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## Department of Archives and Manuscripts

### Antebellum Collection Miscellaneous Documents

#### Background/Scope and Content:

This collection contains miscellaneous documents such as slave receipts, diaries, land sales and other documents collected by the library staff. The material primarily relates to Alabama and Jefferson County.

#### Subject Areas:

Alabama – Genealogy.  
Land settlement – Alabama.  
Slavery – Alabama – History – 19<sup>th</sup> century.  
Slaves – Alabama.

**Size:** 1 1/3 linear feet (4 boxes)

**Source:** Tutwiler Collection and other sources

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File Number:	Description:
1.1	Alabama State Docket for the Bar. Cahaba, Alabama, listing attorneys, parties, judgements, numbered 1 – 60. 10 pages folded and bound with string in fragment of newspaper <i>Halcyon</i> , published at St. Stephens, Alabama, September 4, (circa 1820.) Index in folder. 1 item, 60 leaves.
1.2	Petition, handwritten, Clarke County, Alabama, dated September 8, 1852; 19 signatures to allow Mrs. Bennet to keep her grandchild. 1 item, 1 leaf
1.3	Letter, W. H. Slade to Hon. H. W. Coat, re: Mrs. Bennett's guardianship, undated. 1 item, 1 leaf

- 1.4 Alabama State Docket for the Bar. Cahaba, Alabama, Fall Term, 1836, numbered 95 – 238. Index in folder. 1 item, 10 leaves
- 1.5 Printed list of firearms from New York, 1850. Notice for sale of firearms, New York, October 4, 1850; printed illustration from woodblock of firearms, circa 1850. 3 items, 3 leaves
- 1.6 Receipt, for sale of a slave by M. A. Williams, dated January 14, 1858, Dallas County, Alabama 1 item, 1 leaf
- 1.7 Facsimile of the Declaration of the People of Texas to General Antonio Lopez de Santa Ana. Discusses the causes of the rebellion and the right of Texans to be in a state of revolution against the Government of Mexico. 1 item, 1 leaf
- 1.8 Capital stock certificate issued to D. M. Tuttle, for 20 shares of the Alabama and Tennessee River Railroad Company, dated March 29, 1852, 1 item, 1 leaf 76-80
- 1.9 Sale bill for the estate of John C. Tobias, Wilcox County, dated April 16, 1858. The bill lists his property and possessions that were sold. 1 item, 2 leaves
- 1.10 Deed of Land from John Applewhite to Monoah B. Hampton, October 7, 1839, Lawrence County, Alabama. 1 item, 2 leaves
- 1.11 Typed copy of selected pages from Genealogical Family Bible of the R. B. Jeter family, dated 1859. Contains information regarding births, deaths, and marriages.
- 1.12 Letter of Transmittal from the sons of Temperance, State of Alabama, for the quarter commencing October 1, headquartered at Montgomery, Alabama; signed by Armand P. Pfister, Grand Scribe, dated October 1, 1849. 1 item, 1 leaf
- 1.13 Five copies of one Post Coach poster for Jemison, Ficklin, Powell and Company; shows fares from Montgomery to Vicksburg and Montgomery to Jackson, dated January, 1859 1 item, 5 leaves

- 1.14 Diary of J. C. Clayton, from May 10, 1857 – December 27, 1857; contains daily entries and an accounts payable section; combination diary and ledger book; xerox copy. 1 item, 60 leaves 79 – 172 GIFT OF MRS. JOHN BRADSHAW
- 1.15 Papers listing the estate of James H. Powell, including all slaves and furnishings and their value, dated between 1860 – 1869; handwritten, good condition. 1 item, 16 leaves
- 1.16
- 1.17 Diary of Martha Jane Lindley for the period January 1, 1856 – November 9, 1856; photocopy, original at Tennessee State Library and Archives . 1 item, 45 leaves
- 1.18 James Powell’s Plantation Book and Scrap Book, encompassing his financial transactions for the period 1856 to circa 1860; also, contains witty sayings, recipes, and other paraphernalia peculiar to that era. 1 item, 35 leaves
- 1.19 Document attests that due to the drowning of a slave, a man named Queen owes the owner of the slave, Reuben Dickson, \$ 800.00; typed copy of original, dated December 28m 1834, 1 item, 1 leaf
- 1.20 Agreement between Sower, Loas-Kee, and Robert, of the Creek Indian Nation, and William Walker, sale of land in Macon County, dated December 23, 1848. 1 item, 2 leaves
- 1.21 Land sale between Edward McBryde and William Walker from Mariah, a Creek Indian; lands in Macon county, dated December 23, 1848. 1 item, 2 leaves
- 1.22 Land sale between Edward McBryde, D. McDougald and Mariah, a Creek Indian; land in Macon County, dated December 23, 1848
- 1.23 Handwritten official naturalization papers of Francis MacIntyre of Whitfield County, Georgia, dated Jnuary 18, 1857. 1 item, 4 leaves
- 1.24 Gossipy letter from unknown writer to Richard Ranson, dated January 22, 1833. 1 item, 1 leaf

