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ASHLEY / VAN ALSTYNE / FITCH / HULL
FAMILY PAPERS

1799-1981

9.25 lin. ft., 13 boxes

Series I. Correspondence, 1799-1981
Series II. Personal Papers, 1816-1965
Series III. Financial Papers, 1801-1854
Series IV. Photographs, ca. 1845-1960
Series V. Scrapbooks, 1877-ca. 1898

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Biographical Note

The Ashley/Van Alstyne/Fitch/Hull Family Papers contain the records of more than twenty-seven members of seven families connected by marriage over six generations whose lives were centered in Schodack Landing, a village along the Hudson River in Rensselaer County, New York. Albertine Hull Miller, a fifth-generation family member, compiled in the 1920s an extensive genealogical notebook which can be found in Box 5, folder 107. A brief family chart, which includes and places most of the correspondents in this collection, can be found on page 5 of this finding aid.

Scope and Content Note

The Ashley/Van Alstyne/Fitch/Hull Family Papers span the period from 1799-1981 and contain correspondence, documents and photographs relating to the lives of members of the Ashley, Baldwin, Fitch, Hull, Miller, Spencer and Van Alstyne families. The collection is divided into five series: I. CORRESPONDENCE; II. PERSONAL PAPERS; III. FINANCIAL PAPERS; IV. PHOTOGRAPHS; V. SCRAPBOOKS. Kept for many years by Albertine Hull Miller, the papers were given to the McKinney Library in 1997 by her granddaughter, Hildreth Houston Spencer, in memory of Ms. Spencer's mother, Cornelia Hull Miller Spencer, and her great-great aunt, Elizabeth Frances Hull. Ms. Spencer's gift to the Albany Institute, which is part gift and part promised bequest, also includes furniture, decorative arts, textiles, and other objects that were owned, made, and used by the families. In addition to the papers, the McKinney Library received a collection of the families' books which have been catalogued separately and housed in the Library's Special Collections room; a book list can be found as Appendix I of this finding aid.

Readers should also be aware of the Schemerhorn, Van Alstyne and Fitch Business Papers held by the New York State Library's Manuscripts and Special Collections division. This archive (collection number HB 12039) was acquired in 1948 and contains some family correspondence (primarily of Albertine and Frederick Fitch's family) and personal material in addition to ledgers, day books, memo books, receipt books, inventories, and land and legal papers dating ca. 1800-1870; a finding aid for this collection is available from the New York State Library.

Series I. CORRESPONDENCE, (three boxes) contains letters written to family members, primarily from other family members, during the period 1799 through 1981. It is arranged alphabetically by the recipient. The largest portion of the letters were written to Mary Ashley Van Alstyne by four of her seven children, her half-sister Lauriette Ashley, and various other relatives. Widowed in 1834, she remained in Schodack Landing, eventually leaving her property to her second daughter, Albertine Van Alstyne Fitch, the only Van Alstyne child who remained in the area. Four of the Van Alstyne children moved to Texas and Arkansas, married, and raised their families there; many of their letters to their mother describe their travels, experiences and news of their families.

Sarah, the eldest daughter, left Schodack Landing in 1838 to visit her maternal uncle, Chester Ashley, a United States Senator from Arkansas. Her letters to her mother tell of her trip south; on the way she toured Washington, D.C., met New York State Governor Fulton, and, with him, visited
President Van Buren at the White House. Once in Little Rock, she married Judge Davis Baldwin, and settled there for the rest of her life. William, the eldest son, moved from New York City to Galveston, having secured a job there as a bookkeeper. He married Maria Wright of Houston and remained in Texas until his death in Houston in 1867. Becoming an advisor to his mother upon the death of his father, William wrote letters filled with opinions on managing the estate and other monetary affairs. A third daughter, Lauriette, died when she had not yet reached twenty years. There is little information on John Alexander Van Alstyne except for a single letter written to his mother from Anderson, Texas, announcing the birth of his son in 1851. No letters exist from the seventh child, Mary, but family records and references in other letters confirm that she too settled in Texas after marrying Paul Bremond of Houston. The Van Alstyne's sixth child, John, died at less than one year.

