buckner, No Place to Gen. W W Mackall, Shelbyville and Genl. L Cooper, Richmond, 22 June 1863. ALS. 1p.

Reports contents of a letter dropped by a surgeon while dressing a wounded Union soldier – General Burnside's will go to Washington because of Confederate threats to the city.

Note: Capt. A. P. ?????, near Knoxville to Maj. Sheliha, Knoxville, 23 June 1863. ANS. 1 page.

Picketing both roads to city. No enemy found. Should he join pickets with Capt. Hardy?

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Note: Brig. Genl. A. Gracie, 1 mile from Clinton o Maj. Sheliha, Knoxville, 23 June 1863. ANS 1 page with Transcript included.

Enemy reported to be advancing to Roger's Gap.

Letter: Brig. Genl. W. Preston, Moccasin Gap to Maj. Sheliha, No Place, 23 June 1863. ALS. 2 pages.

Reports the position of his troops and that the enemy may be heading back to Mt. Stirling, Ky.

Letter: Col. J.S. Scott, Near Childers Gap to Maj. Sheliha, No Place, 24 June 1863. ALS 4 pages with Transcript included.

Col. Scott describes his movements and attacks over the past 5 days including the death of Capt. Scott.

Letter: Surgeon R.D. Hamilton, Strawberry Plains to Capt. Levi, No Place, 24 June 1863. ALS. 2 pages with transcript included.

Reports that the men paroled by the Union, including 2 officers, returned home rather than report back to Knoxville.

Letter: Capt. J T Levi, Strawberry Plains, Tennessee to Brig. Genl. A.E. Jackson, No Place, 24 June 1863. ALS. 2 pages with transcript included.

Report on the combat that took place on the 20th.

Letter: Brig. Genl. Jno. Pegram, Knoxville to Capt. J. W. Galleher, No Place, 24 June 1863. ALS. 5 pages with envelope and transcript.

Describes his unit's actions during the past 6 days as they chased the enemy.

Letter: Brig. Genl. A. E. Jackson, Knoxville, Tennessee to Major W. S. Martin, No Place, 26 June 1863. ALS. 9 pages. Transcript included.

Describes his unit's actions of the past week.

Note: Major J. S. Bransford, Chattanooga to Major Sheliha, No Place, 27 June 1863. ANS. 1 page.

"Tell Jackson he can get cars from the Atlanta Road."

Note: Brig. Genl. J. K. Jackson, Chattanooga to Major Sheliha, No Place, 27 June 1863. ANS. 1 page.

Your 1,200 men left for Shelbyville – Trains will be sent back to Knoxville.

Note: C Guratop?, Chattanooga to Genl. Buckner, No Place, 28 June [1863], ANS. 1 page.

One train with troops passed other has not arrived.

Note: Some general notes written on an envelope. AN. 1 page.

Note: J C Dodge, No Place to Maj. Sheliha, No Place, No Date [ca. June 1863], ANS. 1 page.

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"We whipped the Yankees at Vicksburg on Saturday their losses estimated for 7000 to 10000
Complete victory & route"

Note: R G Manar, 9 miles in the Racem Valley to Col. Scott, Clinton, No date [ca. June 1863], ANS. 2
pages.

Reports enemy artillery fire. Back has a note from Scott to Genl. Buckner passing the
information in the note.

Note: Capt. J. S. Arnold, No Place to Genl. Pegram, No Place, No Date [ca. June 1863], ANS. 1 page.
The enemy has crossed the Holsten River.

Note: Unknown writer [Maj. Sheliha?] to Unknown person, No Place, Undated [ca. June 1863], AN. 1
page.

Orders to different units in response to Union troops.

Note: Unknown writer [Maj. Sheliha?] to Unknown Person, No Place, Undated [ca. June 1863], AN. 1
page.

Enemy advanced during night. Skirmish fought and Capt. Wiggs lost.

Note: Col. J S Scott, No Place to Genl. Buckner, Clinton, No Date [ca. June 1863], ANS. 1 page.
Report of fighting at Knoxville and outskirts of town in flames.

Note: Maj. A. Leyden, Camp 3 miles from J Ford to Genl. Buckner, Clinton, No Date [ca. June 1863], ANS.
1page.

Reports on the movements of his guns, the 9th Ga. Artillery.

Letter: Maj. V. Sheliha, No Place to Maj. Genl. Buckner, Clinton, No Date [ca. June 1863], ALS. 3 pages.
Describes the bravery of Leyden's artillery battery in combat. Mentions two Lt. killed.

Letter: Brig. Genl. Pegram, 4 miles S.W. of Robertsville to Captain, No Place, No date [ca. June 1863],
ALS. 1 page.

Discusses his troop movements while chasing the enemy near Knoxville.