Guide to the Cantelou Family Genealogy
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Summary Information

Repository: W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama

Title: Cantelou Family Genealogy

Date [inclusive]: 1855–1965

Extent: 0.05 Linear feet (10 items, 47 pages; photocopies)

Language: English

Abstract: Photocopies of various documents concerning the ancestry of members of the Cantelou family of South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama.

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Biographical/Historical note

The Cantelou family was established in Alabama in the late 1830s or early 1840s when Louis Crymes Cantelou, son of Captain Louis Cantelou of Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia, decided to move west and settled on a hill near the village of Montgomery, Montgomery County, Alabama.

Louis Crymes Cantelou’s father, Captain Louis Cantelou, a native of Paris, France, was appointed Captain of a Grenadier Company and accompanied Marshall Count Rochambeau to America where they joined the continental troops under George Washington. Captain Cantelou was seriously injured by bayonets and bombshell fragments. At the close of the war, his wound prevented him from leaving with his unit. When he had recovered, he settled in Virginia where he married Alice Crymes, by whom he had five children: Louis C., Lemuel, Veler Louis, Francis and William Bernard. In 1797 he moved to Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia, and resided there until his children were grown. He then removed to his plantation in Edgefield, South Carolina. He died in 1818.

Louis Crymes Cantelou married his first cousin, Rebecca Lester, a daughter of Archibald and Elizabeth Crymes Lester. By his first wife he had two children: (1) Peter, who married Ann Cogburn of Edgefield District, South Carolina; and (2) Eliza, who married William Frazier of Edgefield, South Carolina. A few years later, Frazier moved to Alabama and purchased lands adjoining those of his father-in-law, Louis Crymes Cantelou.

On 28 February 1833 Louis Crymes Cantelou married Mary Rainsford of Edgefield, South Carolina, daughter of Thomas and Tabitha (Huff) Rainsford, both natives of England. Louis and Mary had a large family: (1) Martha (1834-1852); (2) Rainsford (b. 1836), who married Mary E. Bettis; (3) Lamar (b. 1839), who married Mary G. Campbell of Wetumpka, Elmore County, Alabama; (4) Esther (b. 1842); (5) John (b. 1845), who married Sallie Adams, of Cantelou’s Hill, Montgomery County, Alabama; (6) Tabitha Emily (b. 1849), who married James M. Renfro; (7) Alice (25 October - 25 November 1853); (8) and Edwin (18 November 1858 - 8 September 1859). Louis Crymes Cantelou died on 17 January 1856 and Mary Rainsford Cantelou died on 12 January 1897.

In 1862, John Rainsford Cantelou was enrolled at the University of Alabama. He left the University in 1863 and enlisted as a private in Forrest’s Cavalry of the Confederate Army. Following the war, he married Sallie E. Adams of Cantelou’s Hill, Montgomery County, Alabama, and became a merchant and cotton buyer.

Henry Lang (b. 1821) of Lincolnton, Lincoln County, Georgia, married Ann Augusta Cantelou (b. 1829) on 17 September 1846 in Lincolnton, Georgia.
This collection consists of photocopies of pages from the Henry J. Lang family record, as well as copies of some family correspondence. The collection also contains photocopies of pages from two books. The first are from "A Register of the Officers and Students of the University of Alabama, 1831 – 1901" compiled by Thomas Waverly Palmer, showing that John Rainsford Cantelou enrolled at the University in 1862, but that he did not graduate. There is also a copy of the form John Rainsford Cantelou filled out with information for inclusion in the book. The other pages are from the "History of Alabama and Dictionary of Alabama Biography" by Thomas McAdory Owen, showing the entries for Lamar Cantelou, son of Louis Crymes Cantelou and Mary E. (Rainsford) Cantelou, and for Louis Crymes Cantelou, son of Louis Cantelou, of Paris, France, and Alice (Crymes) Cantelou.

The collection contains a photocopied page showing various views of an unidentified house, presumably "Cantelou’s Hill" near Montgomery, Montgomery County, Alabama. There is also a photocopy of an article from the Augusta (Georgia) Chronicle (no date given) regarding local interest in the upcoming anniversary of George Washington’s birthday. It states that “According to family tradition, Washington courted Miss Alice Crymes … Her father refused his permission for their marriage, saying, “George Washington is nothing but a farmer and a fox hunter and he will never amount to anything.” Alice later married Louis Crymes Cantelou.

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- South Carolina

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- Alabama
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- Southern Life and Culture
- University of Alabama
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