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The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

This collection contains a letter that was written in 1891 or later by Varina Anne Davis and sent to Mrs. M. A. Williams. In the letter Davis informs Williams that she believes it will impossible for her to tell her story in New York. Davis states that unlike in the South the subject of the American Civil Was has less importance in New York where people do not have constant reminders of the war. Varina Anne Davis (1864-1898) was a novelist and the youngest child of Jefferson Davis.

Creator

Davis, Varina Anne, 1864-1898

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Biographical Note

Varina Anne "Winnie" Davis was the youngest child of Jefferson and Varina Howell Davis, born in Richmond, Virginia, on June 27, 1864. Her father was the president of the Confederate States of America during the American Civil War and at the time of her birth. Following the death of her father in 1889, she moved to New York where she worked as a novelist under the name Varina Anne Jefferson-Davis. She died of an illness on September 18, 1898.

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Ferrell, Chiles Clifton (1899). "The Daughter of the Confederacy – Her Life, Character, and Writings." Mississippi Historical Society. <https://archive.org/details/thedaughterofcon00ferr/page/n1/mode/2up?view=theater>

Scope and Content

The Varina Anne Davis Letter is from Davis to Mrs M.A. Williams at an unknown date in or after 1891. In the letter Davis informs Williams that she believes it will be impossible for her to tell her story in New York. Davis states that unlike in the South the subject of the American Civil War has less importance in New York where people do not have constant reminders of the war.

Related Materials

Virginia Tech Special Collections and University Archives has several books by Varina Anne Davis.

Keywords

Civil War

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