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INTRODUCTION

Abstract

Rice Carter Ballard (ca. 1800–1860) was a slave trader based in Richmond, Virginia, who worked in partnership with the large slave trading firm of Isaac Franklin and John Armfield in the late 1820s and early 1830s. By the early 1840s, Ballard had settled down as a planter with several plantations in the Mississippi Valley. He married Louise Berthe around 1840 and made his home in Louisville, Kentucky. Ballard and his wife had three children: Ella (b. 1841) and twins Ann Carter and Charlotte Berthe (b. 1847). The collection includes letters, financial and legal materials, volumes, and other material documenting Rice Ballard's life as a slave trader and planter. Letters include several from Henry Clay about court cases involving the legality of the slave trade and one from Mississippi Governor John Anthony Quitman about payment of a debt. Letters and financial records, 1820s-early 1830s, document day-to-day operations of the interstate slave trade among Ballard in Richmond, Virginia, John Armfield in Alexandria, Virginia, and Isaac Franklin in Natchez, Mississippi, and New Orleans, Louisiana. Records, 1840s–1860, document Ballard's administration, in partnership with Judge Samuel S. Boyd, of a number of cotton plantations in Louisiana, Arkansas, and Mississippi, especially Karnac, Magnolia, and Outpost. There are many letters from Boyd; from the overseers at the various plantations; from slave traders in Kentucky, Louisiana, and Mississippi; and from Ballard's cotton commission merchants in New Orleans. Letters discuss the slaves, improvements on the plantations, family life, politics (including especially the Know-Nothing Party), and financial arrangements. Also included are letters to and from Louise Ballard about her life in Louisville, Kentucky. There are also three letters from slaves, 1847, 1853, and 1854, all from women asking Ballard for help with emancipation or with pending sales of themselves or others. Other materials in the collection supplement the letters with details of the slave trade, Ballard's other financial activities, and plantation life.

Biographical Note

Rice Carter Ballard was probably born around 1800 in Virginia, the son of Benjamin Ballard (1768–1864) and Ann Graham (Haslopp) Ballard of Spotsylvania County, Virginia. By the late 1820s, he was involved in the interstate slave trade, buying slaves in the southeastern states, especially Virginia and North Carolina, and selling them in New Orleans and Natchez. By 1831, Ballard was involved in a slave trading partnership with Isaac Franklin and John Armfield, who ran one of the largest interstate slave trading operations of the nineteenth century. Ballard moved from Virginia to Natchez in the fall of 1836, and by this time he had formed a company called Ballard, Franklin, and Company in Natchez, which was involved in the slave trade. Ballard was also a partner in his brother's general merchandise company in Natchez, James Ballard and Company.

Ballard seems to have stopped trading in slaves by the late 1830s, but he was involved in many kinds of financial transactions. By the early 1840s, Ballard was beginning to purchase

plantations in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas in partnership with Judge Samuel S. Boyd of Natchez. He spent the remainder of his life, until his death in 1860, managing these plantations.

Ballard married Louise Berthe of Louisville, Kentucky, in the spring of 1840. They had three children: Ella Ballard, born in 1841, and twins Ann Carter Ballard and Charlotte Berthe Ballard, born in the fall of 1847. Although his wife and children lived permanently in Louisville, Ballard spent much of his time at the plantations, especially in Mississippi. Many of Ballard's correspondents addressed him as Colonel Ballard, but it is not clear how he got this rank.

The 1860 Census listed the partnership of Rice C. Ballard and F. F. Boyd [*sic*] as owning 385 slaves, including 120 in Mississippi and 265 in Carroll and Madison Parishes, Louisiana. (Randall M. Miller and John David Smith, eds., *Dictionary of African American Slavery*, p. 494, William K. Scarborough, "Mississippi, Slavery in," Table 4: Natchez-Area Residents with Combined Mississippi-Louisiana Slaveholdings of more than 300 in 1860.)

Collection Overview

These papers document the career of Rice Carter Ballard as a slave trader and planter from 1822 through his death in 1860. The papers are arranged into series by the type of material, but there are materials concerned with financial and legal matters in the letters series, since many letters discussed financial and legal affairs. Enclosures, including, for example, bills of exchange, have been kept with their letters in cases where the connections between letters and their enclosures were clear.

The division of the letters into subseries roughly reflects Ballard's changing activities in various stages of his life. From 1831 (and in fact before, as the financial series shows) until 1834, Ballard was a slave trader based in Virginia and working in partnership with Isaac Franklin and John Armfield. After 1843, Ballard was primarily a planter, based in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Kentucky.

Subseries 1.2, which covers the years from 1835 to 1842, documents what seems to be a transitional period, when most of Ballard's correspondents were his old slave trading partners, but the letters no longer contain the day-to-day business of the trade. Some letters, including several from Henry Clay, discuss the legality of sales of slaves in Mississippi. This transitional subseries also concerns the beginnings of Ballard's life as a planter in the Mississippi Valley but does not have the preponderance of letters from plantation overseers, commission merchants, and business partner Samuel S. Boyd that subseries 1.3 contains.

Subseries 1.3, the last subseries, 1843–1888 and Undated, is by far the largest, and it documents Ballard's activities as a planter and the administration of the Wagram, Magnolia, Elcho, Karnac, Laurell Hill, Golden Plains, and Outpost (or Pecan Grove) plantations. Letters discuss the health and activities of slaves; the purchase, sale, and discipline of slaves; the weather and crops; family life; politics (including several references to the Know-Nothings); and financial arrangements. In addition to another letter from Henry Clay, now Ballard's opponent in a Supreme Court case, this subseries contains a letter from and several about John Anthony Quitman, governor of Mississippi. Also included in subseries 1.3 are three letters from slaves, 1847, 1853, and 1854. These letters are all from women slaves asking Ballard for help with emancipation or with pending sales of themselves or others.

The financial series is arranged by year and documents the same activities described in the letters. There are two folders of legal materials, which are also closely related to the letters and financial records. The series of other papers contains material that did not fit clearly into other series, such as slave lists, medical prescriptions, printed material, and other documentation of plantation life. The volumes series, arranged chronologically by the latest date appearing in each volume, documents the same three rough phases of Ballard's life in account books of slave trading and other financial activities and in detailed plantation journals, especially for Magnolia plantation.

There are a few items in the collection that were produced after Ballard's death, including letters of 1866 and 1888 and a miscellaneous document describing a trip through Belgium. One volume, Volume 34, concerns Samuel S. Boyd and records plantation-related accounts from the years 1874–1879, and Volume 35 contains grocery accounts from 1879 to 1880.

Series Descriptions

Series 1. Letters, 1831-1888 and Undated

This series consists of about 3,200 items, arranged chronologically, comprising letters and enclosures, almost all to Rice C. Ballard, but including a few to other people that were forwarded to Ballard and a few from Ballard. The letters are largely business correspondence and comprise three subseries, in the early period related to Ballard's slave trading business; then related to financial transactions and loans in Natchez, Mississippi, and the surrounding area; then the bulk of the series, which is concerned with Ballard's plantations in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas, owned jointly with Judge Samuel S. Boyd. There is a great deal of financial material included in the letters, because of the nature of the correspondence and the mixed social and business character of most of Ballard's relationships.

Subseries 1.1. Letters, 1831–1834

This subseries consists of about one hundred items, letters received by Ballard personally and by R. C. Ballard and Company from Ballard's slave trading partners, Franklin and Armfield, and from Isaac Franklin, his nephew James R. Franklin, and John Armfield personally. Other correspondents include C. M. Rutherford, James Franklin Purvis, L. R. Starkes, and Joseph G. Blakey, all of whom were involved in the slave trade. Ballard received most of his mail in Richmond, Virginia, but occasionally in Warrenton, Mississippi. Franklin wrote from New Orleans or Natchez and Armfield wrote from Alexandria. Many of the letters contain notes of exchange for thousands of dollars. There is one letter from Ballard to Isaac Franklin about a business misunderstanding, dated September 7, 1832, and another from Ballard to Franklin dated December 2, 1832.

