Guide to the Doy Leale McCall Sr. Papers

This is a work in progress

Descriptive Summary:

Creator: Doy Leale McCall, 1896-1971

Title: The Doy Leale McCall Sr. Papers

Dates: c. 1713-c. 1965 [bulk 1820-????]

Quantity:

Abstract: Books, periodicals, maps, papers, etc. related to the Alabama Black Belt and compiled by former Monroeville, Alabama, native, Doy Leale McCall Sr.

Accession: 546

Biographical Note:

Doy Leale McCall Sr. was born at Hoke's Bluff in Etowah County, Alabama, in 1896. McCall served in the military during World War I. Along with his brother L. T. McCall and his father, L. L. McCall, Doy moved to Monroe County in 1922 and established a sawmill. Three years later McCall Sr. moved to the town of Monroeville and met and married Marie Crook, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Crook, in 1926. McCall Sr. lost an arm to a sawmill accident in 1927, which left him time to indulge his passion for history and bottle collecting. Over the next years he amassed one of the largest archive of historical documents and bottles in the United States. McCall Sr.'s grandfather, T. L. McCall, built a school at Hoke's Bluff. McCall Sr. died in 1971. McCall Sr.'s and Marie's son Doy Leale McCall Jr. received a medical degree from Johns Hopkins. McCall Jr.'s wife, Margaret "Nootsie" Thorington Kohn McCall, was a direct descendant of General John Scott, one of Montgomery, Alabama's co-founders. She and McCall Jr. lived in Selma, Alabama, for thirty years before Mrs. McCall Jr. returned to her native Montgomery after McCall Jr.'s death. Margaret Kohn McCall died in December 2012.

Greene Springs School was founded as a school for boys by Henry Tutwiler in 1847. Tutwiler entered law school at the University of Virginia in 1825, graduating from that institution in

1830. The following year he was hired by the University of Alabama to teach ancient languages. He remained there until 1838. From 1839 until the founding of Greene Springs he was associated with LaGrange College in LaGrange, Georgia. By 1876 the school had forty pupils. Tutwiler's first student was John Gregg.

Scope and Contents:

Documents the lives of multiple families in Alabama throughout the nineteenth century and into the mid-twentieth century. Consists of advertisements, broadsides, business cards, circulars, contracts, correspondence, court cases, drawings, flyers, household accounts, land plots, legal documents, maps, receipts, military documents, plantation documents, playbills, photographs, poems, school work, sheet music, and wills. Strengths of the collection include a vast array of material on the Augusta Manufacturing Company, the Bank of St. Mary's, the Montgomery Manufacturing Company, the Winter Iron Works, and the Rock Island Paper Company. Collection also includes pre-Alabama statehood documents, Civil War letters and diaries, and material related to Reconstruction. These manuscripts record the experiences of several families, one of whom was made up of dynamic investors; another family owned multiple plantations and was exceptional for their strong political and military histories. Both families had vibrant and extensive trading networks, and were considered wealthy by many of their contemporaries. Subjects of interest include the Civil War, economics and financial affairs, education, government, politics, gender, plantation agriculture, Reconstruction, religion, slavery, sociology, and women. This collection largely reflects the lives and experiences of close family and friends, and the people they were (conveniently or inconveniently) associated with.

Provenance:

Gift of Doy Leale McCall III, Margaret McCall Rolfsen, and John Peter Crook McCall, 2011.

Arrangement:

Arranged into 58 series and subseries:

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  - Sub-subseries 3. Eloise Pickens
  - Sub-subseries 4. Gailliard Pickens
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  - Sub-subseries 7. Israel Pickens (Governor)
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  - Sub-subseries 9. James Pickens
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Contents List:

The numbers in parentheses below do not indicate individual pages but rather documents as a whole (e.g., a 1-page bank statement is 1 item; a 4-page letter is 1 item; a 16-page diary is 1 item). Folders with an additional decimal (i.e. “115.1.1”) were added to the inventory at a subsequent time.

Series 1. Imprints, 1794-2003 [Bulk 1823-1969]. 88.5 cubic feet; c. 13,000 items (31 record storage boxes, 57 large document cases, 4 small document cases, 26 oversized boxes).

Arranged chronologically by publication city and then alphabetically by title. Imprints with no publication location are listed last for each year. Specific dates are listed first (yyyy/mm /dd), followed by those where only the year (yyyy) could be determined, followed by estimated years (c. yyyy), and, finally, followed by those where no date could be determined. An itemized listing is available.

Includes advertisements, books, broadsides, bulletins, business cards, by-laws, catalogs, church programs, circulars, flyers, greeting cards, invitations, journals, lectures, magazines, periodicals, playbills, poetry, programs, reports, sheet music, speeches, textbooks, and tickets. Covers a wide variety of subjects, including agriculture, animals, banking, civil rights, the Civil War, communism, fraternal organizations, industry, legal documents, legislation, medicine, politics, religion, science, technology, transportation, women, World

War I, and World War II.
Included in the “entertainment” subject area are non-alcoholic drinks, dances, sporting events and goods, and venues like museums, as well as recreational activities like fishing and hunting and some travel material. Food-related items can be found in the “industry” or “domestic” subject. Included in the “fraternal” subject area are groups like historical and educational disciplinary societies.

Researchers should also be aware that items in this series may be annotated by or contain handwritten notes of members of the families represented in the collection. When known, the family member is noted in the “family” field.

Box 1-114

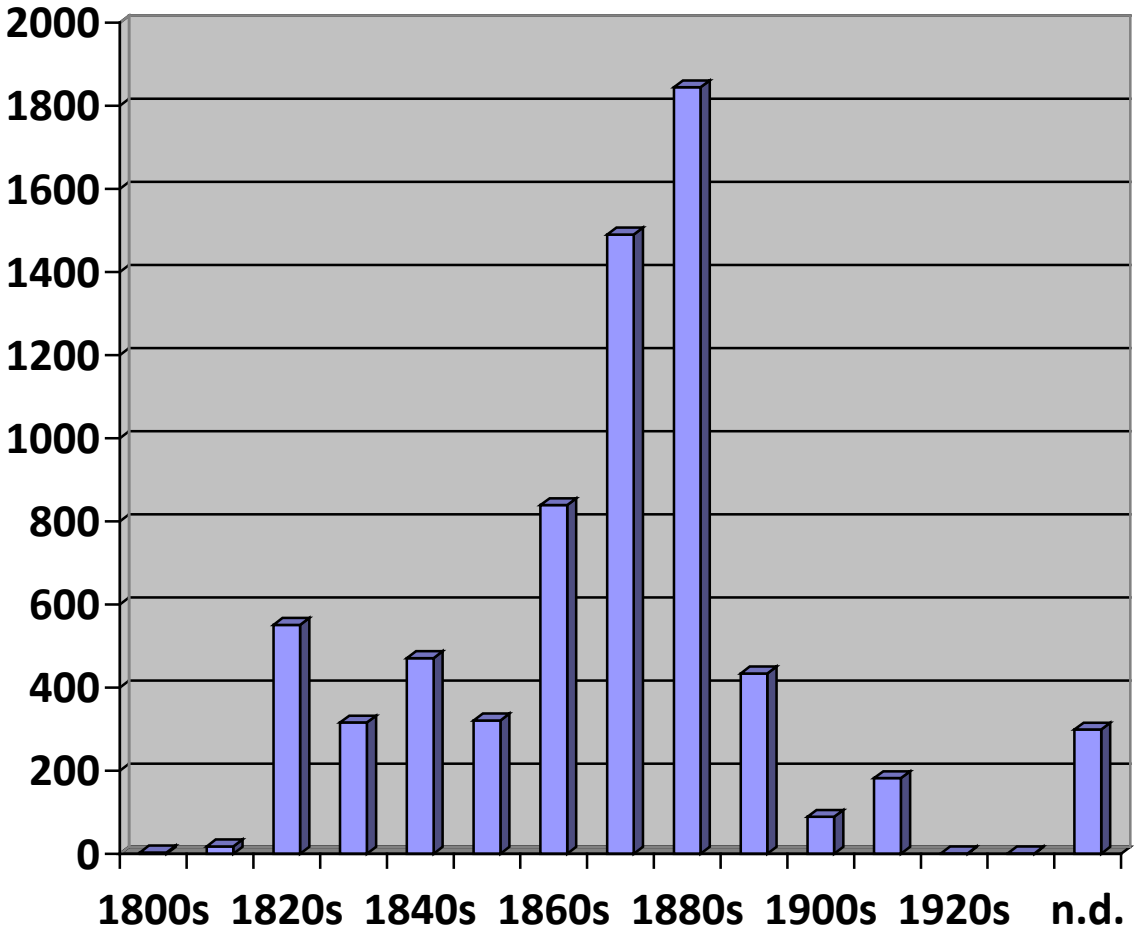
See Excel spreadsheet

Series 2. Pickens Family, 1799-1944 [Bulk 1820-1899]; 17.25 cubic feet; 19,192 items (16 record storage boxes, 1 large document case, 1 small document case, and 1 oversized box).

Arranged into 11 subseries: Correspondence, which is made up of both letters and diaries, and Education, Household, Legal/Political, Military, Plantation, Slavery, Ephemera, Maps, Oversize, and Photographs. It involves the history of Alabama’s third governor, Israel Pickens; his brothers John, Robert, James, and Samuel; and Samuel’s sons, daughters, and grandchildren.

Subseries 2A. Correspondence, 1806-1944 [bulk 1820-1899]; 8 cubic feet; 6,824 letters, 97 diaries (8 record storage boxes). [Also see separate correspondence index.]

Pickens Correspondence - Decades



Strengths:

- Multiple decades
- Multiple generations
- Numerous topics
    - Formation of the state
    - Political developments
    - Social dynamics
    - Education of both genders
    - Economic evolution
    - Trading networks
    - Civil War
    - Slavery
    - Plantation economy
    - Reconstruction
    - Women
    - Changing social mores
    - Local economy

Weaknesses:

- Document legibility and fragility
- One-way correspondences during specific years

Condition:

Letters written prior to 1840 and those written during the early years of the Civil War are fragile and have been placed in L-sleeves. Letters written after 1870 are in good to excellent condition.

