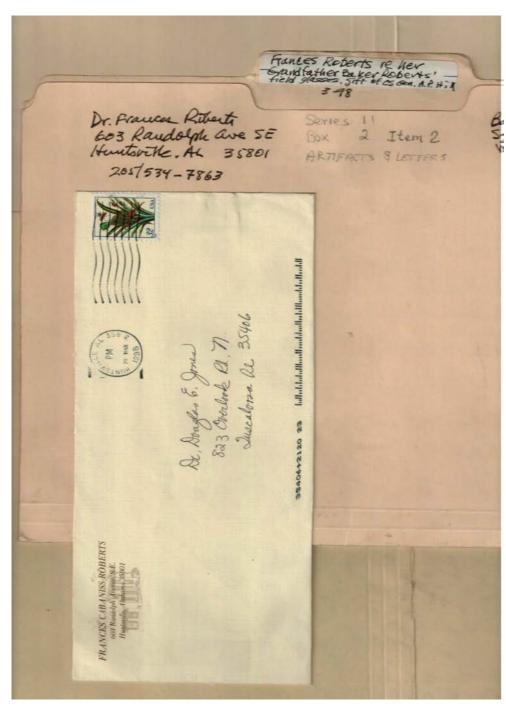
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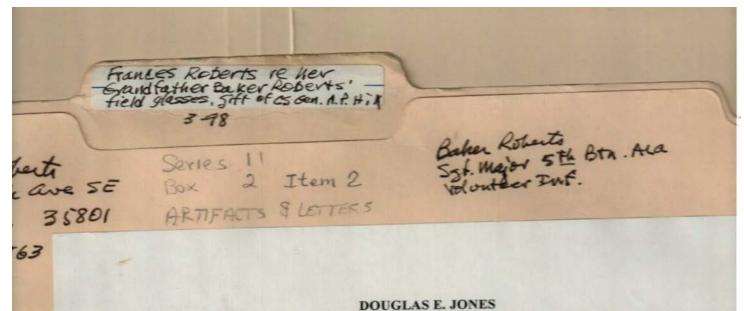
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823 Overlook Road North Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35406 February 28, 1998

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Baker Roberts binoculars

Names:

Hill, A. P., Gen.

Jones, Douglas E.,

Roberts, Frances

Places:

Huntsville, AL

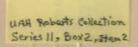
Tuscaloosa, AL

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

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DOUGLAS E. JONES

823 Overlook Road North
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35406
February 28, 1998

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TEXT:

During my childhood in Gainesville, Alabama, my Grandfather, Baker Roberts (1827-1921), and my faller, Ruberd told me on numerous occasions that this pair of field glasses or binoculars was given to him

by Ambrose Powell Hill, General, Confederate States of America, during the War Between

Topics:

1839-1921 Baker Roberts binoculars

Names:

Hill, A. P., Gen. Jones, Douglas E., Hill, Ambrose Dr.

Dr. Roberts, Richard Roberts, Baker

Roberts, Frances

Places:

Huntsville, AL Tuscaloosa, AL

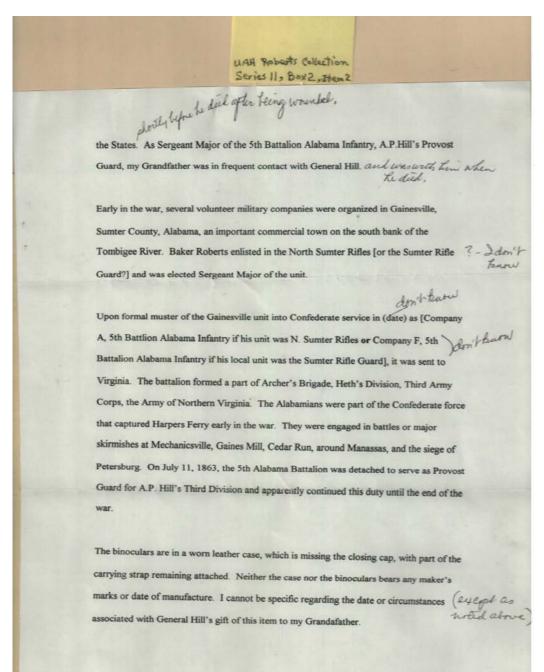
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Powell, Gen., CSA

Dates:

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Hill, A. P., Gen.

