



# Guide to the Emma Simpson Glover Family Papers, 1834-1953

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## Summary

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**Collection Title:**

Emma Simpson Glover Family papers, 1834-1953

**Creator:**

Glover, Emma Simpson

**Extent:**

2 Linear Feet  
circa 410 Items

**Physical Location:**

For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

**Language:**

English

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English.

**Collection ID:**

RL.00456

**Permalink:**

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## Background

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**Scope and Content**

The papers consist of correspondence, legal and financial papers, photographs, account books, a memoir book, and miscellaneous papers and span the time period from 1834 to 1953. The bulk of the papers consists of correspondence

between 1862 and 1914. This correspondence falls roughly into three major periods, each one consisting of two or three dozen letters.

The first period lasts until the 1890s and focuses on G. F. Simpson's involvement with the construction of a silver ore-crushing mill in Helena, Montana Territory, a venture shared with his brother, Charles H. Simpson; land investments in Kansas; and, after the 1860s, iron ore mining operations in Virginia. The letters from Montana and Kansas also document the harsh life on the American frontier. Included with this mostly business correspondence are a few letters from Thomas B. Sykes describing his experiences at Camp Chase, a Union prisoner-of-war camp near Columbus, Ohio, and as a resident of Aberdeen, Miss. during Reconstruction.

The second period, from the 1890s to 1910, consists chiefly of letters to Emma or her sisters Mary and Mabel, which discuss news of family and friends.

The last period, 1910-1914, consists mostly of correspondence between Emma and her husband Dr. Samuel R. Glover during their courtship and early marriage. Dr. Glover's letters include a limited discussion of his medical practice.

The legal papers include a will, mortgages, and land deeds. The financial papers include receipts and notes, some belonging to the firm of Simpson, Bass and Co. of Richmond, Va., operated by Charles H. Simpson and L. L. Bass, who were commission merchants in flour, grain, hay, and other provisions. The miscellaneous papers include clippings and printed material. There are photographs of Emma Simpson Glover, J. W. Simpson, and Mrs. Margaret Simpson.

The bound volumes consist of two ledgers and accounts, 1914-1921, of Dr. Glover's medical practice; ledger and accounts, 1877-1882, of a general store in Nelson Co., Va., which includes entries for farm and farm labor; and a memoir or scrap book of Mary Simpson, consisting of printed material, clippings, ribbons, and other memorabilia. The memoir book originally served as the cash book of an unknown Virginia firm for 1834-1836.

## **Biographical/Historical**

Emma Simpson Glover, daughter of Germaine Franklin and Margaret (?) Simpson, was born during the late 1870s or 1880s in Midway Mills, Nelson County, Va. The papers also document the existence of at least two sisters, Mary and Mabel; a brother, Walter Charles; and an uncle, Charles H. Simpson, who later published several novellas based on his experiences in Montana. Emma remained in Midway Mills until she married Samuel Ridout Glover, a physician, in 1911, when she moved to nearby Howardsville, Va. Emma's mother died around 1896; her father died in 1906.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Use Restrictions**

The status of the copyright interests in the family papers of Emma Simpson Glover is unknown. For further information, see the section on copyright in the Regulations and Procedures of the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library.

### **Acquisition Information**

The family papers of Emma Simpson Glover, of Nelson County, Va., were purchased by the Rubenstein Library in 1974.

### **Processing Information**

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## Names and Subjects

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- Mines and mineral resources -- Virginia
- Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877) -- Mississippi
- Frontier and pioneer life -- Montana
- Courtship -- Virginia
- Family life -- Virginia
- Virginia -- Social life and customs
- Mines and mineral resources -- Montana
- Physicians -- Virginia
- Virginia -- Nelson County
- Simpson, Germaine Franklin, 1833-1906
- Glover, Samuel Ridout
- Glover, Emma Simpson
- Simpson, C. H. (Charles H.)
- Simpson, Bass and Company (Richmond, Va.)
- Glover, Emma Simpson

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## Collection Inventory

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### Emma Simpson Glover Family Papers, 1834-1953

**Physical Description:** 3 boxes

Correspondence, 1862-1953, chiefly 1862-1914.

Box 1-2

#### **Scope and Contents note**

Business correspondence with G.F. Simpson, personal correspondence with his daughter Emma Simpson Glover from friends and family prior to her marriage, and courtship letters between Emma and her husband, Dr. Samuel R. Glover. Arranged chronologically.

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Legal Papers, 1867-1910.

Box 2

**Scope and Contents note**

Will, mortgages, and land deeds.

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Financial Papers, 1865-1882.

Box 2

**Scope and Contents note**

Receipts, notes, and other documents belonging to G.F. Simpson, and Simpson, Bass and Co. of Richmond, Virginia.

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Miscellaneous

Box 2

**Scope and Contents note**

Clippings, printed material, and memorabilia.

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Photographs

Box 2

**Scope and Contents note**

Photographs of Emma Simpson Glover, J.W. Simpson, and Margaret Simpson.

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Memoir Book

Box 2

**Scope and Contents note**

Mary Simpson's memoir book, which had earlier served as the cash book of an unidentified Virginia firm.

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Account Books, 1834-1921.

Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

Account books of Dr. Glover's medical practice, and of a general store in Nelson County, Va.

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