Organization: The correspondence subseries is arranged chronologically by decade. Letters where only the year is known can be found at the end of that year (after December). Those letters that were undated but for which we could determine an appropriate decade are denoted as "c. decade" (example: c. 1810) and immediately follow the dated correspondence. Those with just a month and/or day and no year have been arranged under the heading "n.d." and placed at the end of the subseries.

Scope: Subseries A contains letters from multiple Pickens family members and friends. As the above graph illustrates, the quantity of letters fluctuated with changing generations; themes also change with the generations, with the primary themes being agriculture, finances, and personal life. Some of the secondary themes include education, health, legal and land affairs, military, politics, race and labor relations, and weather. Both primary and secondary themes often overlap.

Three noticeable generational changes take place within the correspondence: 1800-1850, 1860-1890, and 1900-1940. The first period revolves around the early generations as the Pickens family establishes itself in Alabama. A second generational shift occurred in the late 1850s, and focuses primarily on the wife and descendants of Colonel Samuel Pickens: Mary Gaillard Thomas Pickens, Samuel Pickens III, Mary Gaillard Pickens, Louisa Pickens and her husband Frank Pickens, James Pickens, William Pickens, and Israel "Icha" Pickens, and the social connections they formed. The third generational change results in many fewer documents as the connections of the previous generation faded.

Subseries B consists of the personal diaries of several family members. The majority belongs to James Pickens and date from the early 1860s through 1913; those belonging to Governor Israel Pickens date back to the beginning of the 19th century. Included also are the Civil War diaries of Samuel Pickens III and James Pickens, and the personal diary of Mary Gaillard Pickens. The content of these diaries is primarily personal in nature and/or

deals with personal thoughts on agriculture, business, politics and the Civil War.

The following discussion provides more information about the many themes found within the correspondence.

1800s-1850s

- Primary individuals: Gen. John C. Pickens, Gov. Israel Pickens, Capt. Israel L. Pickens, Capt. Samuel Pickens, Samuel Pickens III, Robert Pickens, the Lenoir Family, William Dupphey (Dufphey), R.K. Meade, and Dr. Griggs.
- Notable themes and events: land purchases and investments; discussion of slave purchases, activities, and resistance; and plantation establishment.
- Political discussions revolve around banking, secession, pro-Whig politics and elections, National and local leadership, states' rights, tariffs and free trade, and formation of state governments.
- Political activities of Governor Israel Pickens include banking controversies and anti-northern sentiment.
- Lafayette visit to Alabama.
- Military activities of General John C. Pickens include discussions of invading Mexico with the secretary of war, the secretary of the Navy, and President of the Republic of Texas.
- John C. Pickens' relationship with the slaves on his plantation is also notable, especially considering the lengthy trial that would ensue in future generations regarding his biracial offspring.
- Colonel Samuel Pickens and Mary G. T. Pickens marry and become a pivotal component in the series. From then until after the death of Colonel Samuel's son Samuel, the amount of personal correspondences increases dramatically.

1860s-1890s

- Primary Individuals: Eyre Damer, Flora Damer, Francis "Frank" D. Pickens, Gaillard Pickens, Helen Withers Pickens, Israel "Icha" Pickens, J. Miles Pickens, James Pickens, Juliet Damer Pickens, Louisa Pickens, Mary Munro Cocke, Mary Gaillard Pickens, Mary G. T. Pickens, Murray Damer, Samuel Pickens, Willie Pickens, the Sawyer Family, and R. E. Blackburn.
- Civil War (Samuel III's involvement in the war).
- Political discussions leading up to the war and during the war.
- School (correspondence from Gaillard Pickens back home).
- Agricultural issues including correspondence with cotton factors and discussions of boll weevil "worms."
- Labor relations.
- KKK disturbance in Eutaw.
- Lawsuits involving property disputes.
- The formation of and the Pickens' involvement in the Grange and Patrons of Husbandry.
- Samuel Pickens III's association with a court case involving John C. Pickens' slave Caroline Pickens and Caroline's daughter Azoline Pickens.

- Construction of the Pickens and Royal Road.
- Frank and Louisa's traveling.
- Samuel III's correspondence with Mary Munro Cocke.
- After 1870s, the correspondences become heavily focused on business.
- Samuel III dies in 1890, which results in a sharp decline in the quantity of correspondence.

1900s-1940s

- Primary Individuals: James Pickens and Eyre Damer but primarily Eyre Damer.
- After 1913 primarily Damer's attempts to market his produce.
- Eyre's involvement in Mobile unions and politics.
- Eyre's writing career.

Sub-Subseries 2A-1. Letters (See also separate correspondence index)

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115.2 January 1, 1820 – December 12, 1820 (34)
115.3 January 16, 1821 – July 25, 1821 (22)
115.4 August 6, 1821 – March 1, 1822 (43)
115.5 March 7, 1822 – October 6, 1822 (41)
115.6 October 15, 1822 – August 11, 1823 (48)
115.7 August 15, 1823 – December 24, 1823 (43)
115.8 January 1, 1824 – March 14, 1825 (36)
115.9 March 15, 1825 – December 12, 1825 (18)
115.9A 1825, Marquis de Lafayette's visit to Alabama (44)
115.10 January 3, 1826 – June 17, 1826 (51)
115.11 June 20, 1826 – November 24, 1826 (54)
115.12 November 26, 1826 – June 29, 1827 (47)
115.13 July 9, 1827 – December 28, 1828 (44)
115.14 January 11, 1829 – December 6, 1829 (26)
115.15 January 24, 1830 – July 25, 1832 (49)
115.16 September 23, 1832 – November 27, 1835 (45)
115.17 January 4, 1836 – July 25, 1837 (54)
115.18 July 31, 1837 – February 26, 1838 (50)
115.19 February 24, 1838 – December 29, 1838 (50)
115.20 January 1, 1839 – June 17, 1839 (41)
115.21 June 24, 1839 – December 24, 1839 (27)
115.22 January 6, 1840 – December 28, 1841 (44)
115.23 January 8, 1841 – December 29, 1841 (57)
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115.25 August 15, 1842 – April 1, 1843 (51)

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116.1 April 2, 1843 – December 9, 1843 (51)
116.2 December 16, 1843 – May 13, 1844 (51)
116.3 May 20, 1844 – September 2, 1845 (51)
116.4 September 6, 1845 – December 16, 1846 (48)

116.5 January 4, 1847 – December 12, 1847 (39)
116.6 January 15, 1848 – December 28, 1849 (34)
116.7 January 7, 1850 – December 26, 1851 (46)
116.8 January 3, 1852 – March 3, 1853 (44)
116.9 March 4, 1853 – June 1, 1854 (46)
116.10 June 3, 1854 – November 19, 1855 (43)
116.11 February 14, 1856 – December 11, 1858 (30)
116.12 February 2, 1858 – May 29, 1858 (39)
116.13 January 25, 1859 – July 3, 1859 (33)
116.14 July 5, 1859 – December 29, 1859 (40)
116.15 February 18, 1860 – December 27, 1860 (32)
116.16 January 2, 1861 – April 20, 1861 (38)
116.17 April 21, 1861 – November 4, 1861 (28)
116.18 January 7, 1862 – June 14, 1862 (39)
116.19 May 11, 1862 – June 28, 1862 (19)
116.20 June 23, 1862 – December 15, 1862 (21)
116.21 January 1, 1863 – May 1, 1863 (36)
116.22 May 3, 1863 – October 17, 1863 (37)
116.23 October 21, 1863 – December 26, 1863 (26)
116.24 January 3, 1864 – April 30, 1864 (38)
116.25 May 2, 1864 – August 24, 1864 (37)
116.26 August 21, 1864 – December 25, 1864 (34)
116.27 January 3, 1865 – December 31, 1865 (49)
116.28 January 5, 1866 – September 21, 1866 (27)
116.29 October 3, 1866 – December 28, 1866 (27)
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117.1 April 9, 1867 – May 30, 1867 (33)
117.2 June 2, 1867 – August 3, 1867 (24)
117.3 August 5, 1867 – December 27, 1867 (37)
117.4 January 2, 1868 – April 19, 1868 (49)
117.5 April 20, 1868 – October 11, 1868 (38)
117.6 October 12, 1868 – December 10, 1868 (30)
117.7 January 1, 1869 – April 24, 1869 (30)
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117.9 August 27, 1869 – December 21, 1869 (30)
117.10 January 8, 1870 – February 28, 1870 (24)
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117.23 March 3, 1873 – June 26, 1873 (34)

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118.1 July 2, 1873 – August 27, 1873 (28)
118.2 September 2, 1873 – November 30, 1873 (43)
118.3 November 1, 1873 – December 31, 1873 (30)
118.4 January 1, 1874 – February 27, 1874 (36)
118.5 March 1, 1874 – April 19, 1874 (30)
118.6 May 4, 1874 – June 27, 1874 (26)
118.7 July 2, 1874 – August 30, 1874 (30)
118.8 September 1, 1874 – October 16, 1874 (37)
118.9 October 16, 1874 – December 31, 1874 (47)
118.10 January 7, 1875 – June 28, 1875 (33)
118.11 July 3, 1875 – December 30, 1875 (32)
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119.1 January 1, 1879 – March 29, 1879 (49)
119.2 April 2, 1879 – May 31, 1879 (33)
119.3 June 2, 1879 – July 29, 1879 (33)
119.4 August 2, 1879 – August 30, 1879 (30)
119.5 September 3, 1879 – December 31, 1879 (35)
119.6 January 2, 1880 – April 13, 1880 (38)
119.7 April 13, 1880 – June 30, 1880 (35)
119.8 July 1, 1880 – August 27, 1880 (33)
119.9 August 30, 1880 – September 25, 1880 (29)
119.10 October 2, 1880 – November 21, 1880 (34)
119.11 November 22, 1880 – December 30, 1880 (27)
119.12 January 1, 1881 – February 28, 1881 (40)
119.13 March 1, 1881 – April 30, 1881 (42)
119.14 May 3, 1881 – June 28, 1881 (34)
119.15 July 1, 1881 – July 30, 1881 (26)
119.16 August 1, 1881 – August 31, 1881 (29)
119.17 September 3, 1881 – September 29, 1881 (26)
119.18 October 1, 1881 – October 28, 1881 (33)
119.19 November 1, 1881 – December 31, 1881 (41)
119.20 January 4, 1882 – March 17, 1882 (42)
119.21 March 18, 1882 – June 13, 1882 (44)
119.22 June 14, 1882 – August 30, 1882 (43)
119.23 August 16, 1882 – October 10, 1882 (34)

