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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 612 VANCE, Edward Richard, 1833-1902**

13 boxes. 85 folders. 290 items. 1852-1977. Originals, photographs.

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***BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE***

Edward Richard Vance (known as Richard), the son of Henry Vance (1799-1867) and Elizabeth H. Flurry (1812-1840), was born on 15 September 1833 in Warren County, Kentucky. After his mother's death, Vance briefly lived with his grandmother, but then returned to live with his father on a farm in the Mount Olivet community. In 1851, he departed for Franklin, Kentucky, where he worked as a saddler, drugstore assistant and schoolteacher. In 1861, Vance joined the Union Army, serving in the 26<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Infantry and rising to the position of First Lieutenant and Adjutant on the staff of General Stephen G. Burbridge. He was mustered out in 1865. Although Vance disliked the Army, he soon returned to military service "more from necessity than choice," claiming that he could not live in Kentucky because of hostility toward his support of the Union (see Box 1, Folder 8, pp. 1, 109). Vance received a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the regular Army in 1866, and served with the 19<sup>th</sup> Infantry at numerous posts in the South and on the frontier. Many of Vance's administrative duties related to courts-martial and other disciplinary proceedings. He retired in 1892 with the rank of Captain.

After retiring from the Army, Vance, though beset by rheumatism and diabetes, lived a rather nomadic existence, dividing his time mostly between Washington, D.C., Longview, Texas, New Orleans, Louisiana, and the home of his sister, Mary Frances Carter, at 1182 Kentucky Street in Bowling Green. Widely read and fluent in French, Vance was known as a man of many interests and a talented conversationalist; he was also a musician and a prolific letter-writer, essayist and journal-keeper.

Though he admitted to many "lost loves," Richard Vance never married. He died in New Orleans on 17 February 1902.

*Bibliographical Notes*

The Collection.

*Handel Vance: His Ancestry and Descendants*, Shelley T. Riherd, Emogene Riherd, Margaret Vance Anderson, compilers.

## COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists of Richard Vance's correspondence, diaries, scrapbooks, photographs and other papers chronicling his military career and his retirement. An inventory, biographical data and genealogical notes are in Box 1, Folder 1. The genealogical notes are intended to show relationships among the individuals featured most prominently in this collection and should not be construed as a comprehensive genealogy.

The bulk of Vance's letters are typewritten. As he explains (Box 1, Folder 8), he originally wrote out copies of his letters; later in life, he typescripted selected ones, bound them in book form, and destroyed all of his handwritten originals. Many of Vance's diaries (Box 2, Folders 3-6 and Box 3) are also typescripted from the originals. Others (Boxes 4 and 5) are handwritten in code, a mostly character-for-character substitution cipher with a few special characters for common combinations of letters. A key to the code is in Box 6, Folder 1, but except for a few samples included in that folder, these diaries have not been decoded. Similarly, diaries Vance kept partly or completely in French have not been translated, except for a partial translation of a 1900 diary (Box 7, Folder 7).

In addition to friends and military colleagues, Vance conducted correspondence with and regarding:

- His brother William Henry Vance (1831-1899), who left home as a young man to make his fortune in California. He served in the Union Army during the Civil War, then prospected in Utah and Diamond City, Montana. Refusing to rejoin his family in retirement despite poverty and failing health, he died in hospital in Helena, Montana.
- His sister Mary Frances Carter (1835-1927), who lived with her husband James A. Carter in Bowling Green, Kentucky.
- His brother Christopher Columbus Vance (1837-1910), known as "C.C.," "Kit" or "Kittie," who settled in southern Indiana with his first wife, Lucy Ann Carter, and served in the Union Army. Although Vance had great affection for C.C., his financial and domestic follies, including a second marriage that he initially kept secret from his family, were a source of tension between the two.
- His ward, known as Henry Vance (b. 1878), who was abandoned as a child to Vance's household in Texas. Henry was apparently of Indian or Hispanic ancestry. Vance maintained a deep and lifelong attachment to the boy, and in 1895 became his guardian in an attempt to enlist him in the Army. Henry eventually enlisted in 1898 and served in the Philippine War, but was court-martialed for desertion. His death sentence was commuted and he was imprisoned at Alcatraz.