The business correspondence in Series III and comments in her children's letters seem to indicate that Mary Van Alstyne was not a shrewd businesswoman. The affairs of her husband's estate were on-going over a period of years and seem to have remained unsettled even at her death in 1852. At one point Chester Ashley lent financial support to his sister, and the Van Alstyne children continued to give advice and support in their letters. Correspondence also reveals that Mary Van Alstyne travelled to Texas and Arkansas to visit her children and brother.

There are a few letters written by and to Lauriette Ashley. A half-sister of Mary Van Alstyne, she never married and kept house for their father, William, until his death in 1847. As an adult she suffered emotional problems from which her family felt she could not recover. One manifestation of her illness was the exhibition of such intense religious feelings that she annotated books with eucharistic symbols and wrote out spiritual ramblings in letters and on scraps of paper (as well as several business ledger books at the New York State Library which are overwritten with her zealous thoughts). Lauriette Ashley spent a month at the Utica Hospital for the Restoration of the Insane; after her return to Schodack Landing she lived out her life in the home of her niece Albertine Fitch.

Mary Van Alstyne's father, William Ashley, was a sea captain and an early settler of Hudson, NY; the series holds letters and bills of lading that show his dealings with his son-in-law's retail business.

An important group of letters in the correspondence series is that of nearly 150 pieces written by William Seward Hull (1839-1898) during his service in the Civil War. Hull joined the 128th Regiment of New York Volunteers on September 5, 1862, and was mustered out on July 12, 1865. His letters are written primarily to his mother, Cornelia Lasher Hull, though some are also addressed to his father Hiram. He also wrote to his three young sisters Mary, Elizabeth and Iantha. Hull's letters are highly personal, giving his views of fellow soldiers, politics, generals and racial matters, as well as news of troop movements, engagements and expeditions. A chronology of Hull's travels and engagements, most of which were in Louisiana and the South, was drawn up from his letters and appears as Appendix II of this finding aid. Hull appears to have been a model soldier and was offered a promotion to serve with a black regiment, an offer that he declined. Series II holds Hull's military appointment papers and two commemorative broadsides relating to his regiment, as well as ephemera (such as a Confederate muster roll printed on necessity paper) from the time of his service. Photographs of Hull taken during his military career can be found in Series IV, including one tintype portrait with his dog, Dandy, whom Hull adopted in Louisiana and kept with him until they were mustered out.

A second group of wartime letters can be found in Box 3, folders 53-55, written by Seaman
2nd Class Warren Seward Miller to his mother Albertine Hull Miller during World War I. Miller was stationed in Illinois, Philadelphia and England, but never saw battle.

Series II. PERSONAL PAPERS (three boxes) holds documents, albums, invitations, diaries and clippings kept by the family members. Two friendship albums from the 1830s given to sisters Lauriette Van Alstyne and Albertine Van Alstyne Fitch by their father can be found here, as well as an autograph album kept by Sarah Fitch Hull while a student at the Pittsfield Female Collegiate Institute. Albertine Van Alstyne Fitch's prenuptial agreement for her 1834 marriage to Frederick Fitch is filed in this series (and a piece of her wedding cake, along with her wedding shawl and stockings, can be found in the Curatorial Collections). The series contains family material gathered in the 1920s by Albertine Hull Miller, such as her hand-written genealogy, documentation on family furniture and artifacts, and the notes that she had tied to bundles of letters in this archive. Also found here are three folders of essays and poetry by Mrs. Miller, some of which was published in religious journals including The Christian Register, Christendom, and Spirit. Miscellaneous ephemera folder holds trade cards from Albany and New York firms, and a copy of a Louis Prang children's booklet, Red Riding Hood (Boston: 1863).

