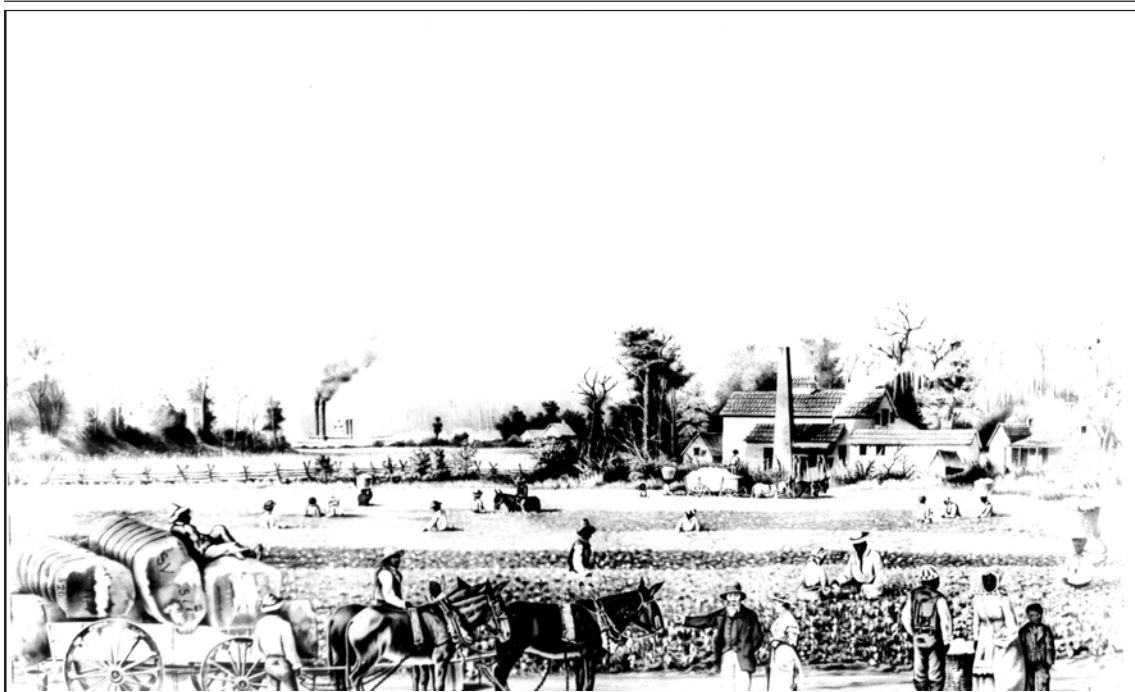


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INTRODUCTION

The impact of the ante-bellum southern plantations on the lives of their black and white inhabitants, as well as on the political, economic, and cultural life of the South as a whole, is one of the most fascinating and controversial problems of present-day American historical research. Depending upon the labor of slaves who constituted the great majority of the American black population, the plantations were both homes and business enterprises for a white, southern elite. They were the largest, the most commercialized, and on the whole, the most efficient and specialized agricultural enterprises of their day, producing the bulk of the South's staple crops of tobacco, cotton, sugar, rice, and hemp. Their proprietors were entrepreneurs who aspired to and sometimes, after a generation or two, achieved the status of a cultivated landed aristocracy. Many distinguished themselves not only in agriculture but in the professions, in the military, in government service, and in scientific and cultural endeavors.

Planters ambitious to augment their wealth, together with their black slaves, were an important driving force in the economic and political development of new territories and states in the Southwest. Their commodities accounted for more than half the nation's exports, and the plantations themselves were important markets for the products of northern industry. In short, they played a crucial role in the development of a national market economy.

The plantations of the Old South, the white families who owned, operated, and lived on them, and the blacks who toiled on them as slaves for more than two centuries have been the subjects of numerous historical studies since the pioneering work of Ulrich B. Phillips in the early twentieth century. The literature, highly controversial, has focused on questions such as the evolution and nature of the planter class and its role in shaping the white South's economy, culture, and values; the conditions experienced by American blacks in slavery; the impact of the "peculiar institution" on their personalities and the degree to which a distinct Afro-American culture developed among them; and, finally, the sources of the tension between the proslavery interests of the South and the "free labor" interests of the North that culminated in secession and civil war.

Research materials are plentiful. Census returns and other government documents, newspapers and periodicals, travelers' accounts, memoirs and autobiographies, and an abundance of polemical literature have much to tell historians about life on ante-bellum plantations. The autobiographies of former slaves, several twentieth-century oral history collections, and a rich record of songs and folklore are significant sources for the black experience in slavery. All the historical literature, however, from Phillips to the most recent studies, has relied heavily on the enormous collections of manuscript plantation records that survive in research libraries scattered throughout the South. These manuscripts consist of business records, account books, slave lists, overseers' reports, diaries, private letters exchanged among family members and friends, and even an occasional letter written by a literate slave. They come mostly from the larger tobacco, cotton, sugar, and rice plantations, but a significant number survive from the more modest estates and smaller slaveholdings whose economic operations tended to be less specialized.

Plantation records reveal nearly every aspect of plantation life. Not only business operations and day-to-day labor routines, but family affairs, the roles of women, racial attitudes, relations between masters and slaves, social and cultural life, the values shared by members of the planter class, and the tensions and anxieties that were inseparable from a slave society are all revealed with a fullness and candor unmatched by any of the other available sources. Moreover, these records are immensely valuable for studies of black slavery. Needless to say, since they were compiled by

members of the white master class, they provide little direct evidence of the inner feelings and private lives of the slave population. But they are the best sources of information about the care and treatment of slaves, about problems in the management of slave labor, and about forms of slave resistance short of open rebellion. They also tell us much about the behavior of slaves, from which historians can at least draw inferences about the impact of slavery on the minds and personalities of its black victims.

Deposited in southern state archives and in the libraries of many southern universities and historical societies, significantly more plantation records have become available in recent decades. Our publication is designed to assist scholars in their use by offering for the first time an ample selection of the most important materials in a single microfilm collection. Ultimately it will cover each geographical area in which the plantation flourished, with additions of approximately four new collections annually. A special effort is being made to offer the rarer records of the smaller slaveholders and to include the equally rare records of the plantations in the last quarter of the eighteenth century; however, the documentation is most abundant for the operations of the larger plantations in the period between the War of 1812 and the Civil War, and their records will constitute the bulk of our publication.

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NOTE ON SOURCES

The collections microfilmed in this edition are holdings of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Archives and Library Division, P. O. Box 571, Jackson, Mississippi, 39205-0571. The descriptions of the collections provided in this user guide are adapted from inventories compiled by the staff of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. The inventories are included among the introductory materials on the microfilm.

Historical maps, microfilmed among the introductory materials, are courtesy of the Map Collection of the Academic Affairs Library at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Maps consulted include:

Thomas G. Bradford, *Comprehensive Atlas*, 1835.

EDITORIAL NOTE

The Reel Index for this edition provides the name, a précis, and a list of the folders and/or manuscript volumes in each collection. The collection title begins with the accession number assigned by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. This accession number is followed by the name, dates, and the major places associated with the collection. Following the title is a brief description of the collection.

Each précis gives information on family history and many business and personal activities documented in the collection. Omissions from the microfilm edition are noted on the microfilm and at the end of the inventory of each collection. Descriptions of omitted materials are also included in the introductory materials on the microfilm.

Following the précis, the Reel Index itemizes each file folder and manuscript volume. The four-digit number to the left of each entry indicates the frame number at which a particular document or series of documents begins. The collections in this edition have been filmed in alphabetical order.

REEL INDEX

#175m, Aventine Plantation Diary, 1857–1860, Adams County, Mississippi

Description of the Collection

Thomas R. Shields owned Aventine Plantation in Adams County, Mississippi. The entries in this plantation diary span from January 1, 1857, to December 1859. Entries from 1857 and 1858 were written by Patrick Francis McGovern, one of the overseers of the plantation. Charles Sanders, another overseer at Aventine Plantation, wrote the entries for 1859. The entries include detailed descriptions of the work done each day on the plantation. Most entries record the number of slaves, the tasks carried out by each slave, and sometimes even a general description of the number of hours worked on a particular day. Daily records of the amount of cotton picked by each slave were also kept. Health of the slaves, including births and sicknesses, is mentioned routinely. A list of physician visits to the plantation is included on Frame 0110 of Reel 1, followed by a list of births on Frame 0111. An entry from 1859 (Reel 1, Frame 0106) lists items of clothing given to both male and female slaves.

N. B. A related collection among the holdings of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History is #z1610, Bisland-Shields Family Collection, which is included in this edition beginning at Frame 0263 of Reel 1.

Reel 1

Introductory Materials

0001 Introductory Materials. 4 frames.

Aventine Plantation Diary

0005 Aventine Plantation Diary. 109 frames.

Omissions

0114 List of Omissions from the Aventine Plantation Diary. 1 frame.

#811m, Birdsong Plantation Journal, [1836–1859]

Description of the Collection

Jefferson J. Birdsong was born in 1810 in Sussex County, Virginia. In 1832 he moved to Brownsville, Hinds County, Mississippi. In the mid-1830s, Birdsong became a large

landowner and was the second highest taxpayer in Hinds County. The Birdsong Plantation Journal deals primarily with daily plantation operations. Some entries relate to the mercantile business and other matters. Birdsong was interested in politics, and the entries from 1855 to 1857 contain references to political developments.

Introductory Materials

0115 Introductory Materials. 5 frames.

Birdsong Plantation Journal

0120 Birdsong Plantation Journal. 143 frames.

#z1610, Bisland-Shields Family Collection, 1773–1969, Adams County, Mississippi; also Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana

Description of the Collection

The Bisland-Shields Family Collection begins with a folder that provides brief histories of the Bisland and Shields families. The correspondence of John Bisland begins in 1801 and includes discussion of family life, education, and a few isolated references to slaves and slavery. Correspondence regarding Hope Farm, a sugar plantation in Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, begins in 1833 (Reel 1, Frame 0549). Several letters, beginning with a May 24, 1833, letter from Thomas R. Shields to William Bisland, discuss the health of slaves at Hope Farm. The correspondence of William Bisland mentions his business affairs. The courtship letters of William A. Bisland and Caroline Pride discuss the Civil War as well as general daily activities (Reel 1, Frames 0584–0705). Also included in this collection is a journal kept by Leonora Bisland from 1856 to 1857 during her time at Pine Ridge Female High School in Adams County, Mississippi (Reel 2, Frame 0059).