Vance had another brother, John Edwin Vance (1840-1889), also a Union Army veteran. John eventually lived with his family in Missouri and Arkansas and appears to have had infrequent contact with his siblings.

Box 1 of the collection contains correspondence and personal and military papers of Richard Vance. Personal correspondence and papers (Folder 2) include early letters to his father, brother-in-law and siblings, two of which were written during his Civil War service. Two 1869 documents—a grand jury indictment against him for a murder in Louisiana, and a letter warning him of the intentions of two men to kill him in New Orleans—provide evidence of the Army's conflict with local "rascals." Deeds to land in Maryland and Kansas and documentation

of loans to his nephew Eugene C. Vance are evidence of his habit of investing in land and providing financial assistance to family members. Military correspondence and papers (Folder 3) cover 1865-1893 and include his discharge from Civil War service and materials relating to his administrative duties at Fort Clark, Texas; of interest is correspondence to determine whether an illiterate soldier could be ordered to learn to copy his name in order to sign documents. Also included are Vance's request for transfer from Fort Wayne, Michigan, and documents relating to his retirement from active service. Folder 3 also contains a copy of an 1898 report of the Army's Chief Signal Officer at Camp Meade, Pennsylvania on efforts to recruit and train a company of telegraph operators, electricians and linemen at New York, and their embarkation to Puerto Rico, for service in the Spanish-American War. Other papers include tax receipts (Folder 4); records relating to a lawsuit involving land in Texas (Folder 5); calling cards (Folder 6); and documents relating to the settlement of Vance's estate following a family dispute over his will (Folder 7).

The remainder of Box 1 contains letter books of Richard Vance. The books, which are not compiled in strict chronological order, include personal letters and at least one from each place where he saw military service. The observant Vance writes in an engaging, critical and gossipy style. His letter book covering 1866-1894 (Folder 8) relates his life and travels as an Army officer at garrisons in Kansas, Arkansas, Louisiana, the Indian Territory, Colorado and Texas. He reports to friends and colleagues on travel, local conditions and hardships, military personalities (he often found fault with career officers), women, work, leisure, and encounters with Native Americans and unreconstructed Southerners. Also included at the back of this volume is a narrative family history by Vance. A letter book covering 1889-1896 (Folder 9) consists mostly of Vance's letters to his sister, Mary Frances Carter, and brothers C.C. and William H. Vance; they principally concern Vance's wanderings in the early years of his retirement and the tensions that accompany his financial assistance to his siblings and their families. Letters in a book covering 1891-1896 (Folder 10) are to his ward Henry Vance. His fatherly admonitions show his devotion to the boy and his wish, despite Henry's evident flaws, to establish him on some "solid, prosperous and honorable basis." In a letter book covering 1897-1898 (Folder 11), Vance writes mostly to his sister and brothers William and C.C. about his health, family matters, his living arrangements, and the details of his continuing financial assistance to them. The onset of the Spanish-American War draws comment, and his ward Henry Vance's departure for military service in the Philippines is occasion for anxious letters to and about "my boy." In another letter book covering 1897-1898 (Folder 12), Vance shares his opinions with friends and former military colleagues and, as he moves between homes, writes about his life in retirement, including his engagement of a servant, an African-American youth from Franklin, Kentucky named Mike Burch.

Box 2 contains letter books and diaries of Richard Vance. In a letter book from 1898-1900 (Folder 1), he writes to several military friends but is preoccupied with the domestic turmoil involving brother C.C., his second wife Annie and their children, and the children of C.C.'s first marriage; he also writes regarding recovery of the possessions of deceased brother William in Montana. Vance additionally reveals his rather confusing habit of referring to his new servant Mike as "Henry" or "Henry Vance." A letter book for 1899-1900 (Folder 2) covers similar topics, but includes some lively commentary regarding national and Kentucky politics as well as letters to his ward, the "real" Henry Vance, now slipping into dishonorable service in the Philippines. Vance's letter of 18 September 1900 finds Henry arrested for desertion and imprisoned at Alcatraz, but he nevertheless defends him in a letter to the prison commander.

