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Guide to the SCARBROUGH (JAMES) PAPERS

- Title:** Scarbrough (James) Papers
Accession Number: 27
Creator: James Scarbrough
Extent: 512 Items; 2 boxes (34 folders)
Inclusive Dates: 1822-1917
Abstract: Contain business papers, military records, personal letters, miscellaneous items, and memorabilia belonging to James Scarbrough (1809-1889) of Webster County, Mississippi, and members of his family.
Provenance: Mr. T. W. Scarbrough of Calhoun City, Mississippi.
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Language: English

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

James Scarbrough and his wife, Sarah *nee* Wells lived in Webster County, Mississippi sometime after the Civil War. In 1833, James received an appointment as First Lieutenant in the South Carolina Edgefield Volunteers (1833).

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Scarbrough (James) Papers Series I, 1822-1907, contains business papers such as statements of account, promissory notes, cotton statements, receipts, indentures, and agreements centered around Choctaw, Chickasaw, and Webster (old Sumner) Counties.

ARRANGEMENT

The James Scarbrough Papers have been separated into 3 series, housed in 2 boxes.

- I. Business and personal papers
- II. Military papers
- III. Undated papers and fragments, and miscellaneous items.

Series I. Business and personal papers

Box 1-2:

Series I includes an 1843 plat for three hundred acres of land between the Savannah River and Stephens Creek, Georgia (probably Edgefield County), a newspaper clipping from Memphis concerning a run-a-way slave (1857), two broadsides concerning the Delaware lottery (1860s), and a political broadside for the campaign of J.M. Pruitt for the 13th Senatorial District (1880s). Letters re estate settlements in Vicksburg, Mississippi, and Burlington, Iowa, and personal letters are also found in this chronologically arranged series. The personal letters are primarily letters written to Mrs. Sarah Wells Scarborough from her children, and from her sister, Mrs. J.S. Robertson, of Black Hawk, Mississippi (1871-1916).

Series II. Military Papers

Box 2:

Series II is composed of military records and includes James Scarbrough's appointment as First Lieutenant in the South Carolina Edgefield Volunteers (1833), Civil War orders for furloughs for Frank P. Scarbrough and a Civil War enrollment exemption for John W. Wells of Noxubee County. Also included are two Civil War tax receipts and a newspaper clipping.

Series III. Fragments and Misc.

Box 2

Series III is composed of undated items and fragments. Among the miscellaneous undated published items are a broadside with a photograph of the Dixie Dobbbers band, one broadside

concerning a raffle by the Texas Gift Concert Association (undated), and medical advertisements and other printed materials, probably from the early 1900s.

Series IV. Additional Materials:

Series IV contains miscellaneous artifacts and other items found with the collection including 3 leather wallets, a pill box containing heart pills and 2 unidentified photographs.

APPRAISAL AND DESTRUCTION INFORMATION

Folders were previously labeled “27-I-A through “27-IV-A” and have been relabeled to modern standards. Materials housed in folders retain markings of previous labeling system.

SUBJECT TERMS

NAMES:

Foote, H.W.
Scarbrough, James, 1801-1889.
Scarbrough, F.P. (Franklin P.), 1845-1927.
Scarbrough, Sarah Washington Taylor (Wells).
Wells, Charles.
Wells, John W.

SUBJECTS:

Business Records - - Mississippi - - Chickasaw County.
Confederate States of America. Army. Mississippi Infantry Regiment,
24th. Company C. (Dowd Rebels).
Confederate States of America. Mississippi Cavalry Regiment, 8th. Company E
(Lowndes Co.).
Scarbrough Family.
United States History – Civil War, 1861-1865.
Wells Family.

GEOGRAPHICAL SUBJECTS:

Chickasaw Co. (Miss.) - - History.
Sumner Co. (Old) (Miss.) - - History.
Webster Co. (Miss.) - - History.

PHOTOGRAPH SUBJECTS:

2 unidentified photographs.