N. B. A related collection among the holdings of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History is #175m, Aventine Plantation Diary, which is included in this edition beginning at Frame 0001 of Reel 1. Another related collection filmed by UPA is the John Bisland and Family Papers from the Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collection at the Louisiana State University Libraries. This collection is part of *Records of Ante-Bellum Southern Plantations from the Revolution through the Civil War, Series I, Part 4*.

Introductory Materials

0263 Introductory Materials. 14 frames.

Papers

Box 1

0277 Folder 1. Genealogical Material. 31 frames.
0308 Folder 2. Memoirs of Dr. Joseph Dunbar Shields. 11 frames.
0319 Folder 3. Louise Bisland, *Governor Gayoso Speaks for Himself*, and critique. 33 frames.
0352 Folder 4. Oath of Allegiance (1863) and Pass from New Orleans to Natchez (1862). 3 frames.
0355 Folder 4a. [Empty folder]. 1 frame.
0356 Folder 5. [Empty folder]. 1 frame.
0357 Folder 6. Newspaper Clippings. 17 frames.

0374 Folder 7. Miscellaneous. 107 frames.
0481 Folder 8. Correspondence, 1775; 1791; 1797; 1799. 9 frames.
0490 Folder 9. Correspondence, 1801. 6 frames.
0496 Folder 10. Correspondence, 1804–1806. 9 frames.
0505 Folder 11. Correspondence, 1815. 6 frames.
0511 Folder 12. Correspondence, 1817. 15 frames.
0526 Folder 13. Correspondence, 1819. 9 frames.
0535 Folder 14. Correspondence, 1821 and 1825. 7 frames.
0542 Folder 15. Correspondence, 1832; 1839; 1833. 14 frames.
0556 Folder 16. Correspondence, 1841; 1843; 1847; 1848. 16 frames.
0572 Folder 17. Correspondence, 1853–1855; 1859. 12 frames.

Box 2

0584 Folder 18. Correspondence, April–May 1862. 5 frames.
0589 Folder 19. Correspondence, June–August 1862. 7 frames.
0596 Folder 20. Correspondence, August–September 1862. 8 frames.
0604 Folder 21. Correspondence, September–December 1862. 11 frames.
0615 Folder 22. Correspondence, January–February 1863. 10 frames.
0625 Folder 23. Correspondence, February 1863. 13 frames.
0638 Folder 24. Correspondence, March and October 1863. 10 frames.
0648 Folder 25. Correspondence, January–March 1864. 14 frames.
0662 Folder 26. Correspondence, March–April 1864. 12 frames.
0674 Folder 27. Correspondence, May and December 1864. 9 frames.
0683 Folder 28. Correspondence, January–July 1865. 23 frames.

Box 3

0706 Folder 41. Correspondence, 1955; 1959; 1960. 6 frames.
0712 Folder 42. Correspondence, Undated. 29 frames.
0741 Folder 43. Patrons of Husbandry, 1874–1875. 4 frames.
0745 Folder 44. Legal Documents, John Bisland, 1778; 1775; 1787; 1806; 1818. 11 frames.
0756 Folder 45. Legal Documents, 1838 and 1882. 6 frames.
0762 Folder 46. Legal Documents, *Bisland-Shields v. Ruffin*, 1844. 18 frames.
0780 Folder 47. Legal Documents, Wills and Title to cemetery lot, 1855; 1846; 1848; 1847. 16 frames.
0796 Folder 48. Legal Documents, Notice of Bankruptcy of Samuel Lamdin, 1869. 3 frames.
0799 Folder 49. Legal Documents, Shields-Winston and King, 1917. 9 frames.
0808 Folder 50. Legal Documents, Shields-Winston and Shepard, 1925–1926. 4 frames.
0812 Folder 51. Legal Documents, *Shields-Winston v. Adams Land Office*, 1930. 5 frames.

Box 4

0817 Folder 52. Legal Documents, Indentures, 1840; 1842; 1900. 13 frames.
0830 Folder 53. Legal Documents, Deeds, Indenture, and Lease. 1933; 1894; 1940. 10 frames.
0840 Folder 54. Receipts, John Bisland, 1773; 1785; 1786; 1799. 6 frames.
0846 Folder 55. Receipts, John Bisland, 1801–1803. 7 frames.
0853 Folder 56. John Bisland, Manifests for bales of cotton and list of books. 1802. 8 frames.
0861 Folder 57. Receipts, John Bisland, 1804–1805. 7 frames.
0868 Folder 58. Receipts, John Bisland, 1810. 5 frames.
0873 Folder 59. Receipts, John Bisland, 1811. 5 frames.
0878 Folder 60. Receipts, John Bisland, 1812–1813. 3 frames.
0881 Folder 61. Receipts, John Bisland, 1815. 4 frames.

- 0885 Folder 62. Receipts, John Bisland, 1817; 1820. 6 frames.
 0891 Folder 63. Receipts, John Bisland, Undated. 4 frames.
 0895 Folder 64. Receipts, 1853–1859. 18 frames.

Reel 2

#z1610, Bisland-Shields Family Collection cont.

Papers cont.

Box 4 cont.

- 0002 Folder 65. Receipts, 1860–1861. 8 frames.
 0010 Folder 66. Receipts, 1862–1868. 10 frames.
 0020 Folder 67. Receipts, 1876–1888. 13 frames.
 0033 Folder 68. Receipts, 1901–1934. 11 frames.
 0044 Folder 69. Receipts, Undated. 7 frames.
 0051 Folder 70. Sheriff's Office Tax Receipts, 1872–1934. 8 frames.
 0059 [Journal of Leonora Bisland, 1856–1857]. 52 frames.

Box 5

- 0111 [Receipts, Financial and Business Records, 1858–1866]. 213 frames.
 0324 [Receipts, Financial and Business Records, Plantation Journal, and List of Slaves on Hope Farm, 1859–1884]. 107 frames.

Omissions

- 0431 List of Omissions from Bisland-Shields Family Collection. 1 frame.

#z89, John C. Burrus Papers, 1831–1918, Bolivar County, Mississippi

Description of the Collection

The John C. Burrus Papers, 1831–1918, consist of personal papers and business correspondence. Many documents in the collection pertain to the purchase of land in Bolivar County, Mississippi.

N. B. A related collection among the holdings of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History is #z89.1, John C. Burrus Accretion. Another related collection filmed by UPA is the Burrus Family Papers, 1827–1865, Collection #105 from the Howard-Tilton Memorial Library at Tulane University. This collection is part of *Records of Ante-Bellum Southern Plantations from the Revolution through the Civil War, Series H.*

Introductory Materials

- 0432 Introductory Materials. 5 frames.

Papers

Box 1

- 0437 Folder 1. Correspondence, 1831–1838 and Undated. 38 frames.
- 0475 Folder 2. Correspondence, 1839–1847. 20 frames.
- 0495 Folder 3. Correspondence, 1848–1849. 36 frames.
- 0531 Folder 4. Correspondence, 1850–1851. 23 frames.
- 0554 Folder 5. Correspondence, 1852–1853. 18 frames.
- 0572 Folder 6. Correspondence, 1854. 16 frames.
- 0588 Folder 7. Correspondence, 1855. 35 frames.
- 0623 Folder 8. Correspondence, 1856. 21 frames.
- 0644 Folder 9. Correspondence, January–April 1857. 24 frames.
- 0668 Folder 10. Correspondence, May–December 1857. 25 frames.
- 0693 Folder 11. Correspondence, January–April 15, 1858. 33 frames.
- 0726 Folder 12. Correspondence, April 16–December 31, 1858. 22 frames.
- 0748 Folder 13. Correspondence, 1859. 42 frames.
- 0790 Folder 14. Correspondence, 1860. 27 frames.
- 0817 Folder 15. Correspondence, 1861–1863. 30 frames.
- 0847 Folder 16. Correspondence, 1864. 40 frames.
- 0887 Folder 17. Correspondence, 1865–1866. 16 frames.

Omissions

- 0903 List of Omissions from the John C. Burrus Papers. 1 frame.

Reel 3

#z89.1, John C. Burrus Accretion, 1836–1915, Bolivar County, Mississippi

Description of the Collection

This portion of the John C. Burrus Papers is an addition to the John C. Burrus Papers, #z89. Like #z89, #z289.1 also contains personal papers and business correspondence.

Introductory Materials

- 0001 Introductory Materials. 5 frames.

Papers

Box 1

- 0006 Folder 1. Correspondence and Papers, Undated. 49 frames.
- 0055 Folder 2. Correspondence and Papers, Undated. 38 frames.
- 0093 Folder 3. Correspondence and Papers, Undated. 42 frames.
- 0135 Folder 4. Correspondence and Papers, Undated. 46 frames.
- 0181 Folder 5. Correspondence and Papers, Undated. 43 frames.
- 0224 Folder 6. Correspondence and Papers, Undated. 44 frames.
- 0268 Folder 7. Correspondence and Papers, Undated. 54 frames.

- 0322 Folder 8. Correspondence and Papers, Undated. 38 frames.
- 0360 Folder 9. Correspondence and Papers, Undated. 42 frames.
- 0402 Folder 10. Correspondence and Papers, Undated. 63 frames.
- 0465 Folder 11. Correspondence and Papers, Undated. 64 frames.

Box 2

- 0529 Folder 12. Correspondence and Papers, Undated. 56 frames.
- 0585 Folder 13. Correspondence and Papers, Undated. 21 frames.
- 0606 Folder 14. Correspondence and Papers, 1836–1862. 18 frames.
- 0624 Folder 15. Correspondence and Papers, [September 4, 1864]. 3 frames.

Box 3

- 0627 Folder 28. Prose and Poetry, Undated. 56 frames.
- 0683 Folder 29. Recipes, Undated. 41 frames.
- 0724 Folder 30. Religious Papers, Undated. 51 frames.

Box 4

- 0775 Volume 11. J. Olney, *The Easy Reader or the Introduction to the National Preceptor: Consisting of Familiar and Progressive Lessons Designed to Aid in Thinking, Spelling, Defining, and Correct Reading* (New Haven: Durrie and Peck, 1835). 73 frames.
- 0848 Volume 12. Law School Notebook, ca. 1840. 42 frames.

Omissions

- 0890 List of Omissions from the John C. Burrus Accretion. 1 frame.

Reel 4

**#z122, Charles Clark and Family Collection, 1810–1892,
Jefferson and Bolivar Counties, Mississippi**

Description of Collection

Charles Clark served in the Confederate Army and was also the governor of Mississippi from November 16, 1863, to May 22, 1865. The Charles Clark and Family Papers include extensive account books and day books for Doro Plantation, located in Bolivar County in the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta. These plantation books record statistics on the amount of cotton picked by each slave at Doro Plantation as well as the various jobs performed by Doro's slave labor force. The collection also includes personal papers and family correspondence.

