THE MANLY FAMILY PAPERS
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Summary
Main Entry: The Manly Family Papers

Date Span: 1829 – 1868

Abstract: Contains the papers of Basil Manly, Sr. and Basil Manly, Jr., Southern Baptist ministers and educators. Collection includes family correspondence, information on the founding of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Greenville, SC, publication of Baptist Sunday school materials, efforts to promote Sunday Schools in local churches, and work of various state conventions.

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Biographical Sketch
The Manly family was comprised of and connected with many influential Southern Baptists, including Basil Manly, Basil Manly, Jr., and Charles Manly. Basil Manly was born in Pittsborough, N.C., Jan 29, 1798. He married Sarah Murray Rudolph and they had eight children. He became President of the University of Alabama in 1837 and served for eighteen years. Manly was also cofounder of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the Alabama Historical Society. While serving at the Alabama State Baptist Convention, he wrote resolutions that would later lead to the formation of the Southern Baptist Convention in Augusta, Georgia. He was also influential in establishing an institution for the special training of ministers, which later became Furman University. Manly died in Greenville, South Carolina, December 21, 1868.

Basil Manly, Jr. was influential in Southern Baptist life along with his father. Manly, Jr. was born in Edgefield County, South Carolina, December 19, 1825, and graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1847. While serving at several churches over the course of his life, Manly also helped establish and became President of the Richmond Female Institute. After his father helped establish the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Basil Manly, Jr. was asked to draw up the articles of faith for the professors to sign at their inauguration. He was also asked to teach biblical introduction and Old Testament interpretation. Manly was the author of more than twenty hymns and worked together with his father to publish the Baptist Psalmody. Manly was also a leader in the formation of the Sunday School Board and helped write and compile publications for the Board. Basil Manly, Jr. died in Louisville, Kentucky, January 31, 1892.
Charles Manly, along with his family, was influential in the Southern Baptist Convention’s work. Born in Charleston, South Carolina, May 28, 1837, Charles grew up in Tuscaloosa while his father was President of the University. After graduating from Princeton Theological Seminary, Charles served as pastor to several churches, was President of Union University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, from 1871 to 1873, and President of Furman University in 1881. After serving at Furman, Charles returned to a full time pastor’s position until 1914 and passed away in Gaffney, South Carolina, May 1, 1924.

Scope and Content Note
The Manly Family Papers include .5 linear feet of material contained in one document box. The papers follow a rough chronological order by the date of the correspondence in the collection. The collection items were stamped numerically by the archives staff in the 1960’s, and the collection follows that numerical arrangement. The letters range from October, 1829 to February, 1868. There are approximately 332 items in the collection.


In addition to family news, the correspondence discusses the publication of Baptist Sunday school materials, the effort in promoting Sunday school in local churches, the opinions of various pro-secessionists about the Union Army and God’s work during the American Civil War, and opinions about the work and conditions of various state conventions, such as Georgia and Alabama. Other items in the collection include a bill of sale for a slave, a certificate of marriage, and receipts for the University and sermon notes.

Additional material related to the Manly family is found on MF 3900. This microfilm collection includes material from the University of Alabama Archives, the Southern Historical Collection at the University of North Carolina, and the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives. A guide to the microfilm collection is available for researchers.

Mrs. O.J. Owens donated the collection to the SBHLA in 1967.

Arrangement
Arranged in numerical order and generally follows a chronological order.

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South Carolina – Churches and religious affairs – Baptists

Related Materials- Archival material
Manly Collection of Manuscripts. MF 3900. Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives.
Manly Family Correspondence. MF 1998. Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives.
Basil Manly Papers. MF 323. Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives.
Basil Manly, Sr. – Manuscript sermons and notes. MF 921. Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives.

Related Materials – Books and microforms
Clifford, Cecil Rogers. The role of Basil Manly, 1798-1868, in the establishment of Furman University and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. (M.A.)--Furman University, 1962. MF 1329.
Container List

Box 1

1.1 Correspondence Items 1 – 18

1.1.2. Letter to Children from Eliza Manly, Oak Mount (Oct. 7, 1829). This letter contains information on the family member’s health and good wishes for each other.

1.1.3. Mortgage for two female slaves by Clerk Office, Richmond District (Nov. 24, 1831)

1.1.4. Certificate of Marriage for Champ C. Conner (Feb 18 1833)

1.1.5. Letter to Sarah M. Manly from Basil Manly Sr., Charleston, SC (Oct 18, 1833) This letter includes a description of the classes that Basil Manly Jr. is taking. Also gives an account of the troubles a pastor is going through.

1.1.6. Letter to Sarah M. Manly from Basil Manly Sr., Raleigh, NC (May 23, 1836) This letter includes description of trip taken to places including: a farm for students, Philadelphia, Richmond and Washington D.C. It also includes the amount of money spend and the amount he owes to a Brother Myer.

1.1.8. Letter from Basil Manly Jr. to his father Basil Manly Sr. Richmond, VA (March 17, 1839). Talks about his acquaintances and a marriage.

1.1.9. Letter from Basil Manly Jr. to his father Basil Manly Sr. Raleigh, NC (Aug 19, 1844). The letter describes his week and the lecture of a Rev. Mr. Maffit. He also discusses a family member who might have cancer.

1.1.10. Letter from Basil Manly Jr. to Basil Manly Sr. Newton Center (Nov 5 1844). This letter includes information on a church without a regular pastor and its choir. He gives a detailed account of his expenses and describes his visits in the area.

1.1.11. Letter from Basil Manly Jr. to Basil Manly Sr. Raleigh, NC (Aug 24 1844). This letter is an answer to his father’s request to write about all that he meets, sees, and hears. He discuses his dealings and conversations with Reverend Maffit.

1.1.12. Bill of Sale for a slave (May 20 1845). This is a $200 receipt for a slave that describes the slave’s characteristics.

1.1.13. Letter from Basil Manly Jr. to his parents, Newton Center, (March 25, 1845). This letter is about an examination day and describes saying good bye to acquaintances at school. He debates staying where he is or leaving and says he hopes to act in ways his father and God would approve. He discusses plans of fellow students. He speaks of a board meeting that might end in separation.

1.1.14. Letter from Basil Manly Jr. to his parents, Newton Center MA (March 28, 1845). This letter begins by discussing going to Germany in the distant future. It includes an account of hearing the Editor of the Christian Reflector speak and a retiring pastor of 33 years gives his farewell sermon. Also a board decision resulting in controversy is discussed. Different Christian magazines and the articles in them are mentioned. Professors and students from the school and where they plan to teach and preach are mentioned.

