



A Guide to the Samuel Maverick, Jr. Letter, 1912

Collection Summary

Creator(s): Maverick, Samuel, 1837-1936

Title(s): Samuel Maverick, Jr. Letter

Date(s) (Inclusive): 1912

Abstract: In this letter to Governor O. B. Colquitt, 1912 February 2, Samuel Maverick, Jr. describes his recollections of the Alamo, the sale of the property, and plans for a monument on the site. It was written during the controversy involving the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the State of Texas over plans for the convent or long barracks on the Alamo grounds.

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Collection Details

Biographical Note

Samuel Maverick, Jr. was born at Montpelier Plantation near Pendleton, South Carolina, on 1837 May 14. The oldest child of Samuel Augustus Maverick (1803-1870), a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence, and Mary Ann Adams (1818-1898), Samuel Maverick, Jr. arrived in San Antonio with his family on 1838 June 15. Between 1856 and about 1860, he studied at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. Returning to the United States at the outbreak of the Civil War, Maverick joined Company B, First Texas Mounted Rifles, and served under Colonel Henry McCulloch. The unit primarily battled Indians on the frontier, leading Maverick, seeking more action, to join Company G, Eighth Texas Cavalry (Terry's Texas Rangers) in 1862. He served until 1865 April, when his unit surrendered in North Carolina as part of Joseph E. Johnston's army.

After the Civil War, Maverick returned to San Antonio and became involved in a number of business ventures, running an irrigated farm on family property that is now Brackenridge Park and later a lumberyard and general store on East Houston Street at Alamo Plaza. He also built the Maverick Bank, was involved in the construction of San Antonio's first streetcar line, and founded the Maverick Lithographing Company, later Maverick-Clark.

Samuel Maverick, Jr. married Sarah "Sallie" Frost on 1871 May 14; the couple had seven children: Samuel A., John Frost, Mary A., Sallie, Elizabeth, Georgia, and Emily. The last surviving member of Terry's Rangers, Maverick died in Austin in 1936 February and was buried in San Antonio's Mission Burial Park.

References

Fenstermaker, Anne Leslie. "Samuel Maverick, Jr." *Handbook of Texas Online*. <http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fmabh>.

Samuel Maverick biographical file, DRT Collection.

Maverick Family biographical file, DRT Collection.

Scope and Content Note

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Other Resources

Related Material

[Maverick Family Papers, 1840-1960 \(bulk 1861-1909\), Col 11749](#), DRT Collection.

[Samuel Augustus Maverick Family Papers, 1836-1909, Col 12545](#), DRT Collection.

[Samuel Augustus Maverick Letter, 1861, Doc 1221](#), DRT Collection.

[Albert and Jane Lewis Maury Maverick Papers, 1927-1954, Doc 9928](#), DRT Collection.

[Lucy Maverick Letters, 1913-1941, Doc 5198](#), DRT Collection.

[Maury Maverick, Jr. Research Papers, 1857-1964, Col 10841](#), DRT Collection.

[Maury Maverick, Jr. Papers on the Reinterment of Joseph H. Barnard, 1979-1982, Doc 6159](#), DRT Collection.

[Maverick Family Papers, 1660-1938](#), Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, The University of Texas at Austin.

[Maury Maverick, Sr., Collection, 1769-1954, 1989](#), Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, The University of Texas at Austin.

[Maury Maverick Jr. Papers, \[ca. 1835-2000\]](#), Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, The University of Texas at Austin.

[Rena Maverick Green Papers, 1924-1959](#), Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, The University of Texas at Austin.

[Maverick Family Papers](#), Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library.

[Lola Maverick Lloyd Papers](#), Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library.

[Jessie Lloyd O'Connor Papers](#), Sophia Smith Collection, Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts.

Papers of Jane Lewis Maury Maverick, ca. 1887, 1927-1944, Accession #1946, Special Collections, University of Virginia Library, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Subject Terms

Index Terms :

- **Personal Names :**

Persons

- Maverick, Samuel, 1837-1936.
- Colquitt, Oscar Branch, 1861-1940.

- **Organizations :**

- Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

- **Locations :**

Places

- San Antonio (Tex.)--History.
- Alamo (San Antonio, Tex.)--Conservation and restoration.

- **Genres/Formats :**

Document Types

- Personal papers.
- Correspondence.

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Inventory Information

Detailed Description of the Collection

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