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120.1 June 2, 1883 – July 24, 1883 (27)
120.2 August 1, 1883 – September 30, 1883 (51)
120.3 October 2, 1883 – October 15, 1883 (52)
120.4 October 17, 1883 – November 30, 1883 (40)
120.5 December 1, 1883 – December 25, 1883 (33)
120.6 January 3, 1884 –February 29, 1884 (38)
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120.9 June 1, 1884 – July 29, 1884 (26)
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120.20 April 1, 1886 – June 29, 1886 (29)
120.21 July 8, 1886 – August 31, 1886 (28)
120.22 September 2, 1886 – December 29, 1886 (37)
120.23 January 4, 1887 – July 23, 1887 (49)
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121.1 March 1, 1888 – May 29, 1888 (27)
121.2 June 8, 1888 – December 19, 1888 (32)
121.3 January 6, 1889 – May 30, 1889 (51)
121.4 June 1, 1889 – August 31, 1889 (43)
121.5 September 12, 1889 – December 31, 1889 (52)
121.6 January 3, 1890 – September 16, 1890 (50)
121.7 September 26, 1890 – January 30, 1891 (47)
121.8 February 6, 1891 – December 31, 1891 (43)
121.9 January 2, 1892 – September 26, 1893 (51)
121.10 October 25, 1893 – June 26, 1894 (35)
121.11 June 26, 1894 – October 28, 1895 (49)
121.12 October 12, 1895 – December 30, 1896 (55)
121.13 January 4, 1897 – February 23, 1898 (34)
121.14 March 10, 1898 – May 27, 1899 (40)
121.15 May 31, 1899 – December 20, 1899 (30)
121.16 January 4, 1900 – December 5, 1905 (50)
121.17 February 23, 1906 – September 28, 1909 (39)
121.18 January 19, 1910 – May 27, 1913 (50)

121.19 June 12, 1912 – October 30, 1913 (50)
121.20 November 4, 1913 – June 13, 1914 (50)
121.21 June 17, 1914 – September 5, 1944 (26)
121.22 c. 1810s, 1820s (24)
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121.24 c. 1820s - 1840s (22)
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121.26 c. 1880s - 1900s (28)
121.27 n.d. (48)
121.28 n.d. (34)
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121.30 n.d. (27)

Sub-subseries 2A-2. Diaries (The number in parenthesis denotes number of diaries (not individual pieces of paper) in each folder)

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122.2 Israel Pickens (Governor), 1804 (1)
122.3 James Pickens, January 25, 1856 - December 25, 1859 (5)
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122.5 James Pickens, November 1864 – May 12, 1868 (6)
122.6 James Pickens, 1868 – March 16, 1890 (5)
122.7 James Pickens, October 25, 1891 – December 25, 1897 (6)
122.8 James Pickens, December 25, 1899 – December 25, 1901 (4)
122.9 James Pickens, November 19, 1903 – December 26, 1906 (4)
122.10 James Pickens, December 25, 1908 – December 25, 1910 (3)
122.11 James Pickens, December 25, 1911 – December 25, 1913 (3)
122.12 Lettie H. Damer, December 25, 1858 (1) READ THIS
122.13 Mary Gaillard Pickens, December 25, 1859 (1)
122.14 Samuel Pickens (III), 1862 – January 15, 1863 (3)
122.15 Samuel Pickens (III), 1863 – 1864 (21)
122.16 Samuel Pickens (III), 1865, n.d. (20)
122.17 No I.D., 1853, March 21, 1891 (2)

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123 James Pickens (transcribed diary), 1864
123 James Pickens (transcribed diary), 1864 (continued)
123 Samuel Pickens (transcribed diary), 1862
123 Samuel Pickens (transcribed diary), 1863
123 Samuel Pickens (transcribed diary), 1864

Subseries 2B. Education, 1799-1899 [bulk 1850s-1860s]; 503 items (40 Legal-Size Folders)

Strengths:

- Detailed accounts of attendance dates, tuition charges, curriculum development, school notes, and institutions.

- Illustrates academic affairs before, during, and after the Civil War.
- Includes several Pickens females and their educational endeavors.
- Also has Samuel III's formal application to leave school to fight in the Civil War.

Weaknesses:

- Aside from Colonel Samuel Pickens' children Samuel III, James, "Icha," Mary G., and James's daughter Gaillard, materials concerning other Pickens family members are sparse.

Condition:

Most documents are in good condition, and are legible.

Organization:

Arranged alphabetically by family member. Each individual's documents are further divided into three sub sets: receipts, report cards, and school work, all of which are then arranged chronologically, with undated documents at the end of each sub set. All non-Pickens, undated, and otherwise unidentifiable academic-related documents can be found in the "general" folder at the end of the Education subseries.

Scope:

The Education subseries includes the academic affairs of Andrew Lenoir Pickens, Govenor Israel Pickens, Israel Leonidas Pickens, Robert Pickens, Samuel Pickens III, James Pickens, Israel "Icha" Pickens, William C. Pickens, Mary G. Pickens, Gaillard Pickens, Juliet Marie Pickens, Henry Withers, Eloise Pickens, and Eyre Damer Jr. Educational institutions included in this series are Greene Springs, University of Alabama, University of Virginia, Belmont Academy, Dallas Academy, and Marion Female Seminary. The majority of material concerns the school work of Sam, James, and "Icha," while they were enrolled at Greene Springs School, an institution run by Dr. Henry Tutwiler and located near Havana in present-day Hale County. School work covers math, science, religion, English Composition, and Latin.

Box 124

Sub-subseries 2B-1. Eyre Damer Jr.

124.1 School Work, 1896 (2)

Sub-subseries 2B-2. Andrew Leonidas Pickens

124.2 School Receipts, November 12, 1825 – May 25, 1837 (10)
124.3 Report Cards, July 4, 1838 (1)

Sub-subseries 2B-3. Eloise Pickens

124.4 Report Cards, March 1897 - May 19, 1899, n.d. (5)
124.5 School Work, April 17, 1894 – May 31, 1899, n.d. (8)

Sub-subseries 2B-4. Gaillard Pickens

124.6 School Receipts, February 27, 1882 – February 12, 1884, n.d. (6)
124.7 Report Cards, November 28, 1879 – May 1, 1884 (25)
124.8 School Work, January 20, 1881 – March 29, 1884, n.d. (10)

Sub-subseries 2B-5. Israel Pickens (Governor)

124.9 School Receipts, August 25, 1830 (1) [*receipt for payment to the University of Alabama]
124.10 School Work, June 1, 1799 (1)

Sub-subseries 2B-6. Israel "Icha" Pickens

124.11 School Receipts, June 25, 1863 – August 3, 1871 (14)
124.12 Report Cards, June 23, 1871 (1)
124.13 School Work, February 8, 1868 – May 25, 1871 (47)
124.14 School Work, n.d. (33)

Sub-subseries 2B-7. Israel Leonidas Pickens

124.15 School Receipts, January 5, 1833 – July 4, 1836 (2)

Sub-subseries 2B-8. James Pickens

124.16 School Receipts, October 31, 1859 – June 12, 1861 (2)
124.17 Report Cards, April 9, 1858 – May 1, 1861 (13)
124.18 School Work, February 14, 1854 – May 8, 1859 (31)
124.19 School Work, May 13, 1859 – January 15, 1861 (22)
124.20 School Work, October 24, 1859 (1)
124.21 School Work, n.d. (15)

Sub-subseries 2B-9. Juliet Pickens

124.22 School Work, May 25, 1883 – March 4, 1884 (2)

Sub-subseries 2B-10. Louisa Pickens

124.23 School Receipts, August 1, 1862 – December 3, 1867 (5)

Sub-subseries 2B-11. Mary G. Pickens

124.24 School Receipts, July 5, 1861 – December 3, 1867 (7)
124.25 School Work, April 30, 1858 – May 29, 1874 (4)

Sub-subseries 2B-12. Robert Pickens

124.26 School Receipts, October 11, 1838 – April 15, 1847 (5)

Sub-subseries 2B-13. Samuel Pickens

124.27 School Receipts, April 20, 1851 – June 12, 1861 (8)
124.28 Report Cards, December 23, 1858 – May 1, 1861 (11)
124.29 School Work, May 15, 1851 – October 1, 1857 (35)

124.30 School Work, February 6, 1858 – November 25, 1858 (46)
124.31 School Work, January 22, 1859 – May 25, 1859 (39)
124.32 School Work, May 26, 1859 – July 5, 1859 (20)
124.33 School Work, October 19, 1859 – October 21, 1859 (5)
124.33.1 School Work, 1859-1860 (1)
124.34 School Work, 1860 – March 6, 1861 (9)
124.35 School Work, March 6, 1861 – March 20, 1861; n.d. (19)
124.36 School Work, n.d. (1)

Sub-subseries 2B-14. William C. Pickens

124.37 School Receipts, June 1, 1858 – April 1, 1868 (6)

Sub-subseries 2B-15. Henry Withers

124.38 School Work, October 23, 1869 (1)

Sub-subseries 2B-16. General

124.39 School Work, February 24, 1842 – March 31, 1881 (14)
124.40 School Work, n.d. (17)

Subseries C. Household, 1804-1932 [bulk 1830s-1880s]; 5 cubic feet; 8,842 items (5 Record Storage Boxes and 42 Legal-Size Folders).

Strengths:

- Reveals the most intricate details of personal and business affairs among friends and family.
- Substantial financial data about the family.

Weaknesses:

- Large gaps in dates and material for marginal family members.

Condition:

Large portions are in good condition. Most items prior to 1865, however, are in poor to fair condition.

Organization:

Arranged into three sub-subseries: Account Books, Concoctions, Financial. Account Books and Concoctions (home remedies and recipes) are organized chronologically. Financial is arranged alphabetically by individual and then chronologically, and is sorted into six specific categories: Banking, Insurance, Land Sales, Statements, Steamboats, and Taxes. One or more of these six categories includes accounts statements, bills, checks, loan or debt information, purchases, receipts, steamboat shipments, or anything related to a transaction. For documents that showed more than one date, the earliest date was given priority in the arrangement.