- 1.25 Land deed assigning the heirs of William Allen, Section 16, Tract 9, Range 4 East, dated October 25, 1849. 1 item, 1 leaf
- 1.26 Receipt from St. Stephens, Alabama for land as described for \$ 97.50, dated April 2, 1836. 1 item, 1 leaf
- 1.27 Land transaction between Killo, a Creek Indian and Lancey T. Williams, in Coosa Land District, dated October 31, 1834. 1 item, 1 leaf
- 1.28 Difficult to read; Monetary sum paid to or by George Taylor in the amount of \$114.00 to or by an unreadable name, dated August 2, 1819. 1 item, 1 leaf
- 1.29 Document, Samueal Chapman, acting as judge for Madison County has acted in the best interests of Martha Ann McElroy, a ward of Martin McElroy, concerning a monetary settlement, dated March 17, 1828. 1 item, 2 leaves
- 1.30 Copy of document from the Office of the Commissioner of Pensions that entitles Lucinda Parsons to the pension of her dead husband, a veteran of the South Carolina State Militia during the War of 1812; Three Jefferson County documents attesting to the fact that Lucinda Parsons will receive land in Jefferson County granted her deceased husband; Land Warrant #35203 showing the property that Edmund Wood owns in Jefferson County; Date of all documents is 1853; Xeroxed copies.
- 1.31 Receipt stating that Richard Bettninger bought from A. N. Hunt 1 ham, 1 shoulder and 1 middling weighing 54 pounds., August 29, 1839.
- 1.32 Booklet entitled "Album of Friendship" filled with letters, poems, sayings to Miss Mattie from her friends, 1859 - 1863.
- 1.33 Receipt from John Thos. Hamilton, who sold a slave named Nancy for \$8.00 . dated December 27, 1854; receipt from Daniel Pratt who sold a slave named Nancy for \$12.00 to E.A. Lyle (gave slave to Melissa A. Wainwright, January 1, 1863), June 5. 1857.

- 1.34 Bond with coupons attached issued by the Tennessee River Rail Road Company, January 1, 1855
- 1.35 Broadside for the 1848 term of the Hayneville Academy, listing courses and tuition fees, December 10, 1847
- 1.36 Invitation to attend the funeral of Miss Francis Conway, March 10, 1855
- 1.37 Two documents issued by the Governor of Alabama informing Samuel Massey he has been elected a Justice of the Peace for the county of St. Claire, June 20, 1820 and July 26, 1823; Xerox copies
- 1.38 Property Settlement of the estate of James A. Tait by Probate Court of Wilcox County; complete listing of his slaves and their values, March 3, 1856
- 2.1 Land indenture, Lawrence County between Simrod O. Thompson and R. H. Cleeve, October 20, 1854
- 2.2 Indictment, Lawrence Count, charges John E. Walker with keeping a disorderly house, Spring, 1860
- 2.3 Note to the Honorable David G. Ligon, Chancellor of the Southern Division, concerns an auction held in Florence, Alabama, October 1, 1847
- 2.4 Complaint against Daniel Wade, Lawrence County, August, 1820
- 2.5 Complaint against William Wiley Wells, Lawrence County, January, 1826
- 2.6 Complaint against William Wiley Wells, Lawrence County, September, 1822
- 2.7 Court Order to the Sheriff of Lawrence County, September, 1822
- 2.8 Reply to charges by William L. Wilson, December, 1821
- 2.9 Court Document concerning the last will and testament of John T. Wall of Greenville County, July 21, 1831

