



Skipper and Sessions family papers, 1818-1947
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Creators: Skipper family.
Sessions family.

Description: **Approx. 100 items (.25 linear feet)**

Biographical/Historical note: Originally from Brunswick County, N.C., John Boswell Skipper (1815-1886) and his wife, Sarah Elizabeth Hilborn Skipper of Wilmington, N.C. (1825-1906), relocated to McClellanville, S.C. in 1858. Several years later, Skipper purchased Palmer's Point Plantation, the property directly across Jeremy Creek from McClellanville. Here, Skipper established a naval stores business and was quite successful given the abundance of pine trees yielding tar and turpentine. John and Sarah Skipper had ten children and are both buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery in McClellanville, SC.

One of their daughters, Ella Rhame Skipper, married Plowden Green Sessions, Sr. of Conway, SC. The youngest son of Ella and Plowden Sessions, C. Walker Sessions, was the father of donor (Elizabeth Preston). Hence, several items pertaining to the Sessions family are also present in the collection.

Scope and content: Material consists of correspondence, receipts and indentures pertaining to the personal life and business of John Boswell Skipper. Includes a plat of St. James Santee surveyed by Michael Byrne, business correspondence, lists of accounts and sales of turpentine, sales receipts, promissory notes, an agreement between J.B. Skipper and Willis Todd for the manufacture of turpentine, and Confederate tax receipts. Personal correspondence includes a letter (1903) in which farming and family are discussed. Chronologically arranged.

Note: Some items are in fragile and damaged condition. Use with care.

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Search terms:

Turpentine industry and trade.
McClellanville (S.C.) -- history.
Naval stores industry.

receipts.
correspondence.
plats (maps).

Item level folder inventory:

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Plat, St. James Santee, Michael Byrne, Surv. -1818

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Deed - 1843
Indenture - George Potter & J.B. Skipper - 1846
Indenture - Prudence Jacobs & J. B. Skipper - 1848
Deed - From G. Potter to Luke Hilborne – 1849

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Payment slip - to H.J. Mayer - 185[?]
Indenture - Allen Jacobs & J. B. Skipper - 1850
Account Fragment - 1853
Indenture - Ezekiel Skipper & J. B. Skipper - 1853
Turpentine sales - 8 Jan, 1855
Accounts - May 1855
Letter - from A. M. Skipper – 1857

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Bill [to J. B. Skipper] - 1858
Letter relating to monetary advance - to J. B. Skipper - 1858
Business Correspondence - to J. B. Skipper - 1858
Business Correspondence- to J. B. Skipper - 1858
Business Correspondence - to J. B. Skipper - 1858
Business Accounts/Correspondence - to J.B. Skipper - 1858
Prices Current' newsheet - June 1858
Account document/Bill - 1858
Business Accounts/Correspondence - to J.B. Skipper - 1858
Account document - 1859
Promise to deliver corn - 1859
Account document – 1859

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Receipt - 1862
Military requisition of wood - 1862
Letter to J.B. Skipper - business - 1862
Payment Receipt - 1863
Payment Receipt - 1863 [Baker]
Confederate Tax Receipt - 1863
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Confederate Tax Receipt - 1863
Letter to J.B. Skipper - enquiry on salt - July 1863
Scrap of newspaper with article on Navy - 1864
Letter to J.B. Skipper regarding the sale of his house - 1866
Letter from J.B. Skipper on renting his home - 1866
Item list [1866]
Receipt from Rutledge - Oct. 1866
Letter - [1866]
[Bill?] to Mr. Beckman from J.B. Skipper - Apr. 1867
[Bill?] to Mr. Beckman from J.B. Skipper - Dec. 1867
Letter to J.B. Skipper regarding the use of his boat - 1867
Receipt for black horse from Chief Quartermaster - 1867
Promisory note from Gabriel Jackson - June 1869
Receipt - 1869

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Letter to J.B. Skipper regarding Bellevue Place - Nov. 1871
Receipt - Dec. 1873
Letter from McDuffy regarding the sale of [??] - Nov. 1874
Receipt - 1874
Note from J.B. Skipper to pay Martin Davis \$5 - Jan. 1875
Note from J.B. Skipper to pay Jacob Ramsey \$4 - 1875
Note from J.B. Skipper to pay Alfred Als[ton?] \$5 - Jan. 1875
Business accounts - 1876
Receipt from C. [H?] Leland - Jul. 1876
Statement from Sam'l R. Marshall & Co. to J.B. Skipper - 1876
List of debts owed to [?] Walker - Receipt on reverse - Dec. 1876
Receipt for use of lands - June, 1879

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Accounts - 1881
Correspondence - Charleston Rice Company & J. B. Skipper - 1881
Letter to J.B. Skipper regarding a land purchase offer - 1882
Letter from Law Office of Russell & Ricaud regarding a deed - Sept. 1883
Receipt of payment from J.B. Skipper to Robt. M. Adam - July 1883
Bill to A.M. Skipper, from Hart & Co. - 1883
Turpentine manufacture agreement between J.B. Skipper & Willis Todd - Jan. 1883
Receipt of payment from Mr. Skipper to F. Kressel [chandler and grocer] - Jul. 1884
Business correspondence - Joseph T. Dill to J.B. Skipper - 1884
Receipt list - 1882-1885 [on reverse of letter fragment, 1880]

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Correspondence on insurance policy - to Mr. Sessions from Valley Mutual Life Association - 1892
Tax receipt - Sessions - May 1893
Tax receipts x2 - Sessions - Dec. 1893

Tax receipt - Sessions - Dec. 1894
Post card to Sessions - 1895
Registry Receipt - J.B. Skipper - 1897
Registry Receipt - J.B. Skipper - 1897
Registry Receipt - J.B. Skipper - 1897
Registry Receipt - J.B. Skipper - 1898

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Registry Receipt - J.B. Skipper - 1900
Letter - personal - on farming, family, etc. - 1903
Tax return - Plowden Sessions of St. James Santee - 1906
Receipt - A.G. Rhodes & Son - 1947

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N.D. items and fragments:

Letter of introduction & promise of payment from Henry [??]wood
Fragment
Receipt Fragment
Business Fragment
Bill addressed to J. B. Skipper
Receipt (J. B. Skipper) from [Henri?] Black
Handwritten obituary for Mrs. Sarah Skipper
Fragment
Accounts; J.B. Skipper; July 26th
Bill
Barrow and sow prices
Business letter fragment - 1866
Ledger
Letter fragment
Payment receipt
Property description

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Skipper family genealogical and research notes