Guide to the Jesse Griffin Letter
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## Summary Information

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### Preferred Citation note

Jesse Griffin letter, University Libraries Division of Special Collections, The University of Alabama
Biographical/Historical note

Jessie Griffin was a settler living near Fort Mims in south Alabama during the Creek War. He fled the area and survived the Creek attack on Fort Mims, which took place on August 30, 1813.

Scope and Contents note

The collection contains a letter dated 5 September 1813, from St. Stephens, Alabama, to his parents in which Griffin states that he has traveled fifty miles in flight from Indians, who killed more than 400 people in five days. On 30 August 1813, Creek Indians under the leadership of William Weatherford, also known as Red Eagle, attacked white settlers at Fort Mims near the convergence of the Alabama and Tombigbee Rivers, killing approximately 500 people. Although Griffin and his family survived, they lost their crops, livestock, and most of their household goods. This attack was part of the Creek Indian War that lasted from 1813-1814 when Creek Indians attacked white settlers who were moving into Creek lands. The Creek War ended on 27 March 1814, when General Andrew Jackson defeated Red Eagle and his warriors at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend in Alabama.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Revision Description

November 2009; April 2013

Conditions Governing Access note

None

Conditions Governing Use note
None

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Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

• Letters (correspondence)

Geographic Name(s)

• Alabama--History--To 1819
• Fort Saint Stephens (Ala.)

Subject(s)

• Alabama
• Community and Place
• Creek Indian War
• Creek War, 1813-1814
• Creek War, 1813-1814--Personal narratives
• Daily Life and Family
• Farming and Agriculture
• Native Americans
• War and Military
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