Scope:

The account books consist of personal material generated during the normal operations of the various Pickens' homesteads. However, none of this material is connected to the running of the Pickens' plantations. It pertains primarily to the transactions and expenses of (Governor) Israel Pickens, Colonel Samuel Pickens, Mary G. T. Pickens, Samuel Pickens (III), Israel ("Icha") Pickens, James Pickens, and Mary G. Pickens, but does include other family members. Some of the more interesting items include a steamboat shipping receipt from 1820, and Governor Israel Pickens' receipts for petty purchases.

Biographical Sketch:

The Pickens family purchased the kind of commodities and goods one expected a nineteenth-century family to buy. They bought material with which to make their clothing, tools for their gardens, and other raw materials for the maintenance of themselves and their homes. Please find below a brief overview of what type of documents are found within each individual's section, and with whom they conducted business.

Eyre Damer – Contains relatively few items. He primarily conducted his business with Hawes and J. P. Wilson.

Eyre Damer (Mrs.) – Includes bills and debt with King Memorial Hospital and Dr. Marcus Skinner.

Murray Damer – Includes a few bills.

Estate of Israel Pickens – Spans 1820s-1830s, and includes transactions with Dickens and Webb, Robert Duncan, William S. Harrison, and A. Stollenwerck.

Estate of Samuel Pickens – Primarily includes bills, receipts, and account statements purchased by or paid for by multiple immediate family members. A significant portion of the payments were either made by Samuel Pickens (III) or Mary G. T. Pickens. Businesses include Baker and Lawler, L. Brewer, Hopkins and McLester, Loveman and Black, Marshall and Davis, R. Moore, Pickens and Green, William H. Ross, A. Stollenwerck, and Webster and Wilson.

Andrew L. Pickens – Several bills and receipts for clothing and general accessories, and a promissory note.

Colonel Samuel Pickens – Contains a variety of receipts for clothes or labor or professional

services, promissory notes, and annual account statements with businesses. Gives evidence of far-ranging business transactions. Some of the commonly-mentioned businesses are Cummings and Mason, DeForest and Morris (later known as Dade and Reynolds), Thomas H. Herndon, M. J. Meyers, Storke and Carson, Robert W. Withers, and Richard Yarbrough.

Samuel Pickens (III) – Includes bills, statements, agricultural quotes, transactions with tenants, and cottons weights and pricing. Samuel usually handled the larger payments of the family, and balanced accounts with the Estate of Samuel Pickens (with Mary G. T. Pickens' involvement). Some of the newspapers that Sam purchased were Alabama Beacon, Argus, Mobile Register, Rural Carolinian, Tuscaloosa Times, and Weekly Register. Samuel III's daily, repetitive purchases include corn, flour, hats and pants, meats, sugar, and tobacco. The enterprises with which Sam did business with throughout the 1880s and 1890s include Baker and Lawler, W. H. Drummonds, B. F. Eborn, Hopkins and McLester, A. B. Loveman, W. G. Miller, Moore, William H. Ross, and Webster and Wilson.

Ezekiel Pickens – Contains a few items related to debt.

Israel "Icha" Pickens – The large majority of Icha's financial documents are receipts. These purchases were made from D. J. Castleman, J. A. Grigg, Jeffries and Johnston, Loveman and Black, J. W. McCrary, C. L. Stickney, and A. Stollenwerck.

Israel Pickens (Governor) – Includes a limited amount of sales and purchases, and lodging receipts spanning the 1800-1820s.

Israel Leonidas Pickens – Includes a limited amount of material on purchases and debts between the 1830s-1860s.

James Pickens – James' business affairs were closely related to agriculture. James dealt with many of the South's largest cotton factors. The financial history of James includes a variety of transactions with businesses and individuals including Battle and Debardeleben, Carlisle and Jones, Childress and Davis, B. Grigg, Hopkins and McLester, Jeffries and Johnston, A. Stollenwerck, Wadsworth and Hendrick, Ward and Hubbard, and Webster and Wilson.

John C. Pickens – Includes purchases, sales, and money owed. Two of the businesses that John was connected to were John Simpson and DeForest and Morris.

Julie Ann Mira Pickens – Contains only a few items related to purchases and expenses.

Juliet Pickens – Includes a limited amount of purchases made with merchants including Guggenheimer, A. B. Loveman, and A. Meyers.

Louisa Pickens – Includes receipts, bills, and debts. Businesses include E. Dell, J. A. Grigg, J. T. and E. P. Herpin, Jeffries and Johnston, J. P. Kehoe, Loveman and Black, Lyon's Dry Goods, C. L. Stockton, and A. Stollenwerck.

Mary G. T. Pickens – The large majority of transactions by Mary G. T. Pickens are for clothes, food, or house decorations and furniture, or lodging bills and receipts. Mary handled paying and balancing the Estate of Samuel Pickens accounts, so many documents related to the estate may be found here. The primary companies with whom Mary did business include J. T. and E. P. Herpin, Jeffries and Johnston, L. Lawson, W. H. Ross, R. Shackelford, D. D. Stockham, A. Stollenwerck, James Syme, Tallman and Brown, Tartt and Stewart, W. L. Truwit, and W. H. and R. S. Tucker.

Mary G. Pickens – Most of Mary's material includes transactions with E. P. Herpin, Jeffries and Johnston, J. P Kehoe, Kennedy, and Oberndorf and Ullman. These documents span the 1860s and 1870s.

Mary "Gaillard" Pickens – Includes purchases with A. B. Goodhue and J. W. McCrary.

Mary Gaillard Sawyer Pickens – Contains a few receipts.

William "Willie" C. Pickens – Includes both purchases and account statements with D. J. Castelman, Marshall and Davis, B. Grigg, and Webster and Wilson.

William Pickens – A small amount of material related to purchases or debts.

Robert Withers – Contains only a few general account statements and receipts.

Sub-subseries 2C-1. Account Books

Box 124

124.41 June 10, 1804 – November 1824 (5)
124.42 November 20, 1826 – July 30, 1835 (4)
124.43 February 6, 1837 – September 8, 1856 (3)
124.44 September 19, 1857 – October 15, 1858 (3)
124.45 November 1860 – October 5, 1863 (2)
124.46 October 5, 1863 – May 18, 1868 (4)
124.47 May 18, 1868 – July 15, 1869 (4)
124.48 January 3, 1870 – October 1, 1870 (8)
124.49 February 8, 1871 – January 6, 1872 (6)

Box 125

125.1 February 8, 1872 (1)
125.2 April 1, 1872 – November 9, 1872 (4)
125.3 February 3, 1873 – February 15, 1873 (2)
125.4 March 1873 (1)
125.5 June 1, 1873 (2)
125.6 August 1, 1873 – November 1, 1874 (7)
125.7 1874 (3)
125.8 February 20, 1875 – April 8, 1875 (2)
125.9 June 25, 1875 – June 1875 (2)
125.10 January 1, 1876 – October 2, 1876 (7)
125.11 1876 (2)
125.12 April 29, 1877 – April 1878 (5)
125.13 1878(1)
125.14 April 11, 1879 – July 1880 (6)
125.15 November 24, 1880 – November 7, 1881 (6)
125.16 1881 (4)
125.17 January 2, 1882 – December 1, 1882 (10)
125.18 1883 (1)
125.19 January 26, 1884 – August 22, 1885 (13)
125.20 July 1886 – December 1886 (4)
125.21 February 9, 1887 – October 15, 1887 (5)
125.22 January 1888 – September 25 1888 (10)
125.23 January 1889 (1)
125.24 September 14, 1889 – December 1889 (6)
125.25 1889 – 1890 (1)
125.26 April 2, 1890 – November 4, 1890 (5)
125.27 1895 – 1912 (6)

Box 125 A

Sub-subseries 2C-2. Concoctions

125A.1 January 26, 1838 – 1884, n.d. (17)

Sub-subseries 2C-3. Financial

2C-3a Banking

125A.2 Bonds and Loans, May 20, 1816 – March 7, 1889 (11)
125A.3 Cashier Checks, 1824 – June 14, 1827 (55)
125A.4 Cashier Checks, January 17, 1827 – January 4, 1828 (50)
125A.5 Cashier Checks, January 4, 1828 – January 24, 1829 (51)
125A.6 Cashier Checks, January 28, 1829 – December 7, 1836, n.d. (34)
125A.7 Checks, August 1, 1825 – November 2, 1869 (51)

Box 126 – Does not exist

Box 127

127.1 Checks, August 19, 1870 – December 3, 1913 (66)
127.2 Check Stubs, May 17, 1858 – October 26, 1875 (2)
127.3 Check Stubs, 1870 – 1890 (1)

2C-3b Insurance
127.4 Insurance Contracts, January 5, 1876 – November 27, 1882 (4)

2C-3c Land Sales
127.5 Land Sales, August 24, 1811 – August 29, 1855 (29)
127.6 Land Sales, January 12, 1860 – January 7, 1895, n.d. (21)