The remainder of Box 2 contains diaries of Richard Vance. His typescripted diary (with occasional coded phrases) from 1866-1873 (Folder 3) begins with his post-Civil War return to the Army and covers a brief term at Governors Island, New York (1866), followed by duty in Kansas (1866), Arkansas (1866-1869) and Louisiana (1869-1873). Like his letters from this period (Box 1, Folder 8), it offers a vivid picture of the routines, hardships, intrigues, violence and vices of military life in the Reconstruction South. Vance also includes keen observations of local conditions, impressions of local people, gossip, and political and philosophical commentary. He hunts with his dogs, fishes, and deplors drunkenness among his men, but occasionally mourns his "idleness and dissipation." He becomes infatuated with other officers' wives and with a young woman abandoned by her seducer and forced into prostitution. He also begins an affair with Sophia, a "mulatto girl" he first meets (in a coded passage) on 24 November 1867; they fall out occasionally over the years, but she remains a member of his household until her death in 1889. (References to Sophia in this diary are initially in code; after she and another servant, Tony, accompany Vance to Louisiana, he resorts to code less frequently.) Entries from October 1869 to March 1870 detail Vance's prosecution for murder (see also Box 1, Folder 2) and acquittal. The funeral of a white laundress in March 1872 and the shooting death of Tony in September 1872 spark his outrage over racial inequality in the South after the Civil War. In general, Vance's sympathies are with the "underdog."

Vance's diary for 1874-1879 (Box 2, Folder 4) finds him at garrisons in Louisiana (1874), Kansas (1874-1877), the Indian Territory (1877-1879), Texas (1879) and Colorado (1879); he also visits Washington, D.C. and the Northeast during the nation's centennial. He maintains a detailed record of frontier military life, his surroundings, and intrigues involving fellow officers and their wives. He carries out his duties amid escalating hostilities with Native Americans, but generally deplors their treatment by whites and finds General Custer's fate at the Little Bighorn to be deserved. He reluctantly parts from Sophia when she marries, but both Sophia and her husband George soon return to his service. When George kills a man out of jealousy, Vance pays to have him successfully defended in court.

Vance's diary for 1880-1884 (Box 2, Folder 5) covers his postings at garrisons in Colorado (1880), Kansas (1880-1881), and Texas (1881-1884); in 1884, he also makes a three-month trip to the Northeast and Canada, about which he provides his usual close observations. On duty in Colorado, he describes the status of Native Americans, a busy mining camp, and his social activities. The move to Texas brings Mexican culture, extreme weather, a yellow fever epidemic, and more intrigues among his fellow officers. An African American provides an account of his life as a slave of the Seminole Indians. Sophia and George, who endure rugged conditions along with Vance, allay his restlessness and general unhappiness.

Vance's diary for 1885-1887 (Box 2, Folder 6) finds him garrisoned in Texas, where he documents many social events (including his French study with officers' wives and his entertainment of the garrison children), gossips about his colleagues and comments acerbically on their marriage choices. He makes first mention of the "little boy" Henry given to Sophia's care; he also relates Sophia's trip to Kilgore for a reunion with her long-lost siblings (one of whom, he later discloses, is named Jane King), and describes the circumstances of their separation while enslaved in Arkansas. After a 37-year separation from his own brother William, he arranges to meet him in New Orleans. He then takes a three-month trip that includes a visit to William's home in Montana; while there, Vance participates in some gold prospecting and visits an "opium den" with a Chinese servant. His sympathy for Native Americans does not extend to the captive Apache leader Geronimo, who he sees in San Antonio and describes as "a

vile looking wretch.” Contemplating retirement, Vance turns more to reading, writing and study, particularly French and botany, and writes minor portions of this diary in French. He also writes minor portions in code, particularly concerning the disintegrating marriage of a fellow officer, Alexander McCook Guard, and his wife Ina, an aspiring actress.