1.1.15. Letter from Basil Manly Jr. to his parents, Newton Center, MA (April 14 1845). A view of self-study is given. Articles in the Christian Review are mentioned. A trip to the city to see different pastors is described. A possible move to Princeton, NJ is debated.
1.1.16. Letter from Basil Manly Jr. to his parents, Newton Center, MA (April 22, 1845). Rev. Manly expresses his wish not to, but the inevitability of having to, discuss the separation of the North and South. He also discusses a proposed convention and more board meetings that are held.

1.1.17. Letter from Basil Manly Jr. to his parents, Princeton, NJ (May 9, 1845). This letter contains descriptions of visits with people called on and speaks about theological issues, such as Romanism and Communion.

1.2.19 Letter from Basil Manly Jr. to Basil Manly, Richmond, VA (Feb 20, 1857). This letter discusses his opinion about Penfield, life insurance for his family, and the disunity of the Georgia Baptists.

1.2.20 Letter from Basil Manly, Jr. to his mother, Richmond, VA (March 15, 1837). This letter tells about a sermon by P. S. Henson that Rev. Manly went to with his brother and then describes a sermon that he gave as well.

1.2.21 Letter from Basil Manly Jr. to his parents, Richmond, VA (March 21, 1857 and May 7, 1857). Discusses his visit to see a glass blower, money for the Seminary, his future preaching engagements, sickness in the area, a Mr. Carpenter who is going into the ministry after training in the law, a lukewarm church.

1.2.22 Letter from Basil Manly Jr. to his parents, Richmond, VA (April 9, 1857). There is a sickness going around, and he discusses turning in his resignation. He discusses visiting Kansas for another position, selling a slave, and talking with a man who wishes to be a preacher.

1.2.23 Letter from Basil Manly Jr. to his parents, Richmond, VA (April 10, 1857). He gives a rough draft of his letter of resignation to the Trustees and their response to his letter and family news.

1.2.24 Ledger page of Basil Manly, Jr. (April 13, 1857). Receipt and expenditures for sessions I and II and an estimation for session III. The sample mentioned in document 1.2.23.

1.2.25 Letter to Basil manly from a S. Henderson, Tuskegee (January 1, 1859). A letter about purchasing land in Tuskegee, discusses cost per acreage in the surrounding areas, an invitation to spend time in the area.

1.2.26 Letter to Basil Manly Jr. from Isabella Delaney, Sacramento (Jan 4, 1859). A letter with family news about illness and a sister being saved.

1.2.27 Letter from E.Y. Peay to her sister (Feb 9, 1859). A letter with family news about sickness on the plantation and the death of a Mr. Richard Watson.

1.2.28 A letter from Samuel Lord Jr., Charleston, NC (Feb 12, 1859). My Dear Sir, Mr. Whaley requested me to say that when looking into the law, he finds that the Governor has no power to pardon criminals before conviction. Nothing can be done in Bauer’s case until the last session of the court. Very respectfully, Samuel Lord Jr.

1.2.29 A letter from H. McGown, Tuscaloosa, AL (March 1, 1859). A letter discussing the conditions of the church in Tuscaloosa.

1.2.30 A letter from A.J. Battle, University of Alabama, (Feb 21, 1859). He states that Charles agreed to be the pastor of a church, and he goes on to discuss the conditions of the church.

1.2.31 Letter to B. Manly from William Gurtin (March 2, 1857). A letter about church business.
1.2.32 Charles Manly to his Parents (March 3, 1859). Discusses family business, a book he is currently reading, and common acquaintances.

1.2.33 A letter by James L. Gantt to Dr. Manly (March 4, 1859). Informing Dr. Manly about a pair of horses for sell.

1.2.34 Basil Manly, Jr. to Parents, Richmond VA (March 5, 1859). A letter discussing how one dies, a man named Graves, and some more family news.

1.2.35 Letter from Russell Holman to Rev Manly (March 5, 1859). Discusses some land nearby that Manly could purchase.

1.2.36 A letter from Benjamin Griffith/American Baptist Publication Society (March 6, 1859). A request for an opinion about a new practice of the Philadelphia organization.

1.2.37 Letter from William J. Hard, Augusta GA, (March 6, 1859). A letter from a man desiring to switch the churches he serves.

1.2.38 Letter from Henry McGown, Tuscaloosa AL, (March 6, 1859). News of common acquaintances’ deaths, a fire on the plantation.

1.2.39 Letter from Brooks S. Cox, (March 7, 1859). A request to preach the commencement sermon at Southern Female College in La Grange, GA.

1.2.40 Letter from E. B. Vaughan, (March 14, 1859). Information and advice about horses for sale and two stables.

1.2.41 Letter from Charlotte Drysdale, Tuscaloosa AL, (Feb. 27, 1859). Letter with news about family and friends.

1.2.42 Letter from Emma L. Sollee, Charleston, (March 7, 1859). Expresses sorrow for his departure, a request for his picture.

1.2.43 Letter from Charles Manly (March 7, 1859). News of family and his church news, especially problems with the Methodist church in his area.

1.2.44 Letter from Basil Manly Jr. Richmond VA, (March 7, 1859). News of family and lectures discussing mission work in other countries and a family with problems.

1.2.45 Letter from Aaron I. Smith, Greenville SC, (March 8, 1859). A letter about a man who has been removed from his church over his conduct and expresses his sincere conviction on past actions, a plea for help in dealing with his church, and restoring his membership.

1.2.46 Letter from Martha Mosely, Charleston SC, (March 9 1859). Encouragement and praise for her pastor (Manly) and a recount of his service to her.

1.2.47 Letter from Thomas S. Budd, Charleston SC, (March 9, 1859). Information and instructions on shipping goods.

1.2.48 Letter from E.Y. Peay, (March 5, 1859). News of Scarlet fever and anticipation of a visit.

1.2.49 Letter from Thomas J. Curtis (March 12, 1859). News about friends.

1.2.50 Letter from Aaron Nix, Charleston SC, (March 11, 1859). News from the plantation.

1.2.51 Letter from J.L. Lichenor, Montgomery AL, (March 8, 1859). A pastor discusses leaving his post and some articles that he read.

1.2.52 Letter from Basil Manly, Jr. to Sherman, Richmond, (March 16, 1859). He declines a position.

1.2.53 Letter from Basil Manly, Jr. to Parents, Richmond, (March 14, 1859). A letter with family news, news about the school, and opinions about the upcoming SB Convention.
1.2.54 Letter from John I. Foster, (March 30, 1859). News of his and neighbors’ plantations, his opinions about some acquaintances, and about publishing an Alabama newspaper.

1.2.55 Letter from James Manly, Grandmothers, (March 31, 1859). Family news about health and weather conditions.

1.2.56 Letter from Basil Manly, Jr., Richmond, VA (May 15, 1859). Family news and a description of a woman’s reasons for leaving his church.


1.2.58 Letter from Basil Manly, Jr., Richmond, (May 17, 1859). Family news, news about people in Greenville, news of a Trustee meeting at Richmond College.