These letters discuss financial, legal, and practical aspects of the interstate slave trade. They contain instructions for when to buy and sell in Alexandria, discussion of the effect of the price of cotton on the price of slaves, reports of prices, and attitudes of the planters toward the traders. In the first letter in the subseries, dated February 28, 1831, from New Orleans, Isaac Franklin expressed his anxiety about the future of the trade since the state legislatures of Louisiana and Mississippi were debating trying to close the interstate trade. "I will have a petition tomorrow before the house for our relief—should that fail god knows what will be the consequence. I will do the best I can for all concerned & if nothing better can be done I will declare myself a citizen of the state. I am much depressed & if we have to rely entirely on the Mississippi market we have more in this shipment than can be sold to advantage." On December 8, 1832, Isaac Franklin wrote Ballard from Natchez about a cholera outbreak and described how they were sneaking dead slaves out of the slave yard at night so potential customers wouldn't know that there had been cholera among them. There are several letters that mention "fancy girls" and the prices they would bring as house servants or seamstresses (November 1, 1833, from Isaac Franklin). One mentions establishing a whorehouse (January 11, 1834, from James Franklin). Starting in June 1834, Ballard received a number of letters from Joseph G. Blakey, which begin with receipts for money "to be paid out in negroes or returned on demand." On November 27, 1832, Ballard was sent an advertisement for a Louisiana sugar plantation.

Letters discuss the voyages of the brig *Tribune*, owned by the partners and used for the transportation of slaves from Virginia to Louisiana and Mississippi. Letters also discuss the

operations of the Forks of the Road Slave Market in Natchez, Mississippi. Researchers should note that two letters from Rutherford addressed to Ballard at Warrenton, Mississippi, are misfiled in Subseries 1.1 under December 23–27, 1832 [1852].

Subseries 1.2. 1835-1842

This subseries consists of about four hundred items, letters from the period of Ballard's transition from slave trader to planter. Many of the letters in this subseries are from the same correspondents who wrote Ballard earlier in his career, but the letters are more social and most are not obviously concerned with an active slave trade. There are a number of letters from individuals such as Catherine Prince requesting loans of money, and many more concerned with money lent to and owed by others. Ballard began the year 1836 in Alexandria, Virginia, but around September of that year he seems to have left Virginia permanently and begun to receive his mail in Natchez, Mississippi. There are very few letters from 1835, 1836, and 1837, and it is difficult to tell exactly how Ballard spent most of his time. By May 13, 1840, Ballard had received his first letter from Samuel S. Boyd, the judge who was to become his close friend and partner in plantation ownership. By the fall of 1840, Ballard began to receive letters from cotton commission merchants, especially Albert G. Nalle of William R. Glover & Company of New Orleans. The cotton sales on which Nalle reports are from Brushy Bayou plantation, Madison Parish, Louisiana; it seems that this plantation belonged to Philip J. Burrus and its cotton was being sold to pay a debt of Burrus to Ballard.

One of the main topics discussed in letters of the late 1830s and early 1840s is the possibility that slave traders would lose money on the sales of slaves purchased in Mississippi after 1833 if the Supreme Court of the United States decided that those sales were null and void. See letter from Bacon Tait to Thomas Boudar, January 1, 1840. Tait wrote to Ballard on January 3, 1840, commenting on the Mississippi federal court case *Hickman v. Rose* related to this subject and predicting the dissolution of the Union based on a possible Supreme Court decision that slaves were not property. There are two letters from Henry Clay in the summer of 1841 on this subject. On June 23, 1841, Clay wrote to Ballard demanding his contingent fee because the U.S. Supreme Court decided the case of *Groves v. Slaughter* as Ballard wished. "So confident am I on this point, that, I would have no hesitation to agree to refund the money if the Court should hereafter change their decision as to the responsibility of purchasers of Slaves in Mississippi." Then on July 6, 1841, Clay wrote again reaffirming his conviction that the Supreme Court of Mississippi could do nothing to influence the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Correspondents in this subseries include Bacon Tait, who wrote lively letters about the slave trade from Virginia; Isaac Franklin; John Armfield; James Franklin Purvis; George Kephart, an infamous slave trader; Henry H. Pease, who wrote on January 8, 1838, that Robert Stevens would not pay a debt unless forced to do so by a lawsuit (see the legal series for more on this); Joseph Alsop, who wrote on October 22, 1839, about Lewis Rawlings's guardianship (see the legal series for more); R. W. Schooler; commission merchants William R. Glover and Dupuy, Tate, and Nalle; Philip Burrus; Edward Moore; Catherine Prince; Samuel S. Boyd; and A. Stampley, the overseer on Quattleburn plantation, Yazoo County, Mississippi, and Edward Moore, the overseer on Providence plantation, Holmes County, Mississippi.

A series of letters from Alvira White, 1838–1840, concerns the plight of African American women and their children in Cincinnati, Ohio. Rice Ballard provided money for their support over the years.

Subseries 1.3. 1843-1860, 1866, and 1888

This subseries consists of about 2,700 items, letters from the overseers at the Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas plantations owned jointly by Ballard and Samuel S. Boyd: Forest Hill,

Adams County, Mississippi; Magnolia, Warren County, Mississippi; Wagram, Chicot County, Arkansas; Brushy Bayou, Madison Parish, Louisiana; Elk Place, Madison Parish, Louisiana; Karnac, Warren County, Mississippi; Lapine, Warren County, Mississippi; Outpost, Madison Parish, Louisiana; Pecan Grove, Carroll Parish, Louisiana; Golden Plains, Yazoo County, Mississippi [as trustee of the Planters Bank of the State of Mississippi]; and Elcho, Madison Parish, Louisiana. The overseers' letters report on the progress of planting and picking, the weather, the height of the Mississippi river and state of the levees, the health of the slaves, and improvements being made on the plantations. There are also many letters from Boyd concerned with the management of these plantations and general news of the Natchez region, requests for Ballard to find horses for Boyd, and, especially in the late 1850s and 1860, much discussion of health. Ballard got regular updates from his commission merchants in New Orleans: in 1843, Dupuy, Tate, & Nalle; from 1844 to 1850, Nalle & Cox; from 1850 to 1854, Nalle, Cox, & Company; from 1854 to 1856, Cox, Gillis, & Boyd (James Boyd, a brother of Samuel Boyd); and from 1857 to 1860, W. Cox & Company. From the commission merchants, Ballard received receipts for cotton, notices of shipments of goods to the plantations, news of the state of the cotton market, and social and general news of New Orleans. Ballard also received letters from pork merchants in Louisville, Kentucky, especially Adams and Anderson.

Friends and relatives in Louisville, including Ballard's wife Louise and children, Ella, Ann, and Charlotte, wrote occasionally when Ballard was in Mississippi at the plantations. They wrote of the health of their friends, the pork packing industry in Louisville (see, for instance, W. H. Sparke's letter of December 17, 1857), and some current events. W. A. Ellis wrote on May 2, 1858, about a wave of religious enthusiasm sweeping Louisville, but he reassured Ballard that his wife and children appear to be untouched by it.

Ballard's wife Louise wrote about the health of the children and social news of Louisville and requested money for her household. When the children learned to read, they too wrote occasionally. Ella went to the Franklin Female Institute near Frankfort, Kentucky, in the mid-1850s, and in 1859 rumors were afoot that Ella was about to make an improper engagement. W. Cox warned Ballard on March 22, 1859; Ella replied to a letter from Ballard about it on April 2, 1859. There are comparatively few letters from Ballard's family. Ballard received updates on his family, especially from W. A. Ellis in Louisville. In May 1852, Ballard received several letters suggesting that he spend more time in Louisville because his wife was being led astray by false friends. On March 1, 1857, Ellis wrote sympathizing with Ballard's domestic worries and implying that Louise was drinking heavily: "Your dear children I feel for very much. Were it not for them matters could be remidied much easier, and the older they get the worse it is for them as they are more liable to be injured by the wickedness of an unnatural Mother."

There are several letters about Henry Clay and another from him, related to a case in which Clay opposed Ballard in the Supreme Court of Louisiana. The case was over legal fees to Clay for representing Ballard in the case of *Groves v. Slaughter*. Dupuy, Tate, & Nalle mentioned the case in a letter of June 2, 1843. Clay wrote Ballard on July 4, 1844, to report that the Court had decided the suit in Clay's favor and that Ballard owed Clay \$4,000.

Ballard was involved in a financial deal with John Anthony Quitman (1798–1858), governor of Mississippi for a term of less than a year, beginning January 10, 1850. The dispute was apparently an extension of difficulties over money owed by Henry Turner, Quitman's relative by marriage to Ballard, and slaves purchased in 1836 by Turner that he claimed were in poor health and older than the trader had led him to believe. There is a letter dated December 23, 1842, in Subseries 1.2 from Quitman and McMurren concerning the dispute. The dispute apparently was settled in October 1843, after nearly a year of negotiation and court proceedings. Quitman wrote Ballard on February 1, 1851, and Nalle, Cox, & Company wrote on February 9, 1852, that

Quitman had paid \$10,000 that day to Ballard's credit. Quitman also wrote to Ballard on November 21, 1857, regarding the settlement of accounts.