Box 3 contains additional diaries of Richard Vance. His diary for 1888-1889 (Folder 1) covers the final year of his military career in Texas. He writes minor portions in French and in code, but many of the coded passages are obliterated with ink strokes. Yearning for retirement, Vance continues to endure the antics of Lieutenant and Mrs. Guard, even after they separate. He travels to Washington, D.C. and to Louisville, where he visits his brother C.C. He returns to Texas in October 1888 to find Sophia ill. For the next several months, he writes in anguish of her decline and grieves deeply when she dies on 6 May 1889. Leaving George and the boy Henry with Sophia’s sister Jane King, he travels for the rest of the year on leave. While in Kentucky, he visits C.C. in Louisville and his sister in Bowling Green and provides candid descriptions of their circumstances. In Washington, D.C., he visits old colleagues and does business relating to real estate investments before returning to Texas, still disconsolate over the loss of Sophia.

Vance’s diary for 1890-1893 (Box 3, Folder 2) covers his departure from the South (with Henry) for duty at garrisons in Michigan, recruiting details in Maryland and Indiana, and the commencement of his retirement in November 1892. Minor portions are written in French or code (see Box 6, Folder 1 for a sample decoded passage relating to his gambling losses). Mourning his lost life with Sophia and George, Vance struggles with his health and drinking, retirement schemes, his siblings’ financial straits, the shock of brother C.C.’s secret marriage, and Henry, who seems destined to make little of himself. George reappears in Indiana (Vance indicates that his surname is Thomas), but soon dies. Vance sends Henry back to Texas, but yearns to include him in his retired life. He travels to Texas, North Carolina, Washington D.C., Bowling Green, and C.C.’s home in Indiana, observing people and surroundings with his usual acuity but uncertain whether to stay. Beginning the practice in 1891 of keeping pocket diaries to record routine activities, he adds some commentary to this diary, including his views on religion, current news and politics.

Vance’s diary for 1894-1899 (Box 3, Folder 3) covers his wanderings between Longview, Texas, New Orleans, Washington, D.C., Indiana and Bowling Green. Minor portions are written in French. In addition to his quest for a settled retirement, his greatest sources of frustration are his siblings, with whom he comes into conflict over their financial needs and domestic failings, and the hapless but much-loved Henry. Increasingly afflicted by rheumatism, Vance continues to revisit memories of better times with Henry, Sophia and George. He writes about his accommodations and activities in each place he visits (including Oakland, Kentucky, where he takes temporary refuge from his sister’s family) and follows politics and the unfolding Spanish-American War. He engages his new servant, Mike (sometimes referred to as “Henry”) and writes of defending him against racist comments on the street in New Orleans. With his usual concern, he also follows news of Henry Vance’s Army service in the Philippines.

Vance’s diary for 1901-1902 (Box 3, Folder 4) covers the period from September 1901 until 9 February 1902. Minor portions are in French. From his sister’s house in Bowling Green (where he becomes annoyed by her boarders and a noisy telephone), Vance moves to Longview, Texas, then to New Orleans. His main concerns are his declining health and his estrangement from brother C.C. His niece “Lizzie” Carter and great-niece Estelle “Essie” Garland are visiting him in New Orleans at the time of his death.

Boxes 4 and 5 contain additional diaries of Richard Vance covering 1891-1900. These diaries are mostly smaller, pocket-sized volumes and, except for a few routine entries in English and some passages in French, are handwritten in code. Some also have notations relating to Vance's accounts.

Box 6 contains a rough key to the code used by Vance in his diaries, together with sample decoded passages from his 1893 diary (Box 4, Folder 3) and computer punch cards used in the decoding project.

Box 7 contains Vance's scrapbooks and diaries in French. The scrapbooks (Folders 1-3, 5) consist mostly of clippings from French language New Orleans newspapers, with occasional translations of words or phrases added, and a few entries in code. The diaries (Folders 4, 6) are typewritten in French and cover Vance's sojourns in Texas, New Orleans and Kentucky from 1898-1900; a loose page from February 1902 is also included in Folder 4. A translation of entries from the first four months of his 1900 French diary (Folder 6) is included in Folder 7; during this period, Vance stays in Longview, Texas and New Orleans and writes of his health, daily activities, visitors, finances (including his anxious speculation in grain), and the behavior of his servant and fellow boarders.

