

Guide to the Papers of Henry Eugene Sterkx



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Collection Summary

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Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information: The Henry Eugene Sterkx papers were donated to the Special Collections unit of the AUM Library on February 18th, 1987, by Professor Sterkx. The manuscripts of *The Role of the Senate in Alabama History* were donated later by AUM professor Dr. Ben Williams in April 1992.

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Restrictions

Restrictions on access: There are no restrictions on access to these papers.

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Biographical Information

Henry Eugene Sterkx was born June 25th, 1920, in Alexandria, Louisiana. He received his B.A. degree in History from Louisiana State University in 1944. He received his M.A. (1946) and PhD (1954) degrees from the University of Alabama.

Dr. Sterkx served in the History Department at Troy State College as an Instructor (1947-50), Assistant Professor (1950-53), and Associate Professor (1953-56). He served as an Associate Professor at Tampa in 1957-58, before returning to Troy State as a full Professor in 1959. Dr. Sterkx continued teaching at Troy until 1972.

Beginning in 1969, Dr. Sterkx held a joint appointment as Professor of History at Troy State University and Auburn University at Montgomery. Dr. Sterkx held the appointment until 1972, when he left Troy State. From 1975 until his retirement in 1982, Dr. Sterkx served as Head of the History Department on the AUM campus. Following his retirement, he was named as Professor Emeritus in History at the AUM campus.

Among Dr. Sterkx publications are the following: "Joel Dyer Murphree, Troy Merchant, 1843-1868" in *Alabama Review*, 1958; "Some Notable Alabama Women During the Civil War," *Alabama Centennial Commission*, 1962; "Unlikely Conquistadores: Alabamians and the Mexican Border Crisis of 1916," *Alabama Review*, July 1916; "William C. Jordan and Reconstruction in Bullock County, Alabama," *Alabama Review*, 1963; Partners in Rebellion: Alabama Women in the Civil War, 1970; and The Free Negro in Antebellum Louisiana, 1971. Dr. Sterkx has coauthored Our American Heritage, 1976; and The Role of the Senate in Alabama History, 1977.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains the rough and final drafts for the book *Partners in Rebellion: Alabama Women in the Civil War* (Fairleigh

Dickinson University Press. Included are handwritten first drafts. Revised and typed second drafts, and a typed, final version of the manuscript. Also included are copies of Sterkx's Presidential Address, delivered before the Alabama Historical and printed in the Alabama Review, Notable Alabama Women During the Civil War, In addition, five photographic Association, April 24, 1971, July, 1971. A copy of "Some Civil War" is also included. Prints are included. Also included are three drafts of "The Role of the Senate in Alabama History" co-authored by AUM professor Dr. Ben Williams, and research notes.

The collection offers some interesting insights into the creative process of a book. Notations on the earlier drafts indicate the progression in the development of the book's theme. The material provides for an interesting documentation of one author's historical interpretation of the role of women during the Civil War.

Arrangement

The material is arranged into the following series:

SERIES I. EDITING NOTES. Folder 1.

Roughly arranged according to version.

This series contains editing notes to the author regarding grammatical and stylistic changes to be made to the text. Notes apparently were made in proofreading. Some clarifying notations are written over the notes.

SERIES II. BOOK DRAFTS.

SUB-SERIES II. REVISED DRAFTS. Folders 13-22.

This sub-series contains the first drafts of the book Partners in Rebellion: Alabama Women in the Civil War (F 326 .S75).

Arranged numerically, by chapter.

Materials include revised drafts, typed, of the chapters as they appeared in the book. Chapters contain handwritten corrections made by the author. Included are handwritten drafts for nine of the ten chapters of the book. Chapter eight is missing. Also included is an alternative draft for chapter ten.

SUB-SERIES III. FINAL DRAFT. Folders 23-35.

Arranged in the same order as the completed publication.

Final draft includes preface, chapters' one through ten, notes, and a bibliography.

SERIES III OTHER PUBLICATIONS. Folder 36.

Arranged chronologically.

Includes one copy of "Some Notable Alabama Women During the Civil War," and four copies of Sterkx's Presidential Address to the Alabama Historical Association, reprinted in the Alabama Review, July, 1971. Also includes flyleaf from unidentified dust jacket, with biographical information about Sterkx.

SERIES IV. PHOTOGRAPHS. Folder 37

Unarranged.

Includes five photographs, two unidentified. One photo, identified as Edwin Murphree, and the two unidentified photos, were not used in the book, Partners in Rebellion.

SERIES V. Drafts of "The Role of the Senate in Alabama History"

Includes three drafts of the book and research notes. The drafts are arranged from the first draft, rough (typed)draft, draft with corrections to be made, and the final draft/paste up to be printed. Followed by the research notes.

Inventory

Box #	Folder #	Description
1	1	Inventory
1	2	Editing notes
1	3	Rough draft Ch.1
1	4	Rough draft Ch.2
1	5	Rough draft Ch.3
1	6	Rough draft Ch.4
1	7	Rough draft Ch.5
1	8	Rough draft Ch.6
1	9	Rough draft Ch.7
1	10	Rough draft Ch.9
1	11	Rough draft Ch.10
1	12	Rough draft Ch.10 revised
1	13	Revised draft Ch. 1
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1	18	Revised draft Ch. 6
1	19	Revised draft Ch. 7
1	20	Revised draft Ch. 8
1	21	Revised draft Ch. 9
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1	23	Final draft preface
1	24	Final draft Ch.1
1	25	Final draft Ch.2
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1	27	Final draft Ch.4
1	28	Final draft Ch.5
1	29	Final draft Ch.6
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1	32	Final draft Ch.9
1	33	Final draft Ch.10
1	34	Notes
1	35	Bibliography

1	36	Other publications
1	37	Photographs

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2	1	Introduction/preface "Role of the Senate in Alabama History" First Draft
2	2	First draft Ch.1
2	3	First draft Ch.2
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2	5	First draft Ch.4
2	6	First draft Ch.5
2	7	First draft Ch.6
2	8	First draft Ch.7
2	9	First draft Ch.8
2	10	Rough draft Ch.1
2	11	Rough draft Ch.2
2	12	Rough draft Ch.3
2	13	Rough draft Ch.4
2	14	Rough draft Ch.5
2	15	Rough draft Ch.6
2	16	Rough draft Ch.7
2	17	Rough draft Ch.8
2	18	Draft w/corrections Ch.1
2	19	Draft w/corrections Ch.2
2	20	Draft w/corrections Ch.3
2	21	Draft w/corrections Ch.4
2	22	Draft w/corrections Ch.5
2	23	Draft w/corrections Ch.6
2	24	Draft w/corrections Ch.7
2	25	Draft w/corrections Ch.8
2	26	Final draft Preface/intro.
2	27	Final draft Ch.1
2	28	Final draft Ch.2
2	29	Final draft Ch.3
2	30	Final draft Ch.4
2	31	Final draft Ch.5
2	32	Final draft Ch.6
2	33	Final draft Ch.7
2	34	Final draft Ch.8
2	35	Final draft Ch.9
2	36	Final draft appendix

		Drafts of preface/intro.
		Research notes
		Research notes—Alabama governors
		Research notes—Constitution of Alabama
		Research notes—Reconstruction
		Research notes—newspapers
		Research notes—Senate since WWII
		Research notes—Governor information
		Research notes—Constitutional development in Alabama
		Research notes—Senators 1900-1920
		Research notes—Misc.
		Research notes—State capitols