1.2.59 Letter from Basil Manly, Jr. Richmond, (May 21, 1859). Family news and a visit with a doctor.

1.2.60 Letter from Basil Manly, Jr. Richmond, (May 26, 1859). Information on housing, news about a convention, opinions about a man named Howell.

1.2.61 Letter from Basil Manly, Jr. Richmond, (June 13, 1859). News about health and people visiting the family.

1.2.62 Letter from Basil Manly, Jr. Richmond, (June 20, 1859). Family news about packing and school.

1.2.63 Letter from Basil Manly, Jr. Richmond, (June 21, 1859). Discusses a case he worked on, an article attacking his father, family news.

1.2.64 Letter from Basil Manly, Jr. Richmond, (July 1, 1859). Written on Commencement program, news about his school and the ceremony.

1.2.65 Letter from Basil Manly, Jr. Richmond, (July 2, 1859). Travel described and family news, people calling on him

1.2.66 Letter from Basil Manly, Jr., Richmond (July 21, 1859). Gives his opinion about the president of his school and family news.


1.2.68 Letter from Basil Manly, Jr., Richmond (Aug 11, 1859). Discusses efforts to organize and promote Sunday School in Alabama, especially a Dr. J.C. Crane, and gives family news.

1.2.69 Letter from Basil Manly, Jr., Richmond, (Aug 26, 1859). Family news

1.2.70 Letter from Basil Manly, Jr., Richmond, (Aug 28, 1859). Family news, particularly leaving Richmond.

1.2.71 Letter from Basil Manly, Jr., (Sept 1, 1859). Arrival in Columbia.

1.2.72 Letter from Basil Manly, Jr., Greenville SC, (Oct 27, 1859). Discusses life in Greenville, a big trial going on in Greenville, news of a man who wants Basil Manly, Sr.’s opinion about the Convention.

1.2.73 Letter from Basil Manly, Jr., Greenville, (Dec 5, 1859). Opinions about the Alabama Convention and articles mentioning Basil Sr.

1.2.74 Letter from Basil Manly, Jr., Greenville, (Dec 18, 1859). News about people at his school and about his church.

1.3 Correspondence Items 75 – 100

1.3.75. Letter from Basil Manly, Jr., Greenville, (Jan 11, 1862). Family news, neighbors dealing or fleeing the Union Army,
1.3.76. Letter from W. H. Green, Princeton, (Feb 1, 1861). Green says he had a pleasant visit when Manly visited, and then he gives his opinion about the political unrest in the country.

1.3.77. Letter from S.M. Manly, (June 6, 1861). Family and plantation news, information about mobilization around the plantation, news about a woman church member.

1.3.78. Letter piece from a son. News about a slave execution, about newspaper articles.

1.3.79. Second piece of the letter from son. Travel plans after a convention, news about acquaintances.

1.3.80. Letter from M. T.G. (Aug 29). News about the surrounding military, getting Bibles for the soldiers.


1.3.82. Letter from Basil Manly, Sr., Montgomery, (Sept 2, 1861). News of family and travel and sermons preached.

1.3.83. Letter from S. M. Manly (Sept 14, 1861). Family letter about church and health

1.3.84. Letter from Basil Manly, Jr. Letter about preaching and a new church starting.

1.3.85. Letter from Charles Manly, (Oct 4, 1861). Making plans for travel and meeting, around the time of the convention and the session in the legislature, an outline for the sermon he will preach at the convention.

1.3.86. Letter from Basil Manly to a Brother B.B. R. Discusses a Mr. Gilchrist’s financial state, a case about an inheritance of a Mr. Elliot, the sickness in the area, and homemade remedies.

1.3.87. Letter from S.M. Manly. Advise about a situation in Basil Manly, Sr.’s church, news about family, and traveling for the convention.

1.3.88. Letter from Basil Manly, Jr. to Mother and Sister, (Oct 21, 1861). Discusses his last Sunday and other family news.

1.3.89. Letter from S.M Manly to her Husband, Montgomery, (Oct 6, 1861). Family letter about health of family and neighbors, news about the plantation and the university.

1.3.90. Two letters on one document. Letter one from S.M. Manly to Basil Manly, Sr., Tuscaloosa, (Oct 14, 1861). Includes family news and information about the plantation. Letter two from Basil Manly, Jr., to his mother and sister, Tuscaloosa, (Oct 16, 1861). Family news and plans about the convention.

1.3.91. Letter from Charles Manly, (Oct 17, 1861). Discusses a desired raise in his salary and the church’s financial aspects.


1.3.94. Letter to a Brother Julins from Basil Manly, Jr., Greenville SC, (Oct 26, 1861). Requests advice on buying some property, gives a detailed description of the property, information on the Union Army’s actions.

1.3.95. Letter from S.M. Manly, Tuscaloosa, (Nov 1, 1861). News about the Plantation, discussion about attending the convention.

1.3.96. Letter from Charles Manly to his father, (Nov 3, 1861). Family health news, news about the mobilization of the Confederate Army, plans for travel after the Convention, news of a Brother Caldwell.

1.3.98. A scrap note requesting prayer.
1.3.99. Letter to Charles Manly from L.C. Garland, University of Alabama, (Dec 26, 1861). Request for permission to hire a man along with his wife to be hospital servants.
1.3.100. Letter from S.M. Manly, (Dec 30, 1861). A Dr. Lampley is visiting, news about neighbors and family.

1.4. Correspondence Items 101 – 106
1.4.101. Letter from Basil Manly, (Dec 15, 1862). Discusses sending a girl along with a group of people that Charles Manly is traveling with, getting shoes for his slaves for harvest time, selling his crops.
1.4.102. Letter from S. M. Manly to her Husband, (Jan 1, 1862). News of health and the plantation.
1.4.103. A small note from S.M. Manly with family news and travel plans.
1.4.104. A letter from Charles Manly to his father, (Jan 4, 1862). Correspondence about the plantation and one of its slaves, discusses working with the deacons and restructuring Sunday School at church, and the military movement around them.
1.4.106. Letter from James S. Manly to his father, Walnut Bluff, (Jan 7, 1862). Small note from Charles Manly, news about the plantation’s business.
1.4.107. Letter from Charles Manly to his father, (Jan 7, 1862). Talks about sickness at the University, his proposal to a woman, the plantation’s cotton.
1.4.108. Letter from Charles Manly to his father, (Jan 14, 1862). Waiting for a decision on using a check with the merchants.
1.4.109. Letter from James S. Manly to his father, Tuscaloosa, (Jan 13, 1862). Discusses going to an auction.
1.4.110. Letter from Charles Manly, (Jan 25, 1862). Discusses taxes and a Brother Fuller who got the measles.
1.4.111. Letter from Charles Manly to his parents, (Feb 28, 1862). Asks his father to help a sick officer get a furlough from his company, and gives news about the hospital at the University.
1.4.112. Letter from Charles Manly to his parents, (March 19, 1862). News from the plantation, discussing the draft that might be instituted.
1.4.113. Letter from Abby M. Gwathmey, Richmond, (April 14, 1862). News of people fighting in the war and the upcoming battles, news about some of her father’s acquaintances that she has seen.
1.4.115. Piece of a letter from S. M. Manly to one of her children. Greetings to a list of people.
1.4.116. Letter from S. M. Manly to one of her sons, Tuscaloosa, (May 9, 1862). News of the military, particularly prisoners, in the area, neighborhood news, family news.
1.4.117. Letter from Charles Manly to his father, Tuscaloosa, (May 8, 1862). Family news, talking about hiding crops from the Union Army.
1.4.118. Letter from S. M. Manly to her husband, (May 14, 1862). News of sickness and military news.
1.4.119. Letter from W. H. Gwathmey to his Father-in-law, Richmond, (May 17, 1862). Letter about money Basil Manly, Sr. is going to invest for the Gwathmeys.
1.4.120. Letter from S. M. Manly to her husband, (May 21, 1862). News about the plantation, about the military in the area, and Charles’s health.