This subseries has many letters interesting for the insight they provide into slavery. On March 20, 1844, Ballard received a letter about removing a slave named Maria and her daughter, who were living with Boyd and about whom the writer, J. M. Duffield, was very concerned. Another letter of May 29, 1848, from Duffield urged Ballard to save Maria, who was being whipped nearly to death. Duffield wanted to buy her before she was killed and said that her "unfortunate child" has already been sent North to be brought up, educated, and reside forever. Letters routinely discuss the work of African American slaves on levees and roads in Louisiana and Mississippi.

A series of letters from November 24, 1843, October 29, 1849–June 8, 1850, and January 7, 1851–August 8, 1853, from C. M. Rutherford and Samuel D. Tompkins describe the start-up and activities of slave trading operations in New Orleans, Louisiana, with some data on the profits being realized by the partnership, as well as the deaths of African American slaves from cholera and disease. Researchers should note that two letters from Rutherford addressed to Ballard at Warrenton, Mississippi, are misfiled in Subseries 1.1 under December 23–27, 1832 [1852]. Rutherford continued to write concerning the slave trade from Natchez, Mississippi, in December 1853 and January 1854, and Rutherford and Tompkins wrote from New Orleans regarding the slave trade in February–May 1854. Rutherford continued to write about the slave trade in Louisville and New Orleans from 1854 to 1860, including a lot of slaves purchased for Ballard that were Creoles and liable to be freed under state laws. These slaves became the subject of a protracted lawsuit among Rutherford, Ballard, Boyd, and other parties. Rutherford suggested that Ballard send the slaves to Texas for sale before they were freed.

On April 2, 1853, Boyd wrote Ballard about the will of a man named Hiram Baldwin (d. 1851), who had attempted to free his slaves and send them to Liberia, but Boyd reported that the will would soon be overturned and they should be able to buy the slaves cheap. C. Crutchfield of Louisville wrote on February 23, 1856,

Big Lewis made a pleasure trip to Canada about the 2nd of January last—and has forgot to come back—the river being frozen over so long has afforded an opportunity for a great number of slaves to leave Kentucky. You will see by our police reports—that we have one of the agents—for the under-ground Rail Road in limbo and will give him the extent of the law i suppose (which is 2 years in the State Penitentiary)—I wish now that I had sold Lewis to you last fall when I found that he was gone I immediately sold his wife and children to Alterburn and will bring all the ballance of my negroes down with me....

Most of the letters from the plantation overseers comment on the lives of the slaves—especially their work, health, and punishments. On January 4, 1860, Henry C. Buckner, overseer at Wagram plantation, Chicot County, Arkansas, reported to Ballard, "Miles left Monday morning abut sun up. I went to correct him & he struck me with his ax and would of killed me if I had not of goten out of his way I tride to shoot him but my pistole would not shoot." A letter of December 1, 1853, from Nalle & Cox to slave trader C. M. Rutherford includes an itemized list of life insurance policies for slaves. A letter to Ballard from P. B. January written on November 29, 1854, requests information about the history of a "yellow woman" purchased from Ballard some time ago by the writer's uncle; a state legislature decided that this woman was born free, kidnapped, and sold into slavery and should now have the rights of a free-born person. Palmer, an overseer, wrote on December 20, 1859, begging forgiveness and mercy for "Poor Priscilla and Betty," asking Ballard not to sell them, or to let Palmer buy them. It seems that Betty may be the child of Priscilla and Palmer.

The series contains three letters from slaves. In the first, Lucile Tucker wrote on June 25, 1847, about sending a power of attorney to someone who could emancipate her without her going to New Orleans from Georgia to meet Ballard, "for life you know is very uncertain and you might die before I can see you."

The second is from a woman mentioned in other correspondence in the collection. In letters of December 22, 1852, and January 1, 1853, Judge Boyd mentions that Ballard would have to send someone with "the woman" to watch her on the trip to New Orleans. On February 27, March 12 and 19, and April 2 and 19, 1853, C. M. Rutherford advised Ballard of the arrival of Virginia and her children in New Orleans and his plans to ship them to Texas for sale, as he was afraid Virginia would escape if he offered her for sale in New Orleans. On May 6, 1853, the pregnant Virginia wrote Ballard from a slave trader's yard in Texas begging for his intervention and help to prevent her sale. This letter is particularly poignant because of Virginia's condemnation of a man (apparently not Ballard; perhaps Boyd) who could sell his own children as well as their mother. A letter of August 8, 1853, from the slave trader, C. M. Rutherford, reports that the slave Virginia and one of her children had been sold but that her oldest child had not. On May 15, 1855, Boyd advised Ballard that

A man named "J. J. Grumbles" wrote to me from Austin, Texas, about the woman you sent there for sale. He says her two children are very cruelly treated and the man who has them is willing to sell them to me. ... Do as you like, but if you write, do try and make them understand you and not I was the owner of the woman. She also sent a letter, in which she says she claims nothing for herself, but her children are very inhumanly dealt by.

The third letter from a slave in the collection occurs on October 22, 1854; Delia wrote (presumably to Ballard, although the recipient is not named) asking him to buy her husband.

There are a few letters from Ballard's old slave trading partners in this subseries, mostly social, but a few related to business. On January 4, 1856, John Armfield wrote for Ballard to meet him in New Orleans "when I will pay you your ballance and I hope for ever close our old firm." Armfield wrote again on August 29, 1859, mainly about their advancing age and failing health. Letters of Joseph Alsop of Fredericksburg, Virginia, continue through 1860 concerning a lawsuit against Philip J. Burrus over land and slaves in Yazoo County, Mississippi. Alsop wrote on April 7, 1860, to tell Ballard about Alsop's father's death and to give a description of the new businesses in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and the prospects for the city's future.

Ballard's correspondents occasionally remarked on the political scene, both in the United States and abroad. For instance, Joseph Alsop asked in a letter of January 29, 1847, "What think you of Mr. Polk and his Mexican war? Has it not cooled your Democracy a little?" Samuel Boyd wrote in a letter of August 31, 1848, "We are all for Taylor here. How is it with you?" W. A. Ellis wrote on November 16, 1850, about "the great compromise scheme that was passed by the last Congress" and the possibility of a dissolution of the Union. There are a number of references to the Know-Nothings. Ellis wrote on May 30, 1858, "We have no news here. The Democrats seem to be disposed to organize and try and dislodge the K.N.'s from their stronghold. It can be done if managed properly and we get to our work as in days of old." The letters of W. Cox to W. H. Johnson of June 3, 1858, and of W. H. Johnson to Ballard of June 15, 1858, describe election-related disturbances in New Orleans. Johnson wrote, "Some of the most famous among the Thugs have been arrested, but have been immediately bailed out by the leading Know Nothings...." See also the "Know-Nothing Resolutions" in the miscellaneous series (folder 413).

International events appear in the letters mainly in relation to their expected effect on the price of cotton. Thus, W. Cox wrote on July 24, 1859, "The news from Europe is very gratifying—I hope the worst is now over & that cotton will improve as the season advances. All we

want is peace but I fear we shall not be gratified until that villain Louis Napoleon is put down. But who will draw the lions teeth & cut off his claws?"

Another topic that appears occasionally in the collection is homeopathic medicine, of which Ballard was an advocate, especially in the spring and summer of 1858. On June 9, 1858, S. P. Johnson wrote to Ballard that he could not subscribe to or prescribe from the homeopathic doctrine. On July 10, 1858, a homeopathic doctor wrote to Ballard, "Understanding that you employ a Homeopathic Physician on your Estates in Louisiana and that you have none at present, I wish to tender my services in that capacity." On August 29, 1858, the overseer at Lapine plantation, Warren County, Mississippi, wrote to Samuel Boyd listing needed medical supplies and added, "I cant brake the chills on these people with homeopathy I hav tride suffishantly." There are other examples in the collection; see for instance January 25, 1858, for another letter from a homeopathic doctor looking for a place to practice.

The two last letters in the collection include one dated April 11, 1866, addressed to Ballard in Natchez from George Washington Bassett of Farmington, Virginia, concerning debts of Charles Thornton to be secured on land, and one dated October 12, 1888, having no obvious relationship to the rest of Ballard's papers. Undated items pertain to the slave trade and to cotton plantations.

Series 2. Financial Materials, 1822-1860 and Undated

This series consists of about 1,600 items, arranged chronologically and grouped by year, but unordered within years. Materials include receipts, notes, accounts, bills, calculations, legal statements of debt, and other financial materials from Ballard's career as a slave trader and a planter, and from his private life. The materials from the 1820s and 1830s document Ballard's activities in the slave trade, showing the amounts of capital invested, expenses, profits, routes, and numbers of slaves traded, including data on the brig *Tribune* and the transportation of slaves from Virginia to New Orleans, Louisiana, and Natchez, Mississippi. Materials from the 1840s and 1850s are primarily concerned with plantation business and Ballard's frequent loans of money to his acquaintances. Items also concern medical accounts and cholera, bills for pork purchased of Louisville, Kentucky, merchants, and overseers accounts.

