Old South miscellany collection, 1792-1861

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Abstract: Artificially created collection containing material relating to the south (excluding Georgia) before the Civil War.
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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
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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>Dowdell, James F., letter to J.C. Dobbin, 1855 June 23 Letter from Dowdell (LaFayette, Alabama Congressman, 1853-1861) to Honorable J.C. Dobbin, which is a letter of recommendation concerning R.T. Thom for the post of Purser in the Navy; brief biographical clipping included.</td>
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<td>Dowling, A.M., correspondence, 1851 January 14; 1856 January 27; undated [3 items]</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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<td>Garrett, Robert S. (Lloyd's Virginia), letter to James L. Edwards, Pension Office, War Department (Washington, D.C.), 1822 May 16 Letter regards declaration of Revolutionary War soldier Brizendine</td>
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<td>Grayson, J.B., letter to J.E. McDowell, 1850 July 29 Letter from Grayson to his uncle J.E. McDowell that details the Fourth of July celebration held in Marion, North Carolina and inquires about the prospects</td>
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Grayson would have for finding work in Decatur, Georgia, where his uncle lived.

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]

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

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

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.

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

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]

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

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]

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?].

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.

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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1  16  Pickens, Francis Wilkinson, letter to Pickens from A. Waller and twelve others concerning the candidates in the Congressional election in Greenwood, South Carolina, 1852 December 31

1  17  Randolph, John, "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]

MF1  Read, Cornelia E. Parker, "Teaching Days," 1906 September 18
Read (b. 1837) recounts 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."

1  28  Recipe book, Charleston, South Carolina, 1830-1849

1  25  Shepherd, William P., regimental orders for several courts of enquiry to convene, 28th Regiment, Virginia Militia (Faber's Mill, Virginia), 1846 October 1

1  18  Sikes, William E., 1859 [2 items]
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.

1  19  Unidentified, diary, 1856
Diary kept by a schoolboy who lived within a day's journey of Charleston, South Carolina.

1  21  Wallace, William, letter to Dan O'Connell, 1835 July 4 [3 pages]
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