1.4.121. Letter from S. M. Manly to her husband, (May 24, 1862). News about neighbors and the military in the area.

1.4.122. Letter from S. M. Manly to her husband, Parsonage, (May 29, 1862). News about health, the plantation, particularly the slaves, and the military in the area.

1.4.123. Letter from S. M. Manly to her husband, (Aug 10, 1862). News about the family, and the plantation, and about donations to the hospital.


1.4.125. Letter from a Mr. J. Sumner, Marion AL, (Sept 9, 1862). Receipt for money given to a church and the news of a man’s death.

1.4.126. Two letters on one document. Letter one – Letter from a C. Dergor to Charles Manly, Dayton AL, (Sept 21, 1862). He writes to apply for a job at the female academy in Tuscaloosa. Letter two – Letter from Charles Manly to his father, Tuscaloosa, (Oct 1, 1862). To say he is in charge of the school, to ask his father to preach and for his advice, gave news about the death of a soldier and the students.


1.4.128. Letter from S. M. Manly to her son, (Sept 22, 1862). News about family and friends and the military around the area.

1.4.129. Two letters on one document. Letter one – From S. M. Manly to her husband, Ash Creek, (Sept 27, 1862). About sending clothes and shoes off, about a man scaring the slaves, discusses moving to Tuscaloosa. Letter two – From Basil M. Manly to his father, (Sept 29, 1862). News of family health and to tell of two ladies wanting employment as teachers at the school.

1.4.130. A piece of a letter by Basil Manly, Jr. Discusses a shipment of shoes and the health and travels of the family.

1.4.131. A letter from Basil Manly, Sr. to his son. Discusses Johnson at the school, a man who some of his parishioners did not want to be pastor, finding a pastor to fill in for him while he travels with family, people in his congregation.


1.4.133. A piece of a letter from Basil Manly, Jr. Discussing implementing a new system to the public schools and inquiring about a man who could possibly help.

1.4.134. Letter from Basil Manly, Jr. to his father, (Nov 17, 1862). Discusses a man named Johnson who leads the school, news about neighbors and friends and the plantation, his attitude toward the parsonage. Discussed collecting a Mr. Fuller’s writing.

1.4.135. Letter from Mary B. Love, Columbia GA, (Sept 27, 1862). Mrs. Love has taken in a child of one of Mr. Manly, Sr.’s late friends and is inquiring on the best way to care for the child who has no money or relatives who are able to care for him.

1.4.136. A Piece of a letter from S. M. Manly to her husband, (Oct 1, 1862). People mad with the military officers taking the meat. Her mother feels it is “Providence” that they should go to Tuscaloosa instead of Montgomery.

1.4.137. Piece of a letter from S. M. Manly, one side to her husband, the other to her son. She asks her husband to send sugar and dresses, and her son receives news on Mr. Fuller’s health.

14.139. Letter from S. M. Manly to her husband, (Oct 2, 1862). Letter discussing relocating and the scarcity of help from the church, and inquiring about the condition and addresses of people in the military.

14.140. Letter from Basil Manly, Jr., (Oct 3, 1862). Inquiring about food for the plantation, telling of the number of funerals and sickness, news of the neighbors and church members, attempting to get uniforms for the soldiers.

14.141. Letter from S. M. Manly to her husband, Ash Creek, (Oct 6, 1862). Discussing travel plans and family news.


14.143. Letter from S. M. Manly to her husband, (Oct 11, 1862). News of sickness and travel, a Mr. Gordon goes to Greenville and sees a small number of delegates, discussing needs for when they relocate to Tuscaloosa.

14.144. Letter from Basil Manly, Jr. to his parents, South Carolina, (Oct 14, 1862). Discusses the weather, a sermon he preached, some salt stocks that he bought and what to do with the salt, the military’s gunboats, other plantation news.


14.146. Letter from Charles Manly to his father, Tuscaloosa, (Oct 17, 1862). Requesting his father to pick up two books, some paper and oil for him.

14.147. A letter from Basil Manly to his son, Montgomery, (Oct 17, 1862). Travel plans, planning to give notice at his church.

14.148. Letter from S. M. Manly to her husband, (Oct 14, 1862). Questions whether the congregation understood the temporary withdrawal of her husband’s resignation, her worries of postponing the move to Tuscaloosa, health of the family.

14.149. Letter from S. M. Manly to her husband, Ash Creek, (Oct 29, 1862). Wishing for a letter or a visit from her husband, news of the neighbors around her, plans for travel.

14.150. Letter from S. M. Manly to her husband, (Oct 20, 1862). Family health, a man inquires about getting shoes for slaves, discussing a shortage of goods.

14.151. Letter from S. M. Manly to her husband, Ash Creek, (Oct 22, 1862). Discusses people’s health and some friends’ problems, which house would be most comfortable to them to move to.

14.152. Letter from S. M. Manly to her husband, Ash Creek, (Oct 26, 1862). News of friends, prayers for nation and children, a church member saying they will miss the family.

14.153. Letter from Basil Manly Jr. to his parents, (Oct 26, 1862). Discusses family and friends, the military efforts and tactics, a vote at the convention, stressed his dad is resigning, but respects God’s will, plantation business.
1.4.154. Letter from S. M. Manly to her son, Ash Creek, (Oct 19, 1862). His grandmother is very sick, news war casualties.

1.4.155. Letter from S. M. Manly to her husband, Ash Creek, (Oct 31, 1862). News of health of travel, friends, and family. A Mr. Gordon won’t be able to go to the convention, some recipes, worry over the war, and asking to be able to give to the poor.

