

OLIVER, SHELTON, 1801-1870.
Shelton Oliver family papers,1791-1913

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Title: Shelton Oliver family papers,1791-1913
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 724
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Abstract: Papers of the Oliver family of Elbert, Oglethorpe, and Wilkes counties, Georgia which include correspondence, financial and legal records, personal writings and memorabilia, and collected printed material.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access

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Collection Description

Biographical Note

The Olivers were a slaveholding and planter family from Elbert, Oglethorpe, and Wilkes counties, Georgia. The first record of the family residing in Georgia dates back to 1779 when Dionysius Oliver, son of Thomas and Mary [McCarthy] Oliver of Petersburg, Virginia, moved to Wilkes County where he accumulated 5,000 acres of land, owned slaves, and built a warehouse for the inspection and storage of tobacco. Dionysius and his first wife, Mary Ann [Winfrey] Oliver had ten children.

The fifth child, James (1767-1848), was a large planter from Elbert County, Georgia. James and his first wife, Mary [Thompson] Oliver had one child, Simeon, who migrated to De Soto County, Mississippi. James and his second wife, Lucy [Clark] Oliver had eleven children.

Their fifth child was Shelton Oliver, (July 9, 1801 - September 12, 1870) who like other members of the Oliver family, was a planter and slave owner. In 1844 he purchased "Woodlawn," located in Oglethorpe County, Georgia, the former 1,200-acre estate of William H. Crawford (February 24, 1772 - September 15, 1834), who launched an unsuccessful bid for the Presidency in 1824, losing to John Quincy Adams. Shelton and his wife Martha [Williams] had at least three daughters.

Biographical source: *Early Records of Georgia, Volumes I-II, Wilkes County, History Elbert County, Georgia, 1790-1935*, and *History of Oglethorpe County, Georgia*.

Scope and Content Note

The Shelton Oliver family papers document the life of a Georgia planting and slaveholding family during the nineteenth century. The papers consist of correspondence, financial and legal records, personal writings and memorabilia, and collected printed material. The entire collection spans the years from 1791 to 1913 but the bulk of the material covers the thirty years between 1840 and 1870.

This collection is arranged in five series. The first series, (1836-1907) divided into subseries organized around family members, friends and associates, contains personal correspondence. Series 2, (1805-1913) contains financial records. Series 3, (1791-1880) is comprised of legal records. Series 4, (1853-1859, no date) contains personal writings and memorabilia of the Oliver family. Series 5, (1830-1902) contains collected printed material.

Those records dated before the Civil War include the correspondence of Shelton Oliver and his overseer while Oliver was an absentee planter, bills of sale and appraisements of slaves, cotton transactions, speeches pertaining to the Kansas-Nebraska Act of the 1850s, and correspondence from Shelton's brother Simeon, describing the westward migration into Mississippi. In addition, land deeds from the early nineteenth century document the buying and selling of land that would eventually become the Oliver family plantation, "Woodlawn," in Oglethorpe County, Georgia.

While a portion of the Civil War correspondence includes descriptions of battles, raids, and camp life, the majority of these letters detail the conditions of home and plantation life during wartime. Correspondence between Shelton Oliver and the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands testifies to the general level of confusion that plagued the planter and slaveholder in the immediate wake of the war. The vast majority of the postbellum materials is comprised of

personal correspondence largely centering around Lizzie Oliver, Shelton and Martha Oliver's daughter, and details her life in female academies, her friendships with other young girls and her relatives, her courting, and her marriage to Dr. W. Marcellus Willingham.

The collection's strength rests in the series of correspondence to the Olivers from certain individuals, such as the letters to Shelton from his brother Simeon, Shelton and Martha Oliver to their daughter, Lizzie, and the letters to Lizzie from her friend Annie, all of which detail life in the antebellum South. The collection's weakness also lies in the correspondence. While these series of letters are informative, they are one-sided, for the collection does not contain letters from the Olivers in response.

Arrangement Note

Organized into five series: (1) Correspondence, (2) Financial records, (3) Legal records, (4) Personal writings and memorabilia, (5) Collected printed materials, and (6) Restricted material.

Finding Aid Note

A genealogical chart of the Oliver family is available in the collection file.