2C-3d Statements
127.7 Eyre Damer, January 22, 1878 – May 25, 1915 (28)
127.8 (Mrs.) Eyre Damer, February 26, 1931 – July 1, 1932 (10)
127.9 Murray Damer, March 29, 1879 – September 8, 1883 (8)
127.10 Peter Dufphey, April 13, 1880, n.d. (2)
127.11 William Dufphey, June 16, 1820 – March 1, 1843 (48)
127.12 Estate of Israel Pickens, April 25, 1827 – December 27, 1836 (62)
127.13 Estate of Israel Pickens, January 1, 1837 – January 28, 1845 (39)
127.14 Estate of Israel Pickens, January 7, 1821 – July 7, 1833 (50)
127.15 Estate of Samuel Pickens, January 12, 1856 – May 10, 1860 (39)
127.16 Estate of Samuel Pickens, June 2, 1860 – June 29, 1861 (34)
127.17 Estate of Samuel Pickens, July 1, 1861 – December 12, 1862 (33)
127.18 Estate of Samuel Pickens, January 8, 1863 – September 30, 1863 (38)
127.19 Estate of Samuel Pickens, October 3, 1863 – November 22, 1864 (32)
127.20 Estate of Samuel Pickens, January 1, 1865 – December 23, 1865 (37)
127.21 Estate of Samuel Pickens, January 1, 1866 – July 26, 1866 (40)
127.22 Estate of Samuel Pickens, August 4, 1866 – December 25, 1866 (33)
127.23 Estate of Samuel Pickens, January 15, 1867 – June 14, 1867 (33)
127.24 Estate of Samuel Pickens, June 28, 1867 – December 31, 1867 (23)
127.25 Estate of Samuel Pickens, January 1, 1868 – March 31, 1868 (37)
127.26 Estate of Samuel Pickens, April 1, 1868 – July 21, 1868 (41)
127.27 Estate of Samuel Pickens, August 15, 1868 – December 31, 1868 (40)
127.28 Estate of Samuel Pickens, January 1, 1869 – April 19, 1869 (49)
127.29 Estate of Samuel Pickens, April 23, 1869 – September 29, 1869 (39)
127.30 Estate of Samuel Pickens, October 12, 1869 – March 26, 1870 (41)
127.31 Estate of Samuel Pickens, April 1, 1870 – June 1, 1870 (40)
127.32 Estate of Samuel Pickens, June 4, 1870 – December 31, 1870 (50)
127.33 Estate of Samuel Pickens, January 1, 1871 – April 21, 1871 (36)
127.34 Estate of Samuel Pickens, May 1, 1871 – August 6, 1871 (34)
127.35 Estate of Samuel Pickens, August 7, 1871 – December 31, 1871 (41)
127.36 Estate of Samuel Pickens, January 1, 1872 – April 25, 1872 (41)
127.37 Estate of Samuel Pickens, May 9, 1872 – July 20, 1872 (42)
127.38 Estate of Samuel Pickens, July 24, 1872 – December 31, 1872 (45)
127.39 Estate of Samuel Pickens, January 1, 1873 – March 29, 1873 (49)
127.40 Estate of Samuel Pickens, April 2, 1873 – August 14, 1873 (41)
127.41 Estate of Samuel Pickens, September 4, 1873 – December 31, 1873 (36)
127.42 Estate of Samuel Pickens, January 1, 1874 – March 18, 1874 (38)
127.43 Estate of Samuel Pickens, March 19, 1874 – July 31, 1874 (41)
127.44 Estate of Samuel Pickens, August 4, 1874 – December 31, 1874 (35)
127.45 Estate of Samuel Pickens, January 1, 1875 – February 27, 1875 (40)
127.46 Estate of Samuel Pickens, March 3, 1875 – May 29, 1875 (47)
127.47 Estate of Samuel Pickens, June 3, 1875 – November 24, 1875 (38)
127.48 Estate of Samuel Pickens, November 27, 1875 – February 17, 1876 (40)
127.49 Estate of Samuel Pickens, February 25, 1876 – April 22, 1876 (39)
127.50 Estate of Samuel Pickens, May 13, 1876 – August 29, 1876 (33)
127.51 Estate of Samuel Pickens, September 3, 1876 – December 31, 1876 (21)

127.52 Estate of Samuel Pickens, January 3, 1877 – April 28, 1877 (46)
127.53 Estate of Samuel Pickens, May 2, 1877 – October 31, 1877 (41)
127.54 Estate of Samuel Pickens, November 2, 1877 – January 11, 1878 (36)
127.55 Estate of Samuel Pickens, January 15, 1878 – March 31, 1878 (43)
127.56 Estate of Samuel Pickens, April 5, 1878 – August 10, 1878 (40)
127.57 Estate of Samuel Pickens, August 31, 1878 – December 31, 1878 (48)
127.58 Estate of Samuel Pickens, January 1, 1879 – March 3, 1879 (38)
127.59 Estate of Samuel Pickens, March 4, 1879 – June 26, 1879 (37)
127.60 Estate of Samuel Pickens, July 2, 1879 – November 29, 1879 (35)
127.61 Estate of Samuel Pickens, December 6, 1879 – January 1, 1880 (36)
127.62 Estate of Samuel Pickens, January 6, 1880 – March 17, 1880 (39)
127.63 Estate of Samuel Pickens, March 22, 1880 – December 20, 1880 (40)
127.64 Estate of Samuel Pickens, February 10, 1881 – November 8, 1881 (33)
127.65 Estate of Samuel Pickens, January 5, 1882 – December 14, 1882 (14)
127.66 Estate of Samuel Pickens, July 31, 1883 – December 12, 1883 (5)
127.67 Estate of Samuel Pickens, January 4, 1884 – May 9, 1885 (13)

Box 127a

127a.68 Estate of Samuel Pickens, April 1886 – February 2, 1892 (30)
127a.69 Estate of Samuel Pickens, n.d. (10)
127a.70 William Lenoir, January 14, 1837 – May 14, 1842 (4)
127a.71 Andrew Pickens, April 21, 1819 – November 19, 1845 (11)
127a.72 Ezekiel Pickens, December 20, 1822 – August 28, 1834 (4)
127a.73 Frank Pickens, May 27, 1871 – January 7, 1889 (20)
127a.74 Helen Pickens, February 28, 1876 – January 27, 1879 (6)
127a.75 Israel Pickens (Governor), January 13, 1806 – December 9, 1814 (37)
127a.76 Israel Pickens (Governor), February 19, 1815 – January 17, 1824 (40)
127a.77 Israel Pickens (Governor), February 23, 1824 – March 7, 1826 (42)
127a.78 Israel Pickens (Governor), April 10, 1826 – February 21, 1829 (44)

Box 128

128.1 Israel “Icha” Pickens, August 4, 1860 – October 18, 1872 (55)
128.2 Israel “Icha” Pickens, November 16, 1872 – October 30, 1879 (44)
128.3 Israel “Icha” Pickens, January 30, 1880 – April 22, 1885, n.d. (33)
128.4 Israel Leonidas Pickens, March 15, 1836 – March 4, 1861 (14)
128.5 James Pickens (Brother of Governor Pickens), April 16, 1816 – March 27, 1846 (18)
128.6 James Pickens, April 21, 1858 – October 1, 1866 (38)
128.7 James Pickens, January 5, 1867 – March 2, 1869 (54)
128.8 James Pickens, March 25, 1869 – April 25, 1871 (58)
128.9 James Pickens, May 20, 1871 – September 19, 1872 (47)
128.10 James Pickens, January 1, 1873 – December 22, 1874 (49)
128.11 James Pickens, January 1, 1875 – August 10, 1877 (48)
128.12 James Pickens, January 2, 1878 – December 12, 1878 (42)
128.13 James Pickens, January 1, 1879 – December 27, 1881 (55)
128.14 James Pickens, January 4, 1882 – March 1, 1883 (52)
128.15 James Pickens, March 3, 1883 – December 29, 1883 (54)
128.16 James Pickens, January 11, 1884 – July 19, 1884 (51)
128.17 James Pickens, July 30, 1884 – September 1, 1885 (52)
128.18 James Pickens, October 3, 1885 – November 19, 1885 (52)

128.19 James Pickens, November 21, 1885 – March 3, 1888 (56)
128.20 James Pickens, March 30, 1888 – December 30, 1890 (53)
128.21 James Pickens, January 3, 1891 – December 31, 1892 (55)
128.22 James Pickens, January 2, 1893 – December 19, 1895 (52)
128.23 James Pickens, April 8, 1896 – November 14, 1913, n.d. (51)
128.24 John C. Pickens, April 21, 1819 – December 26, 1833 (45)
128.25 John C. Pickens, January 4, 1834 – November 20, 1835 (43)
128.26 John C. Pickens, January 8, 1836 – October 28, 1837 (54)
128.27 John c. Pickens, November 17, 1837 – July 20, 1839 (55)
128.28 John C. Pickens, July 21, 1839 – December 27, 1840 (56)
128.29 John C. Pickens, January 4, 1841 – December 29, 1842 (55)
128.30 John C. Pickens, January 28, 1843 – December 30, 1844, n.d. (57)
128.31 Julia Ann Mira Pickens, January 29, 1834 – December 1, 1880 (4)
128.32 Juliet M. Pickens, January 29, 1866 – June 28, 1888 (33)
128.33 J. Miles Pickens, April 7, 1869 – December 1, 1871 (8)
128.34 Louisa Pickens, June 23, 1860 – September 10, 1865 (20)
128.35 Louisa Pickens, May 19, 1866 – October 28, 1870 (51)
128.36 Louisa Pickens, January 17, 1872 – October 27, 1875 (54)
128.37 Louisa Pickens, October 27, 1875 – November 17, 1879 (48)
128.38 Louisa Pickens, January 1, 1880 – July 17, 1889 (31)
128.39 Mary Gaillard Pickens, January 7, 1882 – February 11, 1890 (9)
128.40 Mary Gaillard Pickens (Withers), December 26, 1860 – March 31, 1873 (57)
128.41 Mary Gaillard Pickens (Withers), April 18, 1873 – February 6, 1883, n.d. (54)
128.42 Mary Gaillard Sawyer Pickens, September 15, 1881 (1)
128.43 Mary Gaillard Thomas Pickens, July 27, 1844 – August 5, 1856 (52)
128.44 Mary Gaillard Thomas Pickens, December 6, 1856 – April 21, 1858 (55)
128.45 Mary Gaillard Thomas Pickens, April 21, 1858 – November 17, 1858 (52)
128.46 Mary Gaillard Thomas Pickens, November 19, 1858 – May 6, 1859 (51)
128.47 Mary Gaillard Thomas Pickens, May 13, 1859 – August 30, 1860 (55)
128.48 Mary Gaillard Thomas Pickens, September 3, 1860 – April 1, 1861 (56)
128.49 Mary Gaillard Thomas Pickens, April 5, 1861 – December 21, 1861 (49)
128.50 Mary Gaillard Thomas Pickens, January 11, 1862 – September 12, 1863 (58)
128.51 Mary Gaillard Thomas Pickens, September 15, 1863 – December 20, 1864 (49)
128.52 Mary Gaillard Thomas Pickens, January 25, 1865 – December 26, 1865 (26)
128.53 Mary Gaillard Thomas Pickens, January 6, 1866 – December 3, 1867 (61)
128.54 Mary Gaillard Thomas Pickens, January 16, 1868 – December 22, 1869 (48)
128.55 Mary Gaillard Thomas Pickens, January 22, 1870 – December 30, 1871 (59)