Box 8 contains Vance's writings and scrapbooks. His essays and commentary on political, historical, religious and literary topics demonstrate the breadth of his reading and interests. Included are some pencil sketches of his garrison in Colorado (Folder 1) and his detailed Texas quail hunting journal (Folder 2). One collection of essays (Folder 4) is of interest for its comments on women's rights and fashion, and on lynchings in Tyler, Texas and in Bowling Green; also included is Vance's reminiscence of Hattie Dearing, the young woman abandoned to prostitution in Arkansas who (to his regret) he tried to help (see Box 2, Folder 3). Another scrapbook (Folder 6) contains his commentary and related newspaper clippings on lynchings and racial violence.

Box 9 also contains Vance's scrapbooks. Included is a volume of newspaper clippings with his accompanying commentary, reflecting Vance's interest in political, military, social and racial issues, particularly lynching (Folder 1); a volume containing mostly autographs of military colleagues, invitations, dance cards and programs, offering a picture of the social activities and entertainments he experienced while serving in Kansas and Texas (Folder 2); and a scrapbook mostly of newspaper clippings but which also includes lottery tickets and a handbill for a bullfight (Folder 3).

Box 10 contains Vance's herbaria. His herbarium created at Fort Clark, Texas (Folder 1) includes flora and insect specimens as well as research notes. Another created at Ringgold, Texas (Folder 2) includes plant specimens and research notes as well as notes on the native trees and shrubs of Warren County, Kentucky. A third (Folder 3) contains plant and leaf specimens collected in Indiana, Kentucky and Maryland.

Box 11 contains records, correspondence and papers of the Vance family. Genealogical data consists of Richard Vance's record of the names (but not dates) of descendants of his maternal grandmother (Folder 1), and pages from a family Bible of the Garrisons, related by marriage (Folder 2). Family letters consist of a letter of Richard Vance's father Henry (Folder 3) and Henry's sister Anna (Folder 4) with family news. A diary of Richard Vance's brother William Henry Vance (Folder 5) reflects the rigors of mining camp life in Montana. William's letters to his family (Folder 6) are written during his struggles as a miner in both California and Montana, and during his Civil War service in Utah, where he comments on the local Mormon population. Later in life, his letters to brother Richard detail his poverty and declining health and his efforts

to secure a pension for his Civil War service. A friend and neighbor, Chauncey Wood, also writes to Richard on William's behalf. Letters and other papers concerning William (Folder 7) include Chauncey Wood's report to Richard on William's last illness and death, his inventory of his property, and arrangements for its disposition; also included is correspondence relating to Richard's efforts to secure pension monies owing at the time of William's death. Richard's brother C.C. Vance (Folder 8) writes to his family during the Civil War about his schoolteaching and the dangers posed to travelers by guerrilla warfare near Owensboro, Kentucky; after joining the Union Army, he writes of his service in Tennessee. At home in Indiana afterward, he writes of first wife Lucy's health and his family's finances, and in 1897 thanks brother Richard for a gift of farmland. Letters of C.C.'s wife Lucy (Folder 9) describe her surroundings near Rockport, Indiana, her poor health and her loneliness and isolation, particularly during C.C.'s Civil War service. She also refers to local fear of African Americans accompanying troops in the area, and to guerrilla activities affecting the travel of her father-in-law Henry, who is staying with her during C.C.'s absence. Letters of Richard's brother John E. Vance (Folder 10) written during the Civil War describe his service in the South, including his experience of the Battle of Missionary Ridge in Tennessee; an 1885 letter to his sister, written after several years without contact, updates her on his family. Papers of Richard's ward Henry Vance (Folder 11) include 1885 letters of guardianship, but most relate to his court-martial for desertion, an act which he claimed was done under compulsion; included are his statement explaining his actions in the Philippines, Richard Vance's letter asking for a reconsideration of the verdict, and Henry's letters to Vance from Alcatraz regarding his case. Miscellaneous Vance family papers (Folder 12) include a railroad tax receipt, a letter to Vance's brother-in-law James Carter from his daughter, and a boundary description, possibly relating to lands of Vance's father.