In 1833, Nathaniel White gave Ballard a number of receipts for money he was given to use in the purchase of slaves. The individual plantations had their own accounts with Ballard's New Orleans commission merchants, Nalle and Cox (later Nalle, Cox, and Company and W. Cox and Company), detailed records of which exist for much of the 1840s through 1855.

Some years are much better documented than others; there is relatively little from the years 1856–1860 compared to the abundance of records from the 1840s and early 1850s. There are some interesting documents in the undated folders, including a list of the titles and prices of books purchased and "a memorandum for the negroes," which appears to be payments made to slaves for their personal poultry.

Series 3. Legal Materials, 1837–1860

This series consists of eighteen items, arranged chronologically. Legal materials include court judgments and opinions, contracts and other agreements, summonses, a will, and other materials, mainly from Mississippi, Kentucky, and Virginia. There is closely related material in other series, especially letters and volumes. See especially the enclosures in the volumes series, where there are other contracts between Franklin, Armfield, and Ballard.

"R. C. Ballard's answers to the interrogatories of Mr. James Wilkins of Virginia filed January 1st 1837" concern the repayment of debt, payment for shaving and haircutting, and other items of dispute. *Berthe v. Blanten and Bolls*, 1838, Superior Court of Chancery of the State of Mississippi, orders Isaac Franklin, Rice C. Ballard, and John Armfield to desist from

further proceedings at law against Robert Stephens. A document making Lewis Rawlings the legal guardian of Mary and Malvina Pendleton includes a note on the back promising to pay Ballard \$1,000 in their behalf. Also included are an 1839 appointment of R. C. Ballard to act as agent for the dissolved James Ballard and Company closing its affairs and two orders, 1840, to the sheriff of Adams County, Mississippi, concerning a suit brought against James Ballard and Company and others by the Agricultural Bank of Mississippi.

Other items include a copy of the U.S. Supreme Court opinion given in the January 1841 term in the case of *Groves v. Slaughter*, concerning the legality of sale of slaves in Mississippi in 1835–1836; the 1842 last will and testament of William Cotton in which he emancipates "my mulatto woman Susan and my servant man Juba in consideration of the faithful service they have rendered"; an 1842 statement of Ballard and Samuel S. Boyd's partnership in Magnolia plantation; an 1843 contract between Ballard as trustee and William H. Dickson (or Dixon) for services as overseer on Golden Plains and Quattleburn plantations; the judgment of the Circuit Court of the Southern District of Mississippi in the case of *Ballard v. Turner*; various notices to Ballard concerning requisitions for roads and levees; and a March 1860 summons to jury duty.

Series 4. Other Papers, 1842-1860 and Undated

This series consists of about seventy items, arranged topically, comprising an assortment of materials, most obviously related to Ballard's plantations or business, others somewhat mysterious (the last folder in the series, for example, contains a long description of a trip in Belgium, the author and date of which are unknown). Materials that are closely related to each other are grouped together, such as slave lists and medical materials. Papers that seemed to be primarily lists of slaves, even if they contained other information, are in the first two folders. Researchers should bear in mind that the financial materials series contains many more lists of slaves in the context of sales, and the volumes series contains slave lists in R. C. Ballard and Company's slave trading accounts and in many of the plantation journals. Of particular interest in this series is the "Know-Nothing Resolution the Counsel of Louisville would not Entertain" in folder 413.

Slave lists include twenty-two slave lists in all. Many include prices, and some list ages, some give a statement of purpose, such as "Memorandom of Negroes, that went to Judge Boyd's from Golden Plains." Some are records of sales; few are dated.

Printed materials include advertising cards and flyers for steamboats, a cotton gin, a grist mill, and a Beersheba Springs, Tennessee; resort; a notice of an auction; an 1845 notice "To the people of Jefferson County...," warning that the representatives-elect of the city of Louisville are planning an emancipation bill (signed by many citizens, including R. C. Ballard); and several Merchants' Exchange Reporter and Price Current of St. Louis (1857, 1859, 1860) and an 1858 Price Current report from Liverpool (1858). Copies of the New-Orleans Price-Current, Commercial Intelligencer and Merchants' Transcript, most sent by Ballard's New Orleans commission merchants, Nalle and Cox, W. Cox and Company, etc. include issues from 1842, 1847, 1853 (2), and 1858. There are many more issues in the letters series since the commission merchants often wrote to Ballard on the blank pages.

Miscellaneous materials include a "Know-Nothing Resolution the Counsel at Louisville would not Entertain," which seems to refute the Know-Nothings' alleged hostility to slave states; a "Memorandum of horses and mules on Magnolia"; a description of the Myrtle Grove plantation, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana; a "Memorandum of Laurell Hill"; a "Description of Land in Washington County, Mississippi"; a list of household linens; and other notes. Miscellaneous items (4 items including two oversized papers that are housed separately) include a pedigree of a horse, a diagram of a water wheel, a one-page "History of David," and pages 3 through 22 of a long description of a trip through Belgium.

Series 5. Volumes, 1831-1880 and Undated

This series consists of sixty-eight items, including thirty-seven volumes and enclosures, arranged chronologically by the latest date in each volume. Items include plantation journals, accounts of cotton picked, clothes made for slaves, and other plantation records, mainly from Ballard's Magnolia plantation, but also from Laurel, Elcho and Wagram plantations. Financial records from R. C. Ballard and Company's slave trading business (both volumes and enclosures; the enclosures in Volume 4 are particularly interesting) and personal accounts of Ballard are included. Two volumes that appear to have been kept by or for Samuel S. Boyd (Volumes 34 and 35) contain dates in the 1870s after Ballard's death. Plantation journals contain a wide variety of information about the day-to-day functioning of the plantation and the lives of the overseers and slaves. The enclosures in each volume are in a folder following that volume. Where the volume was given a title of some kind by its users, that title is given in quotations. A number of the volumes have the title "Cotton Plantation Record and Account Book." These are preprinted books with spaces for various inventories, daily journal entries, and records of cotton picked by each slave. The overseers often did not fill the books out completely, but used only some of the printed forms. These books include an essay on "The Duties of an Overseer" on the last page.

Volume 1, 1832, 32 p. "R. C. Ballard and Company" Accounts. Five pages used for financial record keeping.

Volume 2, 1831–1833, 40 p. "R. C. Ballard and Company Invoice Book." Lists of names and prices of slaves under headings such as "First Shipment List of Negroes shipped on Brig *Tribune*." Shipments apparently left from Norfolk, Virginia.

Volume 3, 1832–1833, 48 p. "Negro Board Book." Accounts kept for individuals for cost of boarding slaves. Enclosures in Volume 3. Two notes signed by R. C. Ballard and Company on the Bank of Richmond, September 25, 1834, and the Bank of Virginia, July 30, 1834, the latter made out for \$10,000 to Franklin and Armfield.

Volume 4, 1832–1834, about 170 p. R. C. Ballard and Company Slaves Bought. "Purchase Book" inked on cover. Twenty-eight pages of lists of slaves by name and price, numbered from the beginning of each year. 1832 is the earliest year noted, but there are two undated lists that precede the 1832 list. Volume contains a few other notes.

Enclosures in Volume 4, 1831–1839 (fourteen items). Mainly financial accounts of the slave trade, including lists of slaves purchased, "Sales of R. C. Ballard and Company in account with Messrs. Franklin, Ballard, and Company, Natchez," record of Ballard's purchase of slaves at auction in Adams County, Mississippi, and two contracts for partnership in the slave trade between Ballard, Franklin, and Armfield dated 1833 and 1835. (The 1835 contract is oversized and is stored with oversized papers.)

Volume 5, 1833–1834, around 35 p. "Board Book" 1833. Contains accounts for various individuals, including Bacon Tait, for boarding slaves. "Harbin Bill for Board of five negroes I sold for him—9.00" on first page.

Enclosure in Volume 5, Undated (one item). Scrap with what may be notes for a slave boarding bill.

Volume 6, 1833–1834, 48 p. "R. C. Ballard and Company" Accounts. Book about half full of financial accounts of R. C. Ballard and Company.

Volume 7, 1831–1835, 150 p. "R. C. Ballard and Company Expense Book" on second page. Itemized and dated lists of payments made by R. C. Ballard and Company, for such expenses as having a horse shod, stage fare to Richmond, suits of clothes (apparently for slaves), etc. About a third of pages are used. A few other notes, mainly on inside covers.