1.4.156. Letter from S. M. Manly to her husband, (Nov 4, 1862). Discusses where to send the letters, a clothing drive for the soldiers, family and friends health.


1.4.159. Piece of a letter from Basil Manly Jr., (Nov 20, 1862). Excited about some “important earthly thing,” a servant died.

1.4.160. A piece of a letter from S. M. Manly. News of her sister’s health and a request to purchase item’s for the sister.

1.4.161. Letter from Charles Manly to his father, (Nov 12, 1862). Discusses worrying about over-using his horse, news of neighbors, finding a shoemaker, having fear of the Union Army coming.

1.4.162. Letter from Basil Manly to Basil Manly, Jr., Ash Creek, (Nov 12, 1862). Discusses the military actions around them, family travel and news, acquaintances in the war and war casualties, the adoption of a report at the Convention about extortion, his brother Fuller’s opinion about East Tennessee and the inhabitants.

1.4.163. Piece of a letter from S. M. Manly, (Nov 16, 1862). Discussing difficulties of getting family letters, travel plans, and prayers for each other.

1.5. Correspondence 164 – 207

1.5.164. Speech by Dr. Manly Jr., (June 5, 1862). Notes and outline of speech given before the Virginia General Association, less than one month after the Convention, that authorized the Sunday School Board.

1.5.165. Letter from Basil Manly to his son, Ash Creek, (May 4, 1863). Recounting travel and family news, some political figures, actions of the Union Army and the preparation for them, a man in the church resigns but will go to the convention, some business with merchants.

1.5.166. Letter from Basil Manly to one of his sons – Travel plans.

1.5.167. Letter from J. L. Larry to Charles Manly, AL, (Jan 5, 1862). Request to order a hat for a soldier, says his political outlook, and request of a visit.

1.5.168. Letter from M. T. Summer, Marion AL, (Dec 31, 1862). Receipt.

1.5.169. Letter from S. M. Manly to her son, Ash Creek, (May 7, 1863). Travel plans and news of a Bro. Tries, family news.

1.5.170. Letter from Basil Manly to his son, Montgomery, (June 9, 1863). James’ dealings with the military and his commander and Mr. Manly’s plans to help him, travel plans.

1.5.171. Letter from Abby M. Gwathmey and Basil Manly to their parents, Richmond, (June 10, 1863). Went to speak at the General Association of Virginia and to get money for Sunday School, family news, war news.

1.5.172. Letter from Basil Manly, Jr. to his parents, SC, (June 30, 1863). Family news, war opinions, news of the University of Alabama, news from the convention, plantation news.
1.5.173. Outline for sermon or article based on Romans 2:23-25
1.5.174. Partial letter from Basil Manly, Jr. to his parents, Greenville, SC, (July 9, 1863). Scripture that he is studying, discusses the Sunday School Board, the military.
1.5.175. Letter from a Brother P. Smith, (June 23, 1863), and notes for a sermon (Matthew 12:1-14) on the other side. Letter about the hands and harvesting on the plantation.
1.5.177. Letter from Basil Manly, Jr. to his parents, (July 17, 1863). News of the attack on Charleston, news about his plantation, his feelings about Union rule, news of family and friends.
1.5.178. Letter from Basil Manly, Jr. to his parents, Greenville, SC, (July 23, 1863). News about war prices, the state convention, discussing the progress and consequences of the Union Army.
1.5.179. Partial Letter from Basil Manly, Jr. to his parents. Discusses working with Mr. Elford and organizing two companies for home defenses against Union Raiders, writing the lessons in his Quarterly, receiving a letter from their cousin Abby, opinions of the war.
1.5.180. Letter from Basil Manly, Jr. to his brother, Charles Manly, Greenville, SC, (Aug 27, 1863). Discussing his plans about the plantation, some stolen meat, some war news.
1.5.181. Partial letter from Basil Manly, Jr. Inquiring about items for sale.
1.5.183. Partial Letter from Basil Manly, Jr. Discussing news about the plantation and about the war.
1.5.184. Scrap of a letter from Basil Manly, Jr. Asking about provisions for the slaves.
1.5.185. Partial Letter from Basil Manly, Jr., (Sept 24, 1863). News from the plantation.
1.5.187. Partial Letter from Basil Manly, Jr., (Aug 27, 1862). News about an admittance at the University, news from the plantation, news of the death of a Dan Rudolph, news of the military.
1.5.188. Letter from Abby M. Gwathmey, Richmond, VA, (Feb 12, 1864). Family news of health and travel.
1.5.189. Partial letter from Basil Manly to his son, Tuscaloosa, (July 7, 1864). News about the University of Alabama and about the Domestic Mission Board.
1.5.190. Letter from Basil Manly to his son, Tuscaloosa, (July 16, 1864). News of friends, family, the University of Alabama, and the military.
1.5.191. Partial Letter from Basil Manly to his son, Tuscaloosa, (July 20, 1863). News of James and the family, news of the military, news of common acquaintances.
1.5.192. Index Lessons on the Old Testament, (The Sabbath, Garden of Eden, Woman)
1.5.192.A. Continued Index of lessons on the Old Testament and a letter from Basil Manly Jr., (July 25, 1864). Discusses writing and publishing Sunday School material, selling items from the farm, recounted his past Sunday.
1.5.193. Letter from Basil Manly, Jr. to his brother Charles, (July 26, 1864). Discussed the convention, discussed traveling and preaching, family news, working with a Baptist association.

1.5.194. Letter from Basil Manly to one of his sons, Tuscaloosa, (July 21, 1864). Passing on a request from a Dr. Garland asking for a chaplain.

1.5.195. Letter from S. M. Manly to one of her sons, Ash Creek, (Sept 3, 1864). Discussing family and health remedies.

1.5.196. Letter to Charles Manly from a Major J. M. Park, Mobile AL, (Oct 1, 1864). Requests a financial description of his daughters schooling.

1.5.197. Partial letter from Basil Manly Jr. Discusses military actions, discussing a concert.

1.5.198. Letter from S. M. Manly to one of her sons, Ash Creek, (Oct 11, 1864). News of the family and the plantation.

1.5.199. Letter from Basil Manly, Jr. to Charles Manly, (Nov 5, 1864). Discussing missing the upcoming convention and telling Charles to fill his place and his goals, especially for Sunday School, for the convention.

1.5.200. Partial letter by Basil Manly, Jr., (July 9, 1864). Discussing news and actions of neighbors and people in the church, discussed visiting with the Governor, news about the board of Trustees.

1.5.201. Partial letter by Basil Manly, (July 18, 1864). Discusses the Trustees filling a position, description of his Sunday, a war relief effort, the plight of some runaway slaves.

1.5.202. Partial Letter by Basil Manly, Jr., (July 14, 1864). News about the plantation, neighbors, military activity, the University of Alabama, a concert at the University.