Description of Series

Series 1: Correspondence, 1836-1907

Subseries 1.1: Shelton Oliver papers, 1836-1869

Subseries 1.2: Lizzie G. Oliver [Willingham] papers, 1860-1874, 1903-1907

Subseries 1.3: Other family members, 1844-1898

Subseries 1.4: Friends and associates, 1853-1892

Series 2: Financial records, 1805-1913

Subseries 2.1: James Oliver financial records, 1805-1848

Subseries 2.2: Shelton Oliver financial records, 1827-1871

Subseries 2.3: Other family members, 1818-1900

Subseries 2.4: Friends and associates, 1815-1913

Series 3: Legal records, 1791-1880

Subseries 3.1: James Oliver legal records, 1791-1849

Subseries 3.2: Shelton Oliver legal records, 1822-1866

Subseries 3.3: Other family members, 1807-1880

Subseries 3.4: Friends and associates, 1802-1860

Series 4: Personal writings and memorabilia, 1853-1859

Series 5: Collected printed materials, 1830-1915

Series 6: Restricted material

Series 1
Correspondence, 1836-1907
Boxes 1-3

Scope and Content Note

Documents contained in Series 1 include personal letters, notes, and envelopes dating from 1836 to 1907, addressed to members of the Oliver family and their friends and associates. The bulk of the material, however, falls within the period of 1850-1875.

Arrangement Note

Organized into four subseries: (1.1) Shelton Oliver papers, (1.2) Lizzie G. Oliver [Willingham] papers, (1.3) Other family members, and (1.4) Friends and associates.

Restrictions on Access

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Subseries 1.1
Shelton Oliver papers, 1836-1869
Box 1

Scope and Content Note

Subseries 1.1 contains correspondence to Shelton Oliver, including 25 letters from Shelton's half brother Simeon Oliver, detailing conditions of frontier life in De Soto County Mississippi, with frequent reference to family news, crops, slaves, state and national politics, and general financial fortunes and misfortunes. Other family correspondents include William and Sallie Banks, George Gresham, Charles Meriewether, Judith and William Moore, Hugh McGehee, James Oliver, John Oliver, and Mary Lucinda Edmund Taylor. Other correspondents to Shelton Oliver include Amos Ackerman, W. F. Baker, B. J. Barksdale, William Bridges, Isaac Briggs, James Camack, A. C. Comfort, S. Castleberry, Charles Daniell, V. C. Gilman, John Kirk, Charles Reps, James Scarborough, P.A. Scranton, D. B. Verdel, George Waring, W. B. Wheelless, John White, and R. Wooten.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in chronological order.

Restrictions on Access

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Box	Folder	Content
1	1	1836
1	2	1843
1	3	1844-1846
1	4	1847
1	5	1848
1	6	1849
1	7	1850
1	8	1851
1	9	1852
1	10	1853-1854*
1	11	1856-1857, 1859
1	12	1860
1	13	1861 March-July*
1	14	1861 August-November
1	15	1862
1	16	1863-1864
1	17	1867, 1869
1	18	no date [antebellum?]

1	19	no date [civil war]
1	20	no date

Subseries 1.2**Lizzie G. Oliver [Willingham] papers, 1860-1874, 1903-1907****Box 2 - Box 3: folders 1-4****Scope and Content Note**

Subseries 1.2 consists of the correspondence to Lizzie Oliver from family members, including 34 letters from Lizzie's parents, Shelton and Martha Oliver, which cover the period Lizzie lived with her sister Camilla (nicknamed Pinkie) and her time at school. Of notable interest is Martha Oliver's description of life at the Woodlawn plantation during the Civil War. Two other significant series of letters are from Lizzie's niece Emma O. Pharr, Camilla and Marcus Pharr's daughter, and Lizzie's cousin John, son of Simeon Oliver. Both Emma and John wrote while they were away at school and relate gossip about family and friends as well as information about love interests. Other family correspondents include Lizzie's cousin Janie Clark, Lizzie's sisters Lucy and Camilla, her niece Lizzie Pharr, and her husband Marcellus Willingham. Correspondence to Lizzie Oliver from friends and suitors include a series of letters signed "Annie," written in the 1860s, that detail Annie's life as a teacher in Florida and offer Annie's impressions of the Civil War. Other correspondents to Lizzie Oliver include A. A. Brynt, Ambrose [last name not given] H.C., Annie D.C., W. H. Crawford, Jr., Lizzie D. Wylie Duncan, J. N. Eberhart, C. J. Florence, Alice Johnson, Henry Johnson, Willis A. Kimbraugh, Julia Knight, Lizzie Lofton, Fannie Lyle, Susan martin, E. Mobley, Katie Moore, Peyton E. Moore, Jr., Billy Ogliby, D. Quinn, Georgia Shepard, Eugina Skinner, S. B. Vason, and Susie Williams.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in chronological order.