Volume 8, 1837–1838, 24 p. R. C. Ballard and Company Accounts. "Coml Bank of Natchez in a/c with R. C. Ballard Company." Only three pages used.

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Volume 9, 1833, 1839, 18 p. Notebook, containing various calculations and notes. Inside and outside covers and four other pages used.

Volume 10, 1837–1839, around 55 p. "Bank Book" 1837. Empty except for two pages with "Commercial Bank in a/c with William Cotton."

Volume 11, 1838–1840, around 300 p. Magnolia Plantation Journal. "McNeales Book" on cover. Contains a variety of very detailed records of Magnolia plantation, including a list of slaves, livestock, etc., belonging to the plantation and a daily account of "Employment of the Hands" starting on January 1, 1838. In December 1838, there is a Recapitulation of the events of the year, including sicknesses and deaths among slaves and livestock, then an inventory of the plantation for the beginning of 1839 and a journal for 1839, then a daily journal through December 31, 1840. Kept by overseer McNeale, then W. Buck by 1840.

Volume 12, 1836–1841, around 60 p. "James Ballard and Company with Commercial Bank," dated records mostly for "cash," and other financial notes.

Volume 13, 1834–1842, around 140 p. Accounts of R. C. Ballard and Company. Record of expenses for 1834, 1839–1842 records of accounts of individuals such as Joseph Alsop, Thomas Anderson, and Frances Poindexter with R. C. Ballard and Company.

Volume 14, 1841–1842, 40 p. Accounts of Charles Roberts and Joseph Berthe with R. C. Ballard and a few other notes. Eight pages used.

Enclosure in Volume 14, 1835. Bill for a few items "Thos Hall to Richard E. Smith."

Volume 15, 1839–1843, 150 p. Accounts of various people with R. C. Ballard, and other financial notes.

Volume 16, 1843, 40 p. Overseer's Expenses for Magnolia Plantation. "A memorandum of all the expence of this farm articles purchased by myself," list of "supplyes layed in by the proprietor," and note about purchase of slave woman by overseer William Buck, and Edward Moore in a/c with Magnolia Plantation.

Volume 17, 1843, around 50 p. "Planters Bank Trustee," paper darkened so that much of contents are barely legible. "List of Negroes on Golden Plains" then "List of Negroes &c. Providence Plantation" with ages and some prices, lists of some livestock, are all clearly legible.

Volume 18, 1843–1845, around 50 p. "R. C. Ballard in account with W. A. Britton." Six pages used.

Volume 19, 1843–1846, around 120 p. Magnolia Plantation Journal, kept by overseers W. H. Dixon, M. B. Stampley, and Isaac Folkes, including lists of marriages, births, and deaths of 1844, lists of slaves, who lives in which house, children and mothers, daily journal of plantation activities for much of 1844 and 1845 and spring of 1846, cotton picked by each slave each day, cotton shipments, and other plantation information. A note from April 1844 notes the hire of a slave named Caroline Boyd to W. H. Dixon for taking care of his sick family.

Volume 20, 1846–1847, around 300 p. (pages numbered). Magnolia Plantation Journal. "Cotton Book" on cover, kept by "J. H. Cox" from May 25, 1846, through January 1, 1847, containing lists of work done and repairs on the plantation during 1846; daily journal for 1847 begins on p. 55; lists of births, deaths, physicians' visits on p. 118; rules about morning and evening bells, sickness, and general plantation rules on p. 127; list of cotton shipped on p. 155; text of marriage ceremony; and various other lists.

Volume 21, 1846–1847, around 60 p. J. H. Cox in account with Magnolia. Three pages used. Wages for service as overseer, payment for "catching boy," etc.

Volume 22, 1849, around 100 p. Clothes Book of Magnolia Plantation. Mainly day-by-day lists of clothes made, specifying shirts and pantaloons and seamstress. Other financial records; records of shipments received at Magnolia. Note that "Charlotte Buckner died the 14 day of May 1849. She was the seamstress on Magnolia died of Cholera."

Volume 23, 1848–1851, around 100 p. Magnolia Plantation Cotton Book, kept by overseers John P. Wilson, Rice B. Read, and J. Westbrook; lists amount of cotton picked by each slave each day, diary of day picking started, etc.

Enclosure in Volume 23, January 2, 1851. Brief letter to John P. Wilson about shipment of pork from Heisenbuttle and Maynadier.

Volume 24, 1850–1851, around 130 p. Magnolia Plantation Journal., kept by overseers Loyd Stevenson, John P. Wilson, Rice B. Read. Lists of slaves, livestock, tools, etc.; daily journal from January 1, 1850.

Enclosures in Volume 24, (five items). Brief letters to John P. Wilson, list of Magnolia cotton, advertisement for Ayer's Cathartic Pills.

Volume 25, 1851–1852, around 200 p. Magnolia Plantation Journal, kept by overseers John P. Wilson and H. Shaw, contains lists of slaves, livestock, land in cultivation, and other lists, journal from January 1, 1851 through December 31, 1852. R. C. Ballard made a few daily entries (e.g., October 22, 1851).

Volume 26, 1851–1852, around 160 p. Laurell Plantation Journal, kept by John H. Bailey, containing journal for 1851 and 1852 and daily lists of amounts of cotton picked by slaves in 1852; some other plantation records. About half of book is blank.

Volume 27, 1849–1853, around 80 p. Clothes Book, containing general records of Magnolia and Laurell plantations from 1849; lists of winter and summer clothes made for each place with names of seamstresses from 1850, 1851, and 1852; and some notes on sacks and clothes given out in 1853. Accounts from 1850 record the hiring of individuals and dogs to catch runaway slaves.

Enclosure in Volume 27. One list of names.

Volume 28, 1853, around 130 p. "Cotton Plantation Record and Account Book," Magnolia Plantation. Three receipts and a shipment notice pasted in inside front cover. Kept by overseer H. H. Williams, daily journal entries for some days in July and August 1853, daily records of cotton picked.

Volume 29, 1854, around 130 p. "Cotton Plantation Record and Account Book," Magnolia Plantation, kept by overseer John N. Nolley, six receipts pasted in front few pages, journal kept from Febuary 8 to August 7, 1854, daily records of cotton picked by each slave, some other notes.

Volume 30, 1855, around 130 p. "Cotton Plantation Record and Account Book," Magnolia Plantation, kept by overseers John N. Nolley and J. B. Wilson, seven receipts pasted in front cover, journal part of book not used, but daily records of cotton picked filled out from August 1, 1855, lists of weights of cotton bales, some supplies, and other records.

Enclosure in Volume 30. One diagram.

Volume 31, 1856, around 130 p. "Cotton Plantation Record and Account Book," Magnolia Plantation, kept by overseer J. B. Wilson, receipts pasted in inside cover and front pages, minimal journal entries starting April 8, 1856, going through end of July, daily records of cotton picked, some other notes.

Enclosures in Volume 31, (three items). Letter, 1857, to R. C. Ballard from Bittner and Mather; list of bundles of bedding, coops of chickens, etc. under heading "Magnolia Plant."; bill for bricks, 1856.

Volume 32, 1857, around 150 p. "Cotton Plantation Record and Account Book," Elcho Plantation, kept by overseer J. B. Wilson, only a few journal entries but daily record of cotton picked on Elcho, list of slaves at back, some other notes. A note on February 10, 1857, concerns the deaths of slaves, including one named Dread, who ran away, was shot on Walnut Bayou, and died eight days later.

Volume 33, ca. 1856–1858, around 100 p. Wagram Plantation Journal (Chicot County, Arkansas), paper darkened and much ink faded to the point of near illegibility, mostly blank. List of slaves at beginning.

Volume 34, 1872–1875, around 200 p. (pages numbered but loose and incomplete). Financial records, apparently of Samuel S. Boyd. Mentions Forest Hill and Karnac plantations.

Enclosures in Volume 34, (two items). Containing various calculations related to Forest Hill and Karnac plantations ("E Boyd agt. Est. SS Boyd").

Volume 35, 1879–1880, around 70 p. Grocery Accounts, dated lists of items purchased and cost.

Volume 36, Undated, 14 p. Notebook. Contains various records of expenses, calculations, etc.

Volume 37, Undated, 8 p. Notebook from leather wallet with "Containing notes for 1842" inked on it. Contains financial notes and calculations.