Introductory Materials

- 0001 Introductory Materials. 7 frames.

Papers

Box 1

- 0008 Folder 1. Letters, Undated. 60 frames.
- 0068 Folder 2. Papers [Financial and Business Records and Receipts], Undated. 47 frames.
- 0115 Folder 3. [Correspondence, Financial and Business Records], 1830–1859. 98 frames.
- 0213 Folder 4. [Correspondence, Financial and Business Records], 1860–1861. 51 frames.

- 0264 Folder 5. [Correspondence, Financial and Business Records], 1862–1864. 77 frames.
 0341 Folder 6. [Correspondence, Financial and Business Records], 1865. 55 frames.

Box 2

- 0396 Volume 1. [Legal Writings of Charles Clark, Undated]. 43 frames.
 0439 Volume 2. Account Book of Charles Clark, 1834–1836; Docket book of C. Jefferson and Charles Clark, 1833–1835. 105 frames.
 0544 Volume 3. Execution Docket of Charles Clark, [1836–1840]. 145 frames.
 0689 Volume 4. Account Book of Charles Clark, [1837–1840]. 169 frames.
 0858 Volume 5. [Account Book of Charles Clark, 1839–1843; 1860–1869]. 120 frames.

Reel 5

#z122, Charles Clark and Family Collection cont.

Papers cont.

Box 2 cont.

- 0002 Volume 6. [Account Book of Charles Clark, 1841–1846]. 219 frames.

Box 3

- 0221 Volume 7. Plantation Journal of Doro Plantation kept by overseer J. B. Flowers, 1852–1855. 42 frames.
 0263 Volume 8. *The Cotton Plantation Record and Account Book*, Doro Plantation, kept by overseer J. B. Flowers, 1853–1854. 62 frames.
 0325 Volume 9. *The Cotton Plantation Record and Account Book*, Doro Plantation, kept by overseer J. B. Flowers, 1855. 73 frames.
 0398 Volume 10. *The Cotton Plantation Record and Account Book*, Doro Plantation, kept by overseer J. B. Flowers, 1858. 42 frames.
 0440 Volume 11. *The Cotton Plantation Record and Account Book*, Doro Plantation, kept by overseers Samuel J. Dickey, William B. Farrar, A. D. Sailor, and Mrs. Charles Clark, 1861–1862. 69 frames.
 0509 Volume 14. Miscellaneous Plantation Records, and Newspaper Clippings regarding the Civil War, 1810–1866. 63 frames.
 0572 Volume 16. Account Book, 1860. 89 frames.
 0661 Volume 24. Invoice Book of B. Kock, Importer and Exporter, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1849–1859. 103 frames.

Omissions

- 0764 List of Omissions from the Charles Clark and Family Collection. 1 frame.

**#132m, Levin Covington Diary, 1825–1845,
 Adams County, Mississippi**

Description of the Collection

The diary of Levin Covington is primarily a plantation day book tracking the operations on Covington's plantations in Adams County, Mississippi. Some entries include statistics on the amount of cotton picked by each slave. The first ten pages of the diary contain the minutes of the Adams Athenaeum for 1825 to 1826.

Introductory Materials

0765 Introductory Materials. 3 frames.

Levin Covington Diary

0768 Levin Covington Diary, 1825–1845. 73 frames.

#z82, Darden Family Collection, 1820–1899, Jefferson County, Mississippi

Description of the Collection

The Darden Family Collection includes the personal and business papers of David M., John P., James T., and Thomas L. Darden. A two-volume diary of Susan Sillers Darden records her observations while living on a plantation in Jefferson County, Mississippi. Topics discussed in the diary include social gatherings, health and diseases, attendance at church, and business transactions. The first volume of the diary spans from 1853 to 1861, and the second volume begins with a June 1865 entry and continues until August 23, 1877. A typescript of the first volume of the diary can be found beginning at Frame 0687 of Reel 6. A typescript of the second volume of the diary begins at Frame 0002 of Reel 7.

Introductory Materials

0841 Introductory Materials. 6 frames.

Papers

Box 1

0847 Folder 1. Land Grants, [1834–1859]. 8 frames.

0855 Folder 2. Land Grants, [1820–1841]. 9 frames.

Reel 6

#z82, Darden Family Collection cont.

Papers cont.

Box 1 cont.

0002 Folder 3. [Correspondence], 1828–1842 and Undated. 30 frames.

0032 Folder 4. [Correspondence], 1844–1846. 18 frames.

0050 Folder 5. [Correspondence], 1852–1855. 21 frames.

0071 Folder 6. [Correspondence], 1856–1857. 17 frames.

0088 Folder 7. [Correspondence], 1858–1859. 17 frames.

0105 Folder 8. [Correspondence], 1860–1869. 17 frames.

0122 Folder 9. [Correspondence], 1871–1882. 21 frames.

0143 Folder 10. [Correspondence], 1891–1899. 14 frames.

0157 Volume 1, Folder 1. Diary of Susan Sillers Darden, June 1853–December 1855. 36 frames.

- 0193 Volume 1, Folder 2. Diary of Susan Sillers Darden, December 1855–September 1857. 51 frames.
- 0244 Volume 1, Folder 3. Diary of Susan Sillers Darden, September 1857–April 1858. 26 frames.
- 0270 Volume 1, Folder 4. Diary of Susan Sillers Darden, [May] 1858–October 1859. 40 frames.
- 0310 Volume 1, Folder 5. Diary of Susan Sillers Darden, October 1859–January 1861. 50 frames.
- 0360 Volume 1, Folder 6. Diary of Susan Sillers Darden, January 1861–December 1861. 39 frames.
- 0399 Volume 2, Folder 7. Diary of Susan Sillers Darden, June 1865–March 1868. 113 frames.
- 0512 Volume 2, Folder 8. Diary of Susan Sillers Darden, May 1868–May 1870. 28 frames.
- 0540 Volume 2, Folder 9. Diary of Susan Sillers Darden, June 1870–February 1872. 36 frames.
- 0576 Volume 2, Folder 10. Diary of Susan Sillers Darden, March 1872–April 1873. 24 frames.
- 0600 Volume 2, Folder 11. Diary of Susan Sillers Darden, April 1873–January 1875. 40 frames.
- 0640 Volume 2, Folder 12. Diary of Susan Sillers Darden, March 1875–August 1877. 47 frames.
- Box 3**
- 0687 Volume 1. Diary of Susan Sillers Darden, Typescript, January 1854–December 1861. 350 frames.

Reel 7

#z82, Darden Family Collection cont.

Papers cont.

Box 4

- 0002 Volume 2. Diary of Susan Sillers Darden, Typescript, July 1865–September 1877. 355 frames.

#z1497, Lettie Downs Diary and Notebook, 1859–1866, Warren County, Mississippi

Description of the Collection

This collection comprises the diary and notebook of Letitia (Lettie) Frances Booker Vick Downs, the daughter of John Wesley Vick and Letitia Frances Booker Vick. The diary was written between 1859 and 1866 while Downs was living on her father's plantation at Anguilla. The diary records the lifestyle of and the difficulties faced by the Vick family before, during, and after the siege of Vicksburg.

Introductory Materials

- 0357 Introductory Materials. 5 frames.

Lettie Downs Diary and Notebook

- 0362 Lettie Downs Notebook, [1859–1866]. 9 frames.
- 0371 Lettie Downs Diary, [1862–1866]. 74 frames.

Omissions

- 0445 List of Omissions from the Lettie Downs Diary and Notebook. 1 frame.

**#995, Benjamin Drake Collection, 1805–1914,
Adams and Jefferson Counties, Mississippi; also Jackson, Louisiana**

Description of the Collection

The Benjamin Drake Collection is composed of the papers of Benjamin Drake (1800–1860), a Methodist minister who by 1824 was “riding the circuit” in the Natchez and Washington, Mississippi, areas. Drake was also heavily involved in education. In 1828, he became president of Elizabeth Female Academy. In 1839, Drake founded Centenary College, then located in Brandon, Mississippi. Centenary College was later moved to Jackson, Louisiana, and Drake became its president in 1853. Drake married Susan Priscilla Hawkins Magruder, daughter of James T. Magruder, the owner of Mt. Ararat Plantation in Jefferson County, Mississippi. The collection contains some correspondence pertaining to Mt. Ararat. Drake also became involved in the colonization movement and some correspondence in the collection discusses the American Colonization Society and the activities of freed slaves in Monrovia, Liberia.

Introductory Materials

0446 Introductory Materials. 6 frames.

Papers

Box 5

0452 Folder 29. Correspondence and Papers, Undated. 63 frames.
0515 Folder 30. Correspondence and Papers, Undated. 6 frames.
0521 Folder 31. Correspondence and Papers, Undated. 32 frames.
0553 Folder 32. Correspondence and Papers, Undated. 43 frames.
0596 Folder 33. Correspondence and Papers, Undated. 46 frames.
0642 Folder 34. Correspondence and Papers, Undated. 29 frames.
0671 Folder 35. Correspondence and Papers, September 3, 1807–October 19, 1823. 27 frames.
0698 Folder 36. Correspondence and Papers, December 20, 1823–February 11, 1826. 34 frames.
0732 Folder 37. Correspondence and Papers, March 22, 1826–April 26, 1828. 29 frames.
0761 Folder 38. Correspondence and Papers, May 5, 1828–February 28, 1830. 32 frames.
0793 Folder 39. Correspondence and Papers, March 27, 1830–August 10, 1831. 27 frames.
0820 Folder 40. Correspondence and Papers, April 16–August 7, 1832. 18 frames.

Box 6

0838 Folder 41. Correspondence and Papers, November 14, 1832–March 25, 1833. 28 frames.
0866 Folder 42. Correspondence and Papers, May 1–July 27, 1833. 41 frames.
0907 Folder 43. Correspondence and Papers, July 31, 1833–November 15, 1835. 45 frames.

Reel 8

#995, Benjamin Drake Collection cont.

Papers cont.

Box 6 cont.

