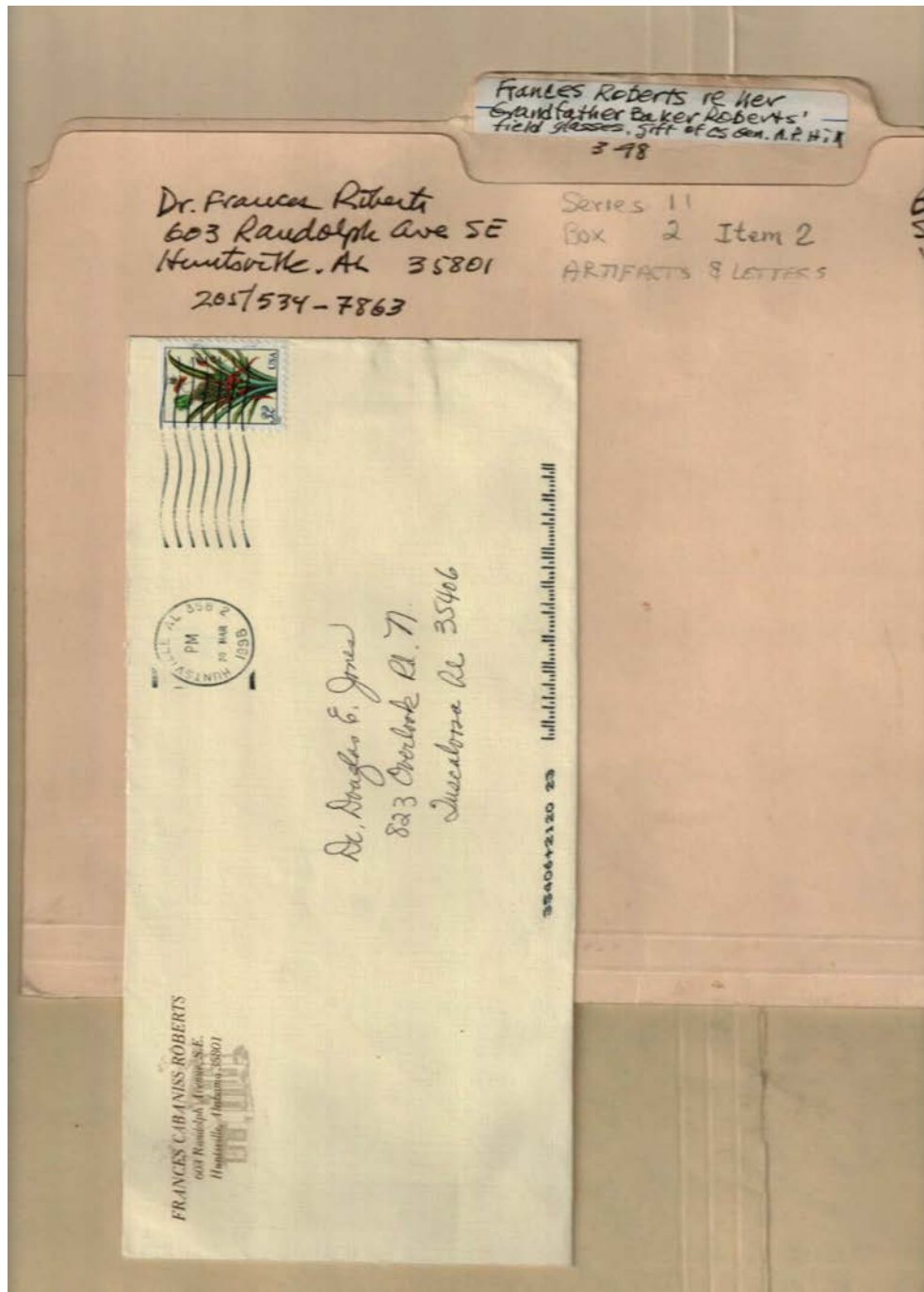


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Roberts, Frances C. Correspondence with Jones, Dr. Doug

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Names:

Jones, Douglas E.,
Dr.

Roberts, Frances
Cabaniss

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Tuscaloosa, AL

Types:

envelope

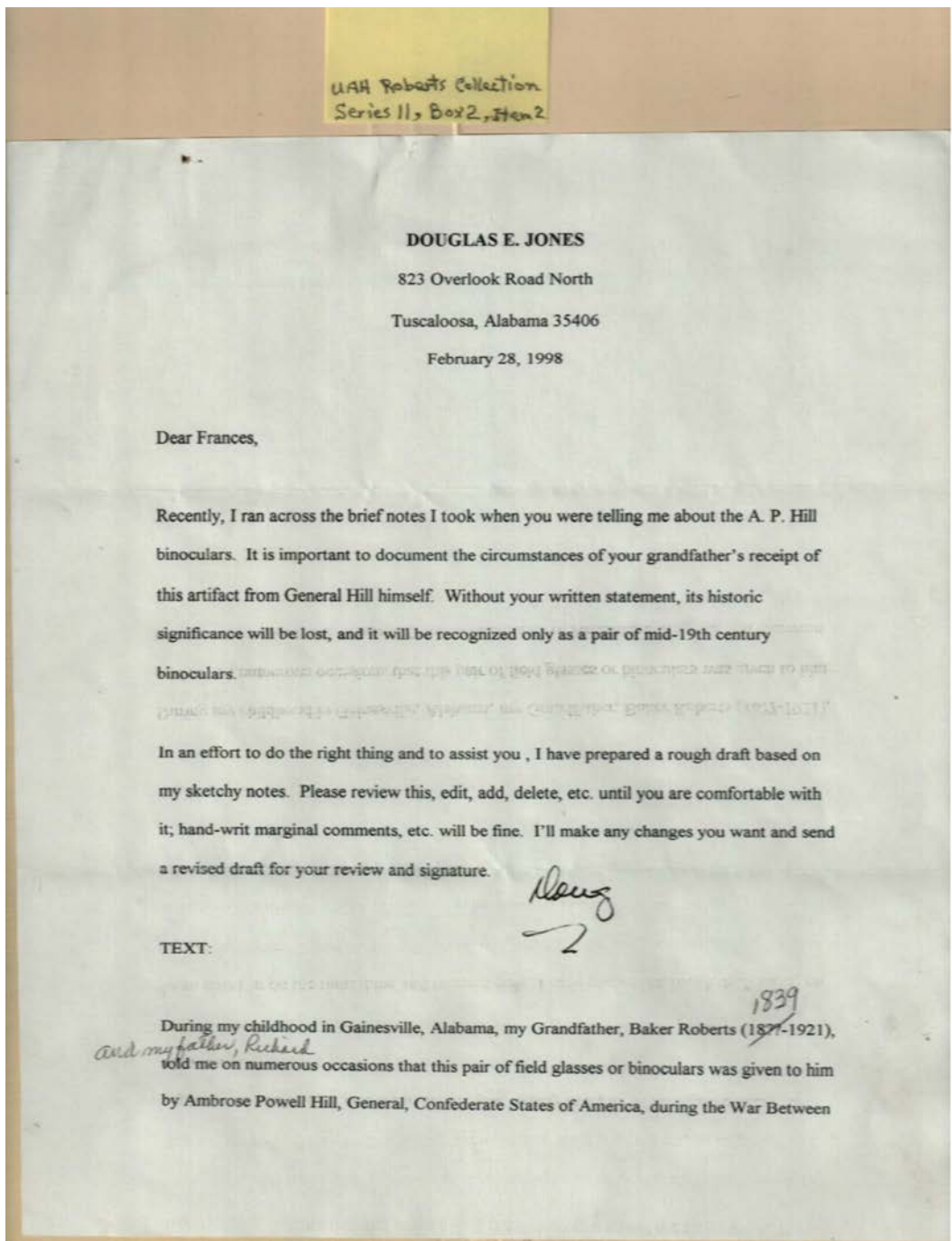
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Roberts, Frances C. Correspondence with Jones, Dr. Doug

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Topics:

1839-1921

Baker Roberts
binoculars

Names:

Hill, A. P., Gen.
Hill, Ambrose
Powell, Gen., CSA

Jones, Douglas E.,
Dr.
Roberts, Baker

Roberts, Frances
Roberts, Richard

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Tuscaloosa, AL

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

Feb 28, 1998

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Roberts, Frances C. Correspondence with Jones, Dr. Doug

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shortly before he died after being wounded.

the States. As Sergeant Major of the 5th Battalion Alabama Infantry, A.P. Hill's Provost Guard, my Grandfather was in frequent contact with General Hill. *and was with him when he died.*

Early in the war, several volunteer military companies were organized in Gainesville, Sumter County, Alabama, an important commercial town on the south bank of the Tombigee River. Baker Roberts enlisted in the North Sumter Rifles [or the Sumter Rifle Guard?] and was elected Sergeant Major of the unit. *? - I don't know*

Upon formal muster of the Gainesville unit into Confederate service in (date) as [Company A, 5th Battalion Alabama Infantry if his unit was N. Sumter Rifles or Company F, 5th Battalion Alabama Infantry if his local unit was the Sumter Rifle Guard], it was sent to Virginia. *don't know* The battalion formed a part of Archer's Brigade, Heth's Division, Third Army Corps, the Army of Northern Virginia. *don't know* The Alabamians were part of the Confederate force that captured Harpers Ferry early in the war. They were engaged in battles or major skirmishes at Mechanicsville, Gaines Mill, Cedar Run, around Manassas, and the siege of Petersburg. On July 11, 1863, the 5th Alabama Battalion was detached to serve as Provost Guard for A.P. Hill's Third Division and apparently continued this duty until the end of the war.

The binoculars are in a worn leather case, which is missing the closing cap, with part of the carrying strap remaining attached. Neither the case nor the binoculars bears any maker's marks or date of manufacture. I cannot be specific regarding the date or circumstances *(except as noted above)* associated with General Hill's gift of this item to my Grandfather.

Names:

Hill, A. P., Gen.

Roberts, Baker
(Grandfather)

Places:

Tuscaloosa, AL

Types:

correspondence

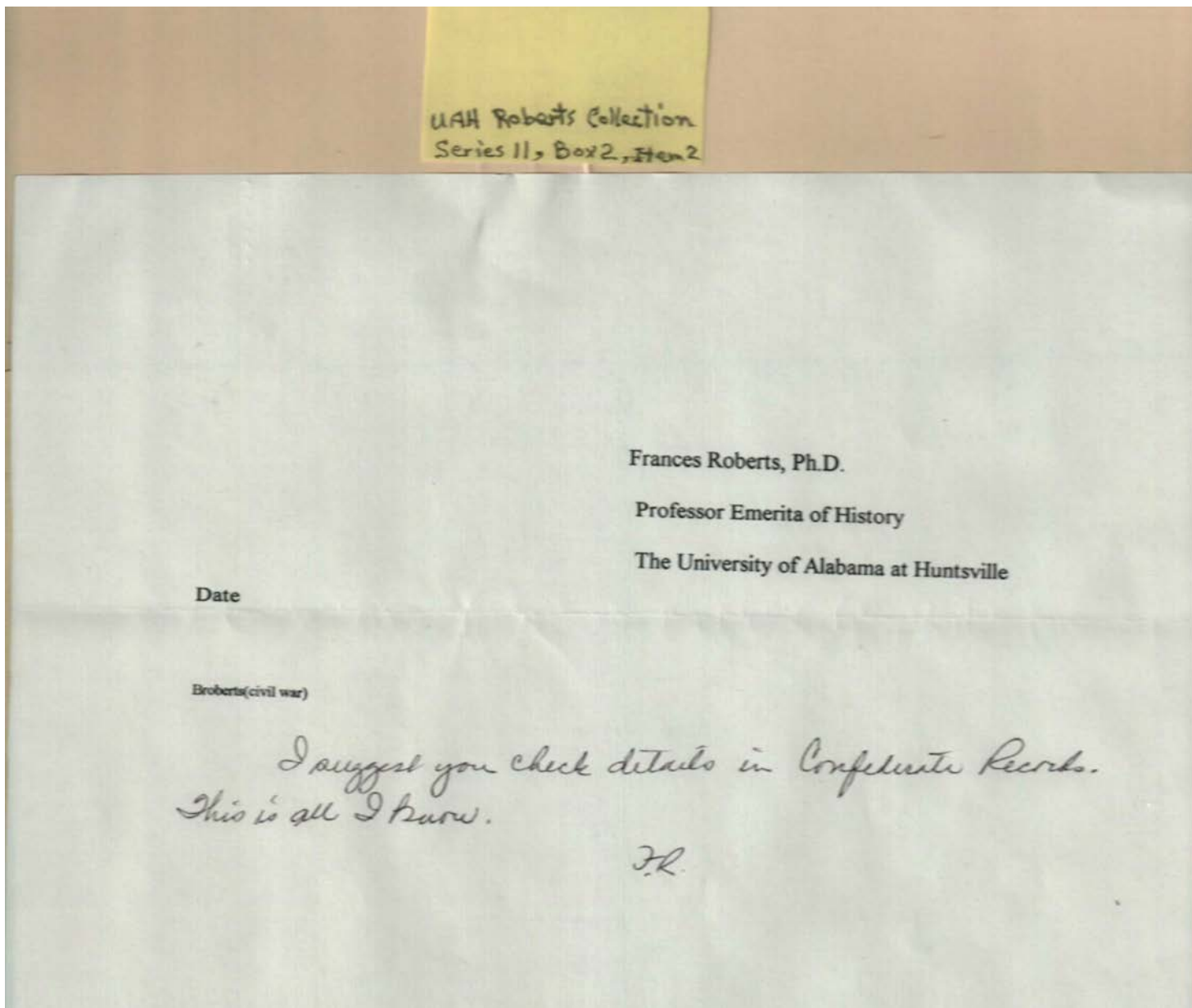
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Roberts, Frances C. Correspondence with Jones, Dr. Doug

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Names:

Roberts, Frances, Dr.

Places:

Tuscaloosa, AL

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

Feb 28, 1998

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Roberts, Frances C. Correspondence with Jones, Dr. Doug

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Early in the war, several volunteer military companies were organized in Gainesville, Sumter County, Alabama, an important commercial town on the south bank of the Tombigee River. Baker Roberts enlisted in the North Sumter Rifles and was elected Sergeant Major of the unit.

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Dated: 11-9-98

Eroberts(civil war)

Names:

Hill, Ambrose
Powell, Gen., CSA

Roberts, Baker
Roberts, Frances, Dr.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

statement

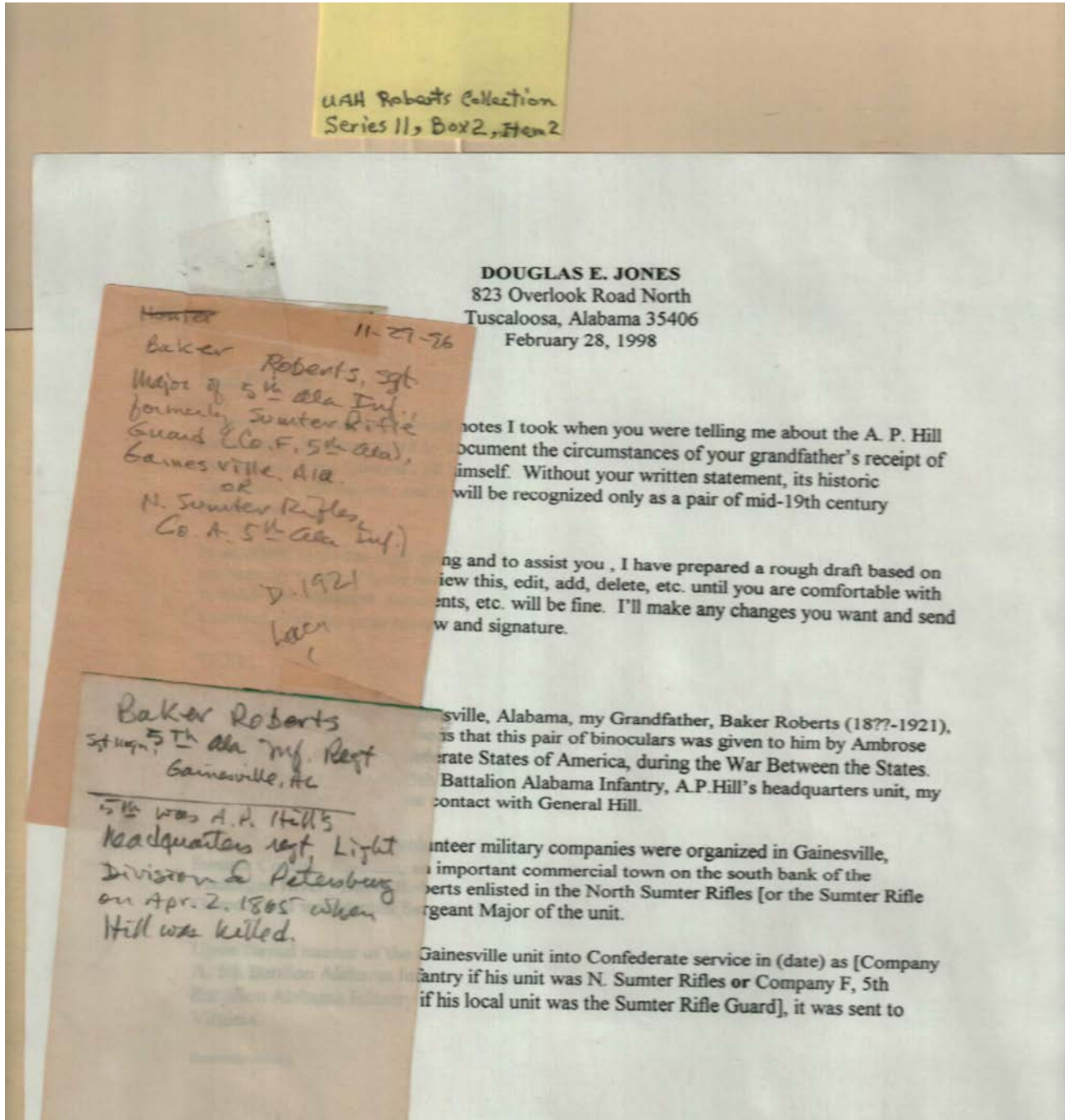
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Nov 9, 1998

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Roberts, Frances C. Correspondence with Jones, Dr. Doug

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Names:

Hill, A. P., Gen. Roberts, Baker

Places:

Gainesville, AL Petersburg

Types:

notes

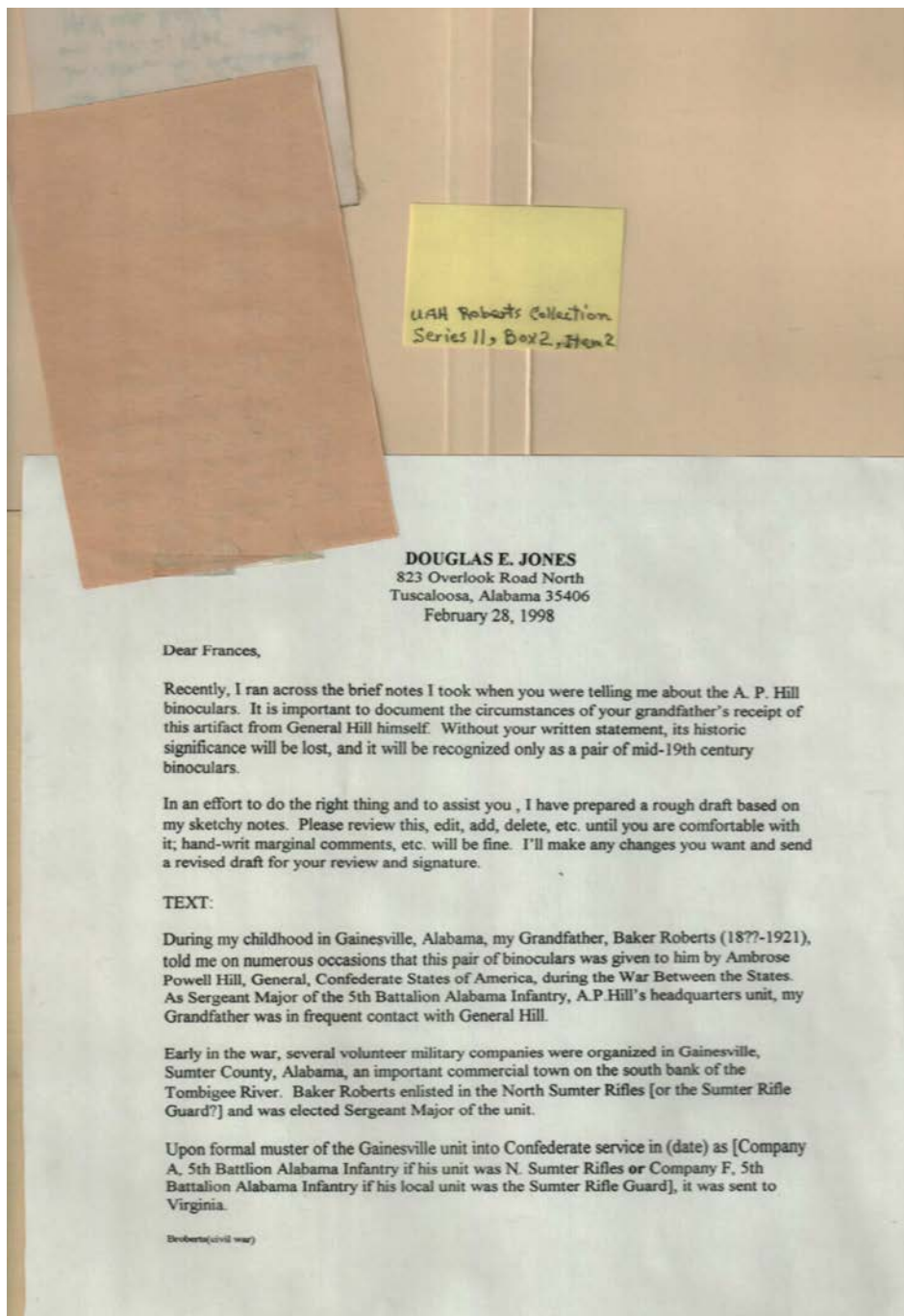
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Names:

Hill, A. P., Gen.

Hill, Ambrose
Powell, Gen., CSA

Jones, Douglas E.,
Dr.