Series III. FINANCIAL PAPERS (two boxes) contains bills, receipts and other financial papers of John I. Van Alstyne, his wife Mary Ashley Van Alstyne, and six of their children. John Van Alstyne was a farmer and merchant in two different partnerships at different times. He was involved in the commerce of his small community of Schodack Landing, lending money, taking mortgages, dealing in property exchanges and running a general store. His devotion to his children's education is evident in the numbers of receipts for books, periodicals, music lessons and tuition. The files also hold invoices and receipts for the family's food, clothing and amenities. There is a small collection of expense records for the firm of Schemerhorn and Van Alstyne, as well as a group of documents and correspondence relating to the estate of John Van Alstyne.

Series IV. PHOTOGRAPHS (four boxes) holds images of the family members in a variety of formats, including daguerreotypes, ambrotypes, tintypes, albumen prints and snapshots. Most are identified and came to the Library already labelled by Albertine Hull Miller. A series of nine real photo postcards records the village and area around Schodack Landing in the early twentieth century.

Series V. SCRAPBOOKS (one box) holds three albums put together by Albertine Hull Miller during the period 1877-1898. The dates of the scrapbooks were established by inscriptions in or on the books, or dates appearing on tradecards pasted within.
ASHLEY / VAN ALSTYNE / FITCH / HULL  FAMILY CHART

Principal correspondents in the collection are underlined.

William ASHLEY (1763-1847)  m. 1787  Nancy Pomeroy (1761- ca. 1795)

Mary [Polly] (1788-1852)  m. 1811  John Isaac VAN ALSTYNE (1778-1834)

Sarah Ann (1812- ?)  m.  Davis BALDWIN - 1 child

Albertine Mariah (1814-1886)  m. 1834  Frederick FITCH (1803-1890)

John, Mary, Chester, Chester, Chester [all died in infancy]

Sarah [Sate] Baldwin (1850-1932)  m. 1872  William Seward HULL (1839-1898)

Albertine Cornelia (1872-1955)  m. 1893  F. Benton MILLER (1868-1954)

Cornelia Hull (1895-1990)  m. 1921  James H. SPENCER (1895-1967)

Hildreth Houston (1927- )

Warren Seward (1897-1976) m. 1932  Dorothy Jackes (1898-1983)

William Ashley (1816-1867)  m.  Maria Wright [Houston, TX] - 3 children

Lauriette (1818-1838)

John (1820-1821)

John Alexander (ca. 1822- ?)  m.  Sarah White [Texas] - 1 child

Mary Elizabeth (1824-1865)  m.  Paul BREMOND [Houston, TX] - 5 children

William, Jr. (1789-1811) [drowned, Nova Scotia]

Chester (1791-1848) [US Senator, Arkansas]  m. 1821  Mary Elliot (1798-1865) - 6 children

Elisha Pomeroy (1792-1848)  m. 1817  Catherine Osterhoudt - 3 children

Clarissa (1794)

m.  Jerusha Leonard (1769-1814)

Pliny (1801)

Lauriette (1803-1870)

m.  Sarah Osterhoudt (1777-1847)
Series I. FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE

1.5 lin. ft. (3 boxes)    Dates: 1799-1981

The series is arranged alphabetically by the recipient's name. Life span dates are provided to aid in identification of family members and their generation (see also family chart preceding this section).

ASHLEY, LAURIETTE (1803-1870)

1  1   Letters from Rev. Isaac Tuttle [removed from her copy of Edwards, Candid Reasons for Renouncing...1804]  1857, 1869

2  2   Letters from George Watkins  1835, 1837

ASHLEY, WILLIAM (1763-1847)

3  3   Letters from William Ashley, Jr., with testimony of Stephen Batson, Eastport  1811

BREMOND, MARY VAN ALSTYNE (1824-1865)

4  4   Letter from Albertine Van Alstyne Fitch  1850 May 22

BALDWIN, SARAH VAN ALSTYNE (1812-?)