- 0002 Folder 44. Correspondence and Papers, January 2, 1836–March 19, 1837. 40 frames.
- 0042 Folder 45. Correspondence and Papers, June 30, 1837–January 8, 1838. 34 frames.
- 0076 Folder 46. Correspondence and Papers, January 29, 1838–March 24, 1839. 36 frames.
- 0112 Folder 47. Correspondence and Papers, April 15, 1839–February 24, 1840. 38 frames.
- 0150 Folder 48. Correspondence and Papers, March 14–November 4, 1840. 33 frames.
- 0183 Folder 49. Correspondence and Papers, January 18–August 24, 1841. 29 frames.
- 0212 Folder 50. Correspondence and Papers, September 12, 1841–April 12, 1842. 30 frames.
- 0242 Folder 51. Correspondence and Papers, June 16, 1842–March 19, 1843. 26 frames.

Box 7

- 0268 Folder 52. Correspondence and Papers, April 1–October 30, 1843. 38 frames.
- 0306 Folder 53. Correspondence and Papers, December 15, 1843–April 22, 1845. 29 frames.
- 0335 Folder 54. Correspondence and Papers, June 6, 1845–July 29, 1846. 28 frames.
- 0363 Folder 55. Correspondence and Papers, December 7, 1846–January 22, 1849. 35 frames.
- 0398 Folder 56. Correspondence and Papers, March 10, 1849–September 13, 1850. 32 frames.
- 0430 Folder 57. Correspondence and Papers, October 17, 1850–August 3, 1852. 36 frames.
- 0466 Folder 58. Correspondence and Papers, October 5, 1852–November 24, 1854. 46 frames.
- 0512 Folder 59. Correspondence and Papers, February 20, 1855–July 20, 1857. 41 frames.
- 0553 Folder 60. Correspondence and Papers, October 16, 1857–May 21, 1858. 26 frames.
- 0579 Folder 61. Correspondence and Papers, June 24, 1858–November 28, 1859. 37 frames.
- 0616 Folder 62. Correspondence and Papers, May 9, 1860–September 25, 1864. 32 frames.
- 0648 Folder 63. Correspondence and Papers, April 15, 1865–September 4, 1866. 27 frames.
- 0675 Folder 64. Correspondence and Papers, April 9, 1867–July 9, 1869. 25 frames.
- 0700 Folder 65. Correspondence and Papers, August 10, 1869–December 22, 1898. 30 frames.
- 0730 Folder 66. Correspondence and Papers, January 5, 1910–April 5, 1913. 17 frames.

Box 8

- 0747 Folder 67. Financial Papers, Undated and 1817–1839. 21 frames.
- 0768 Folder 68. Financial Papers, 1840–1849. 16 frames.
- 0784 Folder 69. Financial Papers, 1840–1849. 25 frames.
- 0809 Folder 70. Financial Papers, 1850–1859. 28 frames.
- 0837 Folder 71. Financial Papers, 1860–1866. 36 frames.
- 0873 Folder 72. Benjamin M. Drake, Biographical information; extract from genealogy of Drake family. [Undated]. 30 frames.
- 0903 Folder 73. Lecture of Benjamin M. Drake before Jefferson College and Washington Lyceum, 1830. 13 frames.
- 0916 Folder 74. Mississippi Conference Missionary Society, Methodist Episcopal Church, Papers, Undated. 21 frames.
- 0937 Folder 75. Mississippi Conference Missionary Society, Methodist Episcopal Church, Papers, 1823–1827. 14 frames.

Reel 9

#995, Benjamin Drake Collection cont.

Papers cont.

Box 8 cont.

- 0002 Folder 76. Mississippi Conference Missionary Society, Methodist Episcopal Church, Papers, 1828–1832. 11 frames.
- 0013 Folder 77. Mississippi Conference Missionary Society, Methodist Episcopal Church, Annual Reports, 1824–1825. 27 frames.
- 0040 Folder 78. Mississippi Conference Missionary Society, Methodist Episcopal Church, Annual Reports, 1826–1828. 22 frames.
- 0062 Folder 79. Mississippi Conference Missionary Society, Methodist Episcopal Church, Annual Reports, 1831–1832. 26 frames.
- 0088 Folder 80. Benjamin M. Drake, Treasurer, Mississippi Conference Missionary Society, Methodist Episcopal Church, Account Book, 1836–1842. 31 frames.

Box 9

- 0119 Folder 81. Miscellaneous Papers. 32 frames.
- 0151 Folder 82. Envelopes. 5 frames.
- 0156 Folder 83. Envelopes. 4 frames.
- 0160 Folder 84. Envelopes. 4 frames.
- 0164 Folder 85. Envelopes. 6 frames.
- 0170 Folder 86. Abstracts of Correspondence and other literary remains of Benjamin M. Drake, together with Sunday Notes and Comments, 1822–1827. 32 frames.
- 0202 Folder 87. Abstracts of Correspondence of Benjamin M. Drake, 1828. 28 frames.
- 0230 Folder 88. Abstracts of Correspondence of Benjamin M. Drake, 1829–1836. 30 frames.
- 0260 Folder 89. Abstracts of Correspondence of Benjamin M. Drake, 1837–1840. 22 frames.
- 0282 Folder 90. Abstracts of Correspondence of Benjamin M. Drake, 1841–1845. 25 frames.
- 0307 Folder 91. Abstracts of Correspondence of Benjamin M. Drake, 1846–1849. 10 frames.
- 0317 Folder 92. Abstracts of Correspondence of Benjamin M. Drake, 1844–1849. 22 frames.
- 0339 Folder 93. Abstracts of Correspondence of Benjamin M. Drake, 1852–1854. 24 frames.
- 0363 Folder 94. Abstracts of Correspondence of Benjamin M. Drake, 1855–1859. 19 frames.
- 0382 Folder 95. Abstracts of Correspondence of Benjamin M. Drake, 1860. 22 frames.
- 0404 Folder 96. Abstracts of Correspondence of Benjamin M. Drake, miscellaneous. 43 frames.

Omissions

- 0447 List of Omissions from the Benjamin Drake Collection. 1 frame.

#z114, William Dunbar Collection, 1776–1812, Adams County, Mississippi; also Louisiana

Description of the Collection

The William Dunbar Collection comprises the correspondence, diary, and scientific papers of William Dunbar (1749–1810). Dunbar was born in Scotland and came to America in 1771. He journeyed down the Mississippi in 1773 and settled near Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In the 1790s, Dunbar moved to a plantation near Natchez,

Mississippi. Notable documents include correspondence with Thomas Jefferson, a plantation journal from 1776 to 1780, and a journal from an exploring expedition on the Red River.

N. B. A related collection among the holdings of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History is #z114.1, William Dunbar Accretion, which is included in this microfilm edition beginning at frame 0063 of Reel 10. Another related collection filmed by UPA is the William Dunbar Account Book from the holdings of the Southern Historical Collection, Manuscript Department at the Library of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. This collection is part of *Records of Ante-Bellum Southern Plantations from the Revolution through the Civil War, Series J, Part 6*.

Introductory Materials

0448 Introductory Materials. 5 frames.

Papers

Box 1

0453 Folder 1. Correspondence, 1778. 24 frames.
0477 Folder 2. Correspondence, 1800–1804. 20 frames.
0497 Folder 3. Correspondence, 1805–1812. 38 frames.
0535 Folder 4. Geological Papers. 74 frames.
0609 Folder 5. Geological Papers. Pages 37–150. 59 frames.
0668 Folder 6. [Plantation] Journal, 1776–1780. 42 frames.

Box 2

0710 Folder 7. Journal [from exploring expedition on Red River], 1804–1805. 47 frames.
0757 Folder 8. Letter Book, 1802–1805. 41 frames.
0798 Folder 9. Letter Book, 1805–1812. 64 frames.
0862 Folder 10. Meteorological Observations, 1799–1810. 72 frames.

Reel 10

#z114, William Dunbar Collection cont.

Papers cont.

Box 2 cont.

0002 Folder 11. Meteorological Observations, 1814–1818. 49 frames.

#z114.1, William Dunbar Accretion, 1789–1842, Adams County, Mississippi; also Louisiana

Description of the Collection

This collection of papers of William Dunbar comprises three series, the first of which is correspondence. Many of the letters are between Dunbar and his wife, Diana, and discuss plantation operations and the activities of slaves on the Dunbar plantations. The second series consists of two items of correspondence regarding Dunbar's son, also

named William. The third series is an unfinished memoir of William Dunbar, probably written by his son-in-law, Samuel Postlethwaite.

N. B. A related collection among the holdings of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History is #z114, William Dunbar Collection, which is included in this microfilm edition beginning at frame 0453 of Reel 9. Another related collection filmed by UPA is the William Dunbar Account Book from the holdings of Southern Historical Collection, Manuscript Department at the Library of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. This collection is part of *Records of Ante-Bellum Southern Plantations from the Revolution through the Civil War, Series J, Part 6.*

Introductory Materials

0051 Introductory Materials. 12 frames.

Papers

Series 1

0063 Folder 1. Correspondence, 1789. 9 frames.
0072 Folder 2. Correspondence, 1790. 19 frames.
0091 Folder 3. Correspondence, 1791. 5 frames.
0096 Folder 4. Correspondence, 1792. 16 frames.
0112 Folder 5. Correspondence, 1793. 9 frames.
0121 Folder 6. Correspondence, 1794. 17 frames.
0138 Folder 7. Correspondence, 1796. 3 frames.
0141 Folder 8. Correspondence, 1797. 5 frames.
0146 Folder 9. Correspondence, 1798. 9 frames.

Series 2

0155 Folder 10. Correspondence, 1842. 4 frames.

Series 3

0159 Folder 11. "Notices of the Life and Character of W. D. Late of the Forest Near Natchez" [1810?]. 8 frames.

Photocopies

0167 Folder 1. Correspondence, August 11, 1789–May 3, 1790. 23 frames.
0190 Folder 2. Correspondence, April 27, 1791–July 10, 1792. 24 frames.
0214 Folder 3. Correspondence, Summer 1792–February 19, 1796. 19 frames.
0233 Folder 4. Correspondence, June 25, 1797–October 25, 1855. 23 frames.

#411m, Elley Plantation Book, 1855–1856, Washington County, Mississippi

Description of the Collection

The Elley Plantation Book records the operations on William R. Elley's plantation in Washington County, Mississippi, in the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta. Spanning from January 1855 to October 1856, the entries include detailed records of the amount of cotton picked by each slave.

