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SUMMARY

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| Size. | 95 items, 1 manuscript volume, 1 printed volume |
| Geographic locations. | Covington, Kentucky; Newport, Ky.; West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana |
| Inclusive dates. | 1828-1860, undated |
| Bulk dates. | 1830-1850 |
| Language. | English |
| Summary. | Papers of John W. King, physician of Covington, Kentucky, president of Newport Manufacturing Company, Kentucky, and husband of Ann Ruffin Barrow Benoit of West Feliciana Parish, La. Papers include correