

Guide to the Yuille family papers, 1827 – 1871

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ABSTRACT

Correspondence, 1861-1865, and other personal papers, as well as bills, receipts, and orders of the bakery in Mobile operated by Gavin Yuille (?-1849) and his sons John C. and Robert Lang Yuille (1822-?). Includes the loyalty oath taken by John C. Yuille in 1865.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Gavin Yuille, 1786–1849, was a baker in Mobile, Alabama. From information in the papers he appears to have owned a plantation and was a horticulturist. He was married to Annie Lang Yuille, d. 1871, and had at least two sons: Robert Lang Yuille, b. 1822,

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married to Mary A. Yuille, and John C. Yuille. *Magnolia Cemetery: A Collection of Records from the Gravestones of one of the oldest cemeteries in Mobile, Alabama, including the Confederate Rest, dating from 1828 to 1971* also mentions Gavin Burns Yuille, 1824–1882, but no records definitively connect him to Gavin Yuille except that he is buried in the family cemetery plot.

Robert Lang Yuille is listed in the Compiled Confederate Service Records as “Private Co. _____, 21st Alabama Infantry,” and John C. Yuille is listed twice; 2nd Lieutenant, Co. D., Alabama State Artillery and 2nd Lieutenant, Co. K., 5th Alabama Infantry. They took over the bakery after their father’s death in 1849.

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Gavin Yuille, Sept 24, 1786 – Sept 17, 1849 – native of Scotland

Gavin B. Yuille, Feb 9, 1824-Feb 17, 1882

Rosa Fisher Bates, Aug 11, 1802-April 30?, 1857

Annie Nov 20, 1876-May 24, 1897

John Sands Yuille, son of R.L. & M.A. Yuille, died Feb 18, 1870, inf

James Yuille, son of Robt L & Mary A. Yuille, died Sept 7, 1868, inf

Katherine E. Yuille Tower, 1819- Mar 6, 1881, wife of L.F. Tower, native of Scotland

Luther F. Tower, 1808-1889, native of Vermont

Source: *Magnolia Cemetery: A Collection of Records from the Gravestones of one of the oldest cemeteries in Mobile, Alabama, including the Confederate Rest, dating from 1828 to 1971*. Compiled and edited by Helen A. Thompson

SCOPE AND CONTENTS:

The papers of Gavin Yuille and his family contain some personal and family correspondence, material pertaining to Gavin Yuille’s interest in horticulture, slave records, mostly bills and receipts for the hire of his slaves, Civil War pay receipt and loyalty oath of John C. Yuille, and papers of the Star of Hope, Division 4, Sons of Temperance. The bulk of the collection consists of bills, receipts, and orders from the family bakery located at 92 Government Street, Mobile, Alabama. Gavin Yuille managed the bakery until his death in 1849, then it passed to his sons John C. and Robert Lang Yuille.

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Description
1402	1	Mary A. (Mrs. Robert L.) Yuille Personal Correspondence – incoming, 1860 – 1865 and n.d. 13 items, Arranged alphabetically

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Includes 9 letters from “Cecila,” 2 letters from Sarah A. Spinks (probably a cousin), 1 letter from “sister.” The letters contain family and friendly news.

- 1 Robert Lang Yuille, Personal Correspondence – incoming, 1865 – 1871.
6 items, Arranged alphabetically.
Includes 1 letter from Charles Tower (a cousin), 3 letters from L.F. Tower (brother-in-law), and 2 letters from “mother.” Correspondence from L.F. Tower discusses life in occupied New Orleans, 1865.
- 1 Robert Lang Yuille, Personal Correspondence – outgoing, 1861.
1 item.
To “Dear Gavin” (Yuille) send him \$980.39 in gold for a trip to the “north.”
- 2 Gavin Yuille, Horticultural material, 1827-1849.
10 items.
Includes correspondence (1 item), membership Certificate in the New York Horticultural Society (1 item), bills and receipts for plants, etc. (8 items).
- 3 Gavin Yuille, Slave Records, 1844 – 1856.
31 items.
Includes slave rent receipts (26 items), receipts for supplies, and medical examination of “Fanny”. Some receipts after Gavin Yuille’s death are to R.L. and J.C. Yuille.
- 4-8 Gavin Yuille, Bills, Receipts, and Orders, 1839 – 1850
444 items.
Includes water, gas light, bakery supplies, and some personal items.
Primarily pertaining to Yuille’s bakery.
- 4 Gavin Yuille, Water and Gas Light, 1846 – 1849.
33 items
Includes 2 bills for water rents (Albert Stein) and 31 bills from the Mobile Gas Light Company.
- 5-7 Gavin Yuille, Miscellaneous, 1839 – 1850
385 items.
Includes bills, receipts, and orders for bakery supplies and machinery, newspaper subscriptions and advertisements, pew rent (Government Street Church), and personal items. Includes receipts for Gavin Yuille’s funeral.
- 8 Gavin Yuille, Steamship bills, receipts, and account sheets, 1849 – 1856.

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- 26 items.
Includes receipts for merchandise shipped and received and account sheets of steamers Junior and Cora.
- 9 John C. Yuille, 1853 – 1865.
3 items.
Includes Commission (third lieutenant of artillery, First Volunteers Regiment, Ninth Brigade, Fourth Division, Alabama Militia) signed by Governor W.H. Collier; CSA pay receipt, April 21, 1865, for period July 1- August 31, 1864; and loyalty oaths to the United States of America, June 9, 1865 and August 30, 1865. Yuille was a paroled prisoner of war.
- 10 John C. and Robert L. Yuille, Business correspondence and telegrams – incoming, 1852 – 1864.
11 items.
Includes letters concerning orders, bills, machinery, and shipping.
- 11-13 John C. and Robert L. Yuille, Bills, receipts, and orders, 1849 – 1864.
138 items.
Includes most bills and receipts pertaining to the bakery. (see 2.3.2)
- 14 Star of Hope, Division 4, Sons of Temperance, 1848 – 1850.
44 items.
Includes bills, receipts, and drafts for benefits.
- 15 Miscellaneous, n.d.
20 items.
Includes patriotic and political writings, a Sunday school list and one ticket to Mobile St. Andrews Society Dinner.