Introductory Materials

0256 Introductory Materials. 3 frames.

Elley Plantation Book

0259 Elley Plantation Book, 1855–1856. 61 frames.

#752m, Alden Spooner Forbes Diary, 1859–1866, Claiborne County, Mississippi

Description of the Collection

This collection consists of a typescript of the diary of Alden Spooner Forbes. Forbes was a merchant and planter in Port Gibson, Claiborne County, Mississippi, and his diary mentions both activities on his plantation and business transactions in his store. An entry from April 13, 1861, is entitled “Commencement of the War” (Reel 10, Frame 0379), and it notes, “I can but doubt the news of actual hostilities having commenced but may be so.” Entries from the years of the Civil War contain references to the course of the war. The diary also includes a list of “War Prices of Articles of Necessity, 1863” (Reel 10, Frame 0537) and a “List of Property Taken by Yankees” (Reel 10, Frame 0538).

Introductory Materials

0320 Introductory Materials. 4 frames.

Alden Spooner Forbes Diary

- 0324 Volume 1. Alden Spooner Forbes Diary, January 1, 1859–April 1, 1863 (typescript). 119 frames.
- 0443 Volume 2. Alden Spooner Forbes Diary, April 2, 1863–January 1, 1866 (typescript). 97 frames.

#1247, Irion-Neilson Collection, [1813–1971], Lowndes County, Mississippi

Description of the Collection

The Irion-Neilson collection contains diaries, journals, personal correspondence, photographs, and newspaper clippings of members of the Irion and Neilson families. The personal journal of Eliza Lucy Irion, who married John Abert Neilson, starts in 1843 and concludes with entries from 1868. The first volume of the journal records Irion’s childhood memories. In a letter to her family during her time at Corona College, Irion mentions her kind feelings for her slave mammy. Other topics covered in the journal include education, social gatherings, health and diseases, and the Civil War. This microfilm edition includes both the handwritten journal and a typescript.

The Civil War diary of John Abert Neilson, a member of the Confederate States Army, begins at Frame 0360 of Reel 11. The diary spans from August 1861 to January 1862 and contains detailed reports on activities of the Mississippi Infantry, Fourteenth Regiment. For example, the first entry mentions the arrest of two men believed to be spies. Neilson’s personal feelings about the war and his own personal service are also revealed in the diary. An entry from December 16, 1861, notes: “Our company recd. 85 bayonets as a present from the ladies of Columbus. Such gifts inspire us with invincible courage and patriotism and make us long for an opportunity to signalize our arms.” On

December 19, 1861, Neilson wrote: "I don't know but that it would be well for the Confederacy should no foreign power intermeddle. So confident am I of our ultimate success!" A January 9, 1862, entry mentions the anniversary of Mississippi's secession from the Union and declares: "This is the childhood of what will be a great and glorious nation whose people are free and brave." Also included in this collection are the correspondence of John Abert Neilson with his family during the Civil War and the courtship letters of John Abert Neilson and Eliza Lucy Irion.

Introductory Materials

0540 Introductory Materials. 6 frames.

Papers

Box 1

0546 Volume 1. Journal of Eliza Lucy Irion Neilson, 1843–March 1858. 20 frames.

0566 Volume 2. Journal of Eliza Lucy Irion Neilson, [March] 1858–1864. 150 frames.

Box 2

0716 Volume 3. Journal of Eliza Lucy Irion Neilson, January 1–May 10, 1859. 69 frames.

0785 Volume 4. Journal of Eliza Lucy Irion Neilson, May 11–December 1859. 129 frames.

Reel 11

#1247, Irion-Neilson Collection cont.

Papers cont.

Box 3

0002 Volume 5. Journal of Eliza Lucy Irion Neilson, 1865–1868. 216 frames.

0218 Bible of Eliza Lucy Irion Neilson [extracts], [1870.] 19 frames.

Box 9

0237 Folder 1. Personal Correspondence, Charles Albert to W. W. Neilson, May 9, 1837. 4 frames.

0241 Folder 2. Personal Correspondence, Snow Baker, June 8, 1813. 5 frames.

0246 Folder 3. Journal of Elizabeth C. Irion, 1852–1854. 42 frames.

0288 Folder 4. Personal Correspondence, James W. Irion to family, Undated and 1859–1861. 38 frames.

0326 Folder 5. Personal Correspondence, James W. Irion to family, 1861–1862. 34 frames.

Box 10

0360 Folder 6. Diary of Captain John Abert Neilson (typescript and original), 1861–1862. 89 frames.

0449 Folder 7. Diary of Captain John Abert Neilson, 1866. 71 frames.

0520 Folder 8. Personal Correspondence, Love Letters of John Abert Neilson and Lucy Irion, July 13–August 3, 1870. 30 frames.

0550 Folder 9. Personal Correspondence, Love Letters of John Abert Neilson and Lucy Irion, August 8–October 28, 1870, and Undated. 46 frames.

0596 Folder 10. Personal Correspondence, Love Letters of John Abert Neilson and Lucy Irion, November 2, 1870–April 13, 1891. 39 frames.

Box 11

- 0635 Folder 11. Personal Correspondence, Mrs. McKinney F. Irion Jr. to Elizabeth Charlotte Irion, Undated and 1844–1846. 42 frames.
- 0677 Folder 12. Personal Correspondence, McKinney F. Irion Jr. to Lucy Irion, 1859–1862. 9 frames.
- 0686 Folder 13. Personal Correspondence, Miscellaneous, Lucy Irion, 1861–1901. 46 frames.
- 0732 Folder 14. Personal Correspondence, Miscellaneous, Prose and Poetry. 16 frames.
- 0748 Folder 15. Photographs. 10 frames.
- 0758 Folder 16. Newspaper Clippings. 13 frames.
- 0771 Folder 17. Newspaper Clippings. 21 frames.
- 0792 Folder 18. Newspaper Clippings, Stephen D. Lee. 12 frames.
- 0804 Folder 19. Newspaper Clippings. 30 frames.

Box 12

- 0834 Volume 1. Journal of Eliza Lucy Irion Neilson (typescript), 1843–1858. 35 frames.
- 0869 Volume 2. Journal of Eliza Lucy Irion Neilson (typescript), 1858. 37 frames.

Reel 12***#1247, Irion-Neilson Collection cont.*****Papers cont.****Box 12 cont.**

- 0002 Volume 3. Journal of Eliza Lucy Irion Neilson (typescript), January–May 10, 1859. 38 frames.
- 0040 Volume 4. Journal of Eliza Lucy Irion Neilson (typescript), May 11–December 1859. 87 frames.

Box 13

- 0127 Volume 2 (second part). Journal of Eliza Lucy Irion Neilson (typescript), 1860–1864. 132 frames.
- 0259 Volume 5. Journal of Eliza Lucy Irion Neilson (typescript), 1865–1868. 200 frames.

Omissions

- 0459 List of Omissions from the Irion-Neilson Collection. 1 frame.

***#258m, Killona Plantation Journals, 1836–[1840],
Holmes County, Mississippi*****Description of the Collection**

Killona Plantation was another of the early cotton plantations in the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta. These plantation journals were kept by Jorden Bailey, the manager of the plantation, and include detailed records on the amount of cotton picked by each slave. Statistics for other crops and for livestock, lists of clothes provided to slaves, and business transactions were also recorded.

Introductory Materials

- 0460 Introductory Materials. 4 frames.

Killona Plantation Journals

- 0464 Volume 1. Killona Plantation Journal, 1836–1840. 76 frames.
0540 Volume 2. Killona Plantation Journal, 1836–1840. 82 frames.

Omissions

- 0622 List of Omissions from the Killona Plantation Journals. 1 frame.

#517m, Alexander G. McNutt Plantation Papers, 1835–1845, Warren County, Mississippi

Description of the Collection

This collection consists of eight items of correspondence between Alexander G. McNutt and George Rust. The first item in this collection (Reel 12, Frame 0627) is an agreement between McNutt and Rust regarding Rust's purchase of a group of McNutt's slaves. Other documents in the collection pertain to the financial difficulties faced by McNutt in the operation of his plantation.

Introductory Materials

- 0623 Introductory Materials. 3 frames.

Papers

- 0626 Folder 1. [Business Correspondence], 1835–1845. 23 frames.

#889v, James T. Magruder Account Book and Plantation Journal, 1796–1818, Jefferson County, Mississippi; also Maryland

Description of the Collection

The James T. Magruder Account Book and Plantation Journal covers farming operations at Mt. Ararat Plantation in Jefferson County, Mississippi. The daily accounts record weather, winds, the general operation of the plantation, and statistics on cotton and other crops.

N. B. A related collection among the holdings of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History is #692, James T. Magruder Cotton Book, 1818–1830, included in this microfilm edition beginning at Frame 0710 of Reel 12.

Introductory Materials

- 0649 Introductory Materials. 4 frames.

James T. Magruder Account Book and Plantation Journal

- 0653 James T. Magruder Account Book and Plantation Journal, 1796–1818. 57 frames.

**#692, James T. Magruder Cotton Book, 1818–1830,
Jefferson County, Mississippi**

Description of the Collection

This collection consists of one folder of the correspondence of James T. Magruder and the cotton book from Magruder's plantation in Jefferson County, Mississippi. In the correspondence folder, there is a letter from Magruder's son, Alexander, to his father, in which Alexander criticizes those who imported slaves and argues for cessation of the slave trade. The cotton book includes detailed daily entries about plantation operations, weather, and statistics on the amount of cotton picked each day.

N. B. A related collection among the holdings of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History is #889v, James T. Magruder Account Book and Plantation Journal, 1796–1818, included in this microfilm edition beginning at Frame 0649 of Reel 12.

Introductory Materials

0710 Introductory Materials. 5 frames.

Papers

0715 Folder 1. Papers, 1828–1831. 13 frames.

0728 Volume 1. Cotton Book, 1818–1830. 44 frames.

Omissions

0772 List of Omissions from the James T. Magruder Collection. 1 frame.

**#z74, Panther Burn Plantation Journals, 1859–1883,
Panther Burn, Mississippi**

Description of the Collection

The Panther Burn Plantation Journals document the operations of another of the early cotton plantations located in the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta. The first volume in this collection was written by the plantation overseer, A. J. McNeill. Daily entries cover weather, the health of slaves, and general plantation operations. The journal also includes inventories of stock and implements and itemizes clothing and tools provided for the slaves at Panther Burn. The collection also contains business records, receipts, and checks of John Willis.

Introductory Materials

0773 Introductory Materials. 5 frames.

Panther Burn Plantation Journals

0778 Volume 1. *The Cotton Plantation Record and Account Book, No. 1*, Panther Burn Plantation, 1859–1883. 94 frames.

Reel 13

#z66, John A. Quitman Papers, 1812–1860, Adams County, Mississippi

Biographical Note

John A. Quitman (1799–1858) was born in Rhinebeck, New York, the son of Reverend Frederick Henry Quitman and Anna Elizabeth Hueck Quitman. He studied law in Chillicothe and Delaware, Ohio, and was admitted to the bar in 1821. At the end of 1821, Quitman settled in Natchez, Mississippi, and began to practice law. In 1824, he married Eliza Turner, the daughter of Henry and Sarah Turner, well-to-do citizens of Natchez.