Roberts, Baker (Grandfather)

Places:

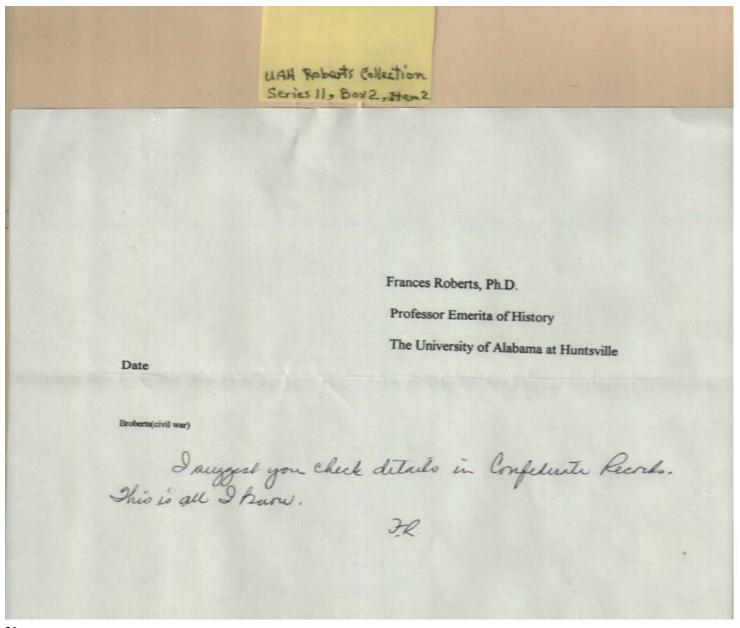
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Names:

Roberts, Frances, Dr.

Places:

Tuscaloosa, AL

Types:

correspondence

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During my childhood in Gainesville, Alabama, my Grandfather, Baker Roberts (1839-1921), told me on numerous occasions that this pair of field glasses or binoculars was given to him by Ambrose Powell Hill, General, C.S.A., shortly before he died after being wounded on April 2, 1865. Baker Roberts was Sergeant Major of the 5th Battalion Alabama Infantry which served as General Hill's Provost Guard at that time.

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.

Upon formal muster of the North Sumter Rifles into Confederate service as Company A, 5th Battalion Alabama Infantry, the unit was sent to Virginia. The battalion formed a part of Archer's Brigade, Heth's Division, Third Army Corps, the Army of Northern Virginia. 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.

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Frances Roberts, Ph.D.
Professor Emerita of History
The University of Alabama at Huntsville

Dated: 11-9-98

Broberts(civil war)

Names:

Hill, Ambrose Powell, Gen., CSA Roberts, Baker Roberts, Frances, Dr.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

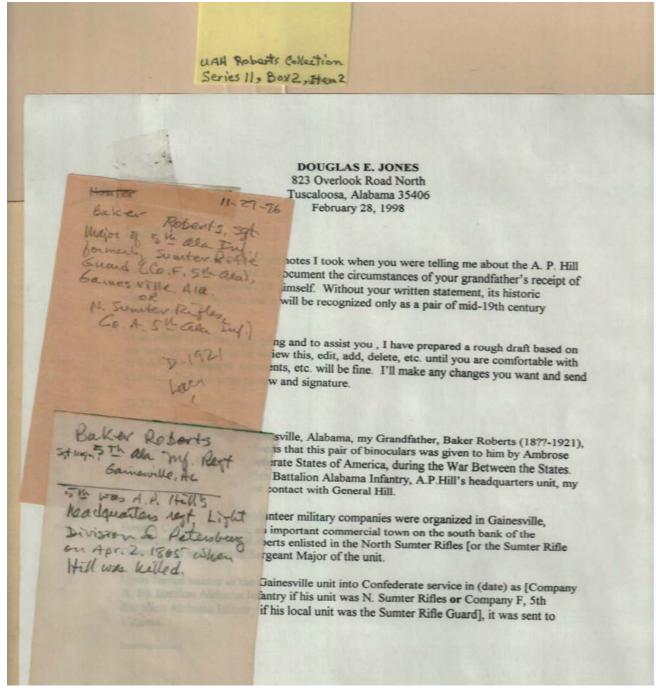
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Dates:

Nov 9, 1998

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Names:

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Roberts, Baker

Places:

Gainesville, AL

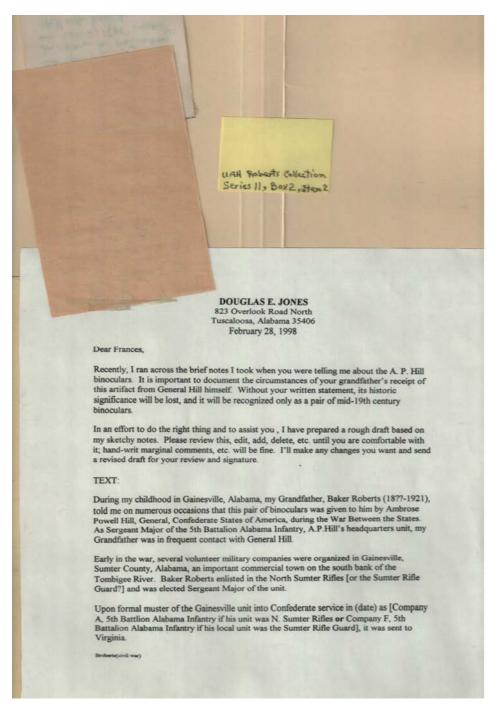
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Dates:

Apr 2, 1865

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Hill, A. P., Gen.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

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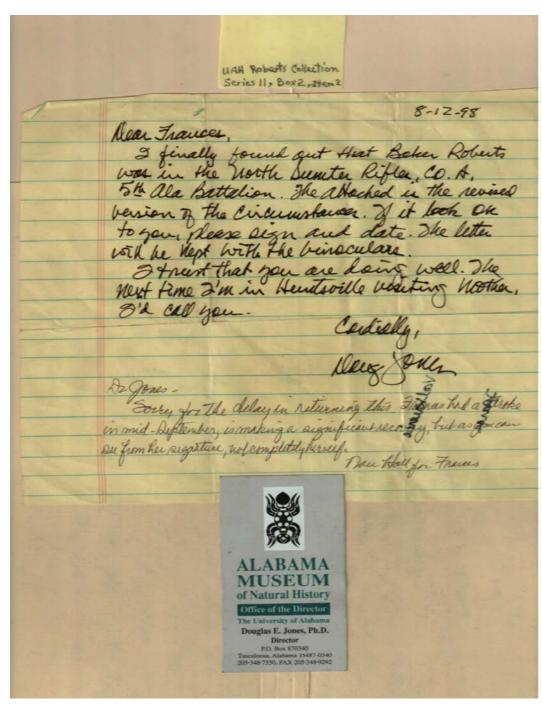
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Hill, Ambrose Powell, Gen., CSA

Jones, Douglas E., Dr. Roberts, Baker Roberts, Frances

Tuscaloosa, AL

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Roberts, Baker Roberts, Frances

Places:

Huntsville, AL Tuscaloosa, AL

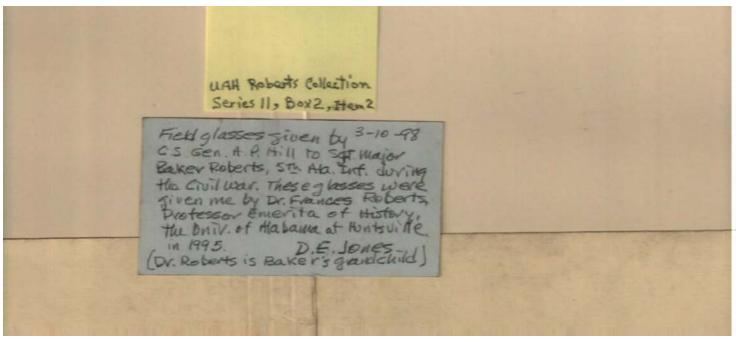
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Names:

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

Roberts, Baker, Sgt. Maj. Roberts, Frances, Dr.

Types:

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Dates:

March 10, 1998

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Names:

Hall, Nan Jones, Douglas E., Hill, A. P., Gen., CSA Dr.

Jones, D. E. Roberts, Baker

Roberts, Baker, Sgt. Maj.

