

THIOT FAMILY.

Thiot family papers, 1756-1865

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Thiot family.
Title: Thiot family papers, 1756-1865
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 297
Extent: .5 linear feet (1 box), 1 oversized papers folder (OP), and 2 microfilm reels (MF)
Abstract: Papers of the Charles Thiot family of Savannah, Georgia including correspondence, business records, and photographs.
Language: Some materials in French and Spanish.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on access

Unrestricted access.

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Additional Physical Form

Most of the collection is also available on microfilm.

Source

Gift, 1956, with subsequent additions.

Citation

[after identification of item(s)], Thiot family papers, Manuscript, Archives and Rare Book Library, Emory University.

Collection Description

Biographical Note

Charles Henry Thiot (alternate spelling: Tiot), planter and merchant, was born in France in 1755, and died June 8, 1808, in Savannah, Georgia, where he and his family were living by 1795. His son, Charles Thiot, was born in 1789, in St. Domingue (French Haiti) and his grandson, Charles Henry Alexander Thiot, was born January 9, 1822, in Savannah, Georgia. Charles Thiot (d. 1808) had a store on Grand Gosier, Saltrou, Haiti, and traded in North and South America. He was forced by slave insurrections to leave Haiti, move to Jamaica (1792), then move to Georgia, where he purchased a plantation (Knoxborough, 1805). The children of his son, Charles Thiot (b. 1789), lived for a time in Baltimore, Maryland (after the death of Charles' wife, Martha), while their father ran Roseville, his plantation in Effingham County, Georgia. One of his children, Charles Henry Alexander Thiot, who married Anna Nowlan Charlton (1850), continued to run Roseville. During the Civil War, Charles Henry Alexander Thiot served with the Chatham Artillery until he became ill (1862); he re-entered the service (1864) as part of the 1st Georgia Infantry and is believed to have died in North Carolina.

Scope and Content Note

The collection includes materials pertaining to the Thiot family, the emigration of Charles Henry Thiot from France, the immigration of the Thiot family and slaves to Georgia, and their lives there. Primary topics include the legalities of the purchase and the daily operation of the Thiot family plantations, the Civil War service of Charles Henry Alexander Thiot in Georgia and Mississippi, and the circumstances surrounding his death (circa 1865). Charles Henry Alexander Thiot wrote many letters to his wife Anna while he served in the Chatham Artillery and 1st Georgia Infantry that are included in the collection. Much of the pre-1804 material is in the French or Spanish language. The collection also includes an estimate of the estate of Charles Thiot, Sr. (1810?); statements of the sale of rice, 1811-1813; slave receipts; blacksmith's bills; statements of plantation supplies, 1805; receipt for payment of reward for catching runaway slaves; an agreement with the Central Railroad of Georgia for the hire of Negroes; an Estimate and Assessment form for taxation of agricultural products by the Confederate government and others; and a receipt for a slave owned by a "free person of Color and minister of the Gospel," dated October 1, 1812. Included in the collection is a daguerreotype (and print copy) of a portrait of Charles Henry Alexander Thiot and his wife, Anna.

Arrangement Note

Arranged by record type.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Biographical sketches Charles H. Thiot
OP1	-	Colonial Dames of America, membership application, 1938
1	2	Correspondence, 1790-1816
1	3	Correspondence, 1831-1837
1	4	Correspondence, 1845
1	5	Correspondence, 1849 (with typed transcripts)
1	6	Correspondence, 1852-1857, with some typed transcripts
1	7	Correspondence, 1861-1865
1	8	Correspondence, 1887 [regarding search for record of death of Charles Henry Thiot]
1	9	Correspondence, Business, 1805-1810
1	10	French and Spanish papers, typed English transcripts of most
1	11	French and Spanish papers, 1777-1804, consisting of notes, accounts, personal and business letters, many of them concerned with transporting Thiots family and slaves from Jamaica to Georgia
1	12	French and Spanish papers, 1788-1791, consisting of receipts, notes, personal and business letters, consisting of receipts and financial accounts
1	13	French and Spanish papers, 1792-1890, consisting of notes, receipts, personal and business letters
1	14	French and Spanish papers, 1801-1805, consisting of receipts and correspondence
1	15	French and Spanish papers, n.d., consisting of receipts and financial accounts
OP1	-	Indentures, 1779-1809
1	16	Land, title and estate papers, 1783-1807
1	17	Land, title and estate papers, 1808-1816, no date
OP1	-	Land grant from King George II, 1756
1	18	Military service related correspondence and documents, 1861-1864
1	19	Other, 1795, 1798, no date
1	20	Photograph, Print made from daguerreotype of Charles Henry and Anna Charlton Thiot, no date; [original daguerreotype stored in Fragile Photographs file (FP)]
1	21	Plantation business papers, 1802-1864, no date
1	22	Receipts, 1819-1864
1	23	Tax receipts, 1834-1864

Microfilm

MF1	Charles Henry Thiot Civil War letters, 1861-1864
MF2	French and Spanish papers, 1777-1805

This reel does not include every item from the folder of French and Spanish papers in Box 1.
