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# **Fielder family papers**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Arkansas State Archives
<b>Title</b>	Fielder family papers
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1855-1914
<b>Extent</b>	0.25 Cubic feet 1 box
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Language of Materials</b>	Materials entirely in English.

### Preferred Citation

Fielder family papers, Arkansas State Archives, Little Rock, Arkansas.

## Biographical/Historical Note

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The Fielder family were among the earliest settlers in Dallas County, Arkansas, arriving circa 1845. Most of the correspondence in this collection is addressed to James Ragus Fielder (1820-1888), his wife, Martha Ann Jones Fielder, and his sister, Julia Fielder McMurry (1829-1898). James and Julia stayed in Dallas County, Arkansas, while their siblings moved out of state. James Ragus Fielder was a farmer who enlisted in the Confederate Army as a private in Company A, 10th Arkansas Cavalry at Camden, Arkansas, on September 10, 1863. On October 25, 1865, he was wounded and captured at Mine Creek, Kansas. He was imprisoned at U.S. Military Prison, Camp Morton, Indiana, until he was released on oath of allegiance on May 20, 1865. James and Martha had eleven children. Julia Fielder McMurry had four children. Fielder, Jr. later married Tennessee Tucker. He had eleven children. Richmond R. Fielder (1819-1884) and his wife, Rutha Elizabeth Vaughn (1831-1910), wrote from Texas, as well. They had four children. Other correspondents include: Martha Fielder's parents, James and Juliet Jones, and Thomas Franklin Scroggin (1828-1888) and Tempa Ruth Fielder Scroggin (1832-1860). The Scroggins had five children.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes correspondence between Fielder family members, a photograph from a Fielder family reunion circa 1914, and genealogical research on the Fielder family. In much of the correspondence, the Fielder family members who had moved to Texas were asking Ragus Fielder to move there, as well. One of the letters also discusses the beginning of the Civil War. Another contains a lock of human hair.

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## Administrative Information

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Donated by Harry W. "Bud" Fielder, Little Rock, Arkansas, 2022, in memory of Freddie Wayne Fielder.

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### **Related Materials**

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#### **Separated Materials**

One artifact was transferred from this collection to the ASA Three-Dimensional Object Collection on 02/11/2022: A2022.0004.1 - One cardboard jewelry box that originally held letters in the collection.

## Correspondence (Includes transcriptions by Yevonne Gunter)

## Collection Inventory

Correspondence (Includes transcriptions by Yevonne Gunter) 1855-1869	Box	Folder
Letter from T.F. Scroggin (Thomas Franklin Scroggin) and Tempa A. Scroggin to Fielder siblings, state of Texas, regarding the purchase of land for homesteading 1855 January 10	1	1
Letter from William Ridge Fielder, Jr., to James Ragus Fielder and Julia R. Fielding McMurry, state of Texas, [Fourt Bellnap] [Possibly Fort Belknap] regarding Fielder, Jr.'s life in Texas 1855 September 28		
Letter from William Ridge Fielder, Jr., to James Ragus Fielder, state of Texas, Brazos Agency Indian Reservation, regarding crops and a murder 1856 May 2		
Letter from William Ridge Fielder, Jr., to James Ragus Fielder and Julia Fielder McMurry, Brazos Agency [Texas], regarding family matters 1856 August 11		
Letter from William Ridge Fielder, Jr., to James Ragus Fielder and Julia Fielder McMurry, state of Texas, Young Co., regarding family health concerns 1856 September 5		
Letter from William Ridge Fielder, Jr., to James Ragus Fielder and Julia Fielder McMurry, state of Texas, Brazos, regarding his wife's death (includes lock of hair presumed to belong to the deceased Mary Catherine Jones Fielder) 1856 September 12		
Letter from William Ridge Fielder, Jr., to James Ragus Fielder and Julia Fielder McMurry, state of Texas, Young Co. 1856 November 20		

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Letter from William Ridge Fielder Jr., and Tennessee Fielder to James Ragus Fielder and Julia Fielder McMurry, New Mexico 1858 June 24

Letter from William Ridge Fielder, Jr., to James Ragus Fielder and Julia Fielder McMurry, New Mexico 1858 August 22

Letter from James Jones to Martha Ann Jones Fielder 1859 February 14

Letter from Rutha Elizabeth Vaughn Fielder to James Ragus Fielder, Texas Limestone Co 1860 April 9

Letter from Warren Watson to James Ragus Fielder, Pike County 1860 June 30

Letter from Rutha Elizabeth Vaughn Fielder to James Ragus Fielder and Julia Fielder McMurry, Texas, Limestone Co 1860 September 10

Letter from James Jones to James Ragus Fielder and Martha Ann Jones Fielder, Lafayette Co, Arkansas 1860 October 13

Letter from Rutha Elizabeth Vaughn Fielder to James Ragus Fielder and Julia Fielder McMurry, Texas Limestone Co, regarding family matters and the Civil War (photocopy) 1861 May 18

Letter from William Ridge Fielder, Jr, to Fielder siblings, California 1867 August 16

Letter from Rutha Elizabeth Vaughn Fielder to James Ragus Fielder and Julia Fielder McMurry, Texas, Limestone Co. 1869 November 23

Letter from Juliett G. Jones to James Ragus Fielder and Martha Ann Jones Fielder, state of Arkansas possibly 1861 April 28



**Artifacts (Transferred to ASA Three-Dimensional Object Collection)**

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Letter from T.F. Scroggin [Thomas Franklin Scroggin] and Tempa Scroggin to James Ragus Fielder and Julia Fielder McMurry, Texas, Caldwell Co. [ ] February 20

Letter from Richmond R. Fielder to James Ragus Fielder undated

Letter from Mary Catherine Jones Fielder and W.R. Fielder [William Ridge Fielder] to Martha Fielder (photocopy) circa 1856

PH.Fielder.0001: Fielder family reunion photograph (Includes photocopy with numbered list of pictured persons, as well as a list of descendants) circa 1914

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Fielder family genealogical materials circa later 1990s

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A2022.0004.1 - Cardboard jewelry box that originally held letters in the Fielder family papers. The metal hinged box has "Lovely Jewels By Lynette designed by Richard Pour les femmes a la mode" printed on interior cloth lining and a heart-shaped cut-out inside the box.