5  5   Letters from Albertine Van Alstyne Fitch  1836-37

6  6   Letters from John Van Alstyne  1827-29

FITCH, ALBERTINE VAN ALSTYNE (1814-1886)

7  7   Letter from Lauriette Ashley  1855 Sep 11

8  8   Letter from Sarah Van Alstyne Baldwin  n.d.

9  9   Letters from Frederick Fitch  1853-55

10 10   Letter from John Van Alstyne  1831 Sep 24

11 11   Letters from Mary Ashley Van Alstyne  1829, ca. 1849

12 12   Letter from William Ashley Van Alstyne  1861 May 21

13 13   Empty envelopes  1880s
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Box    Folder

Series I. FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE, continued

FITCH, FREDERICK (1803-1890)

[1]  14   Letter from Davis Baldwin              1852 May 7
   15   Letters from Albertine Van Alstyne Fitch 1867
   16   Letters from Sarah Fitch Hull            1887
   17   Empty envelopes                           1880s

HULL, CORNELIA LASHER (1817-1912)

  18  Letter from Simeon Bryant                  1864 Oct 24
  19  Letter from Asa Hull                        1857 Apr 20
  20  Letter from Mary (May) Hull                 1865 May 19
  31  Letters from George Wilbur                  1863-64

HULL, IANTHA (1847-1934)

  2  32   Letters from William Seward Hull         1862-65
   33   Letter from Warren Seward Miller           1918 Nov 24

HULL, MARY (May) (1854-1872) and ELIZABETH (1858-1945)

  34   Letter from Sarah Fitch Hull               1896 May 28
  35   Letters from William Seward Hull           1863-64
  36   Letter to a friend                          1870 Jan 28

HULL, SARAH (Sate) FITCH (1850-1932)

  37   Letters from Albertine Van Alstyne Fitch   1886, 1913
  38   Letters from Frederick Fitch                1886-90
  39   Letters from William Seward Hull           ca. 1871
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VAN ALSTYNE, WILLIAM ASHLEY (1816-1847)

**Series II. PERSONAL PAPERS**

2.5 lin. ft. (3 boxes) Dates: 1816-1965

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HULL, SARAH FITCH

[4] 90  Autograph album from Pittsfield Female Collegiate Institute  1867
91   Diary: trip to Italy and England (volume 2 of 2 only)  1914
92   Fractional currency  ca. 1864
93   Invitations to commencement and wedding  1869, 1872

HULL, WILLIAM SEWARD

94   Confederate Army muster roll  1864
95   Military appointment papers  1862-63
96   Newspaper clippings related to Civil War  1861, n.d.
97   Obituary  1898
98   128th Regiment memorial keepsake, Georgia dollar and Savannah-New Orleans rail ticket  1863, n.d.

128th Regiment Company G, New York Volunteer Infantry Soldiers' Memorial, broadside  1863
See: Box 11

128th Regiment Company G, New York Volunteer Infantry Military Register, broadside  1864
See: Box 11
99   Sons of Temperance papers  1869-70

MILLER, ALBERTINE HULL

100  Autograph album  1884-89
100a  Cemetery document  1946 Nov 20
102  Clippings and ephemera related to Schodack Landing and Rensselaer County  1927-50, n.d.
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MILLER, ALBERTINE HULL, continued

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105  Diary: account of New Orleans Exposition 1884
107  Family genealogy and record sheets, with section on family heirlooms and collections 1850s, 1920s

Invitations
108  Graduation and wedding, with clipping 1892-93
109  Wedding of Cornelia Miller Spencer 1921
109a  Lock of hair 1879
110  Notes formerly tied on bundles of family letters 1920s
111  Notes on furniture and antiques 1933, n.d.
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Writings
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113  Poems 1939, n.d.
114  Poems accepted for publication, with correspondence 1921-39, n.d.

