

MIXON, ELIJAH.
Elijah Mixon papers, 1824-1864

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Descriptive Summary

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Biographical Note

Elijah Mixon moved from Beaufort County, North Carolina in or before 1824 and his mail was addressed to Monticello, Jasper County, Georgia through August 1827 and thereafter to Covington, Newton County. His son Asbury Mixon "was born 12 miles south of Covington,

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Newton County, in 1824," so it is possible that they were living in Newton County and for some reason, probably because of the condition of the roads, they found it more convenient to use the Monticello post office until 1828. In 1837 the family moved to Oxford and built one of the first houses in town. They were closely associated with the early days of Emory College.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of the papers of Elijah Mixon from 1824-1864. The papers include 19 letters, all but one of which were written by members of the Mixon family; a testimonial in behalf of Asbury C. Mixon, graduate of 1845, by the president of Emory College, Augustus B. Longstreet; 3 Confederate Treasury Notes, 3 receipts for corn sold to the Confederate army and 2 Tax in Kind forms, 1864 (CSA); 1 Deacon's certificate signed by Bishop Kavanaugh and 1 Elder's certificate signed by Bishop George F. Pierce (both issued to Asbury C. Mixon); 1 small green paper Emory College seal, and 1 newspaper clipping concerned with the Rev. A. C. Mixon, 1824-, undated but probably printed between 1904-1913.

The letters, dated between February 16, 1824 and April 19, 1844, were all written to Elijah Mixon, a few were addressed also to his wife, Charlotte. The earlier ones are from his old home in Beaufort County, North Carolina, but many of the later ones are from various places in Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi to which other members of the family have moved. These people were pioneers and suffered the common hardships of the frontier. They were much concerned about religion and were frequently ill. They had large families and very little money. The distance between Beaufort County, North Carolina and Newton County, Georgia appeared so great that they never expected to see each other again. Several of the younger people were extraordinarily ambitious to get an education. Elijah's son, Asbury, graduated from Emory College in 1845 with third highest honors in his class.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in chronological order.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	1824 February 16, Jessie Mixon (Campbell's Creek, Beaufort County, North Carolina) to Elijah Mixon, his brother ("Mountasiler" [Monticello?], Jasper County, Georgia). Concerned with selling his brother's land and property and plans for possible move to Georgia and other family matters.
1		1824 August 20 Jesse Mixon to Elijah. General family and religious matters. He inquires for Matthias Conner whether a "free colored" person could make a living there--in Georgia.
1	1	1827 April 29, Jesse Mixon (Beaufort County, North Carolina) to Elijah (Jasper County, Georgia) He complains of the scarcity of money--"there is nothing that will command money that we can do or get."
1	1	1827 August 22, Jadok and Lydia Ives (Beaufort County, North Carolina rother-in-law and sister of Elijah Mixon, William and Sally Clark (niece and her husband) and perhaps other N. C. relatives, to Elijah (Jasper County, Georgia). Neighborhood news, marriages, deaths, and illnesses.
1	1	1828 April 13, Jadok and Lydia Ives (Beaufort County, North Carolina) to Elijah (Newton County, Georgia) The previous August the tide had been 7 and 8 ft. "heir than a common tide" and caused great destruction of crops. They had received his letter (dated Nov. 27) in January. If they can get a horse they will come to see him.
1	1	1832 September 16, Jesse Mixon (Beaufort County, North Carolina) to Elijah (Newton, County, Georgia) He gives an account of property he disposed of for Elijah. He has moved to a new farm, and has heard that Elijah and "Bro. Clayton had four [land] draws" and would like to know something about the quality and location of the land. People are talking about the tariff and threats of nullification.
1	1	1834 January 12, Sally Clayton (Butts County, Georgia) to her brother, Elijah Mixon (Newton, County, Georgia). Concerned with the salvation of her soul.
1	1	1834 February 2, Jesse to Elijah. He is in "a Small Class of eight members" and surrounded by wicked neighbors". He can sell Elijah's land for \$50.00.
1	1	1835 January 17, Jesse to Elijah. He has not sold the land. He reports "a continual stir here now with people moving to the west."
1	1	1837 September 12, Sally Clayton (Carroll County, Georgia) to Elijah and Charlot Mixon. They have moved to Carroll County, Georgia
1	1	1839 February 4, Zedakiah Mixon (Beaufort County, North Carolina) to Elijah, his brother. His children are small, except Caroline who is grown.
1	1	1839 April 3, Joshua E. Clayton (Carroll County, Georgia) to Elijah Mixon (Covington, Georgia), his uncle. Asks Elijah to "wait on Dr. Means" and find out "upon what terms" he can go to school there next year--will the College open, and can he board with his uncle. He must pay his own expenses, since his father is not able to pay them.

- 1 1 1839 April 21, Sally Clayton (Carroll County, Georgia) to Elijah (Oxford, Georgia) her brother. She says Carroll County is not so bad as it has been represented --"the morrels of the people is improving much sence we first come hear some places religion has made some progress." (John Mixon is living in Bolivar, Tennessee, making \$600 a year.) They have a small "prayer meeting" composed of persons from 4 different denominations, Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and Congregational. She includes a note to her nephew, Asbury Mixon.
- 1 2 1841 April 5, Harriet A. Harper (Carroll County, Georgia) to her uncle, Elijah (Oxford, Georgia). Her brother William died.
- 1 2 1842 August 11, Elijah W. Ives (Beaufort County, N. C.) to Elijah Mixon, his uncle (Oxford, Georgia). He wants to buy his uncle's land in N. C. and inquires "what workmans wagers is thir [Newton County, Georgia] as he has "got no place to live at." Includes a note from Zedakiah Mixon to his brother, Elijah.
- 1 2 1843 August 20, L. S. Gilliam (Madders? [Madison?], Georgia) to Elijah Mixon. He wants Elijah to sell some bacon for him. He is probably not a relative.
- 1 2 1844 February 22, Joel and Sarah Pridgen (Harris County, Georgia) to Elijah Mixon, their brother. He passed through Covington, Georgia and is now living in Quitman (Clark County) Miss., but did not know where Elijah lived, so failed to see him. He left home (N. C.?) November 15, 1843 and apparently had been in Mississippi for only a short time. He likes the land for crops and pasture.
- 1 1844 April 19, James and Sally Clayton (Tallapoosa County, Alabama) to Elijah Mixon (Oxford), their brother. They are old and dependent and their children have all married and moved away from home.
- 1 2 1845 December 15, A testimonial by Augustus B. Longstreet, president of Emory College, in behalf of Asbury C. Mixon, graduate of 1845

Financial

- 1 3 Confederate States Treasury Notes in the amount of \$100.00 at 8-percent interest, Nos. 305, 306, 307, October 23, 1862, 3 items
- 1 3 Receipts for corn sold to the Army by Elijah, 1864, 3 items
- 1 3 Tax-in-Kind forms (Elijah Mixon, taxpayer), listing wheat, corn, peas, molasses, and peanuts, 1864, 2 items

Asbury C. Mixon

- 1 4 Small green paper seal on blue ribbon, apparently from Asbury Mixon's Emory Diploma, 1845
- 1 4 Deacon's certificate signed by Bishop Hubbard Hinde Kavanaugh, 1859
- 1 4 Elder's certificate signed by Bishop George F. Pierce, 1868
- 1 4 Clipping, undated but probably 1904-1913, concerned with the Rev. A. C. Mixon who was in his eighties at that time, having been born in 1824