



Adams Family Papers, 1819-1923 SCHS 118.00

Description: 1.5 linear ft.

Biog./Historical Note: South Carolina family. James Pickett Adams (1828-1904) was an attorney, state legislator, and plantation owner of Gadsden, in Richland County, S.C. He was the son of Robert Adams (1793-1850) and the brother of Joel Belton Adams (1824-1853). He married Margaret Crawford Johnston in 1849. His sister, Charlotte Caroline Adams, married James Tucker Hopkins (1831-1863), son of David Thomas Hopkins (1802-1836) and Frances Martha Tucker Hopkins (1806-1864). Jane Sophia Johnston, the sister of Margaret Crawford Johnston Adams, married Presbyterian minister Rev. Rufus Kilpatrick Porter, who served as chaplain of Cobb's Legion and died in Atlanta, Ga., where he was pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church.

Scope and Content: The bulk of this collection consists of papers of James Pickett Adams and his wife Margaret Crawford Johnston Adams. Also included are papers of the related Hopkins family, mainly those of David Hopkins and his wife Frances, and smaller collections of papers relating to the related families of Hayne and Douglass, as well as Rev. Rufus K. Porter and his wife. **Scope and Content:** Papers of James Pickett Adams consist of correspondence (1854-1869), financial records, estate records, and miscellaneous items. His correspondence of 1857 and 1858 with Dr. J.A. Pleasants in Washington (D.C.), Minatitlan (Mexico), and Columbus (Ga.), and with S.S. Baxter in Washington (D.C.), principally concerns a business venture to purchase land on the Coatzacoalas River in connection with a proposed railroad across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec in Mexico. Much of Adams' later correspondence is with James H. Rion of Winnsboro (S.C.) regarding legal and estate matters. Financial records (1849-1892) of James P. Adams chiefly consist of receipts and invoices for purchases (mostly in Columbia, S.C.) of personal, household, and plantation supplies and services. Included is an itemized bill from Dr. T. J. Goodwyn for medical treatment for members of the Adams family and for slaves (named in document). Some financial records pertain to James P. Adams & Brothers, Homestead Plantation, and the Bluff Plantation. Estate administrative records pertain to the estates of Robert Adams, Joel Belton Adams, Robert Crawford Johnston, and others. Miscellaneous items include lists (April 1862) of men enlisted in companies C and D, 2nd South Carolina Cavalry Battalion (a unit formed under Major James P. Adams, also designated as the the 3rd S.C. Cavalry Battalion and the 10th S.C. Cavalry Battalion). Legal documents (1860s) chiefly pertain to an estate lawsuit involving properties at Minervaville and Magnolia Plantation (later known as Wavering Place). Slave records include a trustee's receipt for 36 slaves (named in document) belonging to the estate of Caroline C. Hopkins, an agreement (1858) concerning 50 slaves (named) sold by James P. Adams to James T. Hopkins, and undated lists of slaves and their valuations.

Scope and Content: Papers of Margaret Crawford Johnston Adams consist of a few letters (1861-1907); financial records (1849-1909), mostly receipts and invoices; a notebook (1899-1904)

containing household and servant accounts, accounts for rent from tenants at Minervaville, Beulah Place, and Wavering, biographical notes on Mrs. Theodore Brevard Hayne (Elizabeth Adams Hayne), and other information; patterns and instructions for knitting, embroidery, and lace; and papers pertaining to the Wade Hampton Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, including speeches (1899) about Jefferson Davis and the Confederate States of America. Also included are papers (1856-1859) of David E. Johnston, mostly receipts and invoices, and a contract with an overseer for the management of Johnston's plantation in Fairfield District (S.C.).

Scope and Content: Papers (14 items; 1855-1872) of Rev. Rufus K. Porter and his wife Jane Sophia Johnston Porter consist of letters and financial records, and include a letter (April 28, 1862) to Rev. Porter from Col. T.R.R. Cobb mainly concerning spiritual matters.

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Detailed Description of Collection:

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| Adams Family Documents | 118.01 |
| James P. Adams Papers | 118.02.01(C)01 (1857-1858) – 118.02.01(M)02 |
| Margaret Adams Papers | 118.02.02(C)01 – 118.02.02.02 |
| Hopkins Family Papers | 118.03.01.01 – 118.03.01.02.04 |
| Hayne Family Papers | 118.03.02.01(C)01 – 118.03.02.05 |
| Douglass Family papers | 118.03.03 |
| Porter Family Papers | 118.03.04 |

Box 1

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| 118.01 | Adams Family Documents | Miscellaneous items |
| 118.02.01(C)01 (1857-1858) | James P. Adams Papers | Correspondence, 1857-1858 |
| 118.02.01(C)01 (1854-1856) | James P. Adams Papers | Correspondence, 1854-1856 |
| 118.02.01(C)01 (1859-1869) | James P. Adams Papers | Correspondence, 1859-1869 |
| 118.02.01(E)01-02 | James P. Adams Papers | Estate Administrative Records |
| 118.02.01(F)01-01 | James P. Adams Papers | Financial Records: bank book |
| 118.02.01(F)01-02 | James P. Adams Papers | Financial Records: bonds |
| 118.02.01(F)01-03 | James P. Adams Papers | Financial Records: insurance policies |
| 118.02.01(F)02 (1849-1850) | James P. Adams Papers | Financial Records: receipts, etc. 1849-1850 |
| 118.02.01(F)02 (1851-1853) | James P. Adams Papers | Financial Records: receipts, etc. 1851-1853 |
| 118.02.01(F)02 (1854) | James P. Adams Papers | Financial Records: receipts, etc. 1854 |
| 118.02.01(E)01-01 | James P. Adams Papers | Estate Administrative Records: Joel B. Adams and Robert Adams |
| 118.02.01(F)02 (1855) | James P. Adams Papers | Financial Records: receipts, etc. |

