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#### Biography

The Blacks were a Texas pioneer family. Most of this collection consists of letters between James Black, a Confederate officer on coastal defense duty near Galveston, and his wife, Patience Crain Black. Most of Mrs. Black's eighty-seven letters were written from South Bosque or from Henderson. Mr. Black's letters place him at Fort Herbert and Virginia Point (1862), Fort Point and Galveston Island (1863), Fort Point or Fort Sulakowski (1864) and Battery Rogers, Galveston (1865).

#### Scope and Content

This collection consists of photocopies of manuscript and typescripts in a loose-leaf binder. Entries below composed exclusively of a location and date are letters from James Black to his wife, Patience. Entries that begin with a "P" are letters from Patience Black to her husband, James. These were written from South Bosque unless otherwise specified.

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### Box 1: Black Family Correspondence, 1858-1865

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**Before 1860 or undated:**

**"My Boast," written by Patience Crain while a school-girl, (1858), p. 5.**

**Letter to Patie from H.A. Childress, (1/20/60), p. 7.**

**To Patie from R.G. Childress, Henderson, Texas, (3/18/?), p. 9.**

**1862:**

**To James Black from Wm. Ditto, Black's cousin, Camp Washington, Arkansas, (1/14).**

**Galveston Texas, (2/14).**

**P, (2/17).**

**P, (2/22).**

**P, (3/1).**

**P, (3/23).**

**To Dear Sister from Mollie J.Black, Whitesburg, Ala., (3/29).**

**P, (3/30).**

**Fort Herbert, (4/6).**

**P, (undated), p. 24.**

**P, (4/6).**

**Fort Herbert, (4/7).**

**P, (4/10).**

**P, (4/23).**

**P, (5/4).**

**To James Black from William Black, (5/7).**

**Fort Hebert, (6/1).**

**P, (6/2).**

**Fort Herbert, (6/6).**

**P, (6/6).**

**P, (6/15).**

**P, (6/17).**

**Fort Herbert, (6/17).**

**P, (6/23).**

**Fort Herbert, (7/3).**

**Fort Herbert, (7/5).**

**P, (7/10).**

**P, (7/20).**

**P, (7/22).**

**P, (7/28).**

**P, (9/14).**

**Virginia Point, (9/15).**

**Headquarters - Virginia Point, (9/21).**

**P, (?), p. 65.**

**Virginia Point, (9/26).**

**P, (9/28).**

**Virginia Point, (11/1).**

**Virginia Point, (11/6).**

**P, (11/15).**

**P, (11/22).**

**Virginia Point, (11/25).**

**Virginia Point, (11/28).**

**P, (11/29).**

**Headquarters Co. "I" Cook's Reg't Art'y, (12/1).**

**P, (12/14).**

**Headquarters - Virginia Point, (12/15).**

**Fort Herbert, (12/17).**

**Fort Herbert, (12/26).**

**Headquarters Cook's Reg't Art'y Ft. Herbert, (12/29).**

**Virginia Point, (12/30).**

**1863:**

**Galveston, Virginia Point, (1/4).**  
**P, (1/5).**  
**Galveston, (1/8).**  
**P, (1/10).**  
**Galveston, (1/14).**  
**P, (1/14).**  
**P, (1/15).**  
**P, (1/25).**  
**Galveston, (1/26).**  
**P, (1/31).**  
**P, (2/1).**  
**Headquarters - Virginia Pt., (2/2).**  
**Virginia Point, (2/7).**  
**P, (2/14).**  
**P, (2/15).**  
**Fort Point, (2/18).**  
**Battery Rogers, (2/26).**  
**P, (2/28).**  
**Fort Point Galveston Island, (3/3).**  
**Battery Rogers, (3/4).**  
**P, (3/8).**  
**P, (3/12).**  
**To Pat from James S. Crain, brother, (4/8).**  
**To Mother and Father from James S. Crain, (4/9).**  
**Fort Point, (4/11).**  
**Fort Point Galveston Island, (4/17).**  
**Fort Point, (4/23).**  
**P, Henderson, (4/27).**  
**P, Henderson, (5/1).**  
**Fort Point, (5/7).**  
**Fort Point, (5/10).**  
**Fort Point, (5/14).**  
**P, Henderson, (5/17).**  
**Fort Point, (5/19).**  
**P, Henderson, (5/23).**  
**Fort Point, (5/25).**  
**P, (6/23).**  
**In Camp, (6/30).**  
**P, (7/4).**  
**Galveston, (7/6).**  
**P, (7/12).**  
**Fort Point, (7/12).**  
**Fort Point Galveston Island, (7/13).**  
**Fort Point, (7/15).**  
**Fort Point, (7/28).**  
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**P, (8/1).**  
**Galveston Island, (8/2).**  
**Fort Point Galveston Island, (8/4).**  
**P, (8/8).**  
**Fort Point, (8/9).**  
**P, (8/13).**  
**Galveston Island, (8/15).**  
**P, (8/16).**  
**To Sister from Martha Black, Port Sullivan, (8/18).**  
**Fort Point, (8/22).**  
**Fort Point, (8/27).**

P, (8/29).  
P, (9/6).  
To Lieut. James Black from J.D. Black, South Bosque, (9/6).  
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P, (9/19).  
Fort Point, (9/20).  
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Fort Point, (10/2).  
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Fort Point Galveston Island, (12/12).  
Fort Point Galveston Island, (12/18).  
Fort Point, (12/20).  
P, (12/25).  
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**1864:**

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P, (1/31).  
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Fort Point, (2/7).  
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To Brother Jimmie from Mattie Crain, (2/25).  
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P, Brazos Retreat, (3/6).  
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P, (3/13)d  
P, (3/20).  
Fort Sulakowski, (5/27).  
P, (after 5/27).  
Fort Sulakowski, (6/8).  
P, (6/8).  
P, (after 6/8).  
Fort Sulakowski, (6/17).  
P, (6/25).  
To Sister from Mollie, Morgan County Ala., (7/8).

**Fort Sulakowski, (7/8).**  
**P, (7/10).**  
**Fort Sulakowski, (7/21).**  
**P, Brazos Bottom, (7/22).**  
**Fort Sulakowski, (8/2).**  
**P, (8/6).**  
**P, (8/13).**  
**Fort Sulakowski, (8/19).**  
**P, (8/20).**  
**P, (8/25).**  
**To Brother (Will Crain) from Matt Crain, (10/1).**  
**Millican, (11/20).**  
**To Brother (Will Crain) from Matt Crain, (11/20).**  
**P, (12/11).**  
**Fort Sulakowski, (12/18).**  
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**1865**

**In Camp, (1/1).**  
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**Defenses of Galveston, (1/28).**  
**Defenses of Galveston, (2/2).**  
**Battery Rogers, (2/11).**  
**P, (2/12).**  
**Battery Rogers, (2/26).**  
**Battery Rogers, (3/4).**  
**Battery Rogers, (3/13).**  
**Battery Rogers, (3/19).**

**1869:**

**To Jack from Frank, Henderson, Texas, (3/17), p. 11.**