- 2.10 Promissory note of William S. Dearing to B.W. & I. P. Force and Company, Charleston, South Carolina, September 6, 1850
- 2.11 Receipt for a witness, Samuel Henderson, June, 1830
- 2.12 Promissory Note of Henry Fort to Richard Ashhurst, July 19. 1822
- 2.13 Estate Sale, concerns the selling of slaves belonging to the estate of M. M. West, Wilcox County, April 27, 1861
- 2.14 Deed of Samuel B. Martin for Negro slaves, partial page, April 29, 1838
- 2.15 Letter, N. E. Baison to James E., Montgomery, Alabama, June 19, 1840
- 2.16 Bill of sale, Charles Barney and company, Mobile, Alabama, March 9. 1849
- 2.17 Bill of sale, Finch and Company, Mobile, Alabama, March 9, 1849
- 2.18 Bill of sale, John Stuckey, Mobile, Alabama, March 25, 1850
- 2.19 Freight bill, from the Steamer Wilcox, Mobile, Alabama, May 9. 1832
- 2.20 Freight bill from the Steamer St. Nicholas, April 23, 1861
- 2.21 Bill of sale, Moore, Burson & Gulley, Snow-hill, Alabama, January, 1859
- 2.22 Bill of Sale, Blandon Spring, October 28, 1852
- 2.23 Bill of Sale, Pollard and Edwards, Mobile, Alabama, February 3, 1849
- 2.24 Receipt of Truman Perrin from Carter Cleveland, January 12, 1833
- 2.25 Account appraisement, final settlement of the estate of Harriet Outlaw, Wilcox County, August 15, 1859

- 2.26 Bill of sale, King and Thomas Wholesale Grocers, Mobile, Alabama, February 3, 1849
- 2.27 Bill of Sale, Johnson and Borden, McKinley, Alabama, February 16, 1853
- 2.28 Note of \$30.00 to Sheldon & Arnold, by Richard Coulter, Pine Hill, Alabama, May 16, 1855
- 2.29 Estimated value of the Estate of John W. Bridges, January 9, 1861
- 2.30 Account of David Wordlaw to Tildell Dening, December 18, 1839
- 2.31 Account of James Nettles to George M. Adams, January 29, 1849
- 2.32 Note from C. H. Cleveland signed by C. Weaver, February 25, 1834
- 2.33 Chancery Court document of Southern Chancery Division, Wilcox County, circa 1842
- 2.34 Legal document of the heirs of the estate of John McCants, March 18, 1847
- 2.35 Account of C. C. Nettles from 1835 - 1860
- 2.36 Account of J. Wilkinson, January 10, 1843
- 2.37 Account for "Negro Closs for Nancy Christian" 1837
- 2.38 Account to the Alabama & Tennessee River Rail Road Company of Charles R. Marshall, April 23, 1856
- 2.39 Account for cotton bales on Steamer Robinson, May 1842
- 2.40 Legal document concerning a deed in Mobile County , January 7, 1840
- 2.41 Legal document, Case # 3343, John Ransome vs. Charles J. Gee, Wilcox County, December 10, 1845
- 2.42 Account of Abner Cleveland to Hugh McLean, September 26, 1847

- 2.43 Charges against the Estate of Charles Horton, September 12, 1830
- 2.44 Answers of Phillip D. Forniss, a witness, Wilcox County, March 6, 1835
- 2.45 Account of Mrs. Sarah A. Nettles, December 19. 1849
- 2.46 Charges against the Estate of Sarah Finley of Abda Christian, June 20, 1837
- 2.47 Charges against the Estate of Sarah Finley, of Nancy Christian, June 20, 1837
- 2.48 Final settlement of account of William McGraw & Henry McGraw, October 8, 1861
- 2.49 Account on the Estate of David McMillan, December 21, 1842
- 2.50 Account of Henry Newberry, March 13, 1854
- 2.51 Account of Mary A. Caison, February 13, 1860
- 2.52 Account of Sarah A Nettles, December 23, 1846
- 2.53 Estate of William Nettles, petition to sell negroes for division, Wilcox County, February 10, 1860
- 2.54 Legal document to John L Hart and R H Armstrong of Wilcox County December 6, 1848
- 2.55 Petition of Guardianship of Alexander M. Morrison, August 2, 1847
- 2.56 Receipt of William M. Purifoy, a witness, Wilcox County, April 21, 1845
- 2.57 Estate of E. F. Farrington, 1859
- 2.58 Account of William T. Morgan, March 5, 1849
- 2.59 Accounts of W A Kimbrough, February 22, 1858 and February 11, 1859



