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Received the copies of your letters today and want to say a special "Thank You" for sharing this wonderful correspondence with the archives. It is great to read the letters these folks wrote during such an interesting time. Most of what is written today is does not reflect the truth of what was really going on or what was on those folks mind. I have a large collection of letters a McLeod cousin received in reply to her letters to all her cousins that were off fighting all across the Confederacy. Quite interesting. Again, thanks a million for sharing this with us.

Ward Calhoun  
Archives Director

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Dear Mr. Calhoun, I feel sure that the letter from my Grandfather to my Grandmother, whom he addressed as Josie, will be of interest in that so many names of people who were in Lauderdale at that time are mentioned. I question the spelling of the names, and the punctuation in the text of the letter, but transcribed it with a few liberties. Joanna is called Josie, Jo, or Joe at times. The Syl or Sil referred to is Joanna's sister, Sylvana, whom I believe as also a nurse at times and was with Joanna. My grandfather was George Daniel, but was known to all as Dan or Danny. His father also used that name. She mentions her brothers, Ben and William. Benjamin was killed at Chickamauga (sp.?). William was younger, and I remember going to his funeral as a small child, so he must have lived to be quite old.

I will include biographical notes from the LSU Hill Memorial Library. We collected letters which had been divided among her children, and donated them to the library, as they were getting to be very fragile, and hopefully, will be of some use to anyone doing research on the war. The handwriting is sometimes impossible to decipher. I will continue to look through the copies of the letters to see if there are others to or from the Corinth-Lauderdale area.

Thank you,  
Ruth Waddill Furnald

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### **Biographical/Historical Note**

George Daniel Waddill was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 22, 1836, son of Abel Waddill, magistrate of Baton Rouge for 1842-1843. He entered military service by joining the Pelican Rifles under Colonel Louis Hebert, May 17, 1861, at New Orleans, Louisiana. The Pelican Rifles subsequently became Company K of the 3rd Louisiana Infantry. He served six months as a 2nd sergeant and participated in the Battle of Oak Hill. He was detailed into medical service as acting hospital steward April 28, 1862, and was appointed hospital steward in October 29, 1863, at Lauderdale Springs, Miss., where he served as a druggist. He was captured by Union forces and later paroled at Meridian, Miss., in May 11, 1865.

Joanna Painter Fox of Natchez, Miss., served the Confederacy as a nurse in Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia. At some point during the Civil War she was given the battle flag of the Natchez Rifles for safekeeping, which she hid under her skirt as a petticoat to protect it from Union soldiers. At the close of the war she held the position of matron of the Wayside Hospital in Meridian, Miss.

George Waddill and Joanna Painter Fox met while she was serving as a nurse and he as a hospital steward. They married Sept. 26, 1864. After the war he was employed as a druggist in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In 1891 Joanna Waddill was instrumental in forming the Confederate Memorial Association of Baton Rouge, the forerunner of United Daughters of the Confederacy, Baton Rouge chapter, which was formed in 1898 and later named the Joanna Waddill Chapter in her honor .

### **Scope and Content Note**

This collection is comprised of correspondence of Waddill family members and friends, including photocopied transcripts of three letters (1835), genealogical information on the Waddill and Bessonett families, an autograph book of Elizabeth McMichael, printed items and graphic materials including newspapers, photocopies of newspaper clippings, photographs, photocopies of photographs and documents, and miscellaneous items.

Creator: Waddill, George D. (George Daniel)

Collection Name:  
Papers, 1841-1892 (bulk 1861-1865)

Description: 21 items.

Biographical/Historical Note:

George D. Waddill enlisted in the 3rd Louisiana Infantry Regiment May 17, 1861. He was appointed as a hospital steward later that year, and served until late 1862, when he was captured by Union forces, and not paroled until 1865. After the war, he was a druggist in Baton Rouge.