VAN ALSTYNE, LAURIEETTE
115  Friendship album 1832-34

VAN ALSTYNE, MARY ASHLEY
116  Copy of The Arkansas State Democrat with coverage of the death of Chester Ashley 1848 May 12
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VAN ALSTYNE, MARY ASHLEY, continued

118 Pew rent slip 1841 Nov 27
119 MISCELLANEOUS EPHEMERA 1850-84, n.d.

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120 Albany Journal 1853 Jul 19
121 Brother Jonathan 1841 Aug 28
122 Buffalo Commercial Advertiser, Millard Fillmore memorial edition 1874 Mar 8
123 Harper's Weekly 1874 May 9
125 St. Louis Republic, George Washington inauguration centennial edition 1889 Apr 29
Series III. FINANCIAL PAPERS

1 lin. ft. (2 boxes) Dates: 1801-1854

The series is arranged in four subseries: Bills and Receipts (further subdivided by Farm Expenses, Household Expenses, Legal Fees, Store Expenses, and Miscellaneous Expenses); Real Estate Transactions; Estate of John Van Alstyne; and Miscellaneous Documents.

BILLS AND RECEIPTS

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8 153 FITCH, ALBERTINE VAN ALSTYNE: 1/9 plate ambrotype (inscribed in pencil inside case: My Mother, Pokeepsie [sic] Oct 10 1866); two cabinet card portraits by A. Rino 1866, ca. 1880

154 FITCH, FREDERICK: cabinet card portrait by McDonnal and Sterry, Albany ca. 1880

155 FITCH, SIMEON (1774-1857): 1/4 plate ambrotype ca. 1855

156 FRENCH, DAVID (son of Margaret Lasher French): oval ivorytype ca. 1857

HULL, CORNELIA LASHER

Group portrait with her two sisters in oval frame ca. 1860
See: Box 12

Group portrait with Sarah Hull, Albertine Miller, and Cornelia Spencer; with modern copy print 1896 Aug
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157 Cabinet card portrait by Forshew, Hudson ca. 1890

158 HULL, ELIZABETH FRANCES: 1/6 plate tinted ambrotype; albumen portrait; snapshot ca. 1863-1941

159 HULL, FRANCES HILDRETH: 1/6 plate daguerreotype ca. 1845

160 HULL, IANTHA with her cat: two 1/6 plate daguerreotypes (one inscribed in pencil inside case: Iantha Hull taken by Mr. Nickols Ambrotyper Stuyvesant NY) ca. 1849

9 161 HULL, MARY: two carte de visite portraits by T. S. Estabrook, New York ca. 1870

162 HULL, S. B. (sister of Albertine Hull Miller?): carte de visite portrait by J. L. Abbott, Albany 1875 Oct
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[9] 163  HULL, SARAH FITCH: cabinet card portrait by McDonnald and Sterry, Albany  ca. 1879

HULL, WILLIAM SEWARD

164  1/4 plate tintype portrait with his dog "Dandy" and a fellow soldier; cabinet card portrait by G. Cramer, St. Louis; albumen portrait  ca. 1865-80

Albumen portrait with knapsack, in oval walnut frame  ca. 1863
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165  HULL, WILLIAM SEWARD AND SARAH FITCH: carte de visite portrait taken in Pochahontas and Blue Beard costumes, by Forshew, Hudson  ca. 1871

166  MILLER, ALBERTINE HULL: four portraits: carte de visite by Forshew, Hudson; cabinet card by Forshew, cabinet card by McDonnald and Sterry; and carte de visite by Cramer  ca. 1872-78

167  MILLER, WARREN SEWARD: snapshot with friend  ca. 1918

168  SPENCER, CORNELIA MILLER: portrait by Starke, St. Louis  ca. 1901

169  UNIDENTIFIED MEN: carte de visite portraits: two of Civil War soldier by Brady, Washington; portrait by T. D. Tooker, Newark, NY; portrait by E. S. Dunshee, Rochester  ca. 1864, n.d.

170  UNIDENTIFIED WOMEN: oval tintype; two carte de visite portraits by Powelson and E. S. Dunshee, Rochester and one unlabelled  n.d.

