

THEODORE M. WARNER COLLECTION
Finding Aid

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SUMMARY

Size	0.42 cubic feet
Geographic Locations	Gulf of Mexico, Texas, Louisiana, Ohio.
Inclusive Dates	1862-1897
Bulk Dates	1864
Languages	English, Spanish.
Summary	This collection houses correspondence between Warner and his family. Most of the letters describe Warner's time spent on the steamer <i>Mustang</i> . A "Time Book of <i>Mustang</i> " has handwritten records of times and places traveled cargo, supplies, and crew of the steamer. There is also a stock certificate as well as a certificate of adoption by Warner and his wife.
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Related Collections	
Citation	Theodore M. Warner collection. Margaret H. McAllen Memorial Archives, Museum of South Texas History, Edinburg, TX.
Stack Location(s)	OSDOC 3, L:18; RGNEWS LRGV RARE (1864-1915)

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

There is little biographical information to be found among the documents. Theodore M. Warner was married to Alice C. Warner; together they adopted Leona Agnes Havey in January of 1895. The records of adoption indicate that the Warner's also lived in Ohio. Warner worked on the steamer *Mustang*, which traveled along the Rio Grande from the Gulf of Mexico to Fort Brown in Brownsville, Texas.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection houses correspondence between Warner and his family. Most of the letters describe Warner's time spent on the steamer *Mustang*. A "Time Book of *Mustang*" has handwritten records of cargo, supplies, times and places traveled, and crew of the steamer. There is also a stock certificate to Grant Oil Company as well as a certificate of adoption to Warner and his wife. A letter carried by Warner entitling him to accompany the remains of Captain E. P. Pitkin to Ohio is also found here.

LIST OF SUB-GROUPS, SERIES, AND SUBSERIES

- I. Letters and Documents (1862-1897)**
- II. Newspapers (1864)**
- III. "Time Book of *Mustang*" (1864)**

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

I. Letters and Documents (1862-1897)

Within this series are several personal letters to Warner's family. There are mentions of certain family members, and of Warner's time spent on the steamship *Mustang*. There are anecdotes of a colonel of the ship turning in runaway English soldiers for gold, as well as names of other steamers and brief descriptions of ship duties. A robbery in Mexico of \$25,000 in gold is reported, and reward for the capture of the men is told. The steamer's course along the Rio Grande to Fort Brown in Brownsville, Texas is brought up from time to time, along with the flooding of the Rio Grande. Also included among the documents are a deed of gift to a stock certificate in Grant Oil Company, and a typewritten legal certification of adoption of Leona Agnes Havey to Theodore and Alice Warner. A receipt for the erection of a bronze statue of Senator M.A. Hanna of Cleveland is present. Most of the handwritten letters have typed transcriptions by Barbara F. Stokes.

II. Newspapers (1864)

One of the newspaper clippings found in this collection debates the authenticity of Mother Shipton's prophecies. Mother Shipton was an English soothsayer and prophet from the late 1400's. The other excerpts of the papers write of President Monroe, Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson. Some of the articles in the papers are written in Spanish.

III. "Time Book of *Mustang*" (1864)

The "Time Book of *Mustang*" holds names of crew members and lists of cargo and supplies carried. There is also a log of times and places where the steamer traveled.

INDEX TERMS

Hanna, M.A.
Havey, Leona Agnes
Mother Shipton
Pitkin, E.P.
Routt, John L.
Warner, Alice C.
Warner, Theodore M.

Brownsville (Tex.)
Clarksville (Tex.)
Cleveland (Ohio)
Fort Brown (Brownsville, Tex.)
New Orleans (La.)

Grant Oil Company
Rio Grande River (Colo.-Mexico and Tex.)
Steamships
Western Reserve Historical Society

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack</u> <u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Contents (with dates)</u>
OSDOC	3	1	Letters and Documents: Letters (1862, 1864)
		2	Letters and Documents: Letters (1864)
		3	Letters and Documents: Letters (1864)
		4	Letters and Documents: Deed of Gift, Letters, Certification of Adoption, Receipt (1873-1897)
		5	Newspapers: newspaper clipping (undated)
		6	Time Book <i>Mustang</i> (1864)
LRGV	RARE (1864-1915)	2011.037.02ab	Newspapers: "Journal Extra" (1864)
		2011.037.02ab	Newspapers: "The Journal" (1864)