

MONTGOMERY, VINCENT, 1836-1903.

Vincent Montgomery family papers, 1785-1903

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Montgomery, Vincent, 1836-1903.
Title: Vincent Montgomery family papers, 1785-1903
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 355
Extent: 2 microfilm reels (MF)
Abstract: Microfilm copy of the papers of farmer, merchant and lawyer Vincent Montgomery of Taylor County, Georgia.
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Administrative Information

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Biographical Note

Vincent Montgomery (January 20, 1836-May 24, 1903) was born in Taylor County, Georgia, the son of Samuel and Vashti Brannan Montgomery. Samuel's father, William Montgomery

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(d. 1818 or 1819) moved to Georgia from South Carolina in the late 18th or early 19th century. He was living in Hancock County in 1802 and may have lived there the rest of his life. His will, however, was written in Wilkinson County on September 7, 1818. His son, William sold 150 acres in Hancock County on November 2, 1819, probably not long after his father's death, and moved to Lowndes County, Alabama. Samuel Montgomery (1800-1872), father of Vincent, moved to Taylor County, Georgia. Vincent Montgomery married Eleanor Jane Shine (1833-1863) and Elizabeth Catherine Shine (1837-1911), the daughters of Thomas and Martha Eveline (Wright) Shine.

Vincent was a farmer, merchant and lawyer. He was an active layman in the Methodist Church and served in the House of Representatives of the Georgia Assembly in 1889. He was a Populist in his political sympathies, having earlier been interested in the Farmers' Alliance. His brother, Sebron Montgomery (1839-1917), farmer and merchant, was in the Georgia House of Representatives in 1890, probably having succeeded Vincent. Vincent served in 1898 and 1902 as a member of the Board of Education and was a Justice of the Peace for a number of years.

Soon after the beginning of the Civil War, Vincent was appointed Captain in the Georgia Militia and went into active service in 1864. Probably in 1875 he moved from Reynolds, Georgia to Howard, Georgia, near where Sebron lived and remained there until his death.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of a microfilm copy of the correspondence and business and legal papers of the Vincent Montgomery family and their relatives, the Wrights and the Shines from 1785-1903. There are a number of Confederate soldiers' letters in the correspondence including those of Vincent Montgomery who served in the 8th Georgia Militia Regiment (1864) and Thomas W. Shine who served in the 59th Georgia Infantry Regiment (1861-1863). Much of the legal and business material is concerned with the estates of deceased members of the family and the guardianship of minor children. A number of letters and other papers are concerned with politics, the Masonic organization, church and educational affairs. There are also many letters and leaflets concerned with patent medicines and health appliances.

Arrangement Note

Organized into five series: (1) Early family papers (1785-1875), (2) Estate and guardianship papers (1856-1876), (3) Business and legal papers (1854-1903), (4) Correspondence (1861-1903), and (5) Miscellaneous printed items.

Container List

Early family papers, 1785-1875

Box	Folder	Content
MF1	1	Deeds, wills, tax receipts, estate papers, bills, and correspondence of John Montgomery (d. 1785?); William Montgomery, his son (d. 1818?); William Montgomery, his son; Robert Montgomery, son of the elder William, who lived in Indiana Territory; James Montgomery, another son of the elder William, and Thomas and Sally Bozeman, probably Sarah Montgomery, daughter of the elder William. Also similar papers of Elizabeth C. Wright (mother-in-law of Thomas Shine) and her son William Wright and some unidentified papers, probably of former owners of Shine or Montgomery land.
MF1	2	Personal, business and estate papers of Samuel Montgomery, 1821-1875. Samuel was another son of the elder William. Vincent Montgomery, Samuel's son, was administrator of his father's estate.

Estate and guardianship papers, 1856-1876

MF1	3	Account Book, "Estate of Thomas Shine, Martha E. Shine, Administrator," 1856-1857
MF1	4	Accounts and receipts of Martha E. Shine, widow of Thomas Shine and guardian of her minor children, 1856-1859; and estate papers of Martha E. Shine. David Beeland (probably the husband of Mrs. Shine's daughter, Ann Elizabeth) and Vincent Montgomery (husband of Mrs. Shine's daughter, Eleanor) were administrators of Mrs. Shine's estate and guardians of her minor, orphaned children.
MF1	5	Account Book "Estate of Martha E. Shine" with Index, giving expense of each minor child, a list of slaves, or "perishable" property sold by the administrators; an inventory and appraisal of property retained; a list of provisions set aside for use of the children, a list of slaves "hired privately" with amount of hire of each, 1862-1867. Also includes other accounts for the year 1874. At back of book is a penciled copy of a complaint by T. J. Marshall against A. W. Hicks and Vincent Montgomery asking the court to restrain the latter two from removing their crop from land belonging to Marshall, dated September 21, 1875.
MF1	6	Papers concerned with Vincent Montgomery's guardianship of Mrs. Martha E. Shine's minor children, 1862-1867. Also estate and guardianship papers of David F. Shine (son of Thomas Shine) and his minor son David, 1859-1868. Also 2 printed instruments concerned with the estate of David Wright (1765-1827) father of Mrs. Martha E. Shine.

Business papers, 1854-1903

MF1	7	1854-1860. These and other papers of this series are concerned with business matters of Vincent Montgomery, such as notes, accounts, receipts, bills,
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- agreements, business correspondence, lists of notes and other obligations. This folder contains a teacher's contract, dated June 23, 1855.
- MF1 8 1861-1865. This folder contains a parole, signed by V. Montgomery, 4th Lieut. Col. 8th Regt., Georgia militia, dated May 15, 1865, by order of Brevet Maj. Gen. Wilson, U. S. Army. One small account book included.
- MF1 9 1866-1869. Contains Masonic materials, correspondence about patent medicine and information from commission merchants.
- MF1 10 1870-1879. Vincent Montgomery was evidently in the mercantile business (with a Mr. H. H. Long) under the name Long and Montgomery. Three small account books included.
- MF1 11 1880-1889. Mr. Montgomery was apparently interested in the Farmers' Alliance. See letter of March 6, 1889.
- MF1 12 1890-1903. Undated. Includes 2 small account books.

Correspondence - Vincent Montgomery Letters

- MF1 13 July 5-July 10, 1864, Near Chattahoochee River, 4 letters.
- MF1 14 July 18, 1864, West Point, Georgia, 1 letter.
- MF1 15 September 5-December 16, 1864, Letters exchanged between Vincent and his wife, Betty, while he was serving with the militia at Macon and at Camp Stephens near Griffin, Georgia. 9 letters.

Correspondence - Thomas W. Shine Letters

- MF1 16 November 15, 23, 1861. Savannah, Georgia. Shine was with the 59th Georgia Infantry Regiment. Co. C, Corbin Grays, Taylor County, Georgia. Most of the letters are written to Vincent Montgomery and his wife (Thomas Shine's sister, Eleanor). He was at first with the Georgia State Troops, 3rd Georgia Infantry Regiment under Capt. J. T. May. 2 letters.
- MF1 17 December 11, 1861-February 3, 1862. Camp Iverson. 4 letters.
- MF1 18 February 28-March 11, 1862. Camp "Battery Harrison." 2 letters.
- MF1 19 August 24, 1862. Camp Brown. 1 letter.
- MF1 20 October 7-December 11, 1862. Near Richmond, Virginia. 4 letters.
- MF1 21 January 2-March 15, 1863. Camp near Drewry's Bluff. 10 letters.
- MF1 22 April 18, 23, 1863. Smithfield, Virginia. 2 letters.
- MF1 23 May 7, 1863. Near Richmond, Virginia. 1 letter.
- MF1 24 June 6, 1863. Camp near Culpepper Court House, Virginia. William Montgomery to his brother, Sebron. 1 letter.
- MF1 25 January 23, 1863. Drewry's Bluff, Virginia. 1 letter.

Correspondence - B. F. Ingram to Vincent Montgomery

- MF1 26 1863 April 29. Sebron Montgomery to Vincent, his brother.
- MF1 27 1864 November 22. J. W. Preston, husband of Mary Shine, to Vincent.
- MF1 28 1864 June 9, November 7. Atlanta, Georgia.

- MF1 29 1864 August. Near Home, Georgia. A. P. Jones, Co. C. 8th Georgia Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade to his wife Mary Montgomery Jones.
- MF1 30 1864 August 25, 27. The letter of August 27 contains a note to Sebron Montgomery. James T. Branam to Miss Eliza Montgomery.
- MF1 31 1864 November 24. Macon, Georgia. J. T. Ricks to Vincent Montgomery.
- MF1 32 1864 March 24. Fort Jackson, Georgia.

Correspondence - 1867-1879

- MF1 33 Many of the letters in this folder and the others are from Sebron Montgomery to his brother Vincent, 60 in all, written between February 7, 1868 and November 22, 1890. These letters discuss business, crops, family affairs, health conditions, politics, and other matters. All the letters show the hard times after the Civil War. Vincent was in a mercantile business, Montgomery and Long, which apparently failed during these hard times. Mary F. Preston, the former Mary Shine, writes to her sister (May 10, 1867) that she is "spinning Mr. Preston a Suit of summer cloths."

Correspondence - 1880-1889

- MF1 34 Contains a letter from Clark Howell; editor of the Atlanta Constitution to Vincent Montgomery (October 15, 1888) requesting aid in passing "the Marietta & North Georgia extension bill." Also a letter from Walter E. Steed answering Vincent's "inquiry as to the cost of this University (of Georgia) and its work" (June 20, 1888). Other correspondence with family and friends follows pattern of previous folder. "List of Tax Defaulters for the years 1880, 1881, 1882."

Correspondence - 1890-1903

- MF1 35 Sebron Montgomery, who apparently succeeded Vincent in the Georgia House of Representatives, writes (November 22, 1890), saying, "we beat Gordon two votes but before the vote was announced two members changed from Norwood to Gordon and that elected him...." Letter from W. J. Northen (on stationery of the Georgia Immigration and Investment Bureau) dated June 29, 1900 to Vincent requesting him to take charge of subscriptions, in his county, for the relief of the starving peoples of India. Letter from Allen D. Candler; candidate for governor, to Vincent asking his support. Letter from J. A. Terrell (January 22, 1902) requesting aid in his campaign for the governorship, enclosing a printed copy of his platform. Among other politicians represented are James M. Lowe and W. B. Butt. Included also are some political papers, handbills, tally sheets, and lists of voters; several speeches on religion and education; several recipes for medicinal preparations and a few undated or unidentified papers. Manuscript map of "Two ranges of lots running North and South off of the 2nd & 13 dist added to Marion."

Legal papers

- MF1 36 The case between Vincent Montgomery and H. H. Horton which apparently came before Masonic (Reynolds) Lodge No. 255. Charges brought by Vincent in 1867.

Miscellaneous printed items

- MF1 37 Handbills, advertisements for patent medicines and appliances and other items found with the papers.
- MF2 1 Handbills, advertisements for patent medicines and appliances and other items found with the papers.
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