CONTAINER LIST

D: indicates item has been digitized

I: indicates transcription is available

Series I. Business and personal papers (Boxes 1-2)

Box 1:

Folder	Year
1. Statements of account, receipts, indenture (Chickasaw County).	1822-1827
2. Tax receipts, promissory notes, statements of accounts, letter re estate settlement (Vicksburg).	1830-1839
3. Plat for 300 acres of land between Savannah River and Stephens' Creek (1843), promissory notes, misc. papers.	1840-1849
4. Statements of account, receipts.	1840-1849
5. Statements of account, receipts.	1850-1855
6. Statements of account, receipts.	1856-1858
7. Statements of account, receipts.	1859
8. Promissory notes, indenture (Choctaw County).	1850-1859
9. Receipts.	1852-1859

10.	Misc. business papers; Power of Attorney from Edward Scarbrough to John Scarbrough (January 16, 1835); personal letter from Catherine Turpin, Fayette Co. Georgia (Aug. 17, 1855) to "Dear Brother and Sister".	1850-1859
11.	Statements of account.	1860-1869
12.	Promissory notes, receipts.	1860-1869
13.	Misc. papers (includes 2 broadsides from Delaware). Oversize Manuscripts: Broadside: "Every ticket a prize!.."(Delaware Lottery).	1860-1869 1861
14.	Receipts, promissory notes.	1780-1879
15.	Statements of account.	1870-1879
16.	Misc. business papers; personal letters from: - Charles Wells to his mother Sarah Wells Scarbrough; - 1 letter from Willie Robertson to "Aunt Lizzie and cousin Willie." - Letter, H. W. Foote, probably from Noxubee County, Mississippi, to Mr. Wells, sending him a slave girl named Gusty, who has a "terrible disposition." (1862) (<i>D, T</i>)	1870-1879

Box 2:

Folder	Year	
1.	Statements of account, promissory notes.	1880-1889
2.	Receipts.	1880-1889
3.	1880-1889 Receipts.	1880-1889
4.	Promissory notes.	1890-1899
5.	Statements of account.	1890-1899
6.	Receipts.	1890-1899
7.	Promissory notes.	1890-1899
8.	Statements of account, promissory notes, misc. business papers.	1900-1907

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| 9. | Receipts | 1900-1906 |
| 10. | Personal letters:
"Sister", Mrs. J..S. Robertson, Blackhawk, Miss., (1903 and 1912)
to Mrs. Sarah W. Scarbrough; A.J. and M.E. Webb to
"Dear Old Mother", Sarah W. Scarbrough (1909);
R.E. and Effie Moore to "Dear Mother", Mrs. S.W. Scarbrough (1912);
3 letters of R.G. Scarbrough to Sarah Scarbrough, 1916; fragment
to "My dear Grandmother", 1915. | 1903-1917 |
| 11. | Grocery and building material lists and receipts
List of property sold by J. Scarbrough (<i>D, T</i>) | undated
1862 |

Series II. Military Papers

Box 2:

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| 12. | War Tax Receipts (<i>D, T</i>) | 1862-1863 |
| | Certificate for exemption from military duty, John W. Wells | 1863 |
| | Furlough, F.P. Scarbrough | 1864 |
| | Extension of furlough, F.P. Scarbrough | 1865 |
| | Furlough, F.P. Scarbrough | 1865 |
| | Newspaper clipping | |
| | Undated Papers and Fragments | |
| 13. | Fragments of speech of W. S. Barry. | |

Series III. Fragments and Misc.

Box 2

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| 14. | Fragments found in old wallet. | |
| 15. | Fragments. | |
| 16. | Fragments. | |
| 17. | Misc. published advertisements

Broadside, Dixie Dobbbers, undated; Broadside Texas Gift Concert Association,
Denison Texas, undated; Medical advertisements, undated. | |
| 18. | 2 unidentified photographs | |

Additional Materials:

Artifacts Box 15:

Artifacts: 3 leather wallets, undated; 1 pill box, “Heart - 1 tablet 3 times a day”, undated.

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1833 Lieutenant's commission (S.C.) – Box SMO 43