Roberts, Frances

Places:

Huntsville, AL Tuscaloosa, AL

Types:

correspondence display tag

Dates:

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Roberts, Frances, Dr.

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Places:

Sumter Co., AL

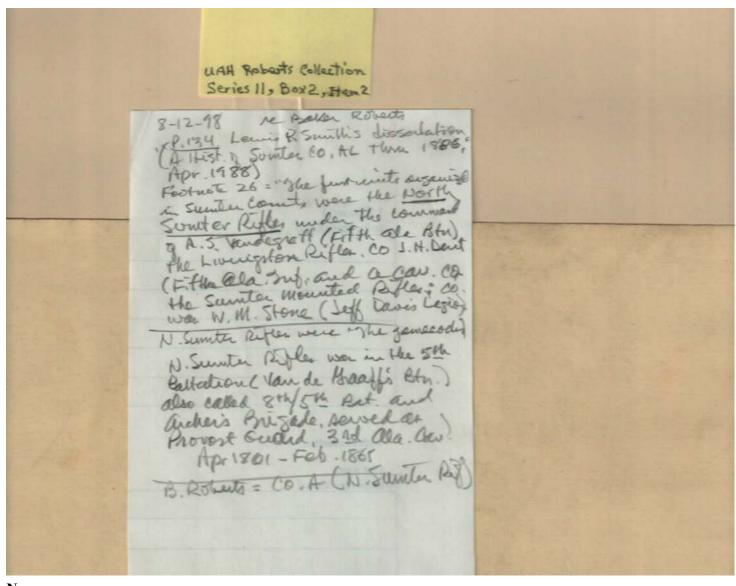
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Names:

North Sumter Rifles

Roberts, Baker

Smith, Lewis R.

Places:

Gainesville, AL

Sumter Co., AL

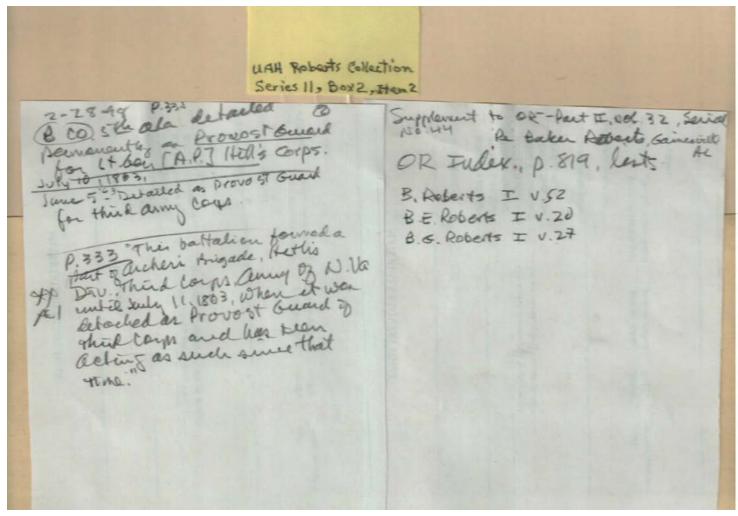
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Places:

Gainesville, AL

Types:

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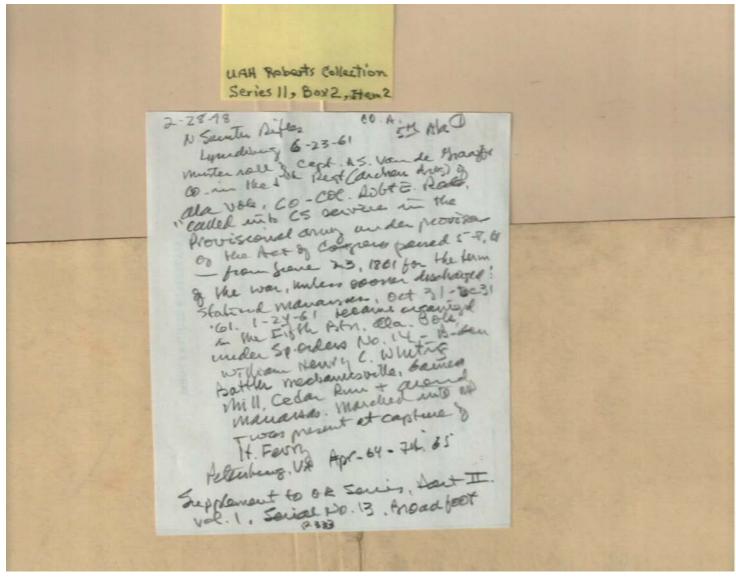
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DOUGLAS E. JONES

823 Overlook Road North Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35406 February 28, 1998

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TEXT:

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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

Dates:

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UAH Roberts Collection Series 11, Box2, Henz

As Sergeant Major of the 5th Battalion Alabama Infantry, A.P.Hill's Provost Guard, my Grandfather was in frequent contact with General Hill.

