

# A Guide to the Goodwyn Family Papers, 1840-1908

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## Descriptive Summary

### Accession number

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### Language

English

### Physical Characteristics

The papers consist of approximately 50 items.

### Repository

Archives, Preston Library, Virginia Military Institute

## Administrative Information

### Access Restrictions

Collection is open to research.

**Use Restrictions**

There are no restrictions.

**Acquisition Information**

The papers were donated to VMI through the estate of Margaret Lang Davis, 2004

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## **Biographical/Historical Information**

Philo Hiram Goodwyn was born in New York and died in New Orleans in 1860. By the 1840's he was residing in New Orleans, where he was a merchant. He married Martha S. McGavock, daughter of Randall McGavock and Almira Haynes. Their children included McGavock R. (VMI Class of 1863); Frank W. (VMI Class of 1862); Philo H.; George; David; and Grace.

## **Scope and Content**

The collection is comprised of the papers of the Philo H. Goodwyn family of New Orleans, Louisiana. The bulk consists of letters (1840-1858) written by Philo H. Goodwyn to his fiance & later wife, Martha S. McGavock. Other items of correspondence include two letters from Almira McGavock to her daughter Martha, and one letter from McGavock R. Goodwyn (later VMI Class of 1863) to his father, Philo. In addition, the papers contain miscellaneous legal and financial papers relating to the family; the Civil War amnesty oath (1865) signed by McGavock R. Goodwyn, and two commission documents (1865, 1866) appointing McGavock Goodwyn a Brigadier General in the Louisiana militia.

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