Oversize Papers

Oversize papers consist of three items, an undated map of the Mississippi River from "Travellers Guide. A map of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. Extending from Pittsburgh to the Gulf of Mexico," by J. Duff; an undated plat of slave quarters, slave hospital, slave nursery, and other buildings on an unidentified plantation with the floor plan of a slave house attached; and an indenture, dated October 2, 1835, among James R. Burrus, Philip J. Burrus, and others for the purchase of land and slaves in Yazoo County, Mississippi.

Related Materials

The Rice C. Ballard Papers in the Natchez Trace Collection at the University of Texas at Austin are included in UPA's *Records of Ante-Bellum Southern Plantations from the Revolution through the Civil War, Series G, Part 5.* More on Rice Ballard's dispute with Edward Turner may be found in the Quitman Family Papers, 1760–1926, at the Southern Historical Collection, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Libraries, included in *Records of Ante-Bellum Southern Plantations from the Revolution through the Civil War, Series J, Part 6.* Correspondence of Ballard with George Washington Bassett in Mss1B2944a, Bassett Family Papers, 1728–1923, among the holdings of the Virginia Historical Society, is included in *Records of Ante-Bellum Southern Plantations from the Revolution through the Civil War, Series M, Part 3.*

See also Wendell Holmes Stephenson's *Isaac Franklin, Slave Trader and Planter of the Old South* (Gloucester, Mass.: Peter Smith, 1968) for a discussion of Ballard's involvement with the slave trade of Franklin and Armfield. Baptist, Edward E., "'Cuffy', 'Fancy Maids', and 'One-Eyed Men': Rape, Commodification, and the Domestic Slave Trade in the United States," *The American Historical Review*, Volume 106, Issue 5 (December 2001).

NOTE ON SOURCES

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EDITORIAL NOTE

The guide to this edition provides the user with a précis of the collection included. The précis gives information on family history and many business and personal activities documented in the collection.

Following the précis, the Reel Index itemizes each file folder and manuscript volume. The four-digit number to the left of each entry indicates the frame number at which a particular folder begins.