Restrictions on Access

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Box	Folder	Content
2	1	1860
2	2	1861 January-June
2	3	1861 August-December
2	4	1862 January-June
2	5	1862 July-November
2	6	1863-1864, 1866
2	7	1870-1871
2	8	1872
2	9	1873
2	10	1874
2	11	1893
2	12	1907
2	13	no date [1860s?]

2	14	no date [1870s?]
2	15	[Lizzie Oliver?], 1862
2	16	[Lizzie Oliver?], 1872
2	17	[Lizzie Oliver?], 1873
2	18	[Lizzie Oliver?], 1874
2	19	[Lizzie Oliver?], 1881
3	1	[Lizzie G. Oliver?] no date [1860s?]
3	2	[Lizzie G. Oliver?] no date [1870s?]
3	3	[Lizzie G. Oliver?] no date [1870s?]
3	4	[Lizzie G. Oliver?] no date [1890s?]

Subseries 1.3
Other family members, 1844-1898
Box 3: folders 5-23

Scope and Content Note

Subseries 1.3 is comprised of correspondence addressed to other family members, including Minnie Calloway, Thomas Calloway, Stephen Heard, Camilla Oliver [Pharr], Emma Oliver, James Oliver, Lucy Oliver (James' wife), Lucy F. Oliver [Calloway], Martha W. Oliver, Camilla Willingham, W. Marcellus Willingham, Richard Winfrey, and various unidentified family members. Those letters addressed to "dear child/children" and signed "mother" are probably from Martha Oliver to her daughters Lizzie and Camilla, 1860-1865, no date.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in chronological order.

Restrictions on Access

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Box	Folder	Content
3	5	Minnie [Calloway?] no date
3	6	Thomas Calloway, 1850
3	7	Stephen Heard, 1855*
3	8	Camilla Oliver [Pharr], 1854, 1862, no date
3	9	Emma Oliver, no date, [removed from a book of poetry written by Emma Oliver, between the pages of "The Free Country," Box 10; folder 7]
3	10	James Oliver, 1844, 1847
3	11	Lucy Oliver [wife of James], 1848
3	12	Lucy F. Oliver [Calloway], 1850, 1853, no date
3	13	Martha W. Oliver, 1864, 1870, no date
3	14	Camilla Willingham, 1892-1893, 1895
3	15	W. Marcellus Willingham, 1874, 1899, 1900
3	16	Richard Winfrey, 1854, 1856, 1859
3	17	Various, unidentified family members, 1847
3	18	Various, unidentified family members, 1855, 1858-1859
3	19	Various, unidentified family members, 1860-1865, no date
3	20	Various, unidentified family members, 1871-1874
3	21	Various, unidentified family members, 1881
3	22	Various, unidentified family members, 1898
3	23	Various, unidentified family members, no date

Subseries 1.4
Friends and associates, 1853-1892
Box 3: folders 24-28

Scope and Content Note

Subseries 1.4 contains the correspondence to friends and associates of the Oliver family. No further information about these people was given. The recipients include James Camack, J.B. Dilliard, James H. Dozier, L.R. McNamara, and the Sanders Family.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in chronological order.

Restrictions on Access

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Box	Folder	Content
3	24	James Camack, no date
3	25	J. B. Dilliard, 1871
3	26	James H. Dozier, 1892
3	27	L. R. McNamara, 1860
3	28	Sanders Family, 1853, 1855-1857*

Series 2
Financial records, 1805-1913
Boxes 4-6

Scope and Content Note

The series consists of financial records of the Oliver family from 1805-1913. Included are account statements, bills, checks, freight lists, inventory lists, invoices, notes, packing lists, pedigrees, property lists, subscriptions, tax assessments, tuition statements, and any correspondence pertaining to financial matters.

Arrangement Note

Organized into four subseries: (2.1) James Oliver financial records, (2.2) Shelton Oliver financial records, (2.3) Other family members, and (2.4) Friends and associates.

Restrictions on Access

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Subseries 2.1**James Oliver financial records, 1805-1848****Box 4: folders 1-9****Scope and Content Note**

Subseries 2.1 consists of the financial records of James Oliver, including account statements, bills of sale for property in Georgia, and promissory notes, but is mostly comprised of invoices for cotton, largely from the Augusta firm of Bustin and Walker, and receipts for goods and services. In addition, this subseries contains James Oliver's records as administrator to the Thomas Knott Estate.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in chronological order.

