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Mary Woolridge Voris
Papers, 1853-1891

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Biographical Note

Salathiel Boone Voris was born in Shelby County, Ky. in 1834. Voris was educated in the common schools of Shelby County and later attended Hanover College in Indiana. At the age of twenty he was employed by the Louisville, Frankfort & Lexington Railroad Co. He remained in the railroad business for twenty-seven years. In 1877, he opened some stone quarries near Bedford, Ind. with his cousin, Judge A. C. Voris. The enterprise was extremely successful and supplied stone for many state and federal government buildings. In 1890, the quarry became part of the Consolidated Stone Company of Bedford with Voris as vice-president and general manager. In 1860, Voris wed Mary Wooldridge of Franklin County, Ky. He died at his home in Louisville the 14th day of May, 1896.

Mary J. Woolridge Voris, daughter of Leroy Woolridge of Virginia and Emily Owen Woolridge, of Kentucky, was born in Frankfort, Kentucky on 7 January 1837 and died on 16 July 1917 in Louisville, Kentucky.

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Scope and Content Note

Collection consists of correspondence, chiefly love letters to Mary Wooldridge from Salathiel Boone Voris, her neighbor in Franklin County, Ky. Voris mentions his work as a railroad conductor in 1858 and comments on life in Donaldsonville, La. where he took mules for sale in the summer of 1859. He made a trip from Louisville, Ky. to Mexico for his health in 1891 and wrote ten letters describing his visits to San Luis Potosi, Mexico City, Pueblo, Orizaba, Aguascalientes, San Antonio, and Galveston, Tx. Included is a power of attorney from George and Martha Ellen Griffin of Louisville to Leroy Wooldridge, 1853 July 15, authorizing him to collect money for land and slaves in Franklin County, Ky.

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Folder Listing

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- Folder 1: Power of attorney from Leroy Wooldridge to George and Martha Ellen Griffin of Louisville, 1853 July 15.
- Folder 2: Correspondence, 1857.
- Folder 3: Correspondence, 1858 January-June
- Folder 4: Correspondence, 1858 July-December
- Folder 5: Correspondence, 1859 January-July
- Folder 6: Correspondence, 1859 August-December
- Folder 7: Correspondence, undated
- Folder 8: Correspondence, 1860
- Folder 9: Correspondence, 1891
- Folder 10: Miscellaneous papers

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Subject Headings

Louisiana – Description and travel

Mexico – Description and travel

Slaves – Kentucky – Franklin County – History – Sources

Voris, Mary Wooldridge

Voris, Salathiel Boone, d. 1896