Box 128A

128A.1 Mary Gaillard Thomas Pickens, January 1, 1872 – June 19, 1874 (61)
128A.2 Mary Gaillard Thomas Pickens, n.d. (18)
128A.3 Robert Pickens, February 16, 1821 – February 23, 1846 (58)
128A.4 Robert Pickens, March 19, 1846 – January 28, 1848 (56)
128A.5 Robert Pickens, February 1, 1848 – January 11, 1851, n.d. (54)
128A.6 Colonel Samuel Pickens, April 6, 1810 – August 26, 1821 (55)
128A.7 Colonel Samuel Pickens, January 1, 1822 – December 22, 1823 (47)
128A.8 Colonel Samuel Pickens, January 3, 1824 – June 5, 1825 (39)

Box 129

129.1 Colonel Samuel Pickens, January 1, 1826 – September 3, 1827 (46)
129.2 Colonel Samuel Pickens, September 7, 1827 – June 30, 1828 (33)
129.3 Colonel Samuel Pickens, July 1, 1828 – November 29, 1829 (42)
129.4 Colonel Samuel Pickens, January 9, 1830 – December 15, 1830 (41)
129.5 Colonel Samuel Pickens, January 1, 1831 – December 31, 1831 (58)
129.6 Colonel Samuel Pickens, January 3, 1832 – December 21, 1832 (47)
129.7 Colonel Samuel Pickens, January 4, 1833 – December 31, 1833 (51)
129.8 Colonel Samuel Pickens, January 1, 1834 – September 23, 1834 (59)
129.9 Colonel Samuel Pickens, October 4, 1834 – August 26, 1835 (59)
129.10 Colonel Samuel Pickens, September 2, 1835 – January 26, 1837 (57)
129.11 Colonel Samuel Pickens, February 2, 1837 – December 27, 1837 (54)
129.12 Colonel Samuel Pickens, January 1, 1838 – October 26, 1838 (47)
129.13 Colonel Samuel Pickens, November 3, 1838 – June 27, 1839 (53)
129.14 Colonel Samuel Pickens, July 1, 1839 – August 31, 1840 (50)
129.15 Colonel Samuel Pickens, September 1, 1840 – December 24, 1841 (52)
129.16 Colonel Samuel Pickens, January 1, 1842 – November 22, 1842 (49)
129.17 Colonel Samuel Pickens, January 1, 1843 – December 24, 1843 (50)
129.18 Colonel Samuel Pickens, January 1, 1844 – December 25, 1844 (60)
129.19 Colonel Samuel Pickens, January 1, 1845 – December 22, 1845 (57)
129.20 Colonel Samuel Pickens, January 1, 1846 – May 12, 1846 (46)
129.21 Colonel Samuel Pickens, June 14, 1846 – April 19, 1847 (50)
129.22 Colonel Samuel Pickens, May 3, 1847 – February 21, 1848 (43)
129.23 Colonel Samuel Pickens, March 10, 1848 – December 31, 1848 (49)
129.24 Colonel Samuel Pickens, January 1, 1849 – December 21, 1849 (59)
129.25 Colonel Samuel Pickens, January 1, 1850 – September 24, 1850 (51)
129.26 Colonel Samuel Pickens, September 11, 1850 – May 17, 1851 (56)
129.27 Colonel Samuel Pickens, June 12, 1851 – February 20, 1852 (45)
129.28 Colonel Samuel Pickens, March 1, 1852 – April 28, 1853 (67)
129.29 Colonel Samuel Pickens, May 4, 1853 – January 31, 1854 (53)
129.30 Colonel Samuel Pickens, February 12, 1854 – May 25, 1858 (44)
129.31 Colonel Samuel Pickens, n.d. (22)
129.32 Samuel Pickens III, August 17, 1858 – October 29, 1866 (56)
129.33 Samuel Pickens III, November 29, 1866 – December 6, 1869 (50)
129.34 Samuel Pickens III, January 22, 1870 – August 14, 1871 (39)
129.35 Samuel Pickens III, September 11, 1871 – December 31, 1872 (41)
129.36 Samuel Pickens III, February 3, 1873 – September 12, 1874 (46)
129.37 Samuel Pickens III, September 18, 1874 – December 31, 1875 (41)
129.38 Samuel Pickens III, January 1, 1876 – December 18, 1876 (34)
129.39 Samuel Pickens III, January 2, 1877 – November 12, 1878 (55)
129.40 Samuel Pickens III, December 7, 1878 – December 13, 1879 (37)
129.41 Samuel Pickens III, January 1, 1880 – May 10, 1880 (38)
129.42 Samuel Pickens III, May 24, 1880 – October 18, 1880 (41)
129.43 Samuel Pickens III, October 19, 1880 – February 16, 1881 (42)
129.44 Samuel Pickens III, February 18, 1881 – May 28, 1881 (39)
129.45 Samuel Pickens III, June 4, 1881 – September 17, 1881 (41)
129.46 Samuel Pickens III, September 20, 1881 – December 31, 1881 (41)
129.47 Samuel Pickens III, January 1, 1882 – March 7, 1882 (41)
129.48 Samuel Pickens III, March 10, 1882 – March 31, 1882 (24)
129.49 Samuel Pickens III, April 3, 1882 – July 1, 1882 (37)
129.50 Samuel Pickens III, July 6, 1882 – July 28, 1882 (41)
129.51 Samuel Pickens III, August 1, 1882 – October 17, 1882 (37)
129.52 Samuel Pickens III, October 21, 1882 – February 5, 1883 (44)
129.53 Samuel Pickens III, February 9, 1883 – July 31, 1883 (42)

129.54 Samuel Pickens III, August 1, 1883 – December 31, 1883 (34)
129.55 Samuel Pickens III, January 2, 1884 – February 7, 1885 (45)

Box 129A

129.1A Samuel Pickens III, February 9, 1885 – June 11, 1885 (29)
129.2A Samuel Pickens III, June 12, 1885 – December 28, 1885 (32)
129.3A Samuel Pickens III, January 4, 1886 – July 30, 1886 (34)
129.4A Samuel Pickens III, August 5, 1886 – January 18, 1887 (34)
129.5A Samuel Pickens III, January 26, 1887 – August 30, 1887 (43)
129.6A Samuel Pickens III, September 1, 1887 – February 25, 1888 (43)
129.7A Samuel Pickens III, February 28, 1888 – July 25, 1888 (40)

Box 130

130.1 Samuel Pickens III, September 10, 1888 – December 25, 1888 (31)
130.2 Samuel Pickens III, January 5, 1889 – August 3, 1889 (34)
130.3 Samuel Pickens III, August 6, 1889 – December 24, 1889 (32)
130.4 Samuel Pickens III, January 1, 1890 – December 31, 1890 (31)
130.5 Samuel Pickens III, January 17, 1891 – n.d. (12)
130.6 William Pickens, April 6, 1818 – November 11, 1829 (18)
130.7 William “Willie” C. Pickens, August 1860 – October 24, 1869 (32)
130.8 William “Willie” C. Pickens, January 13, 1870 – November 12, 1873 (37)
130.9 William “Willie” C. Pickens, November 24, 1873 – July 18, 1874 (22)
130.10 Robert Withers, October 8, 1846 – 1880 (3)
130.11 General, December 26, 1807 – October 31, 1834 (49)
130.12 General, November 5, 1834 – June 9, 1844 (55)
130.13 General, September 20, 1845 – August 29, 1865 (40)
130.14 General, August 29, 1865 – December 5, 1867 (15)
130.15 General, January 2, 1868 – December 26, 1877 (54)
130.16 General, December 31, 1877 – December 4, 1889 (50)
130.17 General, August 1, 1891 – November 29, 1913, n.d. (43)
130.18 No I.D., 1820 – 1834 (4)

2C-3e Steamboats

130.19 May 2, 1820 – March 14, 1888 (55)

2C-3f Taxes

130.20 Estate of Israel Pickens, 1827 – 1838 (7)
130.21 Estate of Samuel Pickens, February 18, 1861 – January 26, 1885 (56)
130.22 Frank Pickens, April 27, 1889 (2)
130.23 Israel Pickens, 1826 (1)
130.24 Israel “Icha” Pickens, February 10, 1877 – December 31, 1881 (3)
130.25 J. Miles Pickens, June 24, 1868 (1)
130.26 James Pickens May 23, 1867 – 1905 (37)
130.27 John C. Pickens 1833 – December 18, 1854 (10)
130.28 Joseph Pickens, May 12, 1853 (1)
130.29 Mary Gaillard Thomas Pickens, October 1, 1863 – April 16, 1877 (15)
130.30 Robert Pickens, May 15, 1846 – April 6, 1860 (4)
130.31 Colonel Samuel Pickens, March 29, 1821 – December 18, 1854 (41)
130.32 Samuel Pickens III, May 20, 1861 – December 30, 1882 (52)
130.33 Samuel Pickens III, February 7, 1883 – January 9, 1890 (27)

130.34 William Pickens (Governor's Brother), 1825 – 1826 (2)
130.35 William C. Pickens, April 16, 1870 – January 14, 1884 (6)
130.36 General, 1865 – October 17, 1898 (17)
130.37 Poll Tax, April 3, 1871 – March 4, 1884 (43)

Subseries D. Legal / Political, 1804–1910 [Bulk 1820s, 1860s, 1880s]; 174 items

(35 Legal-Size Folders)

Strengths:

- Documents several multi-year court cases.
- Offers insight into the family's municipal affairs, including various complaints, disputes, summonses, and bankruptcy notes.
- Several antebellum and post-bellum wills, including both original and revised copies.

Weaknesses:

- Primarily undated material.
- Gaps in material.
- Lacks substantial information on political affairs. Researchers interested in the politics of the Pickens family are encouraged to look at the Correspondence subseries.

Condition:

Most documents dating after 1830 are in good condition. Some items prior to that date are in fair to poor condition.

Organization:

Arranged into 4 topics: Court Cases, Political Material, Wills, and General. Court Cases are organized alphabetically and then chronologically. Political material is arranged chronologically and includes anything that relates to politics or actions that communicate political affairs (i.e. voting documents or comptroller's office documents). Wills are organized alphabetically and then chronologically. The General category is organized alphabetically and then chronologically.