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             Folder 141, Subseries 1.3, Letters, July-August 1849. 12 frames.
0321
             Folder 142, Subseries 1.3, Letters, September 1849. 10 frames.
0331
             Folder 143, Subseries 1.3, Letters, October 1849. 13 frames.
0344
             Folder 144, Subseries 1.3, Letters, November 1849. 24 frames.
0368
             Folder 145, Subseries 1.3, Letters, December 1849. 13 frames.
0381
             Folder 146, Subseries 1.3, Letters, January 1850, 11 frames.
0392
             Folder 147, Subseries 1.3, Letters, February 1850. 34 frames.
0426
             Folder 148, Subseries 1.3, Letters, March 1–15, 1850. 14 frames.
0440
             Folder 149, Subseries 1.3, Letters, March 18–30, 1850. 12 frames.
0452
             Folder 150, Subseries 1.3, Letters, April 8–14, 1850. 18 frames.
0470
             Folder 151, Subseries 1.3, Letters, April 16–28, 1850. 17 frames.
0487
             Folder 152. Subseries 1.3. Letters, May 2–15, 1850, 20 frames.
0507
             Folder 153, Subseries 1.3, Letters, May 18–30, 1850. 19 frames.
0526
             Folder 154, Subseries 1.3, Letters, June 2–18, 1850. 18 frames.
0544
             Folder 155, Subseries 1.3, Letters, June 20–30, 1850. 12 frames.
0556
             Folder 156, Subseries 1.3, Letters, July-August 1850. 8 frames.
             Folder 157, Subseries 1.3, Letters, September 1850. 15 frames.
0564
0579
             Folder 158, Subseries 1.3, Letters, October 1850. 18 frames.
             Folder 159, Subseries 1.3, Letters, November 1850. 32 frames.
0597
0629
             Folder 160, Subseries 1.3, Letters, December 2–16, 1850. 17 frames.
0646
             Folder 161, Subseries 1.3, Letters, December 18–31, 1850. 15 frames.
0661
             Folder 162, Subseries 1.3, Letters, Undated, ca. 1849–1850. 56 frames.
0717
             Folder 163, Subseries 1.3, Letters, Undated, ca. 1844–1850, from Nalle & Cox. 25 frames.
0742
             Folder 164, Subseries 1.3, Letters, January 1851. 24 frames.
0766
             Folder 165, Subseries 1.3, Letters, February 1851. 17 frames.
0783
             Folder 166, Subseries 1.3, Letters, March 1851, 23 frames.
0806
             Folder 167, Subseries 1.3, Letters, April 1851. 16 frames.
0822
             Folder 168, Subseries 1.3, Letters, June–August (none from July) 1851. 13 frames.
0835
             Folder 169, Subseries 1.3, Letters, September 20–27, 1851. 6 frames.
0841
             Folder 170, Subseries 1.3, Letters, October 1851. 20 frames.
             Folder 171, Subseries 1.3, Letters, November 1851. 19 frames.
0861
0880
             Folder 172, Subseries 1.3, Letters, December 1851 and Undated, ca. 1851. 12 frames.
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             Inventory and Container List. 17 frames.
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0024
             Folder 174, Subseries 1.3, Letters, March 1852. 26 frames.
0050
             Folder 175, Subseries 1.3, Letters, April 1852. 14 frames.
0064
             Folder 176, Subseries 1.3, Letters, May 6–15, 1852. 28 frames.
0092
             Folder 177, Subseries 1.3, Letters, May 16–31, 1852. 30 frames.
0122
             Folder 178, Subseries 1.3, Letters, June 1852. 20 frames.
0142
             Folder 179, Subseries 1.3, Letters, September-October 1852. 21 frames.
0163
             Folder 180, Subseries 1.3, Letters, November 3–12, 1852. 21 frames.
0184
             Folder 181, Subseries 1.3, Letters, November 15–30, 1852. 16 frames.
0200
             Folder 182, Subseries 1.3, Letters, December 1–16, 1852. 19 frames.
0219
             Folder 183, Subseries 1.3, Letters, December 17–30, 1852. 22 frames.
0241
             Folder 184, Subseries 1.3, Letters, January 1–14, 1853. 19 frames.
0260
             Folder 185, Subseries 1.3, Letters, January 15–30, 1853. 31 frames.
0291
             Folder 186, Subseries 1.3, Letters, February 3–16, 1853. 17 frames.
0308
             Folder 187, Subseries 1.3, Letters, February 17–27, 1853. 29 frames.
0337
             Folder 188, Subseries 1.3, Letters, March 1853. 45 frames.
0382
             Folder 189, Subseries 1.3, Letters, April 1–15, 1853. 16 frames.
0398
             Folder 190, Subseries 1.3, Letters, April 16–30, 1853. 29 frames.
0427
             Folder 191. Subseries 1.3. Letters, May 6–20, 1853. 20 frames.
0447
             Folder 192, Subseries 1.3, Letters, May 21–30, 1853. 15 frames.
0462
             Folder 193, Subseries 1.3, Letters, June 1853. 30 frames.
0492
             Folder 194, Subseries 1.3, Letters, July 1–13, 1853. 20 frames.
0512
             Folder 195, Subseries 1.3, Letters, July 16–31, 1853. 25 frames.
0537
             Folder 196, Subseries 1.3, Letters, August 2–10, 1853. 19 frames.
0556
             Folder 197, Subseries 1.3, Letters, August 12–22, 1853, 21 frames.
0577
             Folder 198, Subseries 1.3, Letters, September 1853. 14 frames.
0591
             Folder 199, Subseries 1.3, Letters, October 1853. 14 frames.
0605
             Folder 200, Subseries 1.3, Letters, November 1853. 17 frames.
             Folder 201, Subseries 1.3, Letters, December 1–9, 1853. 20 frames.
0622
             Folder 202, Subseries 1.3, Letters, December 13–16, 1853. 19 frames.
0642
0661
             Folder 203, Subseries 1.3, Letters, December 17–24, 1853. 19 frames.
0680
             Folder 204, Subseries 1.3, Letters, December 26–29, 1853. 12 frames.
0692
             Folder 205, Subseries 1.3, Letters, Undated 1853. 2 frames.
0694
             Folder 206, Subseries 1.3, Letters, January 2–16, 1854. 19 frames.
0713
             Folder 207, Subseries 1.3, Letters, January 17–31, 1854. 16 frames.
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             Folder 208, Subseries 1.3, Letters, February 1–13, 1854. 21 frames.
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             Folder 209, Subseries 1.3, Letters, February 15–24, 1854. 17 frames.
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             Folder 210, Subseries 1.3, Letters, March 3–12, 1854. 20 frames.
0787
             Folder 211, Subseries 1.3, Letters, March 15–31, 1854, 18 frames.
0805
             Folder 212, Subseries 1.3, Letters, April 1–14, 1854. 19 frames.
0824
             Folder 213, Subseries 1.3, Letters, April 19–29, 1854. 16 frames.
             Folder 214, Subseries 1.3, Letters, May-June 1854. 19 frames.
0840
0859
             Folder 215, Subseries 1.3, Letters, September 1854. 12 frames.
0871
             Folder 216, Subseries 1.3, Letters, October 3–19, 1854. 11 frames.
0882
             Folder 217, Subseries 1.3, Letters, October 21–28, 1854. 11 frames.
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             Inventory and Container List. 17 frames.
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             Folder 218, Subseries 1.3, Letters, November 2–11, 1854. 12 frames.
             Folder 219, Subseries 1.3, Letters, November 13–29, 1854. 19 frames.
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0032
             Folder 220, Subseries 1.3, Letters, December 1–15, 1854. 27 frames.
0059
             Folder 221, Subseries 1.3, Letters, December 16–31, 1854. 39 frames.
0098
             Folder 222, Subseries 1.3, Letters, Undated, ca. 1854. 10 frames.
0108
             Folder 223, Subseries 1.3, Letters, Undated, ca. 1850–1854, from Nalle, Cox, & Company.
             16 frames.
             Folder 224, Subseries 1.3, Letters, January 3–13, 1855. 31 frames.
0124
0155
             Folder 225, Subseries 1.3, Letters, January 16–30, 1855. 30 frames.
0185
             Folder 226, Subseries 1.3, Letters, February 1–14, 1855. 16 frames.
0201
             Folder 227, Subseries 1.3, Letters, February 15–28, 1855. 19 frames.
0220
             Folder 228, Subseries 1.3, Letters, March 1–14, 1855. 15 frames.
0235
             Folder 229, Subseries 1.3, Letters, March 15–29, 1855. 13 frames.
0248
             Folder 230, Subseries 1.3, Letters, April 1–15, 1855. 21 frames.
0269
             Folder 231, Subseries 1.3, Letters, April 16–30, 1855. 18 frames.
0287
             Folder 232, Subseries 1.3, Letters, May–June 1855. 6 frames.
0293
             Folder 233, Subseries 1.3, Letters, July–August 1855. 9 frames.
0302
             Folder 234, Subseries 1.3, Letters, September 1855. 10 frames.
0312
             Folder 235, Subseries 1.3, Letters, October 1855, 16 frames.
0328
             Folder 236, Subseries 1.3, Letters, November 1855. 27 frames.
0355
             Folder 237, Subseries 1.3, Letters, December 1855. 27 frames.
0382
             Folder 238, Subseries 1.3, Letters, January 1–10, 1856. 23 frames.
0405
             Folder 239, Subseries 1.3, Letters, January 12–30, 1856. 21 frames.
0426
             Folder 240, Subseries 1.3, Letters, February 1856. 24 frames.
0450
             Folder 241, Subseries 1.3, Letters, March 1856, 30 frames.
0480
             Folder 242, Subseries 1.3, Letters, April 1856. 25 frames.
0505
             Folder 243, Subseries 1.3, Letters, May 1856. 26 frames.
0531
             Folder 244, Subseries 1.3, Letters, October 1856. 12 frames.
             Folder 245, Subseries 1.3, Letters, November 10–23, 1856. 17 frames.
0543
0560
             Folder 246, Subseries 1.3, Letters, November 25–29, 1856. 12 frames.
0572
             Folder 247, Subseries 1.3, Letters, December 1–11, 1856. 20 frames.
0592
             Folder 248, Subseries 1.3, Letters, December 14–30, 1856. 25 frames.
0617
             Folder 249, Subseries 1.3, Letters, Undated, ca. 1856. 6 frames.
0623
             Folder 250, Subseries 1.3, Letters, Undated, ca. 1854–1856, from Cox, Gillis, & Boyd.
             2 frames.
0625
             Folder 251, Subseries 1.3, Letters, January 1857. 23 frames.
0648
             Folder 252, Subseries 1.3, Letters, February 5–19, 1857. 16 frames.
0664
             Folder 253, Subseries 1.3, Letters, February 21–28, 1857. 24 frames.
0688
             Folder 254. Subseries 1.3. Letters. March 1–10, 1857. 24 frames.
0712
             Folder 255, Subseries 1.3, Letters, March 12–30, 1857. 34 frames.
0746
             Folder 256, Subseries 1.3, Letters, April 1–17, 1857. 22 frames.
             Folder 257, Subseries 1.3, Letters, April 18–28, 1857. 21 frames.
0768
0789
             Folder 258, Subseries 1.3, Letters, May–June 1857. 13 frames.
0802
             Folder 259, Subseries 1.3, Letters, August–September 1857. 16 frames.
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0050	Folder 263, Subseries 1.3, Letters, November 15–30, 1857. 37 frames.
0087	Folder 264, Subseries 1.3, Letters, December 1–12, 1857. 36 frames.
0123	Folder 265, Subseries 1.3, Letters, December 13–19, 1857. 24 frames.
0147	Folder 266, Subseries 1.3, Letters, December 20–30, 1857. 24 frames.
0171	Folder 267, Subseries 1.3, Letters, January 2–10, 1858. 17 frames.
0188	Folder 268, Subseries 1.3, Letters, January 11–20, 1858. 25 frames.
0213	Folder 269, Subseries 1.3, Letters, January 21–30, 1858. 22 frames.
0235	Folder 270, Subseries 1.3, Letters, February 2–10, 1858. 28 frames.
0263	Folder 271, Subseries 1.3, Letters, February 11–28, 1858. 26 frames.
0289	Folder 272, Subseries 1.3, Letters, March 2–14, 1858. 18 frames.
0307	Folder 273, Subseries 1.3, Letters, March 15–22, 1858. 18 frames.
0325	Folder 274, Subseries 1.3, Letters, March 23–31, 1858. 19 frames.
0344	Folder 275, Subseries 1.3, Letters, April 1–12, 1858. 19 frames.
0363	Folder 276, Subseries 1.3, Letters, April 14–24, 1858. 20 frames.
0383	Folder 277, Subseries 1.3, Letters, April 25–30, 1858. 15 frames.
0398	Folder 278, Subseries 1.3, Letters, May 1–10, 1858. 26 frames.
0424	Folder 279, Subseries 1.3, Letters, May 12–21, 1858. 25 frames.
0449	Folder 280, Subseries 1.3, Letters, May 22–31, 1858. 21 frames.
0470	Folder 281, Subseries 1.3, Letters, June 1–9, 1858. 20 frames.
0490	Folder 282, Subseries 1.3, Letters, June 10–17, 1858. 21 frames.
0511	Folder 283, Subseries 1.3, Letters, June 18–28, 1858. 26 frames.
0537	Folder 284, Subseries 1.3, Letters, July 2–22, 1858. 22 frames.
0559	Folder 285, Subseries 1.3, Letters, July 24–31, 1858. 20 frames.
0579	Folder 286, Subseries 1.3, Letters, August 4–12, 1858. 21 frames.
0600	Folder 287, Subseries 1.3, Letters, August 15–20, 1858. 16 frames.
0616	Folder 288, Subseries 1.3, Letters, August 22–29, 1858. 21 frames.
0637	Folder 289, Subseries 1.3, Letters, September 1–11, 1858. 28 frames.
0665	Folder 290, Subseries 1.3, Letters, September 12–29, 1858. 35 frames.
0700	Folder 291, Subseries 1.3, Letters, October 1–10, 1858. 22 frames.
0722	Folder 292, Subseries 1.3, Letters, October 11–30, 1858. 26 frames.
0748	Folder 293, Subseries 1.3, Letters, November 1858. 29 frames.
0777	Folder 294, Subseries 1.3, Letters, December 1–16, 1858. 28 frames.
0805	Folder 295, Subseries 1.3, Letters, December 17–24, 1858. 22 frames.
0827	Folder 296, Subseries 1.3, Letters, December 25–31, 1858. 21 frames.
0848	Folder 297, Subseries 1.3, Letters, Undated, ca. 1858. 7 frames.
0855	Folder 298, Subseries 1.3, Letters, January 1–12, 1859. 21 frames.
0876	Folder 299, Subseries 1.3, Letters, January 13–21, 1859. 27 frames.
0903	Folder 300, Subseries 1.3, Letters, January 22–31, 1859. 25 frames.

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0024	Folder 302, Subseries 1.3, Letters, February 16–27, 1859. 26 frames.
0050	Folder 303, Subseries 1.3, Letters, March 3–10, 1859. 25 frames.