Restrictions on Access

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Box	Folder	Content
4	1	1805-1806, 1810
4	2	1820, 1830*
4	3	1834-1835
4	4	1836-1837, 1839
4	5	1840
4	6	1845
4	7	1846, 1848, no date

James Oliver, Administrator to the Thomas Knott Estate

4	8	1824-1825, 1827-1829*
4	9	1830-1832, 1843, no date*

Subseries 2.2**Shelton Oliver financial records, 1827-1871****Box 4: folders 10-26 - Box 5: folders 1-11****Scope and Content Note**

Subseries 2.2 contains the financial records of Shelton Oliver. Of notable interest is a series of letters, dated 1838-1841, to Shelton from Lewis Hawks and Shelton's cousin Berrian Oliver, both of whom apparently served as plantation overseers for Oliver. The correspondence contains information on the planting, harvesting, selling of crops, and on condition and medical treatment of slaves. Other documents contained in the subseries include account statements, general correspondence receipts from wholesale grocers, invoices for cotton and wheat shipments, packing lists, and subscription slips for the *Southern Christian Advocate*, 1837-1858.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in chronological order.

Restrictions on Access

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Box	Folder	Content
4	10	1827
4	11	1832-1833
4	12	1836-1839*
4	13	1840-1844*
4	14	1845-1847
4	15	1848
4	16	1849
4	17	1850
4	18	1851
4	19	1852
4	20	1853
4	21	1854
4	22	1855
4	23	1856*
4	24	1857
4	25	1858
4	26	1859*
5	1	1860
5	2	1861
5	3	1862
5	4	1863

5	5	1864*
5	6	1865-1867
5	7	1868-1869
5	8	1870-1871
5	9	no date
5	10	no date*
5	11	[Shelton Oliver?], 1839-1840, 1859-1861, no date *

Subseries 2.3**Other family members, 1818-1900****Box 5: folders 12-26****Scope and Content Note**

Subseries 2.3 includes the financial records for Alfred Oliver, Jane Oliver, John Oliver, Lizzie G. Oliver [Willingham], Martha W. Oliver, Sherman Oliver, Sallie Pharr, Dr. Willis Willingham, Dr. W. Marcellus Willingham, John Winfrey, and Richard Winfrey. The records are comprised of account statements, Jane Oliver's account book, receipts from wholesale grocers, pharmaceutical companies, and estates, and slips from cotton consignments.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in alphabetical order.

Restrictions on Access

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Box	Folder	Content
5	12	Alfred Oliver, 1855
5	13	Jane Oliver, 1818
5	14	John Oliver, 1835
5	15	Lizzie G. Oliver [Willingham], 1872-1873
5	16	Lizzie G. Oliver [Willingham], 1874, no date
5	17	Lizzie G. Oliver [Willingham], 1881
5	18	Martha W. Oliver, 1874, no date
5	19	Sherman Oliver, 1842
5	20	Sallie Pharr, 1881
5	21	Dr. Willis Willingham, 1864, 1867-1868
5	22	Dr. W. Marcellus Willingham, 1899-1900, no date
5	23	John Winfrey, 1828-1830*
5	24	Richard Winfrey, 1830-1831, 1834-1836*
5	25	Richard Winfrey, 1843, 1846, 1848
5	26	Richard Winfrey, 1859-1860, 1866

Subseries 2.4
Friends and associates, 1815-1913
Box 6

Scope and Content Note

Subseries 2.4 contains the financial records of James S. Carpenter, Absalom James, J. R. Sanders, Griffith Spencer, and persons unidentifiable. These documents include account statements, a list of fees charged by physicians in Oglethorpe County, 1830, a list of slaves with prices following each name, tuition statements, and tax assessments.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in alphabetical order.

Restrictions on Access

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Box	Folder	Content
6	1	James S. Carpenter, 1835
6	2	James S. Carpenter, 1840
6	3	Absalom James, guardian of David H. James, 1830
6	4	Absalom James, guardian of David H. James, 1832*
6	5	Absalom James, guardian of David H. James, 1839, 1843*
6	6	J. R. Sanders, 1854, 1856-1857*
6	7	J. R. Sanders, 1877, no date
6	8	Griffith Spencer, 1815, 1817, 1819
6	9	Griffith Spencer, 1824, 1827, 1829
6	10	Griffith Spencer, 1830-1834
6	11	Griffith Spencer, 1835-1838, no date*
6	12	[Griffith Spencer?] 1830
6	13	[?], 1820s-1830s
6	14	[?], 1840s-1850s
6	15	[?], 1860s-1870s, 1913
6	16	[?], no date*

Series 3
Legal records, 1791-1880
Boxes 7-8, OP1

Scope and Content Note

The documents contained in this series include appraisements, bonds, complaints, contracts, deeds, estate records, indentures, land grants, petitions, settlements of wills, suits, and wills.