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Summary: George Waddill's papers contain military furlough and travel passes; Confederate bonds; a railroad ticket on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad to Enterprise, Alabama; military orders assigning Waddill to hospitals in Meridian and Brookhaven, Mississippi; newspaper clippings; an 1865 document granting parole to G. D. Waddill, granted by the U. S. Commissioner; and an 1865 Oath of Allegiance to the United States, signed by Waddill.

Subjects: Mobile and Ohio Railroad Company.  
Confederate States of America. Army. Louisiana Infantry Regiment, 3rd.  
Confederate States of America. Army--Medical care.  
Confederate States of America. Army--Medical personnel.  
Railroad companies--Confederate States of America.  
Hospitals--Confederate States of America.  
Physicians--United States--History--19th century.  
Pharmacists--Louisiana.

Type of material:

Correspondence.  
Drawings.  
Oaths.  
Clippings.

Preferred Citation:

George D. Waddill Papers, Mss. 891, 893, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, La.

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*Note - the collection of letters of Johanna Fox Waddill are in the Hill Memorial Library at L.S.U.*

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Beckonside Hospital No. 2

Landerdale Springs Aug 1862

Dear Bro,

We received your very kind letter  
 about 25 of last month it seems so long since I heard  
 from you and now that you are safe and well  
 I am satisfied once more it was so uneasy about  
 you I think you had no clothes only the suit you  
 had on I think it is too hard I have all your clothes  
 washed and ready for you when you want  
 them I sent you one suit of winter clothes by James  
 Welch but I don't know he has reached you or not is  
 another thing Mrs Dupont left Maridian on Saturday  
 for Morton Station and then from there to  
 it being we all sent letters down to her which I  
 hope she got I sent one to you and one for Will  
 which I hope will reach home she wanted me to  
 come and go as far as Morton but I did not know  
 how you were fixed or weather you would like  
 it so I just wrote if I had been sure of  
 meeting you right there I should have come Mrs G  
 has been sick ever since we came and on Saturday  
 I had a chill and now I am taking quinine to cure  
 them I hope I will soon be over it Mary has wrote  
 you all about our camp so I will not say any  
 thing about our camp I went over to see Joe B  
 but did not get to see him he is getting better  
 have you heard from Billy if so let me know  
 not to him yesterday give my love to all the boys  
 and tell C. I would like to write him all about our

Beckinridge Hospital No.2  
Lauderdale Springs Aug 1862

Dear Bro

We received your very kind letter dated 23 of last month it seems so long since I heard from you and now that you are safe and well I am satisfied once more. I was so uneasy about you to think you had no clothes only the suit you had on I think it is so hard. I have all your clothes washed and , ready for you when you want them, I sent you onesuit of underclothes by James Welch(?) but weather he has reached you or not is another thing. Mrs Dixon left Meridian on Saturday for Morton Station and then from there to Natchez we all sent letters down to her which I hope she got. I sent one to you and one for Will which I hope will reach him. She wanted me to come and go as far as Morton but I did not know how you were fixed or weather you would like it so I just wrote if I had been sure of meeting you right there I should have come Mrs. G has been sick ever since we came and on Saturday I had a chill and now I am taking quinine to check them. I hope I will soon be over it Mary has wrote you all about our camp so I will not say anything about our camp. I went over to see Joe B. (Bessonnet) but did not get to see him he is getting better have you heard from Billy if so let me know sent note to him yesterday give my love to all the boys and tell C.S.(?) I would like to write him all about our camps ( ) since we left Jackson we are in the pine woods and plenty to eat if we could just hear from home. Well Bro what do you think of the war now do you think it is almost at an end I hope it is. Capt Miller of the 25th La Regt passed through Natchez and says they have garrisoned Natchez he had to steal his way through I did not see him but one of his Regt is here well I believe I have told you all. Mrs. Glassburn joins me in love to you allso Mary.and(?) When you write tell Tom Green to write to me. My friend ( ) sends his best respects You remember the young man that helped to get you something to eat while at Jackson. Mary sends her love my love to all