1.5.203. Partial Letter by Basil Manly, Jr. Discussing traveling during war times.

1.5.204. Letter from Basil Manly, Jr., (July 19, 1864). Discussing a runaway slave and the wishes of the slaves during peace times, news of the board of Trustees at the University of Alabama, the government taking portions of crops.

1.5.205. Partial letter by Basil Manly, Jr. Discussing business of the Board of Trustees at the University of Alabama, news of military movements.

1.5.206. Partial letter by Basil Manly, Jr. Discussing the future president of the University, military activity, choir from the school.

1.5.207. Letter from Basil Manly to his son, Selma. News from the plantation, the military movements, and news of the Domestic Mission Board.

1.5.207.A. Partial letter from Basil Manly, undated. Discusses James’s attempts with his machine, people who have called on them.

1.6. Correspondence Items 208 – 260

1.6.208. A report written by Basil Manly, Jr. from the Committee appointed to inquire into the Convention’s attempts into promoting Sunday Schools, Discusses the importance of Sunday Schools, whether it is expedient for the Convention to attempt to promote Sunday Schools, whether it is the proper time for it, and in what way the effort should be made.


1.6.210. – 1.6.218. Letter Summaries from 1863 to 1864. See the Inventory file for copies.
1.6.220. Letter from S. Sandrum to Basil Manly, Jr., Savannah, (July 17, 1863). Provides a list of associations in the area and a request for the minutes of the SBC in Savannah.
1.6.223. Letter from C. C. Chaplain, Danville, CA (Aug 12, 1863). Information about his collecting money while in the Army.
1.6.224. Letter from a J. M. Haygood to Basil Manly, Jr., Macon GA, (Aug, 1863). Response with six tickets to a notice that the Sunday School Board would like to receive tickets to Sunday Schools.
1.6.226. Letter from S. Henderson to Basil Manly, Jr., (Aug 24, 1863). An invitation to join an associational meeting, an apology for the inability to print Sunday School material.
1.6.228. Letter from S. Landrum from Basil Manly, Jr., Savannah, (Sept 21, 1863). Inquiring about the Vice Presidents of all the states’ Sunday School Boards.
1.6.230. Letter from Basil Manly, Jr. to a Bro. Dickinson, Greenville, (June 26, 1863). Discussed the most efficient way for the Sunday School Board to carry out its purpose.
1.6.231. Letter from G. B. Taylor to Basil Manly, Jr., (July 2, 1863). Letter about editing materials and the hymnal that was chosen.
1.6.232. Letter from Basil Manly, Jr. to the Virginia Association, (July 3, 1863). Describing the efforts of the new S.S. Board, asking for help in the times of war with funds, includes a list on the back of areas in Virginia and men that report to them.
1.6.234. Letter from A. S. Spalding to Basil Manly, Jr., Selma, AL, (July 4, 1863). Volunteering to be a voluntary agent for the S.S. Board and his wishes for the churches.
1.6.236. Letter from T. E. Skinner to Dr. John A. Bradous, Raleigh, NC, (July 11, 1863). Discusses the Seminary’s bonds, his status as a “Centralization Baptist, the need for Sunday Schools, his view on the state of the country.
1.6.237. Letter from William Vink to Basil Manly, Jr., Fayetteville, (July 12, 1863). Discusses his inability to provide paper to the Sunday School Board.

1.6.238. Letter from A. M. Poindexter to Basil Manly, Jr., Barkesdale, (July 14, 1863). Discussing having paid agents and recommending a paid secretary, visiting the different associations, discusses having the books and the lessons in them, the political and military situation.

1.6.239. Letter from A. M. Poindexter to Basil Manly, Jr., Barkesdale, (April 23, 1863). Discusses aiding Dickinson to bring his work to the denomination and how the S.S. Board will be set up in respect to the Convention, the publication of the materials, and the possibility of a future Baptist publishing house.

1.6.240. Letter by Dr. W. H. Gwathmey to Basil Manly, Jr., Richmond, (April 29, 1863). Discusses the publication options for the materials needed, the Convention appointing a board for Sunday School, and the use of Colportage, the opinion of Poindexter.


1.6.243. An envelope from a Rev. William Margrave in Lewisburg, VA to Basil Manly, Jr., which held a donation.

1.6.244. Letter from Thomas J. Gantt to Basil Manly, Jr., Charleston, SC, (April 12, 1863). Giving advice about a removal, his opinion about the loss of influence from the elderly, Dr. Manly, Jr.’s influence in the church, his friendship with Dr. Manly, Jr.

1.6.245. A Copy of a letter sent to Dr. W. H. Gwathmey, (May 28, 1863). The rest are notes that Basil Manly, Jr. has made concerning the Sunday School Board, discusses the man’s concerns about how he and his fellow delegates were treated at the Convention.

1.6.246. Letter from J. A. Broadus to Basil Manly, Jr., Greenville, SC, (Jan 6, 1864). Discusses asking certain people to write books for the churches and getting them published.


1.6.248. Letter from J. A. Broadus to Basil Manly, Jr., (Dec 23, 1863). Discusses attending a board meeting and getting support for Sunday School materials, discusses expenses.

1.6.249. Letter from J. A. Broadus to Basil Manly, Jr., Greenville, SC, (Nov 7, 1863). Discussing the amount of material that the Board has and the locations it will be sent.


