



**State of Tennessee  
Department of State  
Tennessee State Library and Archives**

**Mary Camp Webster (1840-1935)  
Memoir, ca. 1928-1935**

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**COLLECTION SUMMARY**

**Creator:**

Mary Camp Webster, 1840-1935

**Inclusive Dates:**

ca. 1928-1935

**Scope & Content:**

The memoir was written by Mary Camp Webster (1840-1935) sometime between 1928 and 1935. Much of the memoir includes details about family history, including extensive genealogical information, but Webster also briefly discusses a few events from the Civil War as they relate to family history.

The memoir is in good condition with the exception of a few torn sections, including the cover. A hand-sewn green and pink quilted star has been inserted into the memoir, as well as a number of loose sheets that appear to be an extension to the memoir's narrative.

**Physical Description/Extent:**

1 reel microfilm

**Accession/Record Group Number:**

Mf. 1986

**Language:**

English

**Permanent Location:**

Mf. 1986

**Repository:**

Tennessee State Library and Archives, 403 Seventh Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee,  
37243-0312

**Administrative/Biographical History**

Mary Camp Webster (1840-1935) was the daughter of Col. George Webster (1809-1875) and Harriet Walker (Blair) Webster (1819-1876), both of Maury County, Tennessee. Col. Webster fought in the Seminole War from 1835-1836, and was the grandson of a captain in the American Revolutionary War. Mary Camp Webster married Richard Cross Gordon (1837-1903) in Maury County on August 20, 1863. The couple had four children. During the Civil War, Gordon fought for the Confederacy and reached the rank of Major. In 1891 he served in the Tennessee General Assembly.

**Organization/Arrangement of Materials**

The memoir is bound. Several fragments of letters and a quilting star had been inserted into the volume. These items were placed in a separate folder for microfilming, as their intended original location is unclear.

**Conditions of Access and Use****Restrictions on Access:**

No restrictions

**Restrictions on Use and Reproduction:**

No restrictions

**Index Terms****Personal Names:**

Mary Camp Webster, 1840-1935  
Richard Cross Gordon, 1837-1903

**Subjects:**

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

**Geographic Names:**

Maury County (Tenn.)

**Document Types:**

Memoirs  
Patches (quilt components)

**Acquisition and Appraisal****Provenance and Acquisition:**

The volume and loose items were loaned for microfilming by Emmie Jackson McDonald (Mrs. Hunter McDonald) on May 4, 2011, during the *Looking Back: The Civil War in Tennessee* digitization project in Nashville, Tennessee.

**Processing and Administrative Information****Preferred Citation:**

Mary Camp Webster (1840-1935) Memoir, Tennessee State Library and Archives

**Processing Information:**

Processing completed by Gwynn Thayer on May 10, 2011

**Existence and Location of Originals:**

Owned by donor

**Related Archival Materials:**

The Bolling Gordon Family Papers, 1797-1960, housed at TSLA, include correspondence from Richard Cross Gordon (the son of Bolling Gordon) and Mary Camp Webster.

**DETAILED COLLECTION DESCRIPTION**

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**CONTAINER LIST**

<b>Contents/Item Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Bound memoir written by Mary Camp Webster	ca. 1928-1935	1	1
Quilting star & loose notes from memoir	-	1	2
Supporting material about the Webster family	-	1	3