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| 118.02.01(F)02 (1856) | James P. Adams Papers | 1855 Financial Records: receipts, etc. 1856 |
| 118.02.01(F)02 (1857) | James P. Adams Papers | Financial Records: receipts, etc. 1857 |
| 118.02.01(F)02 (1858) | James P. Adams Papers | Financial Records: receipts, etc. 1858 |

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| 118.02.01(F)02 (1859) | James P. Adams Papers | Financial Records: receipts, etc. 1859 |
| 118.02.01(F)02 (1860) | James P. Adams Papers | Financial Records: receipts, etc. 1860 |
| 118.02.01(F)02 (1861) | James P. Adams Papers | Financial Records: receipts, etc. 1861 |
| 118.02.01(F)02 (1862-1864) | James P. Adams Papers | Financial records: receipts, etc. 1862-1864 |
| 118.02.01(F)02 (1869-1892) | James P. Adams Papers | Financial Records: receipts, etc. 1869-1892; n.d. |
| 118.02.01(F)03 | James P. Adams Papers | Financial Records: slave sale agreement, 1858 |
| 118.02.01(L)01 | James P. Adams Papers | Legal Records |
| 118.02.01(M)01 | James P. Adams Papers | Military Records |
| 118.02.01(M)02 | James P. Adams Papers | Miscellaneous |
| 118.02.02(C)01 | Margaret Adams Papers | Correspondence |
| 118.02.02(F)01 | Margaret Adams Papers | Financial Records: insurance records |
| 118.02.02(F)02 (1849-1859) | Margaret Adams Papers | Financial Records: receipts, etc. 1849-1859 |
| 118.02.02(F)02 (1860-1908) | Margaret Adams Papers | Financial Records: receipts, etc. 1860-1908; n.d. |
| 118.02.02(M)01-01 | Margaret Adams Papers | Miscellaneous items: notebook with household accounts, etc. |
| 118.02.02(M)01-02 | Margaret Adams Papers | Miscellaneous items |
| 118.02.02(M)01-03 | Margaret Adams Papers | Miscellaneous: needlework patterns and instructions |
| 118.02.02(M)01-04 | Margaret Adams Papers | U.D.C. papers |
| 118.02.02.01 | Margaret Adams Papers | David E. Johnston papers, 1856- 1859 |

Box 3

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| 118.03.01.01 | Hopkins Family Papers | Hopkins family documents |
| 118.03.01.02.01(E)01 | Hopkins Family Papers | David Hopkins estate records |
| 118.03.01.02.01(F)01 (1819-1827) | Hopkins Family Papers | David Hopkins financial records: receipts, etc. 1819-1827 |

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| 118.03.01.02.01(F)01 (1828-1830) | Hopkins Family Papers | David Hopkins financial records: receipts, etc. 1828-1830 |
| 118.03.01.02.01(F)01 (1831-1833) | Hopkins Family Papers | David Hopkins financial records: receipts, etc. 1831-1833 |
| 118.03.01.02.01(F)01 (1834-1836) | Hopkins Family Papers | David Hopkins financial records: receipts, etc. 1834-1836; n.d. |
| 118.03.01.02.01(M)01 | Hopkins Family Papers | David Hopkins papers |
| 118.03.01.02.02(C)01 | Hopkins Family Papers | Frances Hopkins correspondence |
| 118.03.01.02.02(F)01 (1846-1847) | Hopkins Family Papers | Frances Hopkins financial records: receipts, etc. 1846-1847 |
| 118.03.01.02.02(F)01 (1848-1849) | Hopkins Family Papers | Frances Hopkins financial records: receipts, etc. 1848-1849 |
| 118.03.01.02.02(F)01 (1850-1855) | Hopkins Family Papers | Frances Hopkins financial records: receipts, etc. 1850-1855 |
| 118.03.01.02.02(F)01 (1856-1868) | Hopkins Family Papers | Frances Hopkins financial records: receipts, etc. 1856-1868; n.d. |
| 118.03.01.02.03 | Hopkins Family Papers | John D. Hopkins papers |
| 118.03.01.02.04 | Hopkins Family Papers | James T. Hopkins papers |

Box 4

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| 118.03.02.01(C)01 | Hayne Family Papers | Theodore Brevard Hayne (1841-1917) Correspondence |
| 118.03.02.01(F)01 | Hayne Family Papers | Theodore Brevard Hayne (1841-1917) Financial Records |
| 118.03.02.02 | Hayne Family Papers | Elizabeth Adams Hayne papers |
| 118.03.02.03 | Hayne Family Papers | Margaret Johnston Hayne Beattie papers |
| 118.03.02.04(C)01 | Hayne Family Papers | James Adams Hayne papers: correspondence |
| 118.03.02.04(M)01 | Hayne Family Papers | James Adams Hayne papers: military records, miscellaneous items |
| 118.03.02.05 | Hayne Family Papers | Theodore Brevard Hayne II (1898-1930) papers |
| 118.03.03 | Douglass Family Papers | ----- |
| 118.03.04 | Porter Family Papers | ----- |