1.6.252. Letter from A.E. Dickinson to Basil Manly, Jr., Richmond VA, (Sept 11, 1863). Was attached to two tracts and telling of an amount raised.
1.6.253. Letter from T. J. Starke, Richmond, VA, (Sept 14, 1863). Introducing a Major W. Downer
1.6.255. Letter from T. E. Skinner to Basil Manly, Jr., Raleigh, NC, (Sept 26, 1863). Telling of travel plans and offering services to the S. S. Board.
1.6.256. Letter from T. J. Starke to Basil Manly, Jr., Richmond, VA, (Sept 26, 1863). Requests directions on dispersing the Testaments and gives a copy of a letter from Rev. A. Fuller discussing the shipment of the Testaments.
1.6.257. Partial Letter from Rev. D. Shaver to Basil Manly, Jr., Richmond, VA, and notes for a resolution concerning the New Testaments sent by the American Bible Society.
1.6.259. Letter from John A. Broadus to Basil Manly, Jr. Asking advice about a book being published with Manly’s name in it and news about a Question Book for the Sunday School Board.
1.6.260. Letter from Rev. W. A. Gaines to Basil Manly, Jr., Temple of Healthe, SC, (Jan 22, 1864). A request for books and advice for a newly established Sunday School, news of the religious state in the area around the Beulah Church.
1.7. Correspondence Items 261 – 300
1.7.261. Letter from James. S. Manly to Basil Manly, (May 27, 1866). Discusses working for their aging parents so that they do not have to worry about their spending money.
1.7.262. Letter from Fannie Manly to her brother, Macon, MS. News of farm and family.
1.7.263. Letter from James S. Manly to Basil Manly, Macon, MS, (May 27, 1866). Family news, news of their finances.
1.7.264. Letter from Margaret Walker to Dr. Manly, Montgomery, AL, (May 15, 1866).
1.7.265. Partial letter from B. B. Rudolph, (June 19, 1866). Discusses what address to use when sending them letters, about the weather and the crops, family news.
1.7.266. Letter from James Manly to his parents, Macon, MS, (June 21, 1866). News of neighbors and family.
1.7.267. Letter from Basil Manly, Jr., to his parents, Ash Creek, (June 22, 1866). Family and neighbor news, travel plans.
1.7.268. Letter from Fannie Manly to her parents-in-law, Macon, MS, (June 23, 1866). News of family and health.
1.7.269. Letter from James Manly to his parents, Macon, MS, (June 22, 1866). Discusses some business with a Mr. McGreevy, travel plans and family news.
1.7.270. Letter from Virginia Rudolph to her aunt Sarah M. Rudolph, (June 25, 1866). Family news, news of the post offices in the area.
1.7.271. Letter from John M. McGreevy to James Manly, Macon, MS, (June 29, 1866). Asks Manly to wait for a response to his inquiry until his employer returns from Europe.
1.7.272. Letter from Abby M. Gwathmey to her parents, Richmond, VA, (July 3, 1866). Family news and travel plans.
1.7.273. Letter from R. Holman to Basil Manly, Sr., New Orleans, LA, (June 25, 1866). Telling of a young man who came to call at his church claiming introduction from the Manly family who does not seem trustworthy, news of his church.

1.7.274. Letter from Samuel Henderson to Basil Manly, Tuscaloosa, AL, (July 9, 1866). Letter from Daniel Wheeler, (July 10, 1866).

1.7.275. Letter from John W. Pratt, New York, (July 12, 1866). Discussing an account with a business man who is in Europe, tells of his travel to Princeton. Discusses an assembly that the members are unhappy with.

1.7.276. Letter from N. E. Goodwin to Rev. Basil Manly Jr., Columbus, MS, (July 19, 1866). Business with the Columbus Life and General Insurance Co.


1.7.278. Letter from T. B. Bestor, Columbus, (Nov 7, 1866). Discusses a Maj. Blenette, and gives an opinion about the end of the war.

1.7.279. Letter from Abby M. Gwathmey to her parents, Richmond, VA, (Nov 2, 1866). Family news and news of her church, discusses a soldier who was performing scams.


1.7.281. Letter from Basil Manly, Jr. to his parents, Greenville, SC, (July 15, 1866). News of a child’s death, news of a murdered black man and the community response.

1.7.282. Letter from Nicolson and Summerville, the officer of Figuets’s Store to the Trustees of the Baptist Central College, Tuscaloosa, AL, (July 28, 1866). A request to pay off an account.


1.7.285. Letter from Charlotte Manly to her parents, (Sept 7, 1866). News of letters getting lost, news of family health.

1.7.286. Letter from R. Fuller Manly to his father, Tuscaloosa, AL, (Sept 4, 1866). Tells of a letter requesting his presence in Mobile, discusses the safe keeping of some papers and other valuable items.

1.7.287. Letter from Basil Manly, Jr. to his parents, Greenville, (Sept 16, 1866). Discusses collecting a sermon for the Index, an associational meeting attended, and an issue debated, tells of his daily schedule, family health, the hope of the country.

1.7.288. Letter from Daniel P. Bestor to Rev. Basil Manly, Columbus, (Sept 28, 1866). Discusses a Brother Blewelt’s health, tells his family news, discusses his view of the dominant political party.

1.7.289. Letter from E. Y. Peay to his sister, (Sept 16, 1866). Discusses family health and news, news of neighbors and acquaintances, news of their plantation.

1.7.290. Letter from R. Fuller Manly to his parents, Mobile, AL, (Oct 6, 1866). Discusses calling on Mrs. Eddins and articles she is looking for, gives advice for the plantation, tells about his classes he will lecture, a family that has returned to its plantation.
1.7.291. Letter from Charlotte Manly to her parents, Greenville, (Oct 7, 1866). Family 
and acquaintance news, discusses giving in the churches, The Methodist church in 
the area.
1.7.292. Letter from R. Fuller Manly to his parents, Mobile, AL, (Oct 13, 1866). 
Discusses family news, people he has visited, the rush of people getting married, 
past-war feelings, his employment opportunities, work at the school.
1.7.293. Letter from Richard Knott to Basil Manly, Jr., Selma, (Oct 21, 1866). Gives an 
answer to an inquiry about the train schedules and livery stables, gives an 
invitation for lodging.
1.7.294. Letter from J. C. Keeney to Basil Manly, MS, (Oct 24, 1866). Interest in Basil 
Manly’s health, visited a Dr. J. T. Hailington.
1.7.295. Letter from Thomas G. Blewitt, Selma, (Dec 7, 1866). Discusses his health, 
describes a woman he wants to marry.
1.7.296. Letter from Sarah Henderson to Basil Manly, Tuskegee, (June 8, 1866).
1.7.297. Letter from James S. Manly to his parents, Macon, MS, (June 16, 1866). News 
of health and storm in the area, his business, a revival among the ex-slaves, a 
woman is moving.
1.7.298. Letter from John C. Kenney to Basil Manly, Houston, MS, (Nov 29, 1866). 
Looking for some employment, especially as a church pastor.
1.8. Correspondence (1867 – 1868). Items 301 – 332
1.8.301. Letter from Charlotte Manly to her parents, Greenville, (Feb 6, 1867). News of 
family, neighbors, churches in the area, describes a Mr. Capers who is the new 
Episcopal minister, the death of a ex-slave in the area.
1.8.302. Letter from Charles M. Sturgis to Dr. Manly, Blacks Bluff, (Feb 16, 1867). 
Requesting assistance in gaining employment from his father’s friends.
1.8.303. Letter from Basil Manly, Jr. and Sarah Manly to their brother Charles and his 
wife, Greenville, (Feb 10, 1867). News of family health and travel, the books and 
topics Manly Jr. is studying.
1.8.304. Letter from Charlotte Manly to her brother and sister, Greenville, (Feb 12, 1867) 
Response to a birth announcement, news of health, acquaintances and family, a 
death in a professor’s family.
1.8.305. Letter from R. M. Patton, the Governor of Alabama, to Basil Manly, Jr., 
Montgomery, AL, (Feb 20, 1867). Discusses legislation and pardons concerning 
the son of an old friends.
1.8.306. Letter from William H. Robert to Rev. Basil Manly, Jr., Little Rock, AR, 
(Feb 19, 1867). A request for his opinion on the question of whether a Baptist 
Church ought to demand rebaptism of those seeking membership from the 
Christian or Campbellite Church.
1.8.307. Letter from Charlotte Drysdale, Selma, (March 2, 1867). Discusses approaching 
a Dr. Drish and the repairing of an old church, news of her family and common 
aquaintances.
the amount of sermons that one of his sons had preached, his opinion on the 
conditions of the churches in Tuscaloosa, news of the garden and smoke house on 
their property, plans for their future pertaining to finances, news about a Mr. 
McGown, financial condition of the female seminary and the church, a man 
named Errington Elford takes over as Sunday School Director in a church, family 
news.
1.8.309. Letter from Basil Manly to his children, Greenville, (Aug 31, 1867). Discusses some of his furnishings and some acquaintances such as Nilson Davenport and a man named Archie, news of the conditions of the plantation, request to find out about the deaths of some friends, visiting a fellow minister named Perry Hawkins, news of traveling, discusses the seminary opening and Mr. Broaddus being there, as well as the new apartments available and the finances of the seminary, news of health.