Box 12 contains photographs of Richard Vance and family members, as well as some of his fellow officers and their wives and families. Included (Folder 6) are photographs of various garrisons at which he served. Some photographs, particularly of his servants Sophia and Tony, his ward Henry, and his brothers John and William, include captions providing additional information about the subject.

Box 13 contains oversized materials consisting of a computer printout with decoded passages from Vance's 1893 diary, a roster of 19<sup>th</sup> Infantry officers headquartered at Little Rock, Arkansas in 1869, and Richard Vance's commission certificates (Folder 1); a scrapbook of newspaper clippings collected by William H. Vance (Folder 2); Richard Vance's scrapbook containing miscellaneous military correspondence and printed matter, newspaper clippings, programs and Louisiana lottery tickets (Folder 3); Richard Vance's scrapbook of magazine illustrations (Folder 4); and an unidentified account book with brief entries (Folder 5).

## ***SHELF LIST***

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>Richard Vance – Correspondence and Papers</b>	<b>1852-1902</b>	<b>118 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory & biographical data		7 items
Folder 2	Correspondence and papers – Personal	1852-1896	19 items
Folder 3	Correspondence and papers – Military	1865-1898	32 items



Folder 4	Tax receipts; bank slips; redemption certificates	1886-1901	9 items
Folder 5	Dwyer v. Littell, Brown, Fluellen and Vance	1899	3 items
Folder 6	Calling cards of young ladies and others	n.d.	37 items
Folder 7	Estate documents	1902	6 items
Folder 8	Letter book (includes family history)	1866-1894	1 item
Folder 9	Letter book	1889-1896	1 item
Folder 10	Letter book; Voltaire translations; "John Spendall and Jim Prudent"	1891-1899	1 item
Folder 11	Letter book	1897-1898	1 item
Folder 12	Letter book	1897-1898	1 item
<b>BOX 2</b>	<b>Richard Vance – Letters and Diaries</b>	<b>1866-1900</b>	<b>6 items</b>
Folder 1	Letter book	1898-1900	1 item
Folder 2	Letter book	1899-1900	1 item
Folder 3	Diary (minor portions in code) (see also Box 6, Folder 1)	1866-1873	1 item
Folder 4	Diary	1874-1879	1 item
Folder 5	Diary	1880-1884	1 item
Folder 6	Diary (minor portions in code or French)	1885-1887	1 item
<b>BOX 3</b>	<b>Richard Vance – Diaries</b>	<b>1888-1902</b>	<b>4 items</b>
Folder 1	Diary (minor portions in code or French)	1888-1889	1 item
Folder 2	Diary (minor portions in code or French)	1890-1893	1 item
Folder 3	Diary (minor portions in French)	1894-1899	1 item
Folder 4	Diary (minor portions in French)	1901-1902	1 item

<b>BOX 4</b>	<b>Richard Vance – Diaries in Code</b>	<b>1891-1896</b>	<b>9 items</b>
Folder 1	Diary (in French, English and code)	1891	1 item
Folder 2	Diary (in French, English and code)	1892	1 item
Folder 3	Diary (in code, typed and handwritten) (see also Box 6, Folder 1 and Box 13, Folder 1)	1893	1 item
Folder 4	Diary (in code)	1894	1 item
Folder 5	Diary (in code)	1894	1 item
Folder 6	Diary (in code)	1895	1 item
Folder 7	Diary (in code)	1895	1 item
Folder 8	Diary (in code)	1896	1 item
Folder 9	Diary (in code)	1896	1 item
<b>BOX 5</b>	<b>Richard Vance – Diaries in Code</b>	<b>1897-1900</b>	<b>9 items</b>
Folder 1	Diary (in code)	1897	1 item
Folder 2	Diary (in code)	1897	1 item
Folder 3	Diary (in code)	1898	1 item
Folder 4	Diary (in code)	1898	1 item
Folder 5	Diary (in code)	1898	1 item
Folder 6	Diary (in code)	1899	1 item
Folder 7	Diary (in code)	1899-1900	1 item
Folder 8	Diary (in code)	1900	1 item
Folder 9	Memo book (in code)	n.d.	1 item