Roberts, Baker
Roberts, Frances

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Tuscaloosa, AL

Types:

correspondence

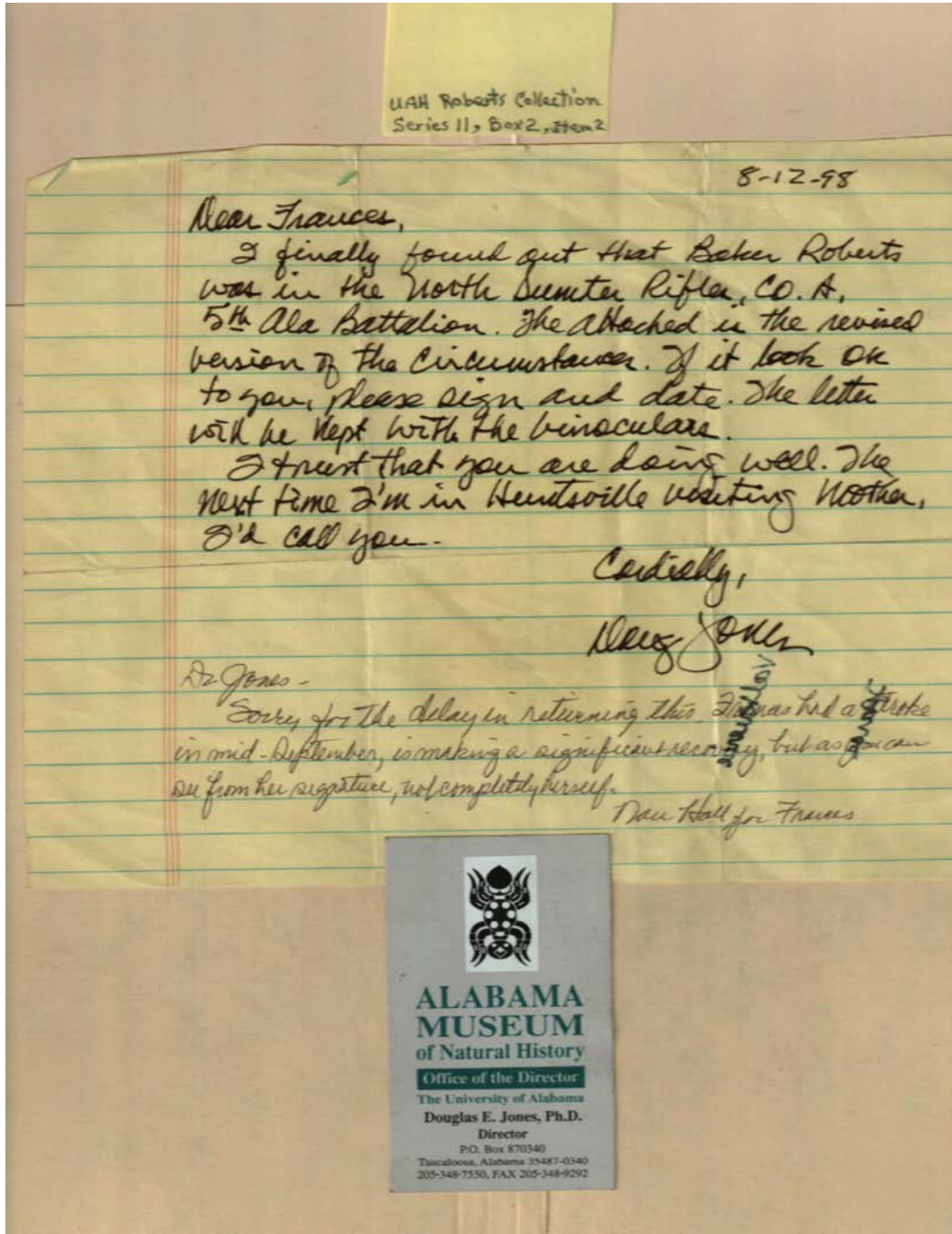
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Roberts, Frances C. Correspondence with Jones, Dr. Doug

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Names:

Hall, Nan

Jones, Douglas E.,
Dr.

Roberts, Baker
Roberts, Frances

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Tuscaloosa, AL

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

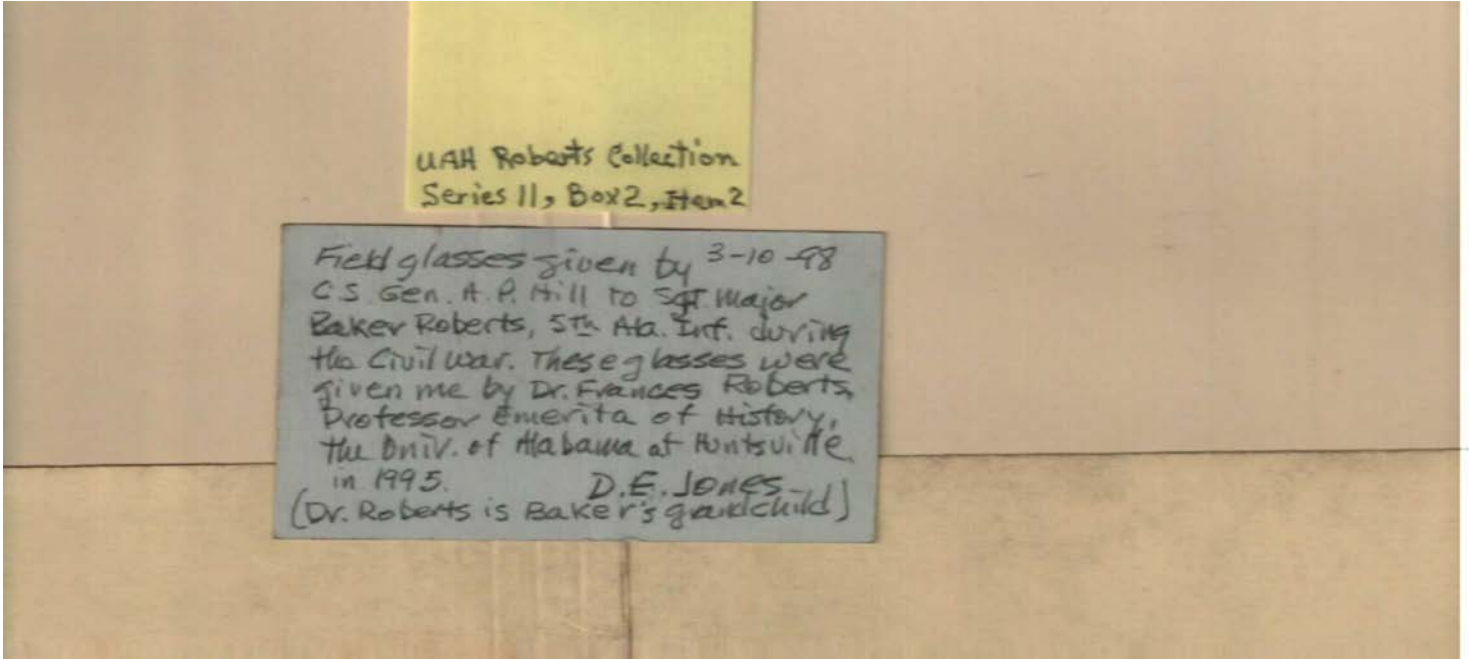
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Aug 12, 1998

Frances Cabaniss Roberts Collection: Series 11, Box 2, Item 2

Roberts, Frances C. Correspondence with Jones, Dr. Doug

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Names:

Hill, A. P., Gen., CSA
Jones, D. E.

Roberts, Baker, Sgt.
Maj.

Roberts, Frances, Dr.