Write soon to your

Sister Joe

# **Joanna (Fox) Waddill**

**Joanna Waddill Chapter is fortunate in having had two of her daughters among our Chartering Members. As a result, we have had access to a number of her letters, some of which we will publish here at a later date.**

**Joanna Painter Fox was born in Bristol, Pennsylvania, on 24 September 1838, the daughter of James C. Fox and his wife Catherine Bessonett. James was a brickmason who moved his family to Natchez, Mississippi when Joanna was a baby. Three of Catherine's brothers moved with them. The Bessonetts were Huguenots who were in Pennsylvania very early.**

**There is a reference which indicates Joanna attended a convent school. When the War Between the States broke out, she and two other young ladies from Natchez left to become nurses. The nurses moved around to where the need was and Joanna is thought to have served in hospitals in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee. Near the end of the War, she was matron of Wayside Hospital near Meridian, Mississippi --and that is where she met George Daniel Waddill, stationed there as Hospital Steward. He was a druggist and his knowledge was valuable.**

**Dan Waddill's family which had come to Wilkinson County, Mississippi and the Felicianas in Louisiana from Darlington District, South Carolina, about 1807. His father, Abel, was a prominent man in Baton Rouge --a school teacher, one of the founders of First Methodist Church, and twice magistrate, the forerunner of Mayor.**





They visit to the Remembrance of  
 both of you, and we are all well  
 except your own friends - some  
 have for you more no kind as to  
 matters to be done as I had said  
 Do I cannot give to do as before  
 to the Captain with you to night  
 that I cannot want to come there in  
 Council, as you in my eye are  
 some to give places from council  
 would like to stay here with  
 my children & Captains Picky  
 are at one of the highest kind  
 of being of great & stay in  
 their own rights from some at  
 a present some interests belong  
 to a long with the property both  
 getting fairly well as you  
 my son to get pleasure and  
 all the best of the girls  
 and receive to forward to you  
 Sir

I shall indeed thank you  
 for the letter which I received  
 from you concerning the matter  
 of your friend's case. Shall we  
 have a right of your friend's  
 right of self & long regard  
 returned as to the matter  
 for being attended to  
 will have to be done for  
 the time whether or not  
 only I should be glad to  
 be of use to you in any  
 respect you wish to  
 be of service to you  
 My dear friend  
 Yours  
 [Signature]

Rienzi, Miss  
May 19<sup>th</sup> 1862

Miss Joe P Fox  
Corinth Miss

Dear Miss I received your kind letter on yesterday and was glad to hear from you. I would have written to you before now but we are about two miles from town and all my paper and ink was in Camp and I could not leave my Brother and Captain Sibbey (?) well they are both getting along finely they are both lively and talking and recovering on me. they Both Send Their Best Compliments to you and Mrs. Glassburn and say that they hope that they will be able to return the Same Kindness to ( ) you Both. They Both Say that they wish to be remembered by Both of you and never will forget your kindness toward them for you were as kind as a mother to Both of them well Miss Joe I would like to be at Corinth to take supper with you tonight but I never want to come there in Camp again in my life we have a nice place here and I would like to stay here Well my Brother and Captain Sibbey are at one of the nicest kind of King of places to stay about two miles from town at a private house which belongs to a ( ) with mom. Both getting fairly(?) Miss Joe P give my love to Mrs. Glassburn and all the Rest of the girls and Receive a portion to yourself. I am under many Obligations to you all for your kind attention to me and my Brother and I shall all ways think of you fondly and Shall allways Regard Mrs. Glassburn as a Mother for her kind attention. So I must Some to a Close for this time nothing more Only I Remain your Friend as ( )

F. N. Bittle

Direct your letters to  
Rienzi ( ) Care of Captain  
Christians 36 Miss Reg.

A letter from Pvt. Egan  
to the ladies at the hospital  
in Montgomery they had  
just fled from Landerdale  
Springs in late Feb.