Arrangement Note

Organized into four subseries: (3.1) James Oliver legal records, (3.2) Shelton Oliver legal records, (3.3) Other family members, and (3.4) Friends and associates.

Restrictions on Access

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Subseries 3.1**James Oliver legal records, 1791-1849****Box 7: folders 1-7****Scope and Content Note**

Subseries 3.1 is comprised of James Oliver's legal records which consists primarily of land deeds and indentures which document his acquisition of land in Elbert County, Georgia. Also included are the records pertaining to Oliver's role as administrator to the Thomas Knott Estate.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in chronological order.

Restrictions on Access

Due to preservation concerns, some original items have been removed [an asterisk notes these materials in the container list] and placed in a separate box. Photocopies have been provided for research use.

Box	Folder	Content
7	1	1791
7	2	1800, 1803, 1807*
7	3	1811-1813, 1816*
7	4	1822, 1824, 1826, 1828
7	5	1833, 1835
7	6	1849
7	7	James Oliver as administrator to the Thomas Knott estate, 1829-1830, 1832*

Subseries 3.2**Shelton Oliver legal records, 1822-1866****Box 7: folders 1-7 and OP1****Scope and Content Note**

Subseries 3.2 consists of Shelton Oliver's legal records which consists of land deeds and indentures, correspondence pertaining to legal matters, including correspondence to General Tilson of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands regarding the status and care of Shelton Oliver's former slaves, and a pardon from President Andrew Johnson for Shelton Oliver's participation in the Civil War. Also included are the legal records relating to Shelton Oliver's role as Administrator to the Leroy Upshaw and Richard Winfrey Estates.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in chronological order.

Restrictions on Access

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Box	Folder	Content
7	8	1822
7	9	1835-1836
7	10	1845, 1847
7	11	1850, 1853-1854
7	12	1859-1860, 1862
7	13	1865-1866
OP1	1	1865-1866
7	14	1869, no date
7	15	Shelton Oliver with Alfred Oliver as administrator of Lucy Oliver's estate, 1850-1851, 1855
7	16	Shelton Oliver as administrator of James Oliver's estate, 1850, 1853
7	17	Shelton Oliver as Administrator of Leroy Upshaw's Estate, 1842, 1848
7	18	Shelton Oliver as Administrator of Richard Winfrey's Estate, 1860-1862, no date*

Subseries 3.3**Other family members, 1807-1880****Box 7: folders 19-22 - Box 8: folders 1-10****Scope and Content Note**

Subseries 3.3 contains the legal records of Dionysius Oliver, Jane Oliver, Evan Ragland, Thompson Ragland, Richard Winfrey, and Willis Willingham, and span the dates of 1807-1880 but are concentrated in the 1830s. Included are court summons, estate settlements, letters of temporary estate, patents, sheriff notices, superior court notices, and wills.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in alphabetical order.

Restrictions on Access

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Box	Folder	Content
7	19	Dionysius Oliver, 1851-1853
7	20	Jane Oliver, administrator of Dionysius Oliver, Sr.'s estate, 1819
7	21	Evan Ragland, 1807, 1809, 1812
7	22	Thompson Ragland, administrator of Evan Ragland's estate, 1816*
8	1	Richard Winfrey, 1858
8	2	Richard Winfrey, administrator of Matthew Williams' estate, 1828*
8	3	Richard Winfrey, administrator of John Winfrey's estate, 1830*
8	4	Richard Winfrey, administrator of John Winfrey's estate, 1831*
8	5	Richard Winfrey, administrator of John Winfrey's estate, 1832*
8	6	Richard Winfrey, administrator of John Winfrey's estate, 1834*
8	7	Richard Winfrey, administrator of John Winfrey's estate, 1835-1836*
8	8	Richard Winfrey, administrator of John Winfrey's estate, 1839-1840*
8	9	Willis Willingham, 1865, 1880, no date*
8	10	Willis Willingham, administrator of Robert Gillespie's estate, 1844*

Subseries 3.4
Friends and associates, 1802-1860
Box 8: folders 11-25

Scope and Content Note

Subseries 3.4 is comprised of the legal records of John Christian, John Colvard, William H. Crawford, Absalom James, Nikolas Marks, Willis Sanders, James Sewell, John A. Smith, Griffith Spencer, John Torrence, Locke Weems. Records include correspondence regarding legal matters, estate settlements, land indentures, petitions, and warrants.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in alphabetical order.

