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SCHADT FAMILY

PAPERS, 1861-1957; 10 inches, MS, printed, pictorial.

William Fredric Schadt (c. 1845-1918), born in Prussia, was brought to Texas as a small child by his parents in the Fisher-Miller Expedition in 1846. The parents and three of the children died in the 1847 yellow fever epidemic. William and his brother Charles became members of Hood's Texas Brigade in the Confederate Army.

Early letters from the brothers to their sister Caroline at home in Galveston chronicle their experiences and those of other Galvestonians in the Civil War. Charles died in the Battle of West Point near Williamsburg, Virginia in May, 1862. William fought in the Battle of Gettysburg, was twice wounded in action and once taken a Federal prisoner.

Returning home to Galveston following the war, Schadt worked as a clerk and bookkeeper for lumber and builder's supply houses. In 1885, he married Emma Ida Keller, a Galveston native. By 1888, he operated his own builder's hardware and supply store. Schadt passed away in Galveston in 1918.

Papers consist of letters and notes, deeds, summons, petitions, newspaper clippings, brigade rosters, voting lists, a tintype, and poems.

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