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Bubenzer-Cheatham Bible Records

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M-037 CHRISTIAN BUBENZER (1842-1895), BUBENZER-CHEATHAM BIBLE RECORDS, 1829-1888.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Family Bible of the Christian Bubenzer and Marcus O. Cheatham families with records of marriages, births, and deaths; Marcus Cheatham was a Claiborne Parish, Louisiana settler; and Christian Bubenzer lived in the parishes of Claiborne and Avoyelles. 2 boxes.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Christian Bubenzer was born August 20th, 1842, in Germany, and came to the United States in 1848 when he was six years old. The family landed in New Orleans and went up the Mississippi River to Indiana, where they founded the town of Freeland. During the Civil War, Christian was a volunteer in the 26th Infantry of Indiana and served until the end of the war. During the war he had served in the South and became interested in sugar cane farming in Louisiana. After the war he settled in Louisiana, where he met and married on August 26th, 1869, Miss Clara Bryant Cheatham of Claiborne Parish. She was the daughter of Marcus O. Cheatham and Emily S. Gillavalt Cheatham, who had moved to Claiborne Parish from Georgia. Marcus Cheatham had served in the Civil War on the Confederate side. Christian Bubenzer was first a tenant farmer and later bought land in Avoyelles Parish, where he lived on a sugar cane plantation until he died in 1895. His son later owned the farm and increased the acreage to about 1000 acres, raising cattle and cane. He later died, and the estate currently operates under its original name, H.K. Bubenzer Farms, Inc., Bunkie, Louisiana. Some of the children and grandchildren still live on the farm.

BOX FOLDER DESCRIPTION

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| 001 | 001 | Family Bible with entries of marriages, births, and deaths of the family. |
| 002 | 001 | Clippings (mostly poems) inserted in the Bible.
Handwritten biography of Christian Bubenzer (inserted).
Advertisement of Millsaps College (inserted). |