Quitman eventually came to own four plantations. By virtue of his marriage to Eliza, he gained control of a plantation in Warren County, Mississippi. In 1834 Quitman purchased Springfield Plantation, a tract of land located on the Mississippi River about ten miles from his home at Monmouth. In the mid-1830s, he also took possession of a plantation known as Live Oaks in Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana. Finally, in the mid-1850s, Quitman established a plantation in Holmes County, Mississippi, in the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta.

In addition to his role as plantation owner, Quitman led an active political life. He was elected to the lower house of the Mississippi State legislature in 1827 and served until 1835. During that period, he also held the position of chancellor and was chairman of the judiciary committee of the constitutional convention of 1832. In 1835, he was elected to the state Senate, became its president on December 3, and until January 7, 1836, was acting governor. Quitman was elected governor of Mississippi in 1849, serving until 1850 when he resigned after being indicted by a federal grand jury at New Orleans for violation of neutrality laws. This was the result of Quitman's support for the independence movement in Cuba. The case against him eventually was dismissed, and he was elected to Congress in 1855.

Quitman is also well known for his military service. In 1836 he led a company called the "Fencibles" to Texas to take part in the struggle with Mexico. Upon his return he was appointed brigadier-general of the Mississippi militia and in 1847 was promoted to the position of major general.

Description of the Collection

This collection of John A. Quitman Papers comprises correspondence, speeches, newspaper clippings, and the account book from Quitman's Springfield Plantation. The correspondence is arranged chronologically and spans from 1812 to 1860.

Several major topics are covered in this collection. For the period 1812 to 1846, most of the documents relate to family matters, financial and business records, and legal papers.

Documents relating to slavery can also be found in this accession of the Quitman papers. The Springfield Plantation account book (Reel 16, Frame 0467) includes a list of slaves and general entries regarding management of the plantation. An undated speech (Reel 13, Frame 0098) discusses "northern interference" with the institution of slavery. A May 15, 1854, letter also discusses the future of slavery in the United States

and contains a reference to U.S. policy toward Cuba. In the materials from 1840 (Reel 13, Frame 0396) there is a printed article covering the capture of a slave named Isaac, his subsequent escape to New York, and the governor of New York's refusal to surrender the three men accused of bringing Isaac to New York. Another document on this case can be found at Frame 0450 of Reel 13. A March 7, 1856, letter from Thomas Harvey to Quitman covers slavery and abolition and puzzles over the issue of the evils of slavery.

The other two major topics covered in this collection are also linked to the issue of slavery. These topics are Quitman's filibustering and his service in Congress. The correspondence from 1850 to 1855 is dominated by material pertaining to Cuba. These documents reveal Quitman's hopes to liberate Cuba from Spanish rule and to use the island as a location for the expansion of American slavery. Two documents from 1850 (Reel 14, Frames 0301 and 0303) cover Quitman's indictment for violating the neutrality laws of the United States through his involvement in an invasion of Cuba. Much of the correspondence for the period 1855 to 1858 concerns Quitman's service in the U.S. House of Representatives.

N. B. Related collections among the holdings of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History include #z66.1, Quitman Family Papers Accretion, 1822–1884; #z156f, John A. Quitman Papers Accretion, 1847–1853; and #z913, John A. Quitman and Family Papers Collection, 1820–1931. Each of these collections is included in this microfilm edition. Another Quitman collection filmed by UPA is the Quitman Family Papers, 1760–1926, from the Southern Historical Collection, Manuscripts Department, Library of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. This collection is included in UPA's *Records of Antebellum Southern Plantations from the Revolution through the Civil War, Series J, Part 6*. Other Quitman-related collections can be found at the University of Virginia Library, Charlottesville, Virginia; the Louisiana State University Library, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

In addition to these manuscript collections, Quitman has been the subject of several important articles. An interesting article on Quitman as a slaveholder is Robert E. May, "John A. Quitman and His Slaves: Reconciling Slave Resistance with the Proslavery Defense," *The Journal of Southern History*, 46 (November 1980): 551–570. Scholarly works that primarily focus on Quitman's political career include Cleo Hearon, "Nullification in Mississippi," *Mississippi Historical Society, Publications*, 12 (1912): 43–71; John McCardell, "John A. Quitman and the Compromise of 1850 in Mississippi," *Journal of Mississippi History*, 37 (August 1975): 239–266; James H. McLendon, "John A. Quitman, Fire-Eating Governor," *Journal of Mississippi History*, 15 (April 1953): 73–89; Robert E. May, *The Southern Dream of a Caribbean Empire, 1854–1861* (Baton Rouge, 1973); and John F. H. Claiborne, *Life and Correspondence of John A. Quitman* (2 volumes, New York, 1860).

Introductory Materials

0001 Introductory Materials. 6 frames.

Papers

Box 1

- 0007 Folder 1. Correspondence and Accounts, Undated. 29 frames.
- 0036 Folder 2. Correspondence and Newspaper Clippings, Undated. 22 frames.
- 0058 Folder 3. Correspondence, Papers, and Speeches, Undated. 58 frames.
- 0116 Folder 4. Correspondence and Speeches, Undated. 63 frames.
- 0179 Folder 5. Correspondence and Lists, Undated. 48 frames.
- 0227 Folder 6. Correspondence, Letters in Spanish, and Printed Material in Spanish. 34 frames.
- 0261 Folder 7. Correspondence, Undated. 44 frames.
- 0305 Folder 8. Correspondence and Receipts, 1812–1829. 18 frames.
- 0323 Folder 9. Correspondence and Receipts, 1830–1835. 20 frames.
- 0343 Folder 10. Correspondence and Receipts, 1836. 27 frames.
- 0370 Folder 11. Correspondence, Promissory Notes, and receipts, 1837–1838. 12 frames.
- 0382 Folder 12. Correspondence and Receipts, 1839. 14 frames.
- 0396 Folder 12a. Correspondence and Published Articles, 1840. 58 frames.
- 0454 Folder 13. Correspondence, 1841. 9 frames.

Box 2

- 0463 Folder 1. Correspondence and Papers, January–June 1842. 26 frames.
- 0489 Folder 2. Correspondence and Papers, July–December 1842. 20 frames.
- 0509 Folder 3. Correspondence and Papers, January–April 1843. 22 frames.
- 0531 Folder 4. Correspondence and Papers, May–December 1843. 19 frames.
- 0550 Folder 5. Correspondence and Papers, January–May 1844. 21 frames.
- 0571 Folder 6. Correspondence, Bills of Sale, and Papers, June–December 1844. 22 frames.
- 0593 Folder 7. Correspondence and Papers, January–June 1845. 26 frames.
- 0619 Folder 8. Correspondence and Papers, July–December 1845. 23 frames.
- 0642 Folder 9. Correspondence and Papers, January–April 1846. 24 frames.
- 0666 Folder 10. Correspondence and Papers, May–September 1846. 35 frames.

Reel 14

#z66, John A. Quitman Papers cont.

Papers cont.

Box 2 cont.

- 0002 Folder 11. Correspondence and Papers, October–December 1846. 26 frames.
- 0028 Folder 12. Correspondence and Papers, January–May 1847. 19 frames.
- 0047 Folder 13. Correspondence and Papers, July–December 1847. 17 frames.
- 0064 Folder 14. Correspondence and Papers, February–May 1848. 19 frames.
- 0083 Folder 15. Correspondence and Papers, July–December 1848. 27 frames.
- 0110 Folder 16. Correspondence and Papers, January–June 1849. 20 frames.
- 0130 Folder 17. Correspondence and Papers, July–December 1849. 15 frames.

Box 3

- 0145 Folder 1. Correspondence and Papers, January–February 1850. 36 frames.
0181 Folder 2. Correspondence and Papers, March–April 1850. 26 frames.
0207 Folder 3. Correspondence and Papers, May–June 1850. 39 frames.
0246 Folder 4. Correspondence and Papers, July 1850. 31 frames.
0277 Folder 5. Correspondence and Papers, August–October 1850. 34 frames.
0311 Folder 6. Correspondence and Papers, November–December 1850. 20 frames.
0331 Folder 7. Correspondence and Papers, January 1851. 39 frames.
0370 Folder 8. Correspondence and Papers, February–March 1851. 30 frames.
0400 Folder 9. Correspondence and Papers, April–May 1851. 32 frames.
0432 Folder 10. Correspondence and Papers, June–September 1851. 23 frames.
0455 Folder 11. Correspondence and Papers, October–December 1851. 27 frames.
0482 Folder 12. Correspondence and Papers, 1852. 51 frames.
0533 Folder 13. Correspondence and Papers, January–June 1853. 34 frames.
0567 Folder 14. Correspondence and Papers, July–December 1853. 37 frames.
0604 Folder 15. Correspondence and Papers, 1854. 14 frames.
0618 Folder 16. Correspondence and Papers, January–February 1854. 26 frames.
0644 Folder 17. Correspondence and Papers, March–April 1854. 47 frames.
0691 Folder 18. Correspondence and Papers, May 1854. 31 frames.

Reel 15***#z66, John A. Quitman Papers cont.*****Papers cont.****Box 4**

- 0002 Folder 1. Correspondence and Papers, June 1–10, 1854. 33 frames.
0035 Folder 2. Correspondence and Papers, June 11–30, 1854. 35 frames.
0070 Folder 3. Correspondence and Papers, July 1854. 26 frames.
0096 Folder 4. Correspondence and Papers, August 1854. 30 frames.
0126 Folder 5. Correspondence and Papers, September 1854. 40 frames.
0166 Folder 6. Correspondence and Papers, October 1854. 41 frames.
0207 Folder 7. Correspondence and Papers, November 1854. 27 frames.
0234 Folder 8. Correspondence and Papers, December 1–15, 1854. 32 frames.
0266 Folder 9. Correspondence and Papers, December 16–31, 1854. 28 frames.
0294 Folder 10. Correspondence and Papers, January 1–15, 1855. 34 frames.
0328 Folder 11. Newspaper Clippings, Correspondence, and Papers. January 16–31, 1855.
25 frames.
0353 Folder 12. Correspondence and Papers, February 1855. 29 frames.
0382 Folder 13. Correspondence and Papers, March 1855. 17 frames.
0399 Folder 14. Correspondence and Papers, May–July 1855. 49 frames.
0448 Folder 15. Correspondence and Papers, August 1855. 19 frames.
0467 Folder 16. Correspondence and Papers, September–November 1855. 36 frames.
0503 Folder 17. Correspondence and Papers, December 1855. 33 frames.