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.

Upon formal muster of the Gainesville unit into Confederate service in (date) as [Company A, 5th Battlion 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. The battalion formed a part of Archer's Brigade, Heth's Division, Third Army Corps, the Army of Northern Virginia. 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 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 associated with General Hill's gift of this item to my Grandafather.

Names:

Hill, A. P., Gen.

Roberts, Baker (Grandfather)

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

correspondence

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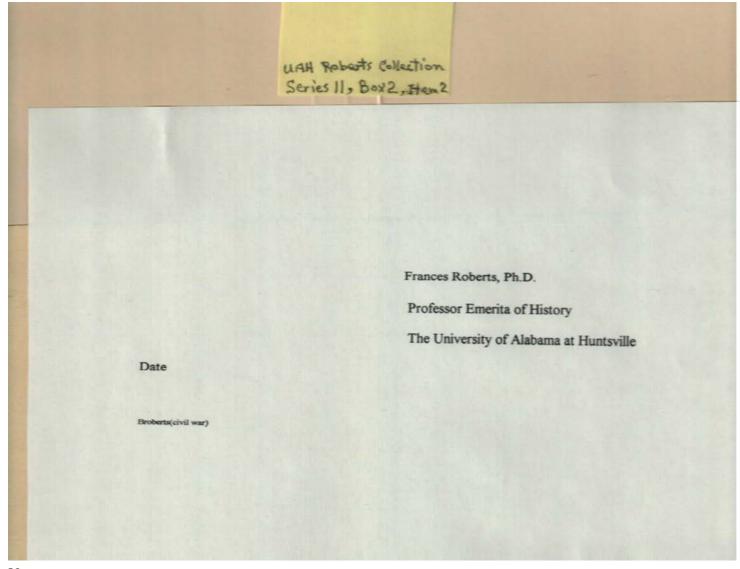
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Roberts, Frances, Dr.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

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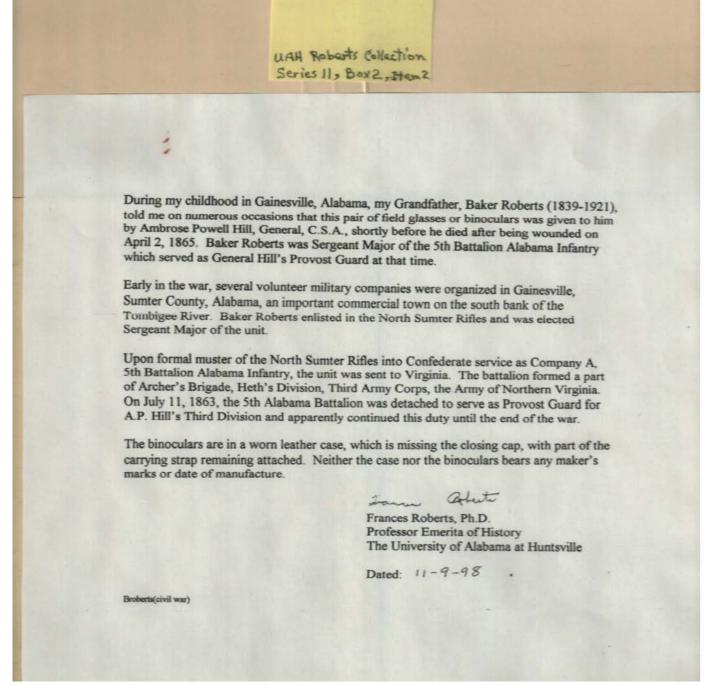
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Hill, A. P., Gen.

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Roberts, Frances, Dr.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

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Dates:

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