



Guide to the Joseph Starke Sims papers, 1819-1903 and undated

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Summary

Collection Title:

Joseph Starke Sims papers, 1819-1903 and undated

Creator:

Sims, Joseph Starke

Extent:

2.4 Linear Feet

295 Items

Physical Location:

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

Language:

Material in English

Collection ID:

RL.01196

Permalink:

<https://library.duke.edu/rubenstein/findingaids/simsjoseph/>

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Background

Scope and Content

Correspondence, financial records, legal documents, clippings, account books, commissions, addresses and speeches, and a diploma. Correspondence concerns chiefly cotton growing, trade and prices; slaves who worked in cotton fields; financial matters; Washington, D.C. politics, with references to Henry Clay and John Calhoun; state and national politics; descriptions of newly settled areas of Mississippi and California; and a cholera outbreak in Charleston (1832). Civil War letters detail problems at Fort Sumter (1861), and often refer to economic difficulties and shortages in South Carolina. Other Civil War

letters are also written from Manassas, Alabama, and Mississippi. One letter from Mississippi details the desperation of women left alone and unable to flee before the advancing Union Army. Post-war letters reveal the problems of Reconstruction in South Carolina. Many of the letters are to Sims' wife Jane Emily Sims (Farnandis).

Includes an autobiographical letter from J. K. Paulding, author and statesman, and an essay by the same, entitled "The history of Uncle Sam and his boys." Some of Sims' addresses and one of the legal documents concern Nullification, which Sims' strongly supported. Other documents include an obituary for Franklin H. Elmore, plantation and general account books, and some material on Sims' student days at South Carolina College (ca. 1817-1819), which includes a letter to his brother in 1819 "in defence of General Jackson," and his "treatment of the Indians."

Biographical/Historical

Joseph Starke Sims was a Civil War Confederate officer, cotton grower, and South Carolina senator.

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Acquisition Information

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Processing Information

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Names and Subjects

- Nullification (States' rights)
- Charleston (S.C.) -- Social life and customs
- South Carolina -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
- Fort Sumter (Charleston, S.C.) -- Siege, 1861
- Secession
- South Carolina -- Politics and government -- 1775-1865
- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
- Legislators -- South Carolina -- Correspondence
- Slavery -- South Carolina
- Cholera -- South Carolina -- Charleston
- Plantations -- Records -- South Carolina
- Cotton growing -- South Carolina
- Alabama -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
- Mississippi -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
- Account books
- California -- Description and travel
- Paulding, James Kirke, 1778-1860
- Sims, Jane Emily
- South Carolina College -- Alumni and alumnae
- Calhoun, John C. (John Caldwell), 1782-1850
- Clay, Henry, 1777-1852
- Confederate States of America -- Officers -- Correspondence
- Confederate States of America. Army. South Carolina Infantry Regiment, 9th

- Elmore, F. H. (Franklin Harper), 1799-1850

Collection Inventory

Correspondence, 1823-1895	Box 1
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