Columbia, D.C. 1864  
March 5th 1864

Estimable Friends

It appearing in a few  
days since to the Hospital to see the  
ladies I was glad to learn that you  
and all the Hospital folks got  
away from Landerdale safe. I thought  
that that place would become untenable  
on the approach of the Enemy but I did  
not think that you would come so close  
to the front of the army to see me.

You all on your way around at Mont-  
gomery. If the Hospital seems  
to have a peculiar fatality attending  
its success or that the Yankees must have  
a spite against it they follow it as  
precisely from point to point. I trust  
you have made your last retrograde for  
the war. I see by the papers that the  
rebels burned the buildings at the Springs  
also the town. I did not learn whether  
they burned you or not but  
I suppose they did. The Ladies at the  
Hospital here express regret that you  
could not be stopped a while with them  
on your way up. On last Sunday and

Camp near Corinth March 30 / 1862

My dear Mother

it has been sometime since I have had an opportunity to write being dragged about from Post to Pillow for a month on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb we left Pensacola first March get to Montgomery leave for Mobile stay 2 days leave for this place stay 2 days & leave for Bethel stay one day leave for the Ten Mile the Enemy advance on us in large force retreat on Purdy stay 2 days return to Bethel stay 2 days return to Corinth meet Natchez Southerns go into camp remain 3 days move to our present Camp Expect to go out for duty tomorrow Mon we are ordered to cook 5 days rations, since leaving Pensacola we have seen some of the hardships of a Soldiers life, I shall not enlist in this Co at present for there is a great deal of dissatisfaction amongst the Men, I have not been well for several days but am better now during our short stay in Mobile I enjoyed myself the first night got to town about 11 O'clock & went right from the Boat to a Ball where our Co was I visited the next day & Evening visited some female acquaintances I wish the war was over so that I could stay at home but as long as it continues I expect to be in the service, I shall try to come to Natchez in a month from now if possible let me know where you live as your next, in writing direct to Corinth

State Artillery Co A care of Capt Ketchum

Yours  
from

Respectfully

L. W. Land

Camp near Corinth March 30<sup>th</sup> /862

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from

Yours

Respectfully

L. B. LeCand

copy no 5

Sept 26 /64

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Married at Lauderdale Miss

Lauderdale Oct 14 /64

Dear Mother

I write you a few lines to let you know I am well and all so how got back after my long ride and accomplished nothing well it was one of the hardest trials for me but Ma I am back with a hope of seeing you soon Mother I have news to tell you which I hope you won't blame me for I was married last month to the one I have spoken to you so often about but then I did not think of marrying until this war was over but we both changed our minds and married while Billy was in the one the ceremony was read by W. E. Harris and old friend from home and now a stationed preacher at this place or near here Ma the only thing worries me is that you did not see our married till Ollie she has a new bro now and one that says he loves her Ma our home is to be in Batusday La after this year but as long as the war lasts Dan & I will stay together as he is stationed for the war but we do not know weather we will remain here or not but if we move I will let you know my love to you sister & Ma we tell her to write to me Dan sends his love to Mother and wish no more

From Your Daughter  
 Louisa T. Wadell

Lauderdale Oct 14, 1864

Dear Mother,

I write you a few lines to let you know I am well and allso how got back after my long ride and accomplished nothing well it was one of the hardest trials for me but Ma I came back with the hope of seeing you soon Mother I nave news to tell you which I hope you won't blame me for. I was married last month on 26th to the one I have spoken to you so often about but then I did not think of marrying until this war was over but we both changed our minds and married while Billy was with us. The ceremony was read by W. C. Harris, an old friend from home and now a stationed Preacher at this place or near here. Ma the only thing worries me is that you did not see us married. Tell Silly she has a new bro now and one that says he loves her Ma our home is to be in Baton Rouge, La after the war but as long as the war lasts Dan & I will stay together as he is stationed for the war but we so not know weather we will remain here or not but if we move I will let you know. My love to your sister & ( ) tell her to write to me. Dan sends his love to mother and sister.  
No more