- 2.60 Account of Sallie Jane Dumar, 1854
- 2.61 Estate papers of John M. Walker, Wilcox County, January 1, 1850
- 2.62 Petition to sell negroes of Estate of George W, Ptomy, March 17, 1856
- 2.63 Partial settlement of the account of C. C. Kimbrough, February 22, 1861
- 2.64 Answers of Henry Pegere, in Chancery Court of Wilcox County, 1850
- 2.65 Final settlement of the affairs of Emily I. Heath, 1850
- 2.66 Partial settlement of the account of A. J. Carson, July 15, 1861
- 2.67 Legal document, August, 1847
- 2.68 Account of Louisa Newberry, March 13, 1854
- 2.69 Account of Elizabeth Newberry, March 13, 1854
- 3.1 Letter, James B. Robins to Sam W. Robins, Snow Hill, Alabama, April 16, 1853
- 3.2 Letter, Jno. Olds & Co. to Colonel J. A. Crook, Mobile, Alabama, June 14, 1857
- 3.3 Chancery Court document, undated
- 3.4 Account sheet, Rebecca W. Patton, 1834-1835
- 3.5 Account sheet, George M. Harrison, October 10, 1859
- 3.6 Receipt for Negro slave, undated
- 3.7 Account sheet, Lucinda Morgan, August 14, 1859
- 3.8 Brief of testimony, undated
- 3.9 Account sheet, Henry Newberry, March 13, 1854
- 3.10 Account sheet, Eliza A. Philen, January 1, 1850

- 3.11 Account sheet, Unity S. Hill, December 1, 1854
- 3.12 Estate of Custis Williamson, 1845
- 3.13 Account sheet, George T. Moore, 1847
- 3.14 Legal document, John A. Ransom vs. Charles Glass & Willis A. Wilcox, October 14, 1845
- 3.15 Account sheet, H. C. Heath
- 3.16 Account sheet, L B Robins, January 8, 1856
- 3.17 Receipt, C M Satterwhite, November 10, 1842
- 3.18 Receipt, Jas. T. Johnson, January 2, 1854
- 3.19 Receipt, J.C. Ingersoll, January 2, 1854
- 3.20 Letter, W. A. Calley to Martha Calley, Richmond, Virginia, June 17, 1848. A letter to his wife in Huntsville, Alabama, Inquires of matters "on the plantation" and promises to write at his next destination.
- 3.21 Notice, Simon Douglass to W. Huddleston, March 13, 1834. Requests that Huddleston produce in the Limestone County Circuit Court a bill of sale for negroes
- 3.22 Indenture of land and negro slaves, Daniel Gilchrist to John A. Gilchrist, Lawrence County, Alabama, December 1, 1852
- 3.23 Letter, J. M. Sledge to R. Buckel, Memphis Tennessee, September 7, 1852. Concerns the sale of a negro slave; difficult to read
- 3.24 Letter, William Ely to Daniel Wadsworth
- 3.25 Note of bond, John T. Parker and Henry Suggs, Lawrence County, March 10, 1856
- 3.26 Bill of Cost, William Leigh and Company vs. Henry McGhee, undated
- 3.27 Summons, Henry Fennell, Lawrence County, July 3, 1852