171  SCHODACK LANDING, NY: nine real photo postcards of the village; one snapshot of the Fitch house; two snapshots of the Fitch family tombstone  ca. 1910-60s

172  STEREOCARDS: seventeen stereocards, some inscribed on their verso to Iantha and Cornelia Hull from David. Views include commercial card scenes of Havana Glen, NY, views on the New York and New Haven Railroad, and unidentified churches and houses with people. Four of the cards were made by photographers in Norwalk and
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[9] [172] Meriden, CT [possibly Fitch family members?]. One card is inscribed "City of Albany" and appears to be a paddle boat on the Hudson River. ca. 1865
Series IV. SCRAPBOOKS

.75 lin. ft. (1 box)                Dates: 1877-ca. 1898

Three scrapbooks assembled by Albertine Hull Miller; arranged in chronological order.

10  Scrapbook with inscription                        1877 Jan 13
       Scrapbook with dated and decorated binding       1879 Dec 7
       Scrapbook with fabric pages and felted cover    ca. 1898
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HULL, WILLIAM SEWARD

11  128th Regiment Company G, New York Volunteer Infantry Soldiers' Memorial, broadside  1863

128th Regiment Company G, New York Volunteer Infantry Military Register, broadside  1864

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Appendix I: Ashley / Van Alstyne / Fitch / Hull Family Books
(Incorporated into AIHA Library – see catalogue)


Bible. Dutch. *Biblia, dat is, De Gantsche H. Schrifture, vervattende alle de canonycke boecken des Ouden en des Nieuwen Testaments.* Dordrecht: Pieter en J. Keur, 1736. With note on paper cover in two different hands: An old Holland Dutch printed in Dordrecht in 1736 containing Mrs. Hulls family record on her mothers side from that time until 1797. This is incorrect. The lineage herein recorded is that of Sarah Osterhaut the third wife of William Ashley.

*Book of Common Prayer, and Administration of the Sacraments...together with the Psalter, or Psalms of David.* New York: Hugh Gaine, 1793. Inscribed by A. E. Lasher.


*Burnett's Floral Hand-Book and Ladies' Calendar...* Boston: Joseph Burnett, 1867.


Bookseller's blind stamp: J.S. Taft, Houston, Texas.


Inchbald, Mrs. *A Simple Story_. London: Charles Daly, 1840.

_Ladies Almanac for 1872_. Boston: George Coolidge, 1871.

*The Language of Flowers Poetically Expressed...* New York: Leavitt & Allen, 1847.

_Maria Cheeseman; or, The Candy-Girl_. Philadelphia: American Sunday-School Union, 1855.

Marryat, Frederick. *Peter Simple; or, the Adventures of a Midshipman*. Sandbornton, NH: Charles Lane, 1837-40. 2 vol. Inscribed: C. Beeckman, Schodack.

_Martha's Home, and How the Sunshine Came Into It_, by F.M.S. Boston: Massachusetts Sabbath School Society [n.d.]

_Matty's Hungry Missionary-Box and The Message it Brought_. Boston: Massachusetts Sabbath School Society [n.d.] Inscribed: To Lizzie From her Mother C.C. Hull.


## Appendix II: William Seward Hull's Record of Travel and Engagements

128th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, Company G

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<td>Sep  7</td>
<td>Halted in Baltimore and went into camp</td>
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<td>Oct 11</td>
<td>Moved to Gettysburg</td>
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<td>Moved back to Baltimore</td>
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<td>Embarked on steamer Arago and sailed for Hampton Roads, VA</td>
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<td>Disembarked and went into camp near Hampton VA</td>
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<td>Dec  2</td>
<td>Reboard Arago and sailed under seal</td>
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<td>Arrived in Ship Island (off Mississippi)</td>
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<td>Sailed for New Orleans; held at Quarantine Station, 72 miles below New Orleans</td>
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<td>Arrived at Chalmette, 3 miles below New Orleans</td>
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<td>Moved to Camp Parapet, above Carrollton, 8 miles north of New Orleans</td>
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