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0075
             Folder 304, Subseries 1.3, Letters, March 11–29, 1859. 39 frames.
0114
             Folder 305, Subseries 1.3, Letters, April 1–10, 1859. 28 frames.
             Folder 306, Subseries 1.3, Letters, April 11–30, 1859. 44 frames.
0142
0186
             Folder 307, Subseries 1.3, Letters, May 1859. 31 frames.
0217
             Folder 308. Subseries 1.3. Letters. June 1–15, 1859. 16 frames.
0233
             Folder 309, Subseries 1.3, Letters, June 16–26, 1859. 22 frames.
0255
             Folder 310, Subseries 1.3, Letters, July 1–15, 1859. 27 frames.
0282
             Folder 311, Subseries 1.3, Letters, July 19–31, 1859. 25 frames.
0307
             Folder 312, Subseries 1.3, Letters, August 1–16, 1859. 27 frames.
             Folder 313, Subseries 1.3, Letters, August 22–30, 1859. 21 frames.
0334
0355
             Folder 314, Subseries 1.3, Letters, September 1–9, 1859. 15 frames.
0370
             Folder 315, Subseries 1.3, Letters, September 12–27, 1859. 23 frames.
0393
             Folder 316, Subseries 1.3, Letters, October 5–20, 1859. 21 frames.
0414
             Folder 317, Subseries 1.3, Letters, October 23–31, 1859. 21 frames.
0435
             Folder 318, Subseries 1.3, Letters, November 4–9, 1859. 19 frames.
0454
             Folder 319, Subseries 1.3, Letters, November 11–27, 1859. 17 frames.
             Folder 320, Subseries 1.3, Letters, December 1–15, 1859. 19 frames.
0471
0490
             Folder 321, Subseries 1.3, Letters, December 16–30, 1859. 20 frames.
0510
             Folder 322, Subseries 1.3, Letters, January 1–13, 1860. 18 frames.
0528
             Folder 323, Subseries 1.3, Letters, January 15–29, 1860. 17 frames.
0545
             Folder 324, Subseries 1.3, Letters, February 1–7, 1860. 18 frames.
0563
             Folder 325, Subseries 1.3, Letters, February 10–27, 1860. 27 frames.
0590
             Folder 326, Subseries 1.3, Letters, March 1–11, 1860. 14 frames.
             Folder 327, Subseries 1.3, Letters, March 15–30, 1860. 13 frames.
0604
0617
             Folder 328, Subseries 1.3, Letters, April 2–12, 1860. 15 frames.
0632
             Folder 329, Subseries 1.3, Letters, April 13–30, 1860. 21 frames.
0653
             Folder 330, Subseries 1.3, Letters, Undated, ca. 1857–1860, from W. Cox & Company.
             Folder 331, Subseries 1.3, Letters, April 1, 1866, and October 12, 1888. 6 frames.
0660
0666
             Folder 332, Subseries 1.3, Letters, Undated, from J. H. Lacy, Elk Plantation Overseer.
             18 frames.
0684
             Folder 333, Subseries 1.3, Letters, Undated. 12 frames.
0696
             Folder 334, Subseries 1.3, Letters, Undated. 29 frames.
             Folder 335, Subseries 1.3, Letters, Undated. 20 frames.
0725
             Folder 336, Subseries 1.3, Letters, Undated. 13 frames.
0745
0758
             Folder 337, Subseries 1.3, Letters, Undated. 31 frames.
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0010	Folder 340, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1832. 5 frames.
0015	Folder 341, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1833. 20 frames.
0035	Folder 342, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1834 (Folder 1 of 2). 20 frames.
0055	Folder 343, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1834 (Folder 2 of 2). 23 frames.
0078	Folder 344, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1835. 6 frames.
0084	Folder 345, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1836. 13 frames.
0097	Folder 346, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1837. 12 frames.
0109	Folder 347, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1838. 7 frames.

0116	Folder 348, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1839. 14 frames.
0130	Folder 349, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1840 (Folder 1 of 3). 5 frames.
0135	Folder 350, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1840 (Folder 2 of 3). 15 frames.
0150	Folder 351, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1840 (Folder 3 of 3). 27 frames.
0177	Folder 352, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1841 (Folder 1 of 4). 12 frames.
0189	Folder 353, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1841 (Folder 2 of 4). 15 frames.
0204	Folder 354, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1841 (Folder 3 of 4). 25 frames.
0229	Folder 355, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1841 (Folder 4 of 4). 42 frames.
0271	Folder 356, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1842 (Folder 1 of 2). 36 frames.
0307	Folder 357, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1842 (Folder 2 of 2). 21 frames.
0328	Folder 358, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1843 (Folder 1 of 4). 33 frames.
0361	Folder 359, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1843 (Folder 2 of 4). 23 frames.
0384	Folder 360, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1843 (Folder 3 of 4). 20 frames.
0404	Folder 361, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1843 (Folder 4 of 4). 25 frames.
0429	Folder 362, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1844 (Folder 1 of 4). 31 frames.
0460	Folder 363, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1844 (Folder 2 of 4). 26 frames.
0486	Folder 364, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1844 (Folder 3 of 4). 18 frames.
0504	Folder 365, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1844 (Folder 4 of 4). 37 frames.
0541	Folder 366, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1845 (Folder 1 of 3). 36 frames.
0577	Folder 367, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1845 (Folder 2 of 3). 33 frames.
0610	Folder 368, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1845 (Folder 3 of 3). 25 frames.

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0001	Folder 369, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1846 (Folder 1 of 2). 26 frames.
0027	Folder 370, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1846 (Folder 2 of 2). 29 frames.
0056	Folder 371, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1847 (Folder 1 of 2). 18 frames.
0074	Folder 372, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1847 (Folder 2 of 2). 24 frames.
0098	Folder 373, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1848 (Folder 1 of 2). 31 frames.
0129	Folder 374, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1848 (Folder 2 of 2). 50 frames.
0179	Folder 375, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1849 (Folder 1 of 3). 22 frames.
0201	Folder 376, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1849 (Folder 2 of 3). 26 frames.
0227	Folder 377, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1849 (Folder 3 of 3). 33 frames.
0260	Folder 378, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1850 (Folder 1 of 2). 31 frames.
0291	Folder 379, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1850 (Folder 2 of 2). 31 frames.
0322	Folder 380, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1851 (Folder 1 of 4). 19 frames.
0341	Folder 381, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1851 (Folder 2 of 4). 38 frames.
0379	Folder 382, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1851 (Folder 3 of 4). 32 frames.
0411	Folder 383, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1851 (Folder 4 of 4). 22 frames.
0433	Folder 384, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1852 (Folder 1 of 4). 36 frames.
0469	Folder 385, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1852 (Folder 2 of 4). 28 frames.
0497	Folder 386, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1852 (Folder 3 of 4). 37 frames.
0534	Folder 387, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1852 (Folder 4 of 4). 23 frames.
0557	Folder 388, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1853 (Folder 1 of 5). 7 frames.
0564	Folder 389, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1853 (Folder 2 of 5). 24 frames.
0588	Folder 390, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1853 (Folder 3 of 5). 20 frames.
0608	Folder 391, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1853 (Folder 4 of 5). 15 frames.
0623	Folder 392, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1853 (Folder 5 of 5). 25 frames.
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0674	Folder 394, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1854 (Folder 2 of 3). 30 frames.
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0056	Folder 398, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1856. 16 frames.
0072	Folder 399, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1857. 13 frames.
0085	Folder 400, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1858 (Folder 1 of 2). 19 frames.
0104	Folder 401, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1858 (Folder 2 of 2). 20 frames.
0124	Folder 402, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1859. 9 frames.
0133	Folder 403, Series 2, Financial Materials, 1860. 13 frames.
0146	Folder 404, Series 2, Financial Materials, Undated (Folder 1 of 2). 39 frames.
0185	Folder 405, Series 2, Financial Materials, Undated (Folder 2 of 2). 30 frames.
0215	Folder 406, Series 3, Legal Materials, 1837–1839 [1840] (7 items). 25 frames.
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	23 frames.
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	Undated. 6 frames.
0325	Folder 411, Series 4, Other Papers, Printed Material (Folder 1 of 2), 1845–1860 and
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	9 frames.
0407	Folder 415, Series 4, Other Papers, Miscellaneous (Folder 3 of 3), Undated. 22 frames.
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0471	Folder 419, Series 5, Enclosures in Volume 3, 1834. 3 frames.
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0535	Folder 422, Series 5, Volume 5, 1833–1834. 20 frames.
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0020	Folder 431, Series 5, Volume 13, 1834–1842. 21 frames.
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0050	Folder 434, Series 5, Volume 15, 1839–1843. 13 frames.
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0072	Folder 436, Series 5, Volume 17, 1843. 16 frames.
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