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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Locust Grove Plantation Slave Ledger
Dates:	1825-1845
Physical Extent:	1 oversize box (0.75 linear feet)
Repository:	University of Mississippi. Department of Archives and Special Collections.University, MS 38677, USA
Identification:	MUM00275
Location:	General Special Collections
Language of Material:	English
Abstract:	The collection is a ledger, 1825-1845, containing the names, marriages, births, and deaths of slaves on the Locust Grove Plantation in Jefferson County, Miss. The ledger also contains cotton harvest data for each slave.

Administrative Information

Processing Information

Collection processed by Archives and Special Collections staff. Finding aid encoded by Kathryn Michaelis, January 2012.

Additions

No further additions are expected to this collection.

Subject Terms

Slavery -- Mississippi -- History -- 19th century
Cotton growing -- Mississippi -- History -- 19th century
Plantations -- Mississippi -- Natchez Region

Formats

ledgers (account books)

Historical Note

Locust Grove Plantation was located in Jefferson County, Miss. The plantation was founded in 1777 under the name Mount Locust; the name was changed by Samuel Postlethwait when he purchased the plantation.

Scope and Content Note

The collection is a ledger, 1825-1845, containing the names, marriages, births, and deaths of slaves on the Locust Grove Plantation in Jefferson County, Miss. The ledger also contains cotton harvest data for each slave. Some pages contain pasted-in newspaper articles, mostly discussing agricultural and domestic techniques and advice.

Enclosed with the ledger is an article written about the ledger:

Barney, D., & Flesher, D.L. (1994). Early nineteenth-century productivity accounting: the Locust Grove Plantation Ledger. *Accounting, Business and Financial History*, 4(2), 275-294.

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Related Material

Postlethwaite (A.J.) Records. Collection number M39. McCain Library and Archives, University of Southern Mississippi.

Container List

Box 1 Ledger, 1825-1845