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## MUM00081

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### SUMMARY INFORMATION

**Repository**

University of Mississippi Libraries

**Creator**

Colbert, C.E.

**Title**

C.E. Colbert Collection of Historical Manuscripts

**ID**

MUM00081

**Date [bulk]**

Bulk, 1826-1884

**Date [inclusive]**

1826-1953

**Extent**

0.25 Linear feet (1 half Hollinger box)

**Abstract**

The collection contains miscellaneous documents of historical importance, including a letter written by Henry Clay, land grants issued by Presidents John Quincy Adams and Martin Van Buren, slave bills of sale, and various other documents.

**Preferred Citation**

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

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C.E. Colbert graduated from the University of Mississippi in 1916. He and his wife owned a grocery store in Trebloc, Miss. His great-grandfather was George W. Campbell, an early settler of Noxubee County, Miss.

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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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### **Publication Information**

University of Mississippi Libraries April 2013

### **Access Restrictions**

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### **Custodial History**

The papers in this collection were handed down to C.E. Colbert via his great-grandfather George W. Campbell, an early settler of Noxubee County, Miss., and a witness to the signing of the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek.

## Additions

No further additions are expected to this collection.

## Acquisition Information

Donated by Mr. C.E. Colbert, 1953

## Processing Information

Collection processed by Archives and Special Collections staff. Finding aid encoded by Kathryn Michaelis, April 2013.

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## RELATED MATERIALS

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### Separated Materials

Maps from Folder 1 have been moved to the [Map Collection](#).

Public land sale documents from Folder 1 have been moved to [Small Manuscripts 1979.7f10](#).

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## CONTROLLED ACCESS HEADINGS

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### Format(s)

- bills of sale
- correspondence
- historical maps
- receipts (financial records)

### Geographic Name(s)

- Noxubee County (Miss.) -- History

### Personal Name(s)

- Adams, John Quincy, 1767-1848 -- Autographs
- Clay, Henry, 1777-1852 -- Correspondence
- Van Buren, Martin, 1782-1862 -- Autographs

### Subject(s)

- Cotton trade -- Mississippi -- History
- Slave bills of sale -- Mississippi
- Slavery -- Mississippi

- Slavery -- South Carolina -- Abbeville

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## COLLECTION INVENTORY

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### Folder 1

Correspondence from C.E. Colbert to J.D. Williams about the donation of the collection

Typewritten article about collection donation: "Ole Miss Collects Historical Documents." By James W. Silver, Chairman of Archives Committee

11 hand drawn plats including several of Noxubee County. Illustrates land in Noxubee County, MS that was owned by William Lewis of Gainsville, Alabama. Some professionally traced others simple hand drawn sketches

#### Separated Materials

These maps have been moved to the Archives' [Map Collection](#).

Public land sale deeds signed by Martin Van Buren and John Quincy Adams

#### Separated Materials

Public land sale documents from Folder 1 have been moved to [Small Manuscripts 1979.7f10](#).

### Folder 2

Copy of Richard Moseley's will, Abbeville, S.C., 3 April 1829

A. Colbert letters, 1872-1884

#### Scope and Content

One letter from Ellen Gilmer, Helena, Ark., 23 April 1884; several letters to Mr. G.W. Campbell, 1872-1874

### Folder 3

Small leather-bound book containing notes and details of expenses, M.N[?]. Campbell, undated

Small leather-bound diary of Francis M. Campbell, 1852

Small handbook: The Ready Reckoner; For Ship Builders, Boat Builders, and Lumber Merchants, Being a Correct Measurement of Scantling, Boards, Plank...", 1854

Small notebook containing notes on items sold, 21  
November 1832-13 April 1835

Land map labeled "Cutting Drafts"

#### **Folder 4**

Letter from Henry Clay to "Dear Sir," 13 September 1842

##### **Scope and Content**

Letter is accompanied by a card that reads: "If you have a copy of this letter, you should know that it is a lithographic fac-simile and has no value. The paper bears no watermark, the "ink" is gray instead of black or brown, and on the left edge is a distinct mark of the glue used to hold the plate in a volume, The fold in the letter is at the proper place for the sheet to fold for inclusion in a volume."

#### **Folder 5**

Lists of payments received for items sold, including several slaves, 11 December 1829

Miscellaneous receipts, 1830s

Appraisal of the property of James Ball, Abbeville, S.C.

##### **Scope and Content**

Includes appraisal values for slaves, horses, and furniture.

#### **Folder 6**

Fragments of an unidentified document

Last page of a letter, signed "So long Pop for now, All our love, Clarence & Mox."

Typewritten poem titled "I Will" with handwritten notes on verso

#### **Folder 7**

Obituary for "Jack" , 10 April [?]

##### **Scope and Content**

Obituary describes the deceased as "licentious," "a mean low-lived cowardly old bore," and other unflattering terms.

#### **Folder 8**

Miscellaneous legal documents from Noxubee County, Miss., 1830s-1870s

