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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118.02.01(C)01 (1857-1858) James P. Adams Papers Correspondence, 1857-1858
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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
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118.02.01(F)01-03 James P. Adams Papers Financial Records: insurance policies
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118.02.01(F)02 (1862-1864)  James P. Adams Papers  Financial records: receipts, etc.
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118.02.01(F)03  James P. Adams Papers  Financial Records: slave sale agreement, 1858
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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.
118.02.02(F)02 (1860-1908)  Margaret Adams Papers  Financial Records: receipts, etc.
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**

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
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
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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

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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
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