Box 5

- 0536 Folder 1. Correspondence and Papers, January 1–14, 1856. 35 frames.
 0571 Folder 2. Correspondence and Papers, January 16–31, 1856. 37 frames.
 0608 Folder 3. Correspondence and Papers, February 4–15, 1856. 33 frames.
 0641 Folder 4. Correspondence and Papers, February 16–29, 1856. 35 frames.
 0676 Folder 5. Correspondence and Papers, March 2–11, 1856. 35 frames.

Reel 16***#z66, John A. Quitman Papers cont.*****Papers cont.****Box 5 cont.**

- 0002 Folder 6. Correspondence and Papers, March 12–31, 1856. 27 frames.
 0029 Folder 7. Correspondence and Papers, April 1–14, 1856. 25 frames.
 0054 Folder 8. Correspondence and Papers, April–May 1856. 44 frames.
 0098 Folder 9. Correspondence and Papers, June 1856. 27 frames.
 0125 Folder 10. Correspondence and Papers, July 1856. 30 frames.
 0155 Folder 11. Correspondence and Papers, August–October 1856. 36 frames.
 0191 Folder 12. Correspondence and Papers, November–December 1856. 32 frames.
 0223 Folder 13. Correspondence and Papers, January–March 1857. 36 frames.
 0259 Folder 14. Correspondence and Papers, April–May 1857. 32 frames.
 0291 Folder 15. Correspondence and Papers, June–August 1857. 35 frames.
 0326 Folder 16. Newspaper Clippings, Correspondence, and Papers, September–December 1857. 43 frames.
 0369 Folder 17. Correspondence and Papers, January–March 1858. 49 frames.
 0418 Folder 18. Correspondence and Papers, April–December 1858; 1859–1860. 49 frames.

Box 10

- 0467 Volume 1. Springfield Plantation Account Book, 1842–1852. 74 frames.

Omissions

- 0541 List of Omissions from John A. Quitman Papers. 1 frame.

***#z66.1, Quitman Family Papers Accretion, 1822–1884,
Adams County, Mississippi*****Description of the Collection**

This accretion of Quitman Family Papers comprises correspondence, financial papers, and other miscellaneous papers of John A. Quitman and his relatives. Most of the papers concern Frederick Henry Quitman, the only son of John A. and Eliza Quitman. The collection spans from 1822 to 1884 with the bulk of the materials dating from the 1850s. Among the topics discussed in the correspondence are health concerns, family affairs, and the political activities of John A. Quitman.

N. B. Related collections among the holdings of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History include #z66, John A. Quitman Papers, 1812–1860; #z156f, John

A. Quitman Papers Accretion, 1847–1853; and #z913, John A. Quitman and Family Papers Collection, 1820–1931. Each of these collections is included in this microfilm edition.

Introductory Materials

0542 Introductory Materials. 4 frames.

Papers

0546 Folder 1. Correspondence, 1842–1848. 16 frames.
0562 Folder 2. Correspondence, 1849. 34 frames.
0596 Folder 3. Correspondence, 1850. 48 frames.
0644 Folder 4. Correspondence, 1851. 9 frames.
0653 Folder 5. Correspondence, 1852. 12 frames.
0665 Folder 6. Correspondence, 1853. 51 frames.
0716 Folder 7. Correspondence, 1854. 22 frames.
0738 Folder 8. Correspondence, 1855. 15 frames.
0753 Folder 9. Correspondence, 1856. 49 frames.
0802 Folder 10. Correspondence, 1857. 29 frames.
0831 Folder 11. Correspondence, 1858. 16 frames.
0847 Folder 12. Correspondence, 1859. 38 frames.
0885 Folder 13. Correspondence, 1860–1868. 28 frames.
0913 Folder 14. Correspondence, 1870–1884. 20 frames.
0933 Folder 15. Correspondence, Eliza Quitman to Henry Quitman (son), Undated. 8 frames.
0941 Folder 16. Correspondence, Alfred Gardner (outgoing), Undated. 35 frames.
0976 Folder 17. Correspondence, Mary Quitman (outgoing), Undated. 52 frames.
1028 Folder 18. Correspondence, [miscellaneous], Undated. 30 frames.
1058 Folder 19. Financial, 1822–1870 and Undated. 30 frames.
1088 Folder 20. Student Reports, 1851–1852 and 1860. 4 frames.
1092 Folder 21. Sketches [maps], 1846 and Undated. 4 frames.
1096 Folder 22. Poetry and Prose, Undated. 12 frames.
1108 Folder 23. Household Inventories, 1846 and Undated. 6 frames.
1114 Folder 24. Miscellaneous, 1853, 1856, and Undated. 8 frames.

Reel 17

#z156f, John A. Quitman Papers Accretion, 1847–1853, Adams County, Mississippi

Description of the Collection

This accretion of the John A. Quitman Papers includes four items, three of which are letters written by John A. Quitman to his only son, Frederick Henry Quitman. The first letter, written during Quitman's command of Mississippi militia troops in Mexico, discusses family matters and also includes a comment on Colonel Jefferson Davis. The second letter, written from Quitman's home at Monmouth, includes advice to be followed as well as an update on family news. The third letter was also written at Monmouth and discusses the yellow fever epidemic of 1853. This small accretion of

Quitman papers concludes with a scrapbook of miscellaneous items, including newspaper clippings pertaining to antebellum politics.

N. B. Related collections among the holdings of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History include #z66, John A. Quitman Papers, 1812–1860; #z66.1, Quitman Family Papers Accretion, 1822–1884; and #z913, John A. Quitman and Family Papers Collection, 1820–1931. Each of these collections is included in this microfilm edition.

Introductory Materials

0001 Introductory Materials. 4 frames.

Papers

0005 Folder 1. Correspondence, January 11, 1847–September 29, 1853. 40 frames.

0045 Folder 2. Correspondence, March 9, 1848. 5 frames.

#z913, John A. Quitman and Family Papers Collection, 1820–1931, Adams County, Mississippi

Description of the Collection

This collection of John A. Quitman and Family Papers includes correspondence, newspaper clippings, printed materials, and genealogical records and spans from 1820 to 1931, with the bulk of the documents from the 1840s and 1850s. As with the other Quitman collections, much of the correspondence is to or from Frederick Henry Quitman. Several letters relate to antebellum politics. There are also several items on Cuba, including a February 1850 article from the *Democratic Review* entitled “General Lopez, The Cuban Patriot.”

N. B. Related collections among the holdings of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History include #z66, John A. Quitman Papers, 1812–1860; #z66.1, Quitman Family Papers Accretion, 1822–1884; and #z156f, John A. Quitman Papers Accretion, 1847–1853. Each of these collections is included in this microfilm edition.

Introductory Materials

0050 Introductory Materials. 3 frames.

Papers

0053 Folder 1. [Correspondence], November 2, 1820–December 10, 1846. 30 frames.

0083 Folder 2. [Correspondence], January 6, 1847–December 30, 1848. 41 frames.

0124 Folder 3. [Correspondence], January 19–December 4, 1849. 45 frames.

0169 Folder 4. [Correspondence], March 14, 1850–November 20, 1851. 38 frames.

0207 Folder 5. [Correspondence], January 30, 1852–December 27, 1854. 48 frames.

0255 Folder 6. [Correspondence], January 19–October 23, 1855. 30 frames.

0285 Folder 7. [Correspondence], November 7–December 31, 1855. 26 frames.

0311 Folder 8. [Correspondence], January 10–December 8, 1856. 42 frames.

0353 Folder 9. [Correspondence], January 2–December 29, 1857. 48 frames.

0401 Folder 10. [Correspondence], January 4–December 28, 1858. 47 frames.

0448 Folder 11. [Correspondence], July 28, 1859–March 13, 1931. 19 frames.

- 0467 Folder 12. Newspaper Clippings. 1850–1913 and Undated. 12 frames.
- 0479 Folder 13. Photographs and Prints, 1819–1847 and Undated. 20 frames.
- 0499 Folder 14. [Correspondence], Undated and incomplete dates. 21 frames.
- 0520 Folder 15. "General Lopez, The Cuban Patriot," *Democratic Review*, February 1850. 12 frames.
- 0532 Folder 16. Fragments. 58 frames.
- 0590 Folder 17. Fragments. 38 frames.

**#1308, Nancy McDougall Robinson Collection, 1832–1873,
Claiborne County, Mississippi**

Description of the Collection

The Nancy McDougall Robinson Collection consists of diaries, correspondence, slave lists and accounts, birth and death records, recipes, photographs, and other miscellaneous items. Robinson's diary contains entries on family and home life, health, weather, and the progress of the Civil War. The correspondence of Nancy McDougall Robinson with her son, Jerry Robinson, also contains frequent references to the Civil War. A list of the slaves owned by Robinson and her husband, Alfred Bassett Robinson, can be found at Frame 0289 of Reel 18.

Introductory Materials

- 0628 Introductory Materials. 4 frames.

Papers

Box 1

- 0632 Diary of Nancy McDougall Robinson, 1865–1869. 143 frames.
- 0775 Diary of Nancy McDougall Robinson, 1872–1873. 73 frames.
- 0848 Diary of Nancy McDougall Robinson, 1853–1857. 65 frames.

Reel 18

#1308, Nancy McDougall Robinson Collection cont.

Papers cont.

Box 1 cont.

- 0002 Diary of Nancy McDougall Robinson, 1832–1833. 32 frames.
- 0034 Diary of Nancy McDougall Robinson, 1855–1856. 54 frames.
- 0088 Diary of Nancy McDougall Robinson, 1856–1858. 56 frames.
- 0144 Diary of Nancy McDougall Robinson, 1858–1859. 47 frames.

Box 2

- 0191 Folder 1. Correspondence, Undated and 1858–1882. 98 frames.
- 0289 Folder 2. Slave Lists and Accounts, 1861–1863. 22 frames.
- 0311 Folder 3. Birth and Death Records. 6 frames.
- 0317 Folder 4. Miscellaneous Recipes. 2 frames.
- 0319 Folder 5. Photographs. 3 frames.

- 0322 Folder 6. Certification by the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Coahoma County concerning [photocopies] of the Robinson Bible, owned by Jerry Falls, 1966. 22 frames.
- 0344 Folder 7. Payment Receipts, 1858–1860. 9 frames.
- 0353 Folder 8. Marriage, Births, and Deaths Recorded in the Bible of William H. Fitzgerald [photocopies]. 21 frames.