Restrictions on Access

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Box	Folder	Content
8	11	John Christian, 1802*
8	12	John Colvard, 1816, 1827*
8	13	William H.Crawford, 1802
8	14	William H.Crawford, 1812, 1816*
8	15	William H.Crawford, 1827-1828*
8	16	William H.Crawford, 1842-1843*
8	17	Absalom James, guardian of David H. James, 1832-1837*
8	18	Nikolas A. Marks, 1821
8	19	Willis Sanders, 1855, no date*
8	20	James Sewell, 1803*
8	21	John A. Smith, 1860
8	22	Griffith Spencer, 1805, no date*
8	23	John Torrence, 1808*
8	24	Locke Weems, 1835
8	25	[?], 1855, 1859*

Series 4
Personal writings and memorabilia, 1853-1859
Box 9

Scope and Content Note

Documents in this series include assignments, poems, stories and essays, and memorabilia. The majority of the material is both undated and unsigned. There are papers, however, signed "Emma Oliver," which mention Woodlawn, the Oliver family plantation, and yet there is no record of Shelton Oliver having a daughter named Emma, nor is there any record of any Olivers with a daughter of that name.

Arrangement Note

Arranged by type of record.

Restrictions on Access

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Assignments

Box	Folder	Content
9	1	Lizzie Oliver's penmanship book, 1859
9	2	[Geography assignment?] no name, no date*
9	3	Book of sayings [Lizzie Oliver's?], no date
9	4	List of songs played at commencement, no date [taken from blank pages in book of poetry written by Emma Oliver]
9	5	[Vocabulary list?] [1855?] [taken from blank pages in book of poetry written by Emma Oliver]

Poems

9	6	"To Miss Maria," unsigned, 14 February 1866
9	7	Emma Oliver's poetry book, no date
9	8	Poem written to Emma Oliver by Lizzie Marshall, no date [taken from blank pages in book of poetry written by Emma Oliver]
9	9	Poem written to Emma Oliver by Lizzie Marshall, no date [taken from blank pages in book of poetry written by Emma Oliver]
9	10	Untitled, signed at bottom Lemuel Wiggins, no date
9	11	Poems and recipes, Emma Oliver, no date*
9	12	"Parody" unsigned, no date
9	13	Children's poem?, no date
9	14	Small leather notebook, hand written remedies for various ills, 1853

Stories/Essays

- 9 15 Essay on the evils of fiction, unsigned, no date
- 9 16 "The Drunkard," by Emma Oliver, no date
- 9 17 Tribute of respect for Shelton Oliver, deceased, by Zaradatha Lodge No. 83 of the Masons, 15 October 1870

Memorabilia

- 9 18 Cabinet Card by Gaspard Felix Tournachon of de Reszke, opera singer, 1900 exposition
- 9 19 Cabinet Card Album, containing 50 cabinet cards, no date
- 9 20 Embroidery patterns, no date*
- 9 21 Embroidery patterns, no date*
- 9 22 Dried leaf, [taken from Emma Oliver's poetry book, pressed between poems #43-44

Series 5
Collected printed materials,1830-1915
Box 10 and OP1

Scope and Content Note

This series contains advertisements, announcements, catalogues, circulars, journals, and speeches and addresses. Examples include advertisements from wholesalers and pharmaceutical companies, catalogues from Emory College, 1851, and reprints of speeches on the Kansas-Nebraska Act, 1854, delivered by A. H. Stephens. It is unclear to whom most of these items belonged, unless otherwise marked on the original material.

Arrangement Note

Arranged by type of record.

Advertisements

Box	Folder	Content
10	1	Allen's Patent Breech Loading Rifle and Shot Gun, no date
10	2	Davis, Kolb, and Fanning Wholesale Grocers, 1852
OP1	1	J.S. Durgin and Co., Morgan Horse, "Wild Air," 1 May 1857
10	3	Eddy, Dyer and Co., Agricultural Implements, 1855
10	4	Gardner's Magic Compound for Catching Fish, 1857
10	5	Keasbey and Mattison Pharmaceuticals, 1884, no date
10	6	"Kiss and Make It Up" Sheet music, no date
10	7	Onion and Wheelock, Manufacturers and Importers of Guns, Rifles, Pistons, Gun Material, Sporting Apparatus, n.d.
10	8	Osborne's Watch, Clock, and Jewelry Establishment, 1859
10	9	Page's New and Improved Grist Mill, 1850
10	10	D. Quinn's Monthly Bulletin of D. Appleton and Co.'s New Publications, March 1872
10	11	Riverside Summer Hat, 1874
10	12	P. A. Scranton, Wholesale Grocer, 1867
10	13	Sharpe and Dohme's Laboratories, no date
OP1	2	Shaw and white Proprietors, Morgan Horse "Shooting Star," 16 April 1859
10	14	Tilden's Liquid Antipyretic, no date
10	15	George Waring's Thorough-Bred Morgan Stallions, 1860