Scope:

The court cases are civil in nature, contain specific court proceedings, and explicitly relate to a plaintiff and a defendant (i.e. State of Alabama v. Mary Pickens). Wills include doctor's notes at time of death, estate-division documents, settlements between heirs, and obituaries or funeral information. General includes all other legally-related documents such as court costs, summonses, protests, probate documents, and bankruptcy notes. All undated legal/political material is placed at the end of the respective sub-subseries.

Biographical:

Legal and political affairs were a primary element in the daily lives of nineteenth-century families. The Pickens family was no exception; this subseries gives evidence of the relationship the family had with judicial affairs. Whether involving a complaint or suit, court case, voting information, a witness signing a document at the courthouse, bankruptcy filing, or will-related documents that carried out the last wishes of someone nearing death, this small subseries offers vivid insight into the interconnected affairs of the local courthouse and the Pickens' family throughout the nineteenth century. Moreover, this subseries contains a few unique items, including Israel Pickens' (Governor) official certificate to practice law (1804), Col. Samuel Pickens' license to practice law signed by the governor of the Mississippi Territory, and Samuel Pickens' (III) claim to the United States secretary of the treasury in 1865 for cotton stolen by Union troops during the Civil War.

Sub-subseries 2D-1. Court Cases

Box 130

130.38 Eyre Damer, July 29, 1910 (1)
130.38.1 John Darrington, November 9, 1849 (1)
130.39 Estate of Samuel Pickens, May 31, 1866 – November 16, 1886 (12)
130.40 Israel Pickens, January 6, 1810 – April 2, 1830 (8)
130.41 Israel "Icha" Pickens, June 30, 1868 – January 21, 1885 (2)
130.42 James Pickens, 1860 – 1879 (4)
130.43 John C. Pickens, November 19, 1836 (1)
130.44 Margaret Pickens, March 9 – March 19, 1855 (2)
130.45 Mary Gaillard Thomas Pickens, June 1846 – November 1886 (13)
130.46 Colonel Samuel Pickens, November 1819 – April 1851 (9)
130.47 Samuel Pickens, 1870 – 1887 (19)
130.47.1 Robert Pickens, September 30,1837 (1)
130.48 William C. Pickens, January 2, 1885 – May 20, 1885 (2)

Sub-subseries 2D-2. Political Material

130.49 March 1, 1813 – April 20, 1898 (18)

Sub-subseries 2D-3. Wills

130.50 Estate of Samuel Pickens, 1871 – 1872 (2)
130.51 James G. Gamble, October 24, 1834 (1)
130.51.1 William Matheson, April 17, 1847 (1)
130.52 Israel Pickens, April 34, 1827 – June 1827 (3)
130.53 John C. Pickens, August 8, 1842 – June 4, 1844 (7)
130.54 Mary Gaillard Thomas Pickens, November 30, 1844 – August 3, 1846 (2)
130.55 Robert Pickens, June 27, 1856 (1)
130.56 William C. Pickens, August 1874 (1)
130.57 Samuel Thomas, January 23, 1813 – March 30, 1830 (3)

Sub-subseries 2D-4. General
130.58 Eyre Damer, October 29, 1887 (1)
130.58a Ezekiel Pickens, October 5, 1822 (1)
130.59 Israel Pickens, November 4, 1804 – December 22, 1826 (8)
130.60 Israel "Icha" Pickens, August 28, 1889 (1)
130.61 Israel Leonidas Pickens, March 29, 1839 – November 19 1869 (3)
130.62 James Pickens, September 9, 1867 – October 17, 1867 (2)
130.63 John C. Pickens, June 14, 1838 – September 9, 1843 (7)
130.64 Martha Pickens, January 1854 (1)
130.65 Mary Gaillard Thomas Pickens, November 2, 1835 – February 8, 1869 (7)
130.66 Robert Pickens, July 6, 1826 – October 15, 1849 (3)
130.67 Colonel Samuel Pickens, April 30, 1817 – August 21, 1848 (14)
130.68 Samuel Pickens, October 1, 1864 – September 1886 (14)
130.69 William Pickens, September 18, 1820 – September 1825 (7)
130.69a William Carrigan Pickens, January 22, 1874 (1)
130.70 September 4, 1833 – October 24, 1835 (2)
130.71 No I.D., c. 1820 (1)
130.72 No I.D., c. 1820 – 1882 (14)

Subseries E. Military, 1827–1865; 17 items (1 Legal-Size Folder)

Strengths:
- Details Pickens' involvement in military affairs.

Weaknesses:
- Small in quantity.
- Large gaps in dates (most items relate to the Civil War).

Condition:

Most items are in fair to good condition.

Organization:

Arranged by date.

Scope:

These military-related documents provide insight into how militias and society cooperated, yet existed as separate entities. Genres include promotion warrants, position appointments, prisoner-of-war documents (paroles), oaths of allegiance after the Civil War, and Confederate soldiers' payment vouchers. The most unique document is Colonel Samuel Pickens' appointment to lieutenant colonel and governor's aide in 1827, which was signed by Alabama governor John Murphy.

Biographical:

Colonel Samuel Pickens, John C. Pickens, Samuel Pickens (III), and James Pickens all served in the military. Aside from the Mexican War, little information is revealed about military affairs during the antebellum era. Samuel and James left school (at University of Virginia) to serve in the Civil War, but James was injured and did not serve long. Mary G. T. Pickens and Mary G. Pickens were both concerned about Samuel and James during the early years of the war (as suggested in the Correspondence subseries). After the war, Sam was pardoned by the government, and he filed for reimbursement for a plantation that was allegedly destroyed by Union troops. There is little reference (in the entire Pickens Family papers) about military affairs after the Civil War.

Subseries E. Military

130.73 February 22, 1817 – August 31, 1865 (21)

Subseries F. Plantations, 1827–1916 [bulk 1850s-1880s]; 1 cubic foot; 719 items (1 Record Storage Box and 29 Legal-Size Folders)

Strengths:

- Detailed economic affairs (purchases, sales, and crop information on eight plantations).
- Agricultural routines.
- Several labor and land indentures with overseers and freedmen.
- Plantation tax information.

Weaknesses:

- Lacks extensive material on antebellum affairs and slavery.

Condition:

Most documents are in fair to good condition; legibility varies.

Organization:

Any document related to a specific plantation (i.e. Canebrake, Umbria, etc.) has been placed into this subseries, regardless of the type of document (i.e., this subseries includes tax documents, accounts, items lists, etc.). This subseries has largely been arranged according to the Pickens' five primary plantations: Canebrake, Dufphey Place, Eubank, Goodrum, and Umbria. Each of the five primary plantations is arranged chronologically and divided, where appropriate, into specific topical categories: Contracts, Property, Slavery, and Taxes. Material not related to a specific plantation can be found in the General category

of this subseries.The Pickenses also owned land in Bastrop County, Texas, which was called the Moore and Childress Place. Information about that property can primarily be found in the letters of Subseries A (particular those written to and from R. P. Jones).

Scope:
Includes leases, loans, land purchases, and employment indentures (including hiring out slaves for labor or services). The Property portion includes mercantile receipts, personal property lists, cotton weights and crop details, short notes, and lists of plantation expenses. The Slavery portion includes receipts for overseer services or slave-related documents (e.g., lists of shoe sizes, names and ages, time sheets, etc.) that specifically relate to one of the Pickens' plantations. Tax documents include receipts and property assessments. Among the most unique items in this subseries are the documents listing slave families (which also specifies their ages) located at Canebrake, Goodrum, and Umbria plantations circa 1850. Non-Pickens slavery material can be found in the Slavery subseries.

Biographical:
The material in this subseries reveals intimate, sometimes disturbing, details about southern life. While the Pickens, in the eyes of the law, only owned three plantations – Canebrake, Goodrum, and Umbria, their extended families also owned Dufphey, Eubank, Greenwood, Lyle, and Mallory. The primary purchasers of the land that became these plantations were Israel Pickens (Governor), John C. Pickens, and Colonel Samuel Pickens. These plantations were a primary focus of both the family's personal and professional lives. They provide evidence of transactions and obligations that were essential for the family's credibility, security, and history. Many slaves were bought in neighboring states by the family to work the land. The largest (in terms of net worth) was Canebrake. The smaller plantations (Lyle, Mallory, and Greenwood) were either sold or auctioned off between the 1830s and the 1860s.

Sub-subseries 2F-1. Canebrake
130.74 Contracts, January 1, 1866 – February 16, 1890 (24)
130.75 Property Affairs, May 28, 1832 – July 2, 1869 (38)
130.76 Property Affairs, February 9, 1870 – May 25, 1881 (63)
130.77 Property Affairs, August 8, 1881 – August 2, 1890 (17)
130.78 Slavery, c. 1827 – April 5, 1866, n.d. (17)
130.79 Taxes, 1876 – March 16, 1879 (4)

Sub-subseries 2F-2. Dufphey
130.80 Contracts, June 9, 1885 – January 27, 1888 (2)
130.81 Property Affairs, June 1, 1842 – October 30, 1889 (11)

130.82 Taxes, 1886, March 24, 1898 (2)

Sub-subseries 2F-3. Eubank

130.83 Contracts, January 1, 1869 – January 27, 1896 (31)
130.84 Property Affairs, January 1, 1860 – January 16, 1900 (11)
130.85 Taxes, March 2, 1876 (1)

Sub-subseries 2F-4. Goodrum

130.86 Contracts, January 1, 1866 – January 14, 1888 (11)
130.87 Property Affairs, 1845 – December 31, 1869 (28)
130.88 Property Affairs, 1870 – 1879 (64)
130.89 Property Affairs, 1880 – 1890, n.d. (45)
130.90 Slavery, June 28, 1849 – January 1, 1880 (9)
130.91 Taxes, 1876 – May 21, 1889 (17)

Sub-subseries 2F-5. Umbria
130.92 Contracts, December 2, 1871 – January 18, 1894 (17)
130.93 Property Affairs, 1849 – 1883 (28)
130.94 Property Affairs, July 9, 1884 – 1916, n.d. (30)
130.95 Slavery, 1853 – 1855 (4)
130.96 Taxes, 1853 – 1876 (6)
130.97 General, 1871, n.d. (4)

Sub-subseries 2F-6. General
130.98 Contracts, March 24, 1827 – October 1, 1894 (24)
130.99 Property Affairs, April 9, 1928 – December 2, 1869 (68)
130.100 Property Affairs, 1870 – 1880 (39)
130.101 Property Affairs, November 21, 1881 – February 15, 1900 (44)
130.102 Slavery, February 27, 1826 – 1865 (22)

Subseries G. Slavery, 1810–1861; 92 items (2 Legal-Size Folders)

Strengths:

- Multiple accounts of slave purchases via auctions, various slave sales, “hiring-out” of slaves, and agreements with neighbors for training of slaves in a trade.
- Illustrates the large number of parties with whom the Pickenses made slave transactions.