Types:

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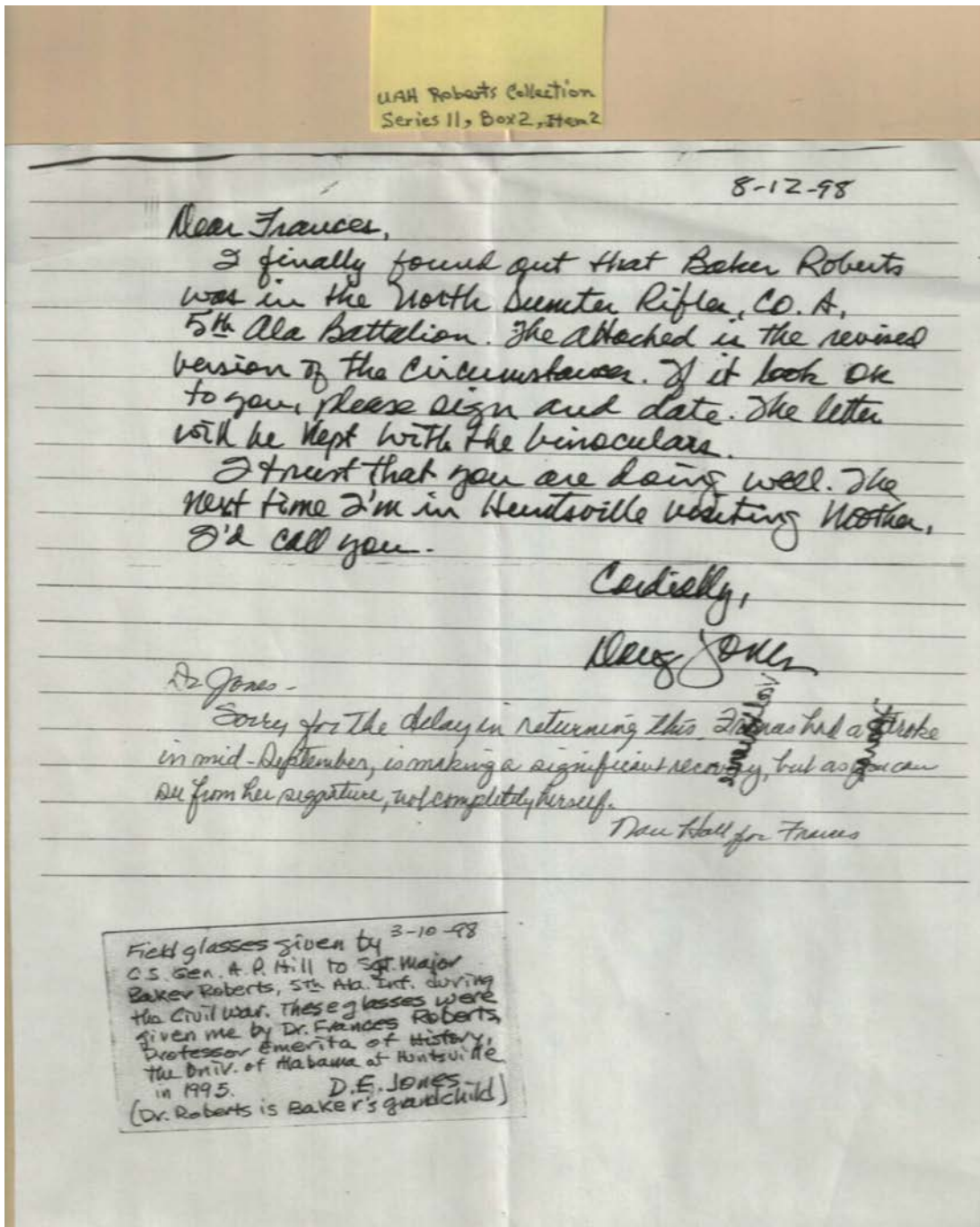
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Frances Cabaniss Roberts Collection: Series 11, Box 2, Item 2

Roberts, Frances C. Correspondence with Jones, Dr. Doug

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Names:

Hall, Nan
Hill, A. P., Gen., CSA
Jones, D. E.

Jones, Douglas E.,
Dr.
Roberts, Baker

Roberts, Baker, Sgt.
Maj.
Roberts, Frances

Roberts, Frances, Dr.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Tuscaloosa, AL

Types:

correspondence

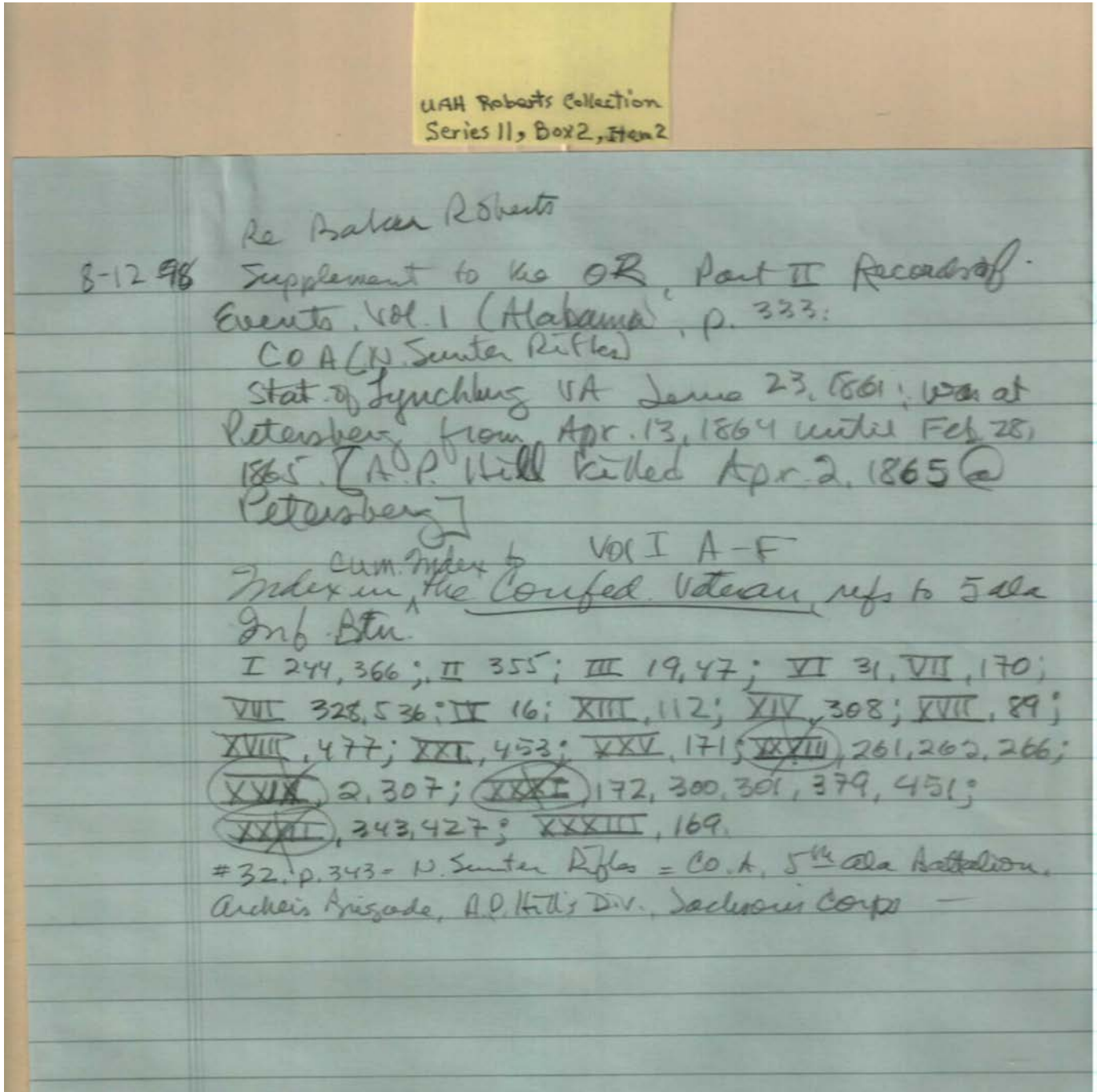
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Names:

North Sumter Rifles

Places:

Sumter Co., AL

Types:

notes

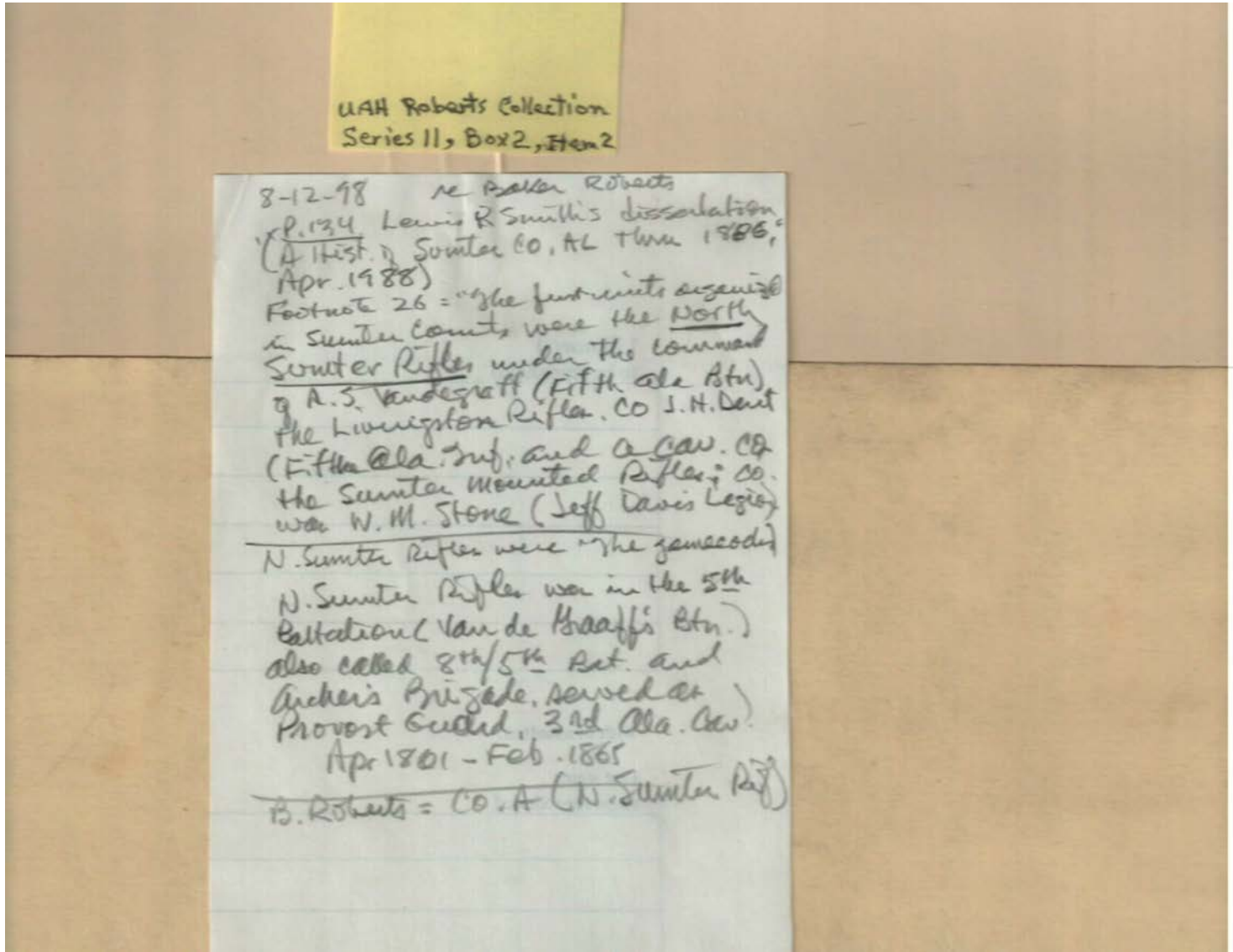
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Names:

North Sumter Rifles

Roberts, Baker

Smith, Lewis R.

Places:

Gainesville, AL

Sumter Co., AL

Types:

notes

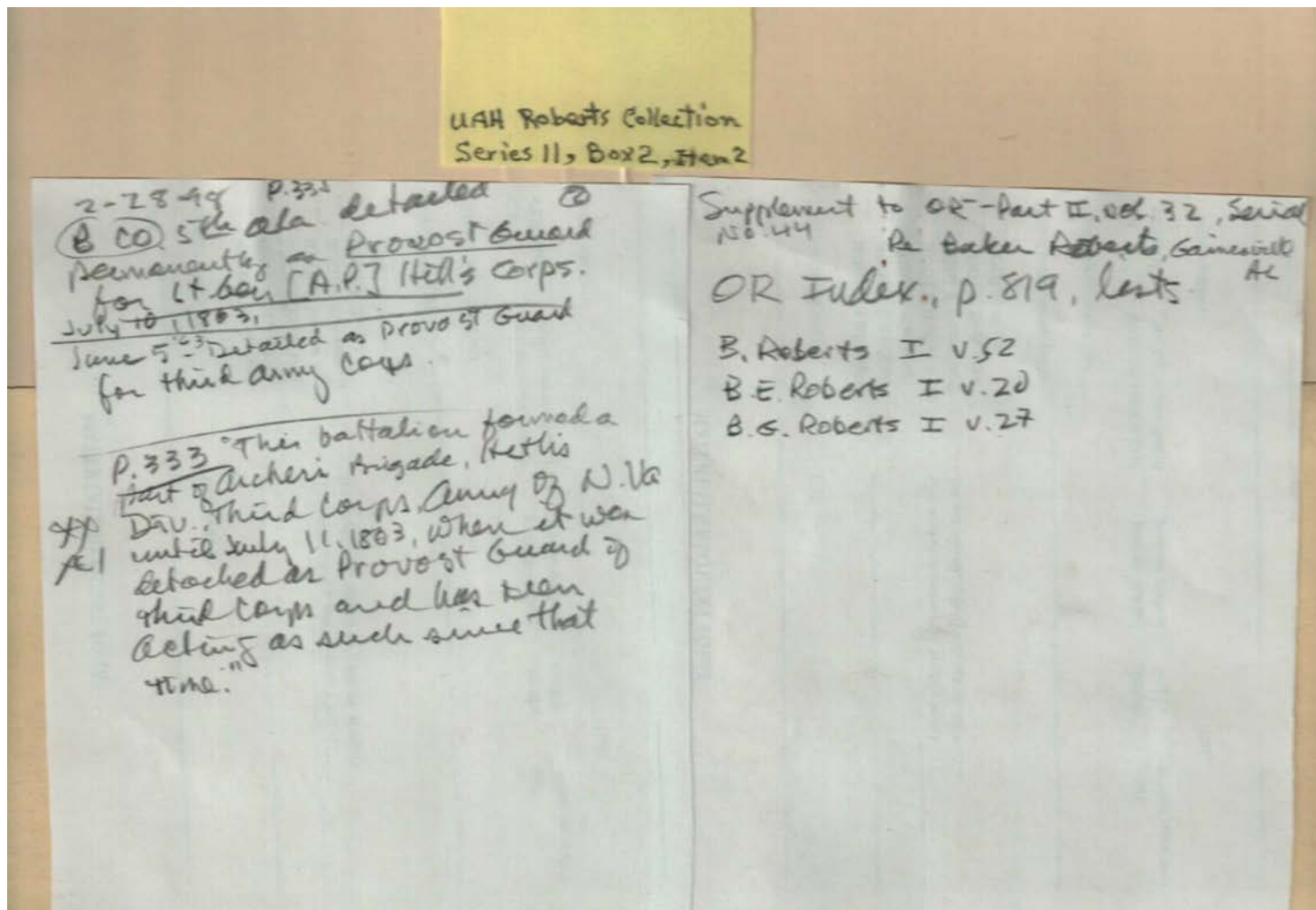
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Roberts, Frances C. Correspondence with Jones, Dr. Doug

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Names:

Roberts, Baker, Sgt.
Maj.