1.8.310. Letter from S. M. Manly to her children. News of goods being sent to them, discusses Mr. and Mrs. Hester who are traveling, the Seminary.

1.8.311. Letter from Basil Manly to his children, Greenville, (Sept 1, 1867). Discusses the weather, a widowed granddaughter of Samuel Gibson, a Mr. Thomas Curtin’s book called *The Human Element in the Inspiration of the Scriptures*, discusses travel plans of the family and acquaintances, discusses Mr. Broaddus’s opening speech for the Seminary, the old church in Charleston’s location, some of the Theological students’ plans for living arrangements, proposed laws about the University and the female colleges’ debts.

1.8.312. Letter from Basil Manly to his children, Greenville, (Sept 7, 1867). Discusses acquaintances’ news, travels and deaths, discusses a S. Sherman and his family, a book written by a Mr. Wayland, a Mr. S. Boykin and a Mr. Connor who has become popular with their Sunday Schools, discusses the impact of the Sunday School for a church, plans to attend a week night prayer service, daily life for their mother and himself.

1.8.313. A letter from S. M. Manly, to her children. Advise on when to teach children to pray and give reverence to the Bible, health of family members, news of an enclosed sewing pattern.

1.8.314. Letters from Basil Manly to his children, Greenville, (Sept 16 1867). Discusses family health and news, a church in Greensboro AL that isn’t planning long term and his advice to the minister, gives advice for his son’s church, news about the plantation, gives advice for a Mr. Eddins and a Mr. Spiller and their involvement with the school and a statement published by *The Herald* about the school.

1.8.315. Letter from Basil Manly to his children, Greenville, (Sept 25 1867). News of the family’s health and travel and finances, news of acquaintances particularly their deaths, discusses preaching at different churches, describes a Sunday School celebration, discusses the University of Chapel Hill, discusses numbers at the Theological Seminary, tells of an Englishman named R. Webb.

1.8.316. Letter from Basil Manly to his children, Greenville, (Oct 4 1867). Discusses the health and news of family, discusses an issue between a Mr. Spiller and a Mrs. Browne at the University, discusses a David W. Andrews and a David Manasco, discusses the Yellow Fever in Mobile, discusses election day and family acquaintances, tells of fair for the Baptist church, tells of being asked to be a Bible class instructor.

1.8.317. Letter from Basil Manly to his children, (Oct 9 1867). A request for his notes for his classes, tells of the upcoming meeting of the Alabama convention meeting in Mobile and news of the Seminary, the health of Basil Manly’s wife.

1.8.318. Letter from Basil Manly to his children, Greenville, (Oct 17 1867). Tells of the land that he owns and his advice about selling it, asks for information on the meetings his son is attending, his wife’s health, attempts to have E. Y. Peay live with the family.
1.8.319. Letter from Basil Manly to his children, Greenville, (Oct 11 1867). Discusses the results of election day, the opening of the college, news of neighbors and acquaintances, tells of the school hiring Sam Henderson as an agent for Texas, tells of the convention meeting for Alabama, the family caring for two Eddins sisters, the fair that the Baptist church will be having, the girls’ college is honored.

1.8.320. Letter from Basil Manly to his children, Greenville, (Oct 24 1867). Discusses the news of the Alabama convention, a request for one son to help the other publicize a tract written by another son, news and controversies in his church, family news.

1.8.321. Letter from Basil Manly to his children, Greenville, (Oct 22 1867). Discusses work being done in Tuscaloosa, a H. W. Middleton’s book, the Tuscaloosa Association and its churches’ futures, the prosperity and competition of a school and other parties, health and news of the family, discusses the Bible class he was asked to join and the condition of the members.

1.8.322. Letter from Basil Manly to his children, Greenville, (Dec 27 1867). Discusses the tradition of Sunday School Christmas parties evolving since the Civil War, tells of his Christmas.

1.8.323. Letter from Basil Manly to his children, Greenville, (Jan 3 1868). Discusses a small town called Prosperity, news of acquaintances, the political conditions of Alabama, his financial circumstances.

1.8.324. Letter from Basil Manly to his children, Greenville, (Jan 10 1868). Discusses the health and news of the family, servants in the home, financial decisions that need to be made, being discouraged for the Baptist churches in the area, tells his sons how to handle acquaintances that are indebted to him.

1.8.325. Partial letter from S. M. Manly. Discusses remedies for eye troubles, a former servant named Sabra, debating whether to buy items when she is uncertain if they are going to relocate, health of the family.

1.8.326. Letter from Basil Manly to his children, Greenville, (Jan 20 1868). Discusses treatment for eye troubles, unreliable servants, gives opinion about the condition of the ex-slaves, being discouraged about the agencies for the Sunday Schools and for the Theological Seminary, the Convention and the necessity of support for the University and the female college, the dividends from stock in Columbia.

1.8.327. Letter from Basil Manly to his children, Greenville, (Feb 5 1868). Discusses the logistics of running their household and their stock, the news and health of the family members, his opinion about the ex-slaves and their futures, the actions to take with people who are indebted to them, the new pastor for the Presbyterian church, a biography of a Mr. Kennard, his opinion about people from the north, the Judson family.


1.8.329. Partial letter from Basil Manly Jr. Discusses the conditions of the two races and the fear of violence, the students coming back to the University, the weather.

1.8.330. Partial letter, unknown author and date. The author discusses the health and news of his/her mother, a person named Ginny, and the Ash Creek Church.

1.8.331. Partial letter, unknown author and date. News of family and Mr. Broaddus and Mr. Julius, some sentiments expressed for a Northerner.

1.8.332. Partial letter from S. M. Manly to her daughter Mary. Discusses her work with her servants, the family’s health and news.