Weaknesses:

- Non-inclusive dates.
- No Civil War-era documents (See Plantation subseries for post-1861 material).

Condition:

Most items are in fair condition. **Staff handling is required**.

Organization:

Arranged by date.

Scope:

This subseries contains no plantation documents. The Slavery subseries largely consists of the private purchases of slaves and slave families by Pickens family members, particularly Israel Pickens (Governor), Colonel Samuel Pickens, James Pickens (Governor's brother), and John C. Pickens. Other items in this subseries include value estimates of slaves, loans of slaves for labor duties, receipts for purchasing items for slaves or medical expenses. This subseries has a substantial amount of intellectual potential. Furthermore, some of the detailed, unique items in this subseries include:

- A note to William Pickens (1824) discussing the payment for a felony charge against Samuel Dale for stealing a slave woman.
- A document addressed to Samuel Pickens (1826) mentioning a slave being "apprehended" by the Cherokee Nation and held for ransom for twenty dollars.
- John C. Pickens' purchase of Caroline (1830), the slave woman (and her children) that John later freed in his will.

[Note: Many documents in the overall Pickens Papers prior to 1865 relate to slavery activity in some way. It would benefit the researcher to look under related subseries, such as Correspondence and Plantations.]

Biographical:

Many of the Pickens family members embraced slavery as an institution.

Box 130

130.103 April 25, 1810 – July 4, 1835 (49)
130.104 November 13, 1835 – May 10, 1841 (39)
130.105 February 23, 1842 – No Date (34)

Box 130A

Sub-subseries 2G-7. Plantation Account Books
130A.1 Canebrake, 1863 – January 14, 1866 (2)
130A.2 Canebrake, 1878 (1)
130A.3 Canebrake, January 7, 1880 – 1881 (2)
130A.4 Eubank, 1869 (1)
130A.5 Goodrum, January1, 1867 – January 1, 1872 (3)
130A.6 Goodrum, January15, 1874 (1)
130A.7 Goodrum, 1875 – 1876 (3)
130A.8 Goodrum, 1877 (1)
130A.9 Goodrum, 1879 – 1880 (3)
130A.10 Goodrum, February 21, 1881 – November 11, 1881 (10)
130A.11 Goodrum, January 31, 1882 – November 4, 1890 (10)
130A.12 Umbria, August 1882 – August 1883 (3)

130A.13 Umbria, 1881 (1)
130A.14 Umbria, April 26, 1870 – 1879 (3)
130A.15 Umbria, June 23, 1868 – November 18, 1868 (2)
130A.16 Umbria, November 1865 – November 1867 (4)
130A.17 Umbria, October 19, 1883 – 1886(3)
130A.18 Umbria, April 1887 – 1888(3)
130A.19 General, June 22, 1865 and February 8, 1872 (2)
130A.20 General, 1876 (1)
130A.21 General, 1885, 1895 (2)

Subseries H. Ephemera, 1821-1918; 1 cubic foot; 1,817 items (1 Record Storage Box)

Strengths:

- Wide variety of postage ranging in years from 1859-1917.
- Documents that display daily life.
- Poems expressing humanistic qualities.

Weaknesses:

- Lacks research potential because of the scattered content and low intellectual quality.

Condition:

Most items are in good condition.

Organization:

Arranged chronologically.

Scope:

Includes Artifacts, Artwork, Cards, Empty Envelopes, Memoranda, Notes, Personal material, and Poetry. Notes are about expenses, orders, various items, weights of crops, and domestic lists (e.g. house-wares, groceries, etc.). Of particular interest in the notes for 1880 is a newsclipping regarding the building of a monument to the memory of Henry Tutwiler. The Artifacts category contains non-manuscript items such as hair or flowers (often sent via letters in the nineteenth century). Artwork includes pencil sketchings, drawings, or illustrations. Cards include membership, union, and calling cards. Included in the Personal material are autograph books and an annotated Constitution of the United States belonging to Governor Israel Pickens.

Box 131

Sub-subseries 2H-1. Artifacts

131.1 1870, n.d. (6)

Sub-subseries 2H-2. Artwork

131.2 August 13, 1822 – May 6, 1898, n.d. (14)

Sub-subseries 2H-3. Cards

131.3 November 12, 1874 – August 1918 (47)

Sub-subseries 2H-4. Empty Envelopes

131.4 May 22, 1859 – December 9, 1863 (93)
131.5 January 29, 1864 – November 1, 1866 (43)
131.6 January 3, 1867 – October 21, 1869 (44)
131.7 January 19, 1870 – December 1872 (44)
131.8 January 2, 1873 – December 27, 1875 (58)
131.9 January 11, 1876 – December 4, 1877 (70)
131.10 January 26, 1878 – December 31, 1879 (55)
131.11 1880–1881 (67)
131.12 1882–1883 (60)
131.13 1884–1885 (59)
131.14 1886–1887 (41)
131.15 1888–1889 (69)
131.16 1890–1892 (52)
131.17 1893–1895 (64)
131.18 1896–1899 (43)
131.19 1900–1917 (46)
131.20 n.d. (68)
131.21 n.d. (70)
131.22 n.d. (65)
131.23 n.d. (65)
131.24 n.d. (65)
131.25 n.d. (65)
131.26 n.d. (66)
131.26.1 n.d. (63)

Sub-subseries 2H-5. Memoranda

131.27 July 31, 1821 – 1885, n.d. (28)
131.28 September 27, 1887 – April 11, 1913, n.d. (25)

Sub-subseries 2H-6. Notes

131.29 November 1, 1822 – May 18, 1868 (68)
131.30 August 1, 1869 – December 10, 1877 (62)
131.31 March 11, 1878 – June 12, 1882 (56)
131.32 June 17, 1882 – February 26, 1914 (74)
131.33 n.d. (59)
131.34 n.d. (53)
131.35 n.d. (60)
131.36 n.d. (63)

Sub-subseries 2H-7. Personal

131.37 1807 – 1903 (6)
131.37.1 1864 (1)

Box 131A

131.1A n.d. (2)

Sub-subseries 2H-8. Poetry

131.2A September 22, 1856 – 1899 (15)
131.3A n.d. (21)

Subseries I. Maps, 1824–1879; 39 items (1 oversized map storage-cabinet)

Strengths:

- Many detailed maps of Pickens' land plots in Alabama and Texas. Early maps of Alabama Townships with measurements.
- Multiple maps of Canebrake Plantation.

Weaknesses:

- Several documents are sketches and are illegible.
- Many maps do not state a year.

Condition:

Most items are in good condition.

Organization:

Arranged chronologically.

Scope:

The majority of the documents in this subseries show land boundaries and acreage amounts for designated areas. Several of the plotted "tracts" include Mallory, Little Prairie, Canebrake, Goodrum, Sollee, all in Greene and Marengo counties. Some maps illustrate landmarks and the property of nearby neighbors. There are multiple township maps from early statehood. There are also maps depicting the Tuscaloosa District and lands given to establish the University of Alabama. In Greene County, for example, Samuel Pickens had land (Goodrum Plantation) located near the Warrior River, while his brother James had lands across the river; nearby neighbors around the plantation included McGee, Meade, Withers, and Carrington. Also, on the Canebrake plantation, Little Prairie Creek and a public road ran through the center of the land. These illustrations assist in recreating the Pickens' land layouts. A few reveal some undeveloped property owned throughout the state.

Subseries I. Maps (Located in oversized metal filing drawer)

1837–1879 (44)

Subseries J. Oversized, 1804-1913; 122 Items (1 oversized box)

Condition:

Most items are in good condition.

Organization:

Arranged chronologically.

Scope:

Includes all oversized correspondence and non-correspondence, but no maps. The majority of documents concern household bills and accounts for individuals.

Box 135

135.1 Eyre Damer, n.d. (1)
135.2 William Dufphy, August 27, 1826 – January 16, 1839 (4)
135.3 Estate of Israel Pickens, January 19, 1835 – April 18, 1840, n.d. (10)
135.4 Estate of Samuel Pickens, February 5, 1864 – January 24, 1882 (12)
135.5 Frank Pickens, January 10, 1884 – January 22, 1885 (2)
135.6 Helen Pickens, November 16, 1886 (1)
135.7 Israel Pickens (Governor), November 13, 1804 – July 5, 1827 (7)
135.8 James Pickens, March 9, 1873 - 1913 (44)
135.9 John C. Pickens, October 6, 1835 – May 17, 1842, n.d. (5)
135.10 Louisa Pickens, July 11, 1876 – February 12, 1880 (2)
135.11 Mary Gaillard Thomas Pickens, June 27, 1856 – November 26, 1862 (5)
135.12 Mary Gaillard Pickens, April 11, 1870 (1)
135.13 Robert Pickens, September 4, 1827 – January 15, 1828 (2)
135.14 Col. Samuel Pickens, December 11, 1819 – December 21, 1853 (39)
135.15 Samuel Pickens III, February 15, 1871 – September 8, 1883 (7)
135.16 General Plantation, 1853 – 1884 (6)
135.17 No ID, 1875 – October 17, 1887 (3)

Subseries K. Photographs

Note: Photographs marked with an asterisk have been removed and placed in Box 1 of Removed Items

Consists of cartes de visites, a few tintypes and one Daguerreotype but is primarily made up of late nineteenth- and twentieth-century images. The bulk are undated and unidentified, but it does include the following:

*1. Braxton Bragg, c. 1870
*2. Margaret Mitchell, 1921
*3. Adolph Sigmund Weil, c. 1921