Announcements

10	16	Wedding Announcement, W. M. Willingham and Lizzie G. Oliver, 18 November 1874, addressed to Mrs. John W. Hancock
10	17	Commencement Exercises, Lucy Cobb Institute, 6-10 June 1902 note card addressed to Miss Nonie Maxwell

Catalogues

- 10 18 Madison Institute for Young Ladies, 1850
 10 19 Emory College Officers, Students, and Alumni, 1851

Circulars

- 10 20 Bethlahem Female Academy Seminary Illustrated Souvenir, January 1858 [note re: Prudence and Sally Oliver, Shelton's cousins, written on back]
 10 21 S. Munn and Son and Co., Bankers and Brokers Weekly Market Letter, 26 January 1900
 10 22 Invitation: Dinner Party hosted by E. Paul Shull, no address, no addressee, no date

Journals: *Democratic Expositor* and *U.S. Journal for the Country*

- 10 23 Vol. 1, No. 8, 30 August 1845
 10 24 Vol. 1, No. 10, 13 September 1845
 10 25 Vol. 1, No. 11, 20 September 1845
 10 26 Vol. 1, No. 20, 22 November 1845
 10 27 Vol. 1, No. 21, 29 November 1845
 10 28 Vol. 1, No. 26, 3 January 1846
 10 29 Vol. 1, No. 27, 10 January 1846
 10 30 Vol. 1, No. 28, 17 January 1846
 10 31 Vol. 1, No. 29, 24 January 1846
 10 32 Vol. 1, No. 30, 31 January 1846
 10 33 Vol. 1, No. 31, 7 February 1846
 10 34 Vol. 1, No. 32, 14 February 1846

Other Journals

- 10 35 *The Fly Leaf* [Journal of College Temple, Newnan, Georgia], Vol. II, No. 1, 1855 [Emma Oliver written in top margin]
 10 36 *Georgia Botanic Journal and College Sentinel*, Vol. 1, No. 5, April 1848

Philadelphia Thomsonian Medical Journal

- 10 37 Vol. 1, No. 2, May 1853
 10 38 Vol. 1, No. 5, August 1853
 10 39 Vol. 1, No. 9, December 1853

Miscellaneous

- 10 40 Certificate: State of Georgia Commission to Office of Notary Public and Ex-Officio Justice of the Peace, of R. B. Harley, 25 April 1915
 10 41 Newspaper clipping, poem "How it Happened" by John Hay, no banner, no date
 10 42 Novel: *The Pirate of Cape Ann* [fragment?], pp. 1-98, no publication information, no cover,

- 10 43 Pamphlet: "The Jewish Chronicle," 1854
 10 44 Pamphlet: "The Physician Himself and What He Should Add to the Strictly Scientific," no date
 10 45 Program: "America's Dialect Humorist: A. Gilbert Walden," no date
 10 46 Temperance Manual: Rev. Justin Edwards, no date [post 1836]
 10 47 Tickets: Three \$5.00 monthly drawing tickets for the Louisiana State Lottery Co., 1886

Speeches and Addresses

- 10 48 Address on Temperance delivered before the Felt Division No. 75 of Temperance in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Lexington, Georgia, by Dr. James W. Price, 19 November 1848
 10 49 Address delivered before the Southern Central Agricultural Society at Macon, Georgia, by A. G. Summer, 4 October 1852
 10 50 Speech of the Honorable A. H. Stephens of Georgia in the House of Representatives on Nebraska and Kansas, 17 February 1854
 10 51 Speech of the Honorable A. H. Stephens of Georgia in the House of Representatives on the bill to admit Kansas as a state, 28 June 1856
 10 52 Speech of the Honorable A. H. Stephens of Georgia in the House of Representatives on the Report of the Kansas Legislating Committee, 31 July 1856
 10 53 Speech by W. W. Clark to the voters of the Sixth Congressional District, 12 August 1863