<b>BOX 6</b>	<b>Richard Vance – Diaries</b>	<b>1977</b>	<b>5 items</b>
Folder 1	Rough key to coded diaries; decoded entries from Box 2, Folder 3 and Box 4, Folder 3	1977	4 items
Folder 2	Computer cards used to decode diaries	1977	1 item
<b>BOX 7</b>	<b>Richard Vance – Diaries and Scrapbooks in French</b>	<b>1892-1902</b>	<b>7 items</b>
Folder 1	Scrapbook (clippings in French with minor translations and coded writing)	1892-1893, n.d.	1 item
Folder 2	Scrapbook (clippings in French with minor translations)	1893, n.d.	1 item
Folder 3	Scrapbook (clippings in French)	1895, n.d.	1 item
Folder 4	Diary (in French)	1898-1899, 1902	1 item
Folder 5	Scrapbook (clippings in French, some coded writing)	1900, n.d.	1 item
Folder 6	Diary (in French)	1900	1 item
Folder 7	Partial translation of French diary (Folder 6)	Jan.-Apr. 1900	1 item
<b>BOX 8</b>	<b>Richard Vance – Scrapbooks, Journal, Essays</b>	<b>1871-1908</b>	<b>10 items</b>
Folder 1	Essays, pencil sketches from Colorado	1871-1888	1 item
Folder 2	Quail hunting journal	1882-1885	1 item
Folder 3	Essays on history & politics; Voltaire translation	1894-1898	1 item
Folder 4	Essays and commentary	1895	1 item
Folder 5	Scrapbook of clippings	1895, 1906-1908	3 items

Folder 6	Scrapbook of clippings, essays & commentary	1897-1898	1 item
Folder 7	Essays on the Bible & Christianity	1897-1898	1 item
Folder 8	Essays on Shakespeare, history & politics	1899-1900	1 item
<b>BOX 9</b>	<b>Richard Vance – Scrapbooks</b>	<b>1872-1900</b>	<b>3 items</b>
Folder 1	Scrapbook of clippings and commentary	1898-1900	1 item
Folder 2	Scrapbook of clippings, invitations, programs, autographs, calling cards	1872-1900	1 item
Folder 3	Scrapbook of clippings	1885-1890	1 item
<b>BOX 10</b>	<b>Richard Vance – Herbaria</b>	<b>1885-1892</b>	<b>3 items</b>
Folder 1	Herbarium (Texas flora, insects)	1885	1 item
Folder 2	Herbarium (Texas)	1887	1 item
Folder 3	Herbarium (Maryland, Indiana, Kentucky)	1890-1892	1 item
<b>BOX 11</b>	<b>Vance Family</b>	<b>1855-1902</b>	<b>84 items</b>
Folder 1	“Descendants of Elizabeth (Green) Shelton Muse”	n.d.	1 item
Folder 2	Garrison Bible records	n.d.	1 item
Folder 3	Henry Vance (1799-1867)	1865	1 item
Folder 4	Anna (Vance) Ford	1858	2 items
Folder 5	William Henry Vance – Diary	1896-1899	1 item
Folder 6	William Henry Vance – Correspondence & papers	1855-1899	26 items
Folder 7	William Henry Vance – Correspondence & papers regarding death and pension	1899-1901	15 items
Folder 8	Christopher Columbus Vance – Letters of	1862-1897	11 items
Folder 9	Lucy A. (Carter) Vance – Letters of	1862-1865	6 items

Folder 10	John Edwin Vance – Letters of	1860-1885	6 items
Folder 11	Henry Vance (b. 1878) – Letters and papers	1895-1902	11 items
Folder 12	Vance family – Miscellaneous papers	1857-1892	4 items
<b>BOX 12</b>	<b>Photographs</b>	<b>1867-1901</b>	<b>21 items</b>
Folder 1	Henry Vance (b. 1878) – Photographs	1888, n.d.	2 items
Folder 2	William Henry Vance – Photograph	n.d.	1 item
Folder 3	Children – Photographs (no or partial identification)	n.d.	4 items
Folder 4	Richard Vance – Sketch made from photo	1867	1 item
Folder 5	Miscellaneous photographs	1884, n.d.	12 items
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