Places:

Gainesville, AL

Types:

notes

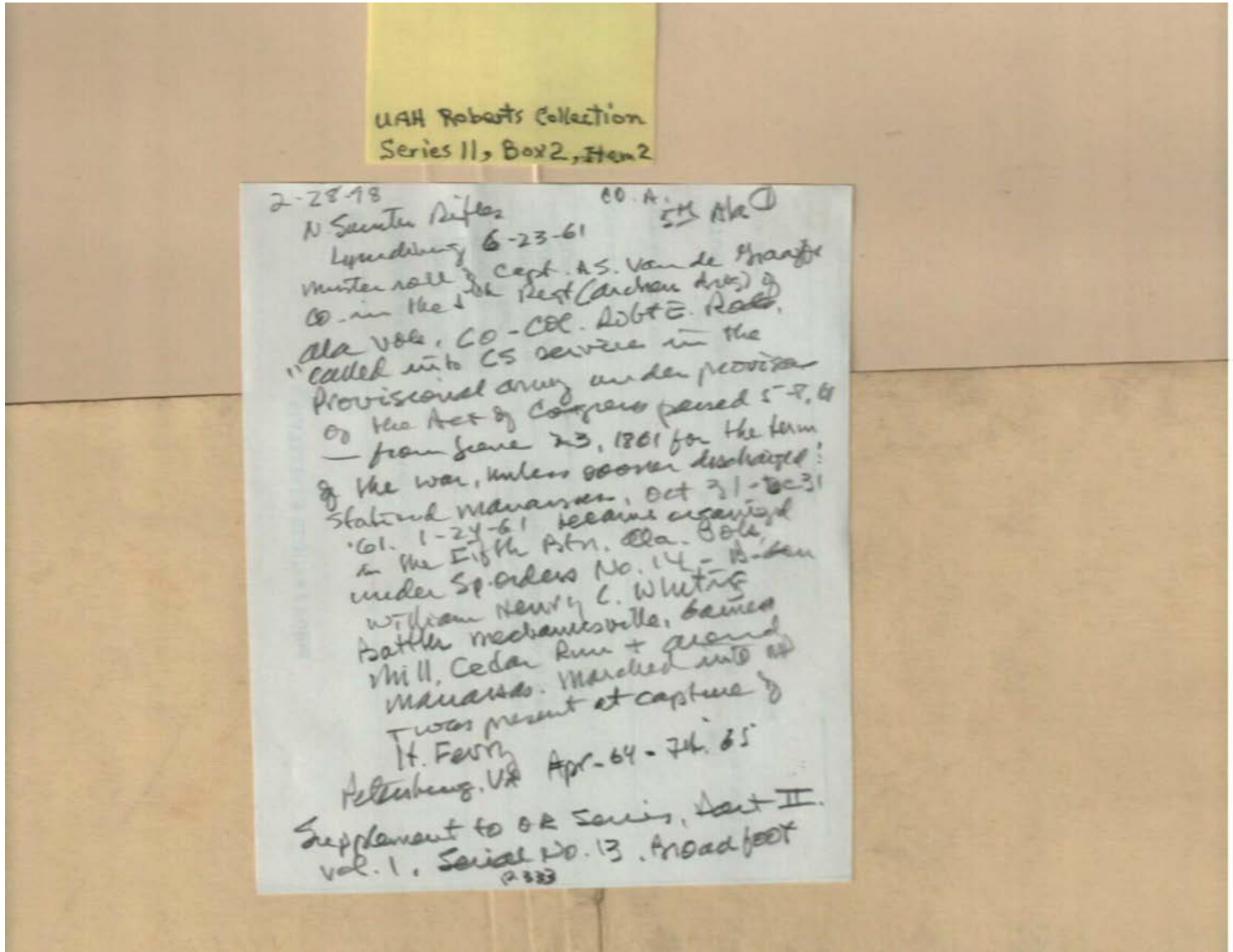
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Roberts, Frances C. Correspondence with Jones, Dr. Doug

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Names:

North Sumter Rifles

Places:

Sumter Co., AL

Types:

notes

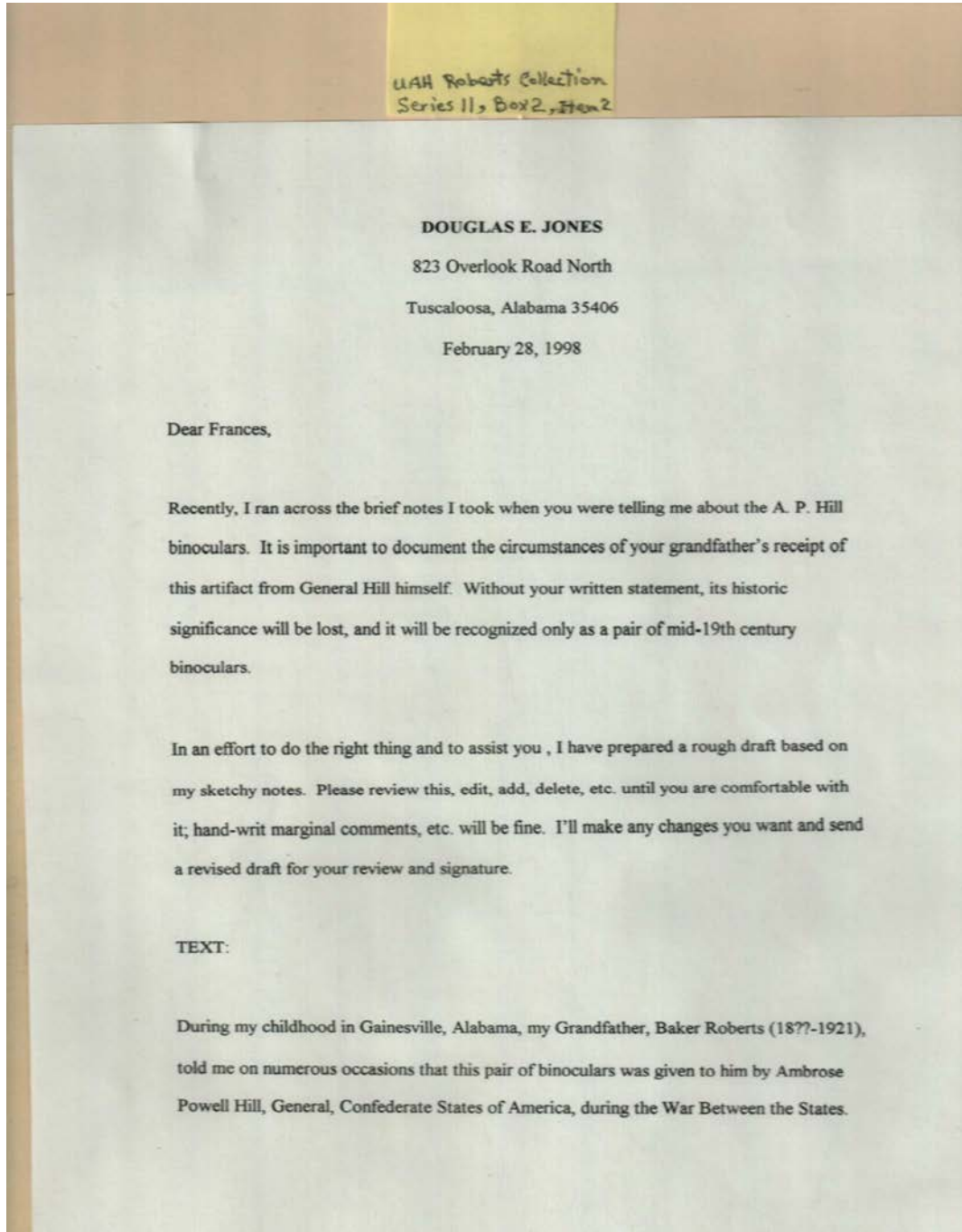
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Names:

Hill, A. P., Gen.
Hill, Ambrose
Powell, Gen., CSA

Jones, Douglas E.,
Dr.
Roberts, Baker

Roberts, Frances
Roberts, Richard

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Tuscaloosa, AL

Types:

correspondence

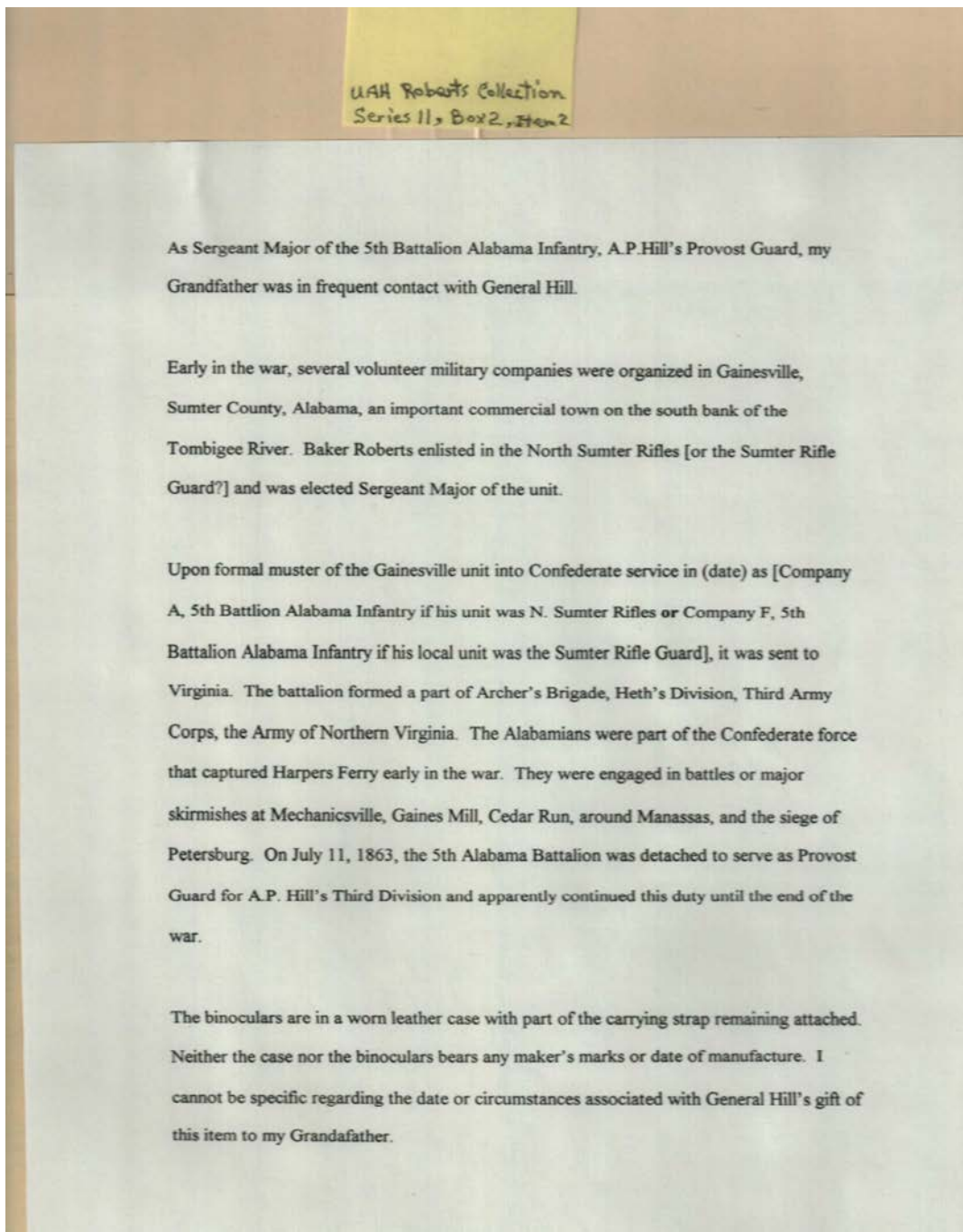
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Roberts, Frances C. Correspondence with Jones, Dr. Doug

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Names:

Hill, A. P., Gen.

Roberts, Baker
(Grandfather)

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

correspondence

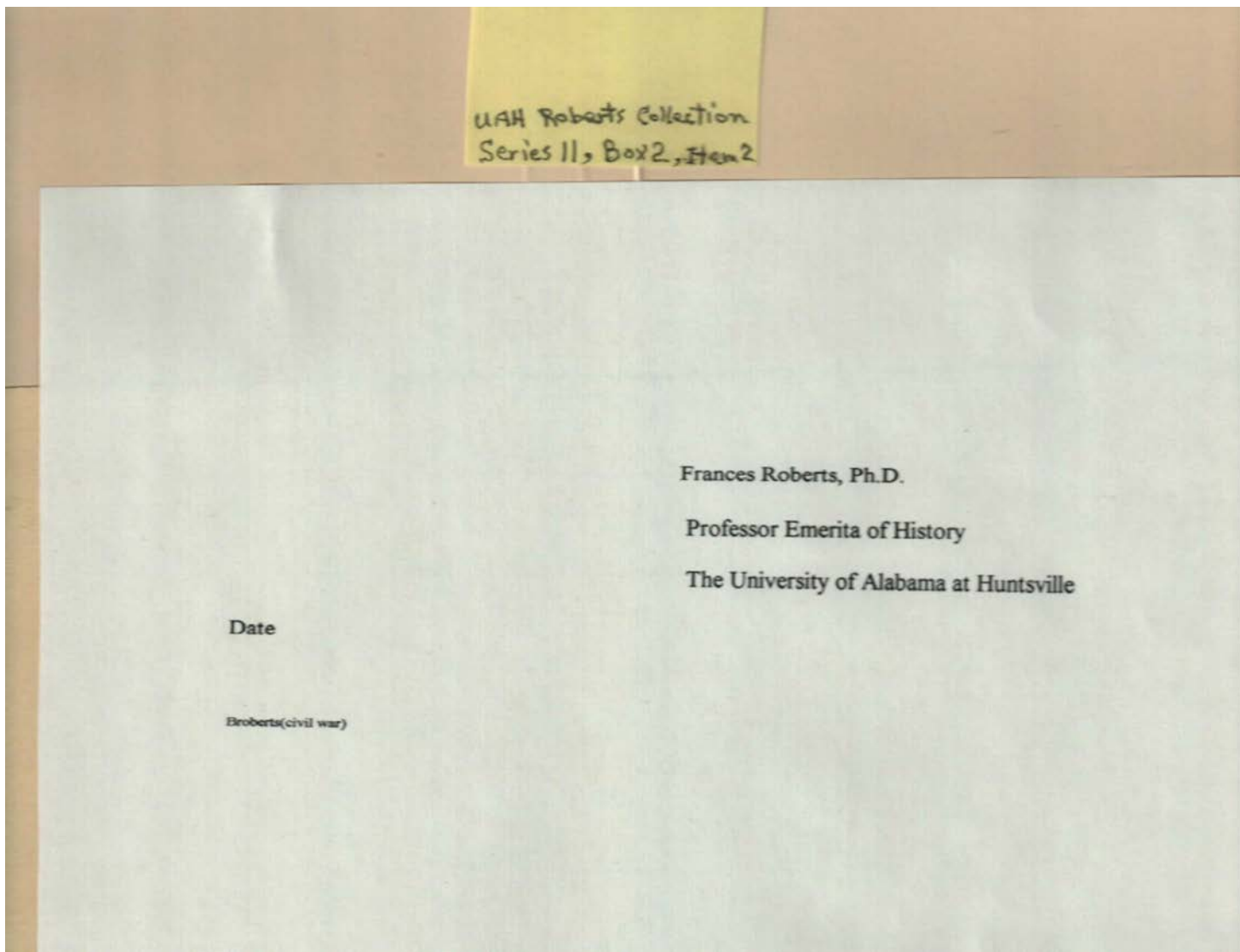
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Roberts, Frances C. Correspondence with Jones, Dr. Doug

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Names:

Roberts, Frances, Dr.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

Feb 28, 1998

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Roberts, Frances C. Correspondence with Jones, Dr. Doug

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Dated: 11-9-98

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Hill, Ambrose
Powell, Gen., CSA

Roberts, Baker
(Grandfather)

Roberts, Frances, Dr.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

Nov 9, 1998

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