Newspapers

- OP1 3 The Washington [Georgia] *News* 16 March 1830
 OP1 4 *The Union Democrat*, 22 March 1842
 OP1 5 *Constitutionalist and Republic*, Augusta, Georgia, 21 October 1851
 OP1 6 *The People's Press*, Hernando, Mississippi, 17 August 1854
 OP1 7 *Triweekly Constitutionalist*, Augusta, Georgia, 30 December 1857
 OP1 8 *Triweekly Constitutionalist*, Augusta, Georgia, 29 January 1858
 OP2 1 Supplement to the *American Stock Journal*, Vol. 3, No. 1, January 1861
 OP2 2 *Floral World*, Highland Park, Illinois, Vol. 1, No. 8, June 1884
 OP2 3 *The Index*, Boston, Massachusetts, 23 October 1884
 OP2 4 *The Weekly Banner Watchman*, Athens, Georgia, 8 June 1886
 OP2 5 The Macon [Georgia] *Telegraph*, 25 March 1889
 OP2 6 The Macon [Georgia] *Telegraph*, 27 August 1889
 OP2 7 The Oglethorpe [Georgia] *Record*, 14 November 1890
 OP2 8 *Scientific America*, Vol. 50, No. 1, 4 July 1891

Series 6
Restricted material
Box 11

Scope and Content Note

Materials in this series are restricted because of preservation concerns. Photocopies have been made of these items and placed in their original location.

Correspondence

Box	Folder	Content
11	1	Shelton Oliver, 1843
11	2	Shelton Oliver, 1853-1854
11	3	Shelton Oliver, 1861, March-July
11	4	Stephen Heard, 1855
11	5	Sanders Family, 1853, 1855

Financial Records

11	6	James Oliver, 1820
11	7	James Oliver, as Administrator to the Thomas Knott Estate, 1824-1825, 1827-1829
11	8	James Oliver, as Administrator to the Thomas Knott Estate, 1830-1832, 1843, no date
11	9	Shelton Oliver, 1836-1839
11	10	Shelton Oliver, 1840-1844
11	11	Shelton Oliver, 1856
11	12	Shelton Oliver, 1859
11	13	Shelton Oliver, 1864
11	14	Shelton Oliver, no date
11	15	[Shelton Oliver?], 1839-1840, 1859-1861, no date
11	16	John Winfrey, 1828-1830
11	17	Richard Winfrey, 1830-1831, 1834-1836
11	18	Absalom James, guardian of David H. James, 1830
11	19	Absalom James, guardian of David H. James, 1839, 1843
11	20	J. R. Sanders, 1854, 1856-1857
11	21	Griffith Spencer, 1830-1834
11	22	Griffith Spencer, 1835-1838, no date
11	23	[?], no date

Legal Records

11	24	James Oliver, 1800, 1803, 1807
11	25	James Oliver, 1811-1813, 1816

- 11 26 James Oliver, as Administrator of the Thomas Knott Estate, 1829-1830, 1832
11 27 Shelton Oliver, as Administrator of the Leroy Upshaw Estate, 1842, 1848, no date
11 28 Evan Ragland, 1807, 1809, 1812
11 29 Thompson Ragland, as Administrator of the Evan Ragland Estate, 1816
11 30 Richard Winfrey, as Administrator of the Matthew Williams Estate, 1828
11 31 Richard Winfrey, as Administrator of the John Winfrey Estate, 1830
11 32 Richard Winfrey, as Administrator of the John Winfrey Estate, 1831
11 33 Richard Winfrey, as Administrator of the John Winfrey Estate, 1832
11 34 Richard Winfrey, as Administrator of the John Winfrey Estate, 1834
11 35 Richard Winfrey, as Administrator of the John Winfrey Estate, 1835-1836
11 36 Richard Winfrey, as Administrator of the John Winfrey Estate, 1839-1840
11 37 Willis Willingham, 1865, 1880, no date
11 38 Willis Willingham, as Administrator of the Robert Gillespie Estate, 1844
11 39 John Christian, 1802
11 40 John Colvard, 1816, 1827
11 41 William H. Crawford, 1812, 1816
11 42 William H. Crawford, 1827-1828
11 43 William H. Crawford, 1843-1844
11 44 Absalom James, guardian of David H. James, 1832-1837
11 45 Willis Sanders, 1855, no date
11 46 James Sewell, 1803
11 47 Griffith Spencer, 1895, no date
11 48 John Torrence, 1802, 1808, 1832
11 49 [?], 1855, 1859

Personal Writings and Memorabilia

- 11 50 Geography assignment [?], no date
11 51 Poems and recipes, Emma Oliver, no date
11 52 Embroidery patterns, no date
11 53 Embroidery patterns, no date
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