From Your Daughter

Joanna F Waddill



Lauderdale Miss Sept 6 1864

My Dear Josie

You must not get mad at me for not writing to you sooner for I have been almost constantly busy ever since you left. I have been giving all the whiskey in the Hospital making the Eggheads Todays Purches and helping Poche with his Pay Rolls which was considerable of a job there being not less than 800 names to write 4 times but we have got through and have all been paid Miss Mary was ~~for~~ ~~through~~ a month ago ~~you~~ ~~draw~~ ~~533~~ ~~the~~ ~~for~~ difference in your pay is to be divided between you so Poche told me. All of our nurses are going to their commands except 4 or 5. Thomas Bainter Miller Ellis Mr. Kay old Robinson all left yesterday Burton old Frederick Dan O'neal and in fact nearly all the attendants <sup>(I think)</sup> that I know that we are not going so myself Poche White High Pepper and Dempsey and maybe Morrison & Boston will stay. I am afraid it will be a long time before we get another set off as good nurses as they have been. Many send their best wishes you. I expect one you

have no idea how much you are missed  
by the sick in the wards every day there  
is someone asking me if I have heard from  
you and how long are you going to stay  
all wish that you would come back  
soon - wise just come in to say good  
bye and send good bye to you and may  
God bless you if you never meet again  
You see it makes the tears come in spite  
of me to see these men go and to hear  
their fervent God bless Miss Joe as they  
bid one another farewell - but I must change the  
subject - Since you left we have only  
lost two more Cotton and Purri both  
ward 3 - Cotton was carried yesterday &  
Purri died this morning - Miss Mary  
has been sick with her old complaint  
Dr J had 60 Pills made for her yesterday the  
same as he gave you (Alaca and Phosphen)  
she is up this morning - Dr J was in  
for two or three days after you left and I  
tell you he got well nursed in fact a con  
siderable amount of work that I could see he  
has moved Cook stock and Carrell into the  
Linen Room - Dr Kennedy lost his baby  
day before yesterday - Dr Miller is an old

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and Miller here but Armstrong kicked up  
a fine and had it changed and Miller  
was sent there and Armstrong stays here  
Miller has put up a house over where  
we went after Plumer. All the wounded  
that were in the Tents have been put  
in the wards except 2. Jones will die  
I have just seen the Sign & Cries and in  
the Hospital reports I find Capt. Paisland and  
Robt. Campbell of Co. E 4<sup>th</sup> La. Batt returned to  
duty its sad time for Capt. B. to go but  
I don't think he would have gone  
if he had of had any command to go to.  
Bob Daniels sent his respects by Shannon  
I did not buy any Tobacco and I am glad  
of it. I think I will quit the trade un-  
less I get a chance to buy it myself  
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the balance all look well. Pepper and  
I went to the grave yard the other day  
and there were 255 buried in it at that  
time of the number we buried 53 and  
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own darling one dont you think I  
have told you all about the

Hospital, but I forgot to say that  
your man <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ for home on  
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cannot do it. May sweet are you have by  
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bad as I do my own Mother and I believe  
I am as anxious to see Sil as I am my  
own sister. You must be sure and  
give my love to them both. Dear  
I am ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> for long here for I am  
already nearly crazy about you and  
if you dont come back to the Hospital  
I would rather stay at Brookhaven. I will  
try and get in the Hospital at Crystal Spring  
for I dont much care to stay here. But  
my dearest I will do just as you say for  
you know sweet one that your word is my  
law - as Alvarez Gibson carries this to you  
I take advantage of a safe opportunity and  
send you some money which you may  
need - your note from Meridian just came  
this morning - 7 days from Meridian. I am glad to hear  
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all ready nearly crazy about you and  
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try and get in the Hospital at Crystal Spring  
for I dont much care to stay here. But  
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