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**James B. Cable Papers**  
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**Summary**

<b>Size.</b>	61 items and 1 printed volume.
<b>Geographic locations.</b>	Grenada, Miss.; Lauderdale, Miss.; West Station, Miss.; Long Beach, Miss.; New Orleans, La.
<b>Inclusive dates.</b>	1862-1913
<b>Bulk dates.</b>	1885-1913
<b>Language.</b>	English
<b>Summary.</b>	Correspondence, letters, and published and unpublished poems and stories of James Boardman Cable, a writer of Long Beach, Mississippi.
<b>Organization.</b>	Organized into the following series: I. Letters, 1862-1913; II. Miscellaneous, undated; III. Poems, 1897-1910; IV. Stories, 189?-1901; and V. Printed volume, 1880.
<b>Restrictions on access.</b>	If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm.
<b>Related collections.</b>	George Washington Cable Miscellany, Mss. 1162, 1342, 1466, 2027, 2183, 2473, 2691, 3172, 3175.
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<b>Stack location(s).</b>	U:106; M:18
<b>Also available on:</b>	Microfilm 5735, Series B, Reel 3 Omission: 1885-1913, and Miscellaneous (undated)

### **Biographical/Historical Note**

James Boardman Cable (1846-1915) was born in New Orleans, La. and served in a Confederate hospital during the Civil War. Like his brother, George Washington Cable, James was a writer, producing mostly poetry and short stories. He resided in Long Beach, Mississippi with his wife Julia A. Cable.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The collection chiefly consists of Cable's correspondence and published and unpublished literary manuscripts. These items reflect his personal relationship with his brother, his own literary career, and his service in a Confederate hospital. Letters (1865-1866) from Cable to his mother mention his work as an orderly at Oliver Hospital, Lauderdale, Mississippi, during the Civil War. Letters from George indicate his indifference and aversion to seeing James. Some genealogical material regarding the Cable family and an article about James B. Cable are included, as well as a number of his poems (1897-1910) and stories (undated). The printed item is a first edition (1880) of George Cable's "The Grandissimes."

Series Descriptions

<u>Stack Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Contents</u>
U:106	1	1	1862-1866	<b>I. Letters:</b> 15 items; 1 receipt for Confederate States War Tax (1862); 1 statement of account (undated); 13 letters from James B. Cable to his mother, including: 5 from Lauderdale, Mississippi (1865), 1 from Grenada, Mississippi, 1 from West Station, Mississippi (1865), 6 from New Orleans (1865-1866).
		2	1885-1913	10 items: 5 letters from George W. Cable to his brother, James B. Cable (1885-1913); 1 telegram from G. W. Cable to his brother, James B. Cable (1906); 1 letter from James B. Cable to his mother (1890); 1 letter from Julia A. Cable to her husband, James B. Cable (1905); 1 note signed M. L. C. (undated); 1 printed label, James B. Cable, Harrison County, Mississippi.
U:106	1	3	Undated	<b>II. Miscellaneous:</b> 4 items; 1 literary criticism of George W. Cable's "Kincaid's Battery;" 1 account of a trip on the steamer, "Moro Castle," on the Mississippi River; Lecture notes for "True Shirt;" 1 Genealogy – old spelling of the name "Cable"
		4-5	1897-1910	<b>III. Poems:</b> 19 items; "Poems and Rhymes" (1908); "An Untitled Noble" (189?)
		6-9	Undated	<b>IV. Stories:</b> 5 items; "The Woodchopper of Manchac"; "A Christmas Lost and Found"; "Muddy Bayou"; "A Hireling's Christmas Gift"; "The Dictated Picture"
			Undated	2 items; "Half Tickets"; "Meme's Two Picaynes"
		10	1891	1 item: Magazine: <i>Current Topics</i> , May 1891, published in New Orleans; "The end of a Long Line," by James B. Cable; "James B. Cable," by Ruth Ramay
M:18	--	--	1880	<b>V. Printed volume:</b> George W. Cable, <i>The Granddissimes</i> , (New York, Charles Scribner's Sons, 1880) [First edition purchased by James B. Cable in 1881]

**Index Terms**

Authors, American—Louisiana.

Authors, American--Mississippi.

Cable, George Washington, 1844-1925.

Cable, Julia A.

Cable family.

Harrison County (Miss.)

Long Beach (Miss.)

Poetry.

Short stories, American.

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

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<u>Stack Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Contents (with dates)</u>
U:106	1	1-2	I. Letters (1862-1866, 1885-1913, undated)
		3	II. Miscellaneous (undated)
		4-5	III. Poems (1897-1910)
		6-9	IV. Stories (1901, undated)
		10	Magazine (1891)
M:18	--	--	V. Printed Volume: <i>The Grandissimes</i> (1880)
MF:5735, Series B, Reel 3	--	--	1 microfilm reel Omission: 1885-1913, and Miscellaneous (undated)