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The Becky Vanderslice Collection

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## The Becky Vanderslice Collection Finding Aid

### **Collection Overview**

**Creator:** Becky Vanderslice

**Title:** The Becky Vanderslice Collection

**Dates:** 1943-2017

**Quantity:** 1 Box

**Abstract:** Becky Vanderslice is a Dallas, Texas native. She is the great, great granddaughter of Colonel Jared Ellison. Vanderslice has shared historical documents, such as family records, to the Special Collections/Archives Department of Prairie View A&M University. The Becky Vanderslice Collection includes photographs of Lucy Tate Kirby Ralston, “Aunt Margaret” Tate Ralston, and Colonel Jared Ellison. The collection also contains historical books.

**Identification:** MSS 0024

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**Language:** The materials are in English.

**Repository:** Special Collections/Archives Department, John B. Coleman Library, Prairie View A&M University

**Biographical Note:** Becky Vanderslice is a Dallas, Texas native. She is the great, great granddaughter of Colonel Jared Ellison, who owned the Alta Vista Plantation. The former site of Alta Vista Plantation is currently Prairie View A&M University, a Historical Black College/University (HBCU). As a child, she frequently visited relatives near Prairie View, Texas. For many years, Vanderslice has shared archival information (i.e. family records and stories) with the university’s Special Collections/Archives Department.

**Sources:** The Editorial Board. (2022, May 2). *Editorial: At Prairie View A&M, White Family’s history is a key ...* Houston Chronicle.

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/opinion/editorials/article/Editorial-At-Prairie-View-A-M-white-family-s-17139068.php>

**Scope and Contents Note:** The Becky Vanderslice Collection covers information on Lucy Tate Kirby Ralston, “Aunt Margaret” Tate Ralston, and Colonel Jared Ellison from 1943-2017. The collection includes photographs and books.

**Arrangement:** Photographs and nonfiction books are arranged in the original order as received.

### **Administrative Information**

**Preferred Citation:** The Becky Vanderslice Collection, MSS 0024, Special Collections/Archives Department, John B. Coleman Library, Prairie View A&M University.

**Related Material:****Index Terms:**

Alta Vista Plantation.

Ellison, Colonel Jared.

Kirby-Ralston, Lucy Tate.

Ralston, Tate.

Prairie View (TX).

**Inventory**

Box #	Title/Description	Date	Location
1	The Slave Narratives of Texas	2/21/2006	R17/C2/R7
1	An Empire for Slavery: The Peculiar Institution in Texas	8/1/1991	R17/C2/R7
1	Texas Slave Narratives & Photographs	12/18/2017	R17/C2/R7
1	Ar'n't I a Woman?: Females Slaves in The Plantation South	2/17/1999	R17/C2/R7
1	Incidents In The Life Of A Slave Girl	11/9/2001	R17/C2/R7
1	Plantation Slave Weavers Remember An Oral History	9/15/2015	R17/C2/R7
1	Life Among the Texas Indians: The WPA Narratives	11/21/2005	R17/C2/R7
1	The Cotton Regency: The Northern Merchants and Reconstruction, 1865-1880	1/1/1979	R17/C2/R7
1	Slaves In The Family	12/29/1998	R17/C2/R7
1	Texas Through Women's Eyes: The Twentieth-Century Experience	9/1/2010	R17/C2/R7
1	Photograph of Lucy Tate Kirby Ralston	N/A	R17/C2/R7
1	75 Years Publication	N/A	R17/C2/R7
1	Donations and Circumstances	N/A	R17/C2/R7
1	Donations and Circumstances at Prairie View A&M	N/A	R17/C2/R7
1	Adding Voices	N/A	R17/C2/R7
1	History From 1B	N/A	R17/C2/R7
1	Photograph of Aunt Margaret	N/A	R17/C2/R7
1	"Aunt Margaret" Tate Ralston (Reading) late 1930's in her farm house	N/A	R17/C2/R7
1	Photograph of Aunt Margaret (2)	N/A	R17/C2/R7
1	Photograph of Aunt Margaret (3)	N/A	R17/C2/R7
1	Photograph of Aunt Margaret (4)	N/A	R17/C2/R7
1	"Aunt Margaret" Tate Ralston (Reading) at her farm house (retrofitted slave house)	N/A	R17/C2/R7

1	Portrait of Aunt Margaret (5)	N/A	R17/C2/R7
1	Photograph: Voter Registration Waller County	N/A	R17/C2/R7
1	Margaret Ralston (Reading) grand da of Col. Kirby	N/A	R17/C2/R7
1	Lucy T Kirby Ralston	N/A	R17/C2/R7
1	Photograph of Young Woman	N/A	R17/C2/R7
1	Colonel Jared Ellison Kirby	N/A	R17/C2/R7
1	Lucille Tate Kirby (Ralston) da. of Col. Kirby	N/A	R17/C2/R7
1	Lucille Tate “Lucy” Kirby (Ralston) da. of Col. Kirby b. 1847 – d. 1892	N/A	R17/C2/R7
1	Photograph of Lucy Tate Kirby Ralston (Ma’s Mother)	N/A	R17/C2/R7
1	Photographs of Hempstead Mother of Thirteen	N/A	R17/C2/R7
1	Photographs of Kirby Family	N/A	R17/C2/R7
1	Photo Album	N/A	R17/C2/R7
1	Margaret R. Reading Reflects Life In Waller County (1909)	N/A	R17/C2/R7
1	All Living at Alta Vista	N/A	R17/C2/R7
1	Biography of Capt. Joseph Courtenay Ralston and Family	N/A	R17/C2/R7
1	Joseph Courtenay Ralston, son-in-law to Col. J.E. Kirby	N/A	R17/C2/R7
1	Woman’s Committee on Economic Policy for Texas	N/A	R17/C2/R7
1	Random Stuff from Waller Co. via Becky Vanderslice	N/A	R17/C2/R7
1	Women in The War	4/19/1943	R17/C2/R7
1	Margaret Reading’s Waller County Photographs	N/A	R17/C2/R7