- 3.28 Summons, John Scruggs, Lawrence County, July 14, 1845
- 3.29 Indebtedness Document, Paul J. Watkins, Lawrence County, December 6, 1842
- 3.30 Indebtedness Document, Archibald Wright, Lawrence County, February 12, 1844
- 3.31 Legal Document, Thomas Crouch, Lawrence County, August 10, 1839; February 3, 1840
- 3.32 Indebtedness Document, Nathaniel McKie, Lawrence County, March 11, 1840
- 3.33 Legal Document, William Harper, Lawrence County, 1839
- 3.34 Legal Documents, Anderson Berryman, Lawrence County, 1839
- 3.35 Legal Documents, Thomas Simpson, Lawrence County, 1839
- 3.36 Legal Documents, John Peters, Lawrence County, 1839
- 3.37 Account of Fleming Hodges, 1837
- 3.38 Estate of Jno. B Seprins, Wilcox County, January, 1837
- 3.39 Crop Inventories, John Kelley, Wilcox County, undated
- 3.40 Estate Inventory, John Curtis, 1845
- 3.41 Estate Inventory, William M. West, 1852
- 3.42 Letter, Jenny Lind to C. Gottleid Schweizerbarth, Niagara Falls, New York, September 11, 1851
- 3.43 Memorandum of Deposit, Bank of the State of Alabama to S M Morris, May 30, 1846
- 3.44 Legal document, L. L. Ewins, President of the Bank of the State of Alabama, 1841
- 3.45 Receipt, between Duncan C. Smith and Rebecca White, April 21, 1835

- 3.46 Letter, F. Horton to his wife, Mobile, Alabama, May 6, 1842; Letter, F. Horton to his wife,. March 15, 1842
- 3.47 Indenture, between Joseph C. Voeb, Samuel Nest, and Josiah Springer, September 20, 1859
- 3.48 Legal Document, Sila F. Robertson, Calhoun County, January 19, 1860
- 3.49 Legal document, W. B. Robertson, Calhoun county, March 3, 1860
- 3.50 Note, E W Christian to Mr. Lindsay and Mr. Blackston, Marengo County, September 4, 1849
- 3.51 Receipt, to WE Bullir, February 18, 1832
- 3.52 Letter, Eve Dearing to Sarah Benjamin, Decatur, Georgia, August 3, 1851
- 3.53 Bill of Sale, Six Bales of Cotton to A. C. Glerey, February 26, 1839
- 3.54 Bill of Sale, one hundred Bales of Cotton, Julius Wadsworth, April 9, 1844
- 3.55 Deed to Land, Frances Worley, Madison County, March 17, 1842
- 3.56 Last Will and Testament of James Madison, Clarke County, Alabama, August 6, 1858
- 3.57 Receipt, Thomas Y Dickson, February 29, 1844
- 3.58 Orphan's Court of Wilcox County, dividing slaves of the estate of G. Burt, October 29, 1830
- 3.59 Ledger sheet of George M. Garth, January 27, 1860 - December 9, 1860
- 3.60 Agreement, Barry Talley, Huntsville, Alabama, August 23, 1832
- 3.61 Bill of Sale, Felix Tait, Mobile, Alabama, April 2, 1855

- 3.62 Legal document, Mobile County, Alabama, December 25, 1847
- 4.1 Indenture, Newton C Kilough and Sarah Killough, Township 16, Jefferson County, Alabama, November 1, 1835
- 4.2 Indenture, James A. Hewitt and Sarah Killough, Township 16, Jefferson County, Alabama, September 12, 1842
- 4.3 Bank Note, Bank of the United States, December 15, 1840
- 4.4 Ledger, Store in Elyton, Alabama, February 2, 1820 - 1821
- 4.5 Letter, Mary Y. Scattergood to brother, Mobile, Alabama, November 3, 1844
- 4.6 Letter, William Peterson to Thomas Peterson, Mobile, Alabama, October 29, 1821
- 4.7 Letter, John Drury to Lucy Goulding, Marblehead, Massachusetts, December 10, 1817
- 4.8 Letter, George M. Johnson to Daniel Coll, Hillsborough, Alabama, February 5, 1831
- 4.9 Certificate of marriages performed by William Compton, 1817
- 4.10 Letter, Mary Jane Cox to "Dear cousins," Jefferson County, Alabama, July 18, 1860
- 4.11 Booklet, "The Planter's Almanac," 1842. poor condition
- 4.12 State of Alabama Tax List for Bibb County, 1858
- 4.13 Slave Receipt, W. J. Davis of Marengo County, Alabama, December 28, 1836
- 4.14 Newspapers: *Ballou's Pictorial*, *Philadelphia Scrap Book and Gallery of Comicalities*, *Mobile Journal of Commerce*