***#z270m, Walter Wade Plantation Diaries, 1834–1854,
Jefferson County, Mississippi***

Description of the Collection

This collection is a typescript of two volumes of the plantation diaries of Walter Wade. Wade was a practicing physician as well as a plantation owner in Jefferson County, Mississippi. The diary is a record of the daily operation of Wade's Ross Wood cotton plantation. Many entries pertain to the subject of slavery. For example, there are detailed statistics on the cotton crop and the amount of cotton picked each day by individual slaves. An entry from May 1, 1852, notes "Let negroes have afternoon to fix their corn ground and plant it" (Reel 18, Frame 0624). An entry from December 1852 mentions a runaway slave named Charles and a visitor who came to trade with Wade's slaves. Other entries note the clothes given to slaves. Wade's diaries also include extensive medical records. For example, on February 21, 1848, Wade recorded an abortion of twins at three months (Reel 18, Frame 0732).

Introductory Materials

- 0374 Introductory Materials. 3 frames.

Diaries

- 0377 Volume 1. Plantation Diary of Dr. Walter Wade of "Ross Wood" in Jefferson County, Mississippi, 1834–1854 (typescript). 318 frames.
- 0695 Volume 2. Plantation Diary of Dr. Walter Wade of "Ross Wood" in Jefferson County, Mississippi, 1838–1849 (typescript). 237 frames.

Reel 19

***#z76, Benjamin Leonard Covington Wailes Diaries, 1762–1862,
Washington, Adams County, Mississippi***

Description of the Collection

Benjamin Leonard Covington (B. L. C.) Wailes was a plantation owner, geologist, and surveyor in Washington, Mississippi. He was known for his interest in natural phenomena in the region, particularly soils, rocks, plants, and animal life. In 1852, Wailes was appointed assistant professor of agriculture and geological sciences at the University of Mississippi. His diaries include scientific observations as well as many interesting entries about the functioning of a Mississippi plantation.

Wailes's diaries contain many comments about the slave system on his plantation. For example, a December 1857 entry (Reel 19, Frame 0719) notes that the overseer, Mr. Stanford, "has had some difficulty with the negroes about a week since for

insubordination and had to whip some of them.” On November 15, 1858, Wailes recorded his displeasure with this same overseer. He wrote: “Nothing would induce me to keep him longer. I find that he has neglected my sick negroes very much.... His wife too is a nuisance on the place and the negroes charge them with misappropriating the clothing and other supplies” (Reel 19, Frame 0818). A pair of entries from June 2 and June 5, 1859 (Reel 19, Frames 0897 and 0899), mention that two slaves had run away because of the brutal conduct of the overseer.

Wailes’s diaries also include many comments about the Civil War. Between 1860 and 1862, his tone seems to change substantially. For example, on January 9, 1860, he wrote of a letter he received from his son, Leonard, in medical school in Philadelphia. Wailes notes his happiness that Leonard had chosen to remain in school even though “at least two hundred [southern students] left for southern institutions in consequence of the political excitements gotten up by the sectionalists and disunionists” (Reel 19, Frame 1014). A November 21, 1860, entry was even more critical of secession. Wailes wrote: “the papers are filled with threats of violence of the maniacs of South Carolina and Georgia...the desperate demagogues are inflaming the populace to precipitate our country into a state of lawless violence and terror.” As the war progressed, however, Wailes increasingly came to identify with the southern cause. A July 31, 1861, entry refers to a “glorious” battle at Manassas. A September 1861 entry (Reel 20, Frame 0130) indicates the sacrifice Wailes became willing to make for the Confederate cause. Discussing an impending Union advance, he wrote: “Would we be reduced to that extremity we can set fire to [the cotton], and should they leave us our hogs and corn, we can manage to live another year.”

N. B. Other B. L. C. Wailes material filmed by UPA is part of the Francis Mignon Papers, 1826–1854, from the holdings of the Southern Historical Collection, Manuscript Department, Library of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. This collection contains materials written by B. L. C. Wailes. It is part of *Records of Ante-Bellum Southern Plantations from the Revolution through the Civil War, Series J, Part 6*. Another collection of B. L. C. Wailes Papers is held by the Manuscript Department of the William R. Perkins Library, Duke University.

Introductory Materials

0001 Introductory Materials. 17 frames.

Diaries

Box 1, Series 1

- 0018 Folder 1, Volume 1. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), January 27–March 10, 1852. 13 frames.
- 0031 Folder 2, Volume 2. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), March 11–April 22, 1852. 18 frames.
- 0049 Folder 3, Volume 3. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), April 23–August 5, 1852. 40 frames.
- 0089 Folder 4, Volume 4. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), August 6–September 5, 1852. 30 frames.
- 0119 Folder 5, Volume 5. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), September 6–December 3, 1852. 31 frames.
- 0150 Folder 6, Volume 6. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), December 4, 1852–March 16, 1853. 32 frames.
- 0182 Folder 7, Volume 7. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), March 17–May 24, 1853. 30 frames.

- 0212 Folder 8, Volume 8. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), May 25–August 31, 1853.
29 frames.
- 0241 Folder 9, Volume 9. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), September 1–December 31, 1853.
31 frames.
- 0272 Folder 10, Volume 10. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), January 1–March 19, 1854.
33 frames.
- 0305 Folder 11, Volume 11. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), March 20–April 30, 1854.
31 frames.
- 0336 Folder 12, Volume 12. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), May 1–August 9, 1854.
33 frames.
- 0369 Folder 13, Volume 13. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), August 10–December 20, 1854.
66 frames.
- 0435 Folder 14, Volume 14. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), December 21, 1854–August 14,
1855. 64 frames.
- 0499 Folder 15, Volume 15. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), August 15, 1855–May 16, 1856.
65 frames.
- 0564 Folder 16, Volume 16. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), May 17, 1856–January 1, 1857.
63 frames.
- 0627 Folder 17, Volume 17. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), January 1–April 30, 1857.
36 frames.
- 0663 Folder 18, Volume 18. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), May 1–September 30, 1857.
34 frames.
- 0697 Folder 19, Volume 19. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), October 1–December 1, 1857.
30 frames.
- 0727 Folder 20, Volume 20. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), January 1–June 30, 1858.
40 frames.
- 0767 Folder 21, Volume 21. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), July 1–October 31, 1858.
35 frames.
- 0802 Folder 22, Volume 22. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), November 1–December 31, 1858.
31 frames.
- 0833 Folder 23, Volume 23. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), January 1–March 31, 1859.
35 frames.
- 0868 Folder 24, Volume 24. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), April 1–June 15, 1859. 36 frames.
- 0904 Folder 25, Volume 25. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), June 15–July 23, 1859.
33 frames.
- 0937 Folder 26, Volume 26. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), July 24–August 18, 1859.
15 frames.
- 0952 Folder 27, Volume 27. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), August 19–November 16, 1859.
37 frames.
- 0989 Folder 28, Volume 28. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), November 17, 1859–January 31,
1860. 36 frames.
- 1025 Folder 29, Volume 29. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), February 1–May 13, 1860.
38 frames.
- 1063 Folder 30, Volume 30. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), May 14–June 30, 1860.
35 frames.
- 1098 Folder 31, Volume 31. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), July 1–August 16, 1860.
25 frames.

Reel 20

#z76, Benjamin Leonard Covington Wailes Diaries cont.

Diaries cont.

Box 1, Series 1 cont.

- 0002 Folder 32, Volume 32. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), September 22, 1860–January 31, 1861. 55 frames.
- 0057 Folder 33, Volume 33. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), February 1–August 1, 1861. 57 frames.
- 0114 Folder 34, Volume 34. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), August 1–December 31, 1861. 63 frames.
- 0177 Folder 35, Volume 35. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), January 1–May 31, 1862. 64 frames.
- 0241 Folder 36, Volume 36. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes (typescript), June 1–November 5, 1862. 62 frames.
- 0303 Folder 37. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes, Provenance file, 1937; 1939; 1966; 1976. 5 frames.
- 0308 Folder [38]. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes, Index, Undated. 186 frames.

Box 2, Series 2

- 0494 Volume 1. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes, January 24–March 10, 1852. 25 frames.
- 0519 Volume 2. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes, March 11–April 22, 1852. 27 frames.
- 0546 Volume 3. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes, April 23–August 5, 1852. 62 frames.
- 0608 Volume 4. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes, August 6–September 5, 1852. 52 frames.
- 0660 Volume 10. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes, January 1–March 19, 1854. 50 frames.
- 0710 Volume 11. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes, March 20–April 30, 1854. 47 frames.
- 0757 Volume 12. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes, May 1–August 9, 1854. 51 frames.
- 0808 Volume 13. Diary of B. L. C. Wailes, August 10–December 20, 1854. 100 frames.

Box 3, Series 5

- 0908 Notes on the Aboriginal Monuments and Remains of Mississippi, 1852. 27 frames.

Box 3, Series 6

- 0935 References to Individuals and Localities, Undated. 25 frames.

Box 3, Series 7

- 0960 Diary of B. L. C. Wailes, 1829–1830. 61 frames.

Box 3, Series 8

- 1021 Miscellaneous Notes, Undated. 23 frames.

Box 3, Series 10

- 1044 Notes on Natural History, 1852. 34 frames.

Box 3, Series 3

- 1078 Historical Notes furnished by Judge Edward Turner, [1859]. 39 frames.

Omissions

- 1117 List of Omissions from the Benjamin Leonard Covington Wailes Diaries. 1 frame.

**#z912, Wallace Plantation Book, 1837–1855,
Como, Mississippi**

Description of the Collection

This collection consists of one item, a day book of records, possibly from a plantation owned by the Wallace family near Como, Mississippi. The day book contains accounts for blacksmith services and a record of items sold at the Wallace general store.

Introductory Materials

1118 Introductory Materials. 5 frames.

Wallace Plantation Book

1123 Wallace Plantation Book, 1837–1855. 76 frames.

**#129m, Unidentified Plantation Journal, 1859–1860,
Holly Springs, Marshall County, Mississippi**

Description of the Collection

This plantation journal is possibly from a plantation near Holly Springs, Marshall County, Mississippi. Topics covered in the entries include weather, operation of the plantation, and the health of the slaves.

Introductory Materials

1199 Introductory Materials. 3 frames.

Plantation Journal

1202 Unidentified Plantation Journal, 1859–1860. 43 frames.

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