

# Old South miscellany collection, 1792-1861

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## Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Old South miscellany collection, 1792-1861  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 45  
**Extent:** .5 linear feet (1 box), 1 bound volume (BV), and 1 microfilm reel (MF)  
**Abstract:** Artificially created collection containing material relating to the south (excluding Georgia) before the Civil War.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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## Administrative Information

### Restrictions on Access

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### Source

Various sources.

### Citation

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## Collection Description

### Scope and Content Note

The Old South miscellany collection is an artificially created collection containing material relating to the south (excluding Georgia) before the Civil War. The collection consists primarily

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of correspondence, and also includes diaries, legal documents, and an autograph album. The documents provide detailed descriptions of the social and economic conditions of the antebellum South, addressing such topics as slavery, education, farming and politics.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged in alphabetical order.

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## Container List

**Bostick, Joseph M. [2 items]**

| Box | Folder | Content   |
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| 1   | 1      | Letter from Bostick, a Reverend from Cheraw, South Carolina to his cousin, Leila, February 28, 1860; ALS; letter concerns his recommendations for improving her spiritual condition; also, by the same author, a brief account of the wedding day of his sister, Miss Nannie Bostick who married Harry DeSaussure on August 4, 1859 at the Robertville, South Carolina Church |

**Chilton, William Paris [1 item]**

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| 1 | 2 | Letter from Chilton (1810-1871), Alabama Legislator (1839-1843?), Alabama Supreme Court Justice (1848-1858), Chief Justice (1852-1856), and member of the Congress of the Confederacy (1861-1865), to James White McClung (1798-1848), Alabama Legislator (1822, 1826, 1835-1838, 1842, 1844), Speaker of the House (1835-1838), Alabama State Senator (1845-1848), August 15, 1847, 2 pages; ALS; Chilton is writing to request support for his candidacy for Alabama Supreme Court from McClung |
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**Douglas, Peyton [1 item]**

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| 1 | 3 | Letter from Douglas (b. 1838), Georgia physician, to the Medical Examining Naval Asylum, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 4, 1859, 3 pages; ALS; Dr. Douglas applied for admission to the Medical Corps of the Navy |
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**Dowdell, James F. [1 item]**

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| 1 | 4 | Letter from Dowdell (LaFayette, Alabama Congressman, 1853-1861) to Honorable J.C. Dobbin, June 23, 1855; ALS; letter of recommendation concerning R.T. Thom for the post of Purser in the Navy; brief biographical clipping included |
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**Dowling, A.M. [3 items]**

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| 1 | 5 | Correspondence, January 14, 1851, January 27, 1856, no date |
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**Elliot, Ralph James [1 item]**

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| BV1 |  | Autograph album kept Elliot while he was a student at the University of Virginia, 1851-1852; includes an autograph of John Singleton Mosby, (Binders title: Autographs of the University of Virginia, 1851) |
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**Garrett, Robert S. (Lloyd's Virginia)**

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| 1 | 27 | Letter to James L. Edwards, Pension Office, War Department (Washington, D.C.), 1822 May 16<br>Letter regards declaration of Revolutionary War soldier Brizendine |
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**Grayson, J.B. [1 item]**

- 1 6 Letter from Grayson to his uncle J.E. McDowell, July 29, 1850; ALS; letter details the Fourth of July celebration held in Marion, North Carolina and inquiry about the prospects Grayson would have for finding work in Decatur, Georgia where his uncle lived

**Greenhow, I.W.B. [1 item]**

- 1 7 [Vita?] of I.W.B. Greenhow (b. 1816), Greenhow was born in Savannah, Georgia and became a physician in New York; no date, 2 pages

**Hammond, A.L. [1 item]**

- 1 8 Letter from Hammond to "Dear Sir" announcing his candidacy for the office of Secretary of State of South Carolina, November 16, 1858; ALS

**Heaton, E. [1 item]**

- 1 9 Broadside for rust proof iron, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1853

**Henry, Jacob [1 item]**

- 1 10 Journal, January 1817 - June 1818; Henry was a trader between Charleston, South Carolina and Beaufort, North Carolina; he traveled mostly by ship and mentions their departures, landings, and the often stranded vessels

**Hunter, Robert Mercer Taliaferro [1 item]**

- 1 11 Speech given on President George Washington's Birthday, Virginia, 1858

**Jemison, Robert Seaborn [2 items]**

- 1 12 Journal, April 1, 1854-May 24, 1854, describes trip taken by four men (R.S. Jemison, Shadrock Mims Jemison, David Hamilton Remson, and Carter Edmunds) from Talladega, Alabama to Texas; Also speech given by Haskell Monroe on Robert Seaborn Jemison Journal; delivered at the Texas State Historical Association, 1972. Title: " 'It is a long time in this country between streams': An Alabama Land Hunter in Texas in 1854" [Photocopies]

**Johnson, W.D. [1 item]**

- 1 23 W.D. Johnson (Davidson College, North Carolina) letter to Neill Kelly (Western Prong, Bladen County, North Carolina), 1839 September 27

**King, Anna Matilda [2 items]**

- 1 13 Letter from King to son, Lordy King, April 17, 1854; ALS; Mrs. King was the wife of Thomas Butler King, Retreat plantation, St. Simons Island, Georgia; also includes document, "In Memoriam" for Anna Matilda King by her husband, Thomas Butler King, on her death August 22 [See also: Thomas Butler King Papers, MSS287]

**LePage, Louis [2 items]**

- 1 14 Letter from LePage to his uncle, Urban LePage, both of Norfolk, Virginia, November 12, 1805; also a power of attorney establishing Louis Le Page as heir of his parents and giving power of attorney to his uncle, 26 Brumaire, [1803?]

**Minor, W.I. [1 item]**

- 1 15 Letter from Minor to Daniel Webster (1782-1852), American lawyer and statesman; June 30, 1846; ALS; Minor wrote Webster to praise him on his politics and to request that Webster have a portrait done for Minor

**Mosby, Thomas Y. [2 items]**

- 1 24 Thomas Y. Mosby (Abingdon and Wythville, Virginia) letter to Dr. W.S. Morris, 1855 June 8-15

**Pickens, Francis Wilkinson [1 item]**

- 1 16 Letter to Pickens from A. Waller and twelve others concerning the candidates in the Congressional election in Greenwood, South Carolina, December 31, 1852; ALS

**Randolph, John [1 item]**

- 1 17 "A list of negroes and mulattoes emancipated by the will of John Randolph (1773-1833) of Roanoke decd recorded in the General Court of Virginia and registered in the clerk's office of the county court of Charlotte county, Virginia..., 1846." [Photostat]

**Read, Cornelia E. Parker (b.1837) [1 item]**

- MF1 "Teaching Days", an account written September 18, 1906 of her experiences as a teacher between 1853 and 1865. Her first school was in the country outside Wallingford, Connecticut, her home town. The next year she went to "another district school in Fairhaven" where with 60 pupils she spent most of her efforts "to keep the peace." The third year she taught in her own childhood school. The next year she went as a pupil and assistant teacher in the Cleveland Seminary. The following year she was employed by Mr. Foy, an Episcopal clergyman of New England birth, a graduate of Yale who had recently married his fourth wife, to teach on his plantation between Vicksburg and Jackson, Mississippi. He also employed Miss Colt, a distant cousin of Miss Parker, to teach on a neighboring plantation. On the trip down the Mississippi from Cairo, Illinois, Miss Parker noticed the Negroes, slave or free, and was "greatly depressed." She was disappointed in the appearance of the countryside which she found monotonous, colorless and primitive. Although very critical of what she saw of slavery, she considered Mr. Foy a kind master. She remained on the plantation for two years (1857-1858) before returning home. Thereafter

she taught, in 1859-1860, at a boarding school near Lexington, Kentucky. Among her students was Lettie Green, later the wife of Adlai Stevenson, Vice President in Cleveland's administration. In 1861 she taught in a private school at Wallingford; in 1862 at Sayre Institute (Lexington, Kentucky); in 1863 at Gothic Seminary (near her home); in 1864 at Miss Haines Private School, New York City. In 1865 she gave up teaching for marriage and "the sanctity of a sheltered home."

**Shepherd, William P. [1 item]**

- 1 25 Regimental orders for several courts of enquiry to convene, 28th Regiment, Virginia Militia (Faber's Mill, Virginia), 1846 October 1

**Sikes, William E. [2 items]**

- 1 18 Slave bill of sale for two children, between William E. Sikes and Samuel B. Clarke, Richmond County, Georgia, January 4, 1859; letter from Sikes (Augusta, Georgia) to "Dear Dr.," January 1, 1859 regarding buying the slaves and his wish to sell them.

**Unknown [2 items]**

- 1 19 Diary, 1856, kept by a schoolboy who lived within a day's journey of Charleston, South Carolina
- 1 20 Import document with United States seal, 1792

**Wallace, William [1 item]**

- 1 21 Letter from Wallace to Dan O'Connell, an Irish National leader known as "The Liberator"; July 4, 1835; ALS, 3 pages; Wallace wrote to chastise O'Connell for his views on slavery being an evil and a need to abolish this institution

**Webb, Lincoln [1 item]**

- 1 22 Letter from Webb to Miss Mary Jane Webb in Woolwich, Maine, April 16, 1852, 2 pages; ALS; Mr. Webb, writing from Baltimore, describes his voyage there and daily life in Baltimore and Virginia, particularly crops, slavery, and local scenery

**Wise, H.A. [1 item]**

- 1 26 H.A. Wise (Accomack, Virginia) letter to N. Sargent (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), 1839 November 6