Old South miscellany collection, 1792-1861

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Old South miscellany collection, 1792-1861
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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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**Scope and Content Note**
The Old South miscellany collection is an artificially created collection - compiled by Rose Library curators - containing material relating to the south (excluding Georgia) before the Civil War. The collection consists primarily 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 by name of the item's creator.
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<td>A.&amp;W. Myers, wholesale and retail dealers in fancy and staple dry goods (Salisbury, North Carolina), catalog, 1859. Includes listings for &quot;plantation goods of all kinds,&quot; including fabrics for clothing for enslaved people.</td>
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<td>Bostick, Joseph M., 1859-1860 [2 items] Letter from Bostick, a Reverend from Cheraw, South Carolina to his cousin, Leila, 1860 February 28; letter concerns his recommendations for improving her spiritual condition. Also a brief account by Bostick of the wedding day of his sister, Miss Nannie Bostick, who married Harry DeSaussure on 1859 August 4, at the Robertville, South Carolina Church.</td>
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<td>Chilton, William Paris, letter to James White McClung, 1847 August 15 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; Chilton is writing to request support for his candidacy for Alabama Supreme Court from McClung.</td>
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<td>Douglas, Peyton, letter to Medical Examining Naval Asylum, 1859 May 4 Letter from Douglas (b. 1838), Georgia physician, to the Medical Examining Naval Asylum, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 4, 1859, 3 pages; Dr. Douglas applied for admission to the Medical Corps of the Navy.</td>
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<td>Elliot, Ralph James, autograph album, 1851-1852 Autograph album kept by 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).</td>
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Grayson would have for finding work in Decatur, Georgia, where his uncle lived.

1  7  Greenhow, I.W.B., [vita?] of I.W.B. Greenhow, undated
Greenhow was born in Savannah, Georgia (b. 1816) and became a physician in New York. [2 pages]

1  8  Hammond, A.L., letter from Hammond to "Dear Sir" announcing his candidacy for the office of Secretary of State of South Carolina, 1858 November 16

1  9  Heaton, E., broadside for rust proof iron, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1853

1 10  Henry, Jacob, journal, 1817 January-1818 June
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.

1 11  Hunter, Robert Mercer Taliaferro, speech given on George Washington's Birthday, Virginia, 1858

1 20  Import document with United States seal, 1792

1 12  Jemison, Robert Seaborn, journal and speech, 1854-1972 [2 items]
Journal (1854 April 1-May 24) describes trip taken by four men (R.S. Jemison, Shadrock Mims Jemison, David Hamilton Remson, and Carter Edmunds) from Talladega, Alabama to Texas; also includes speech, "It is a long time in this country between streams: An Alabama Land Hunter in Texas in 1854," given by Haskell Monroe about Robert Seaborn Jemison's journal, delivered at the Texas State Historical Association, 1972. [Photocopies]

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

1 13  King, Anna Matilda, circa 1854 [2 items]
Letter from King to son, Lordy King, 1854 April 17; 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]

1 14  LePage, Louis, letter and power of attorney, circa 1803-1805 [2 items]
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?].

1 15  Minor, W.I., letter to Daniel Webster, 1846 June 30
Minor wrote to Webster (1782-1853), American lawyer and statesman, to praise him on his politics and to request that Webster have a portrait done for Minor.

1 24  Mosby, Thomas Y., letters from Mosby (Abingdon and Wythville, Virginia) to Dr. W.S. Morris, 1855 June 8-15 [2 items]
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<td>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 &quot;Dear Dr.,&quot; January 1, 1859 regarding buying the slaves and his wish to sell them.</td>
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Wallace wrote to O'Connell, an Irish National leader known as "The Liberator," to chastise O'Connell for his views on slavery being an evil and the need to abolish this institution.

1  22  Webb, Lincoln, letter to Mary Jane Webb, 1852 April 16
Webb wrote to Webb (Woolrich, Maine) from Baltimore, Maryland, describing his voyage there and daily life in Baltimore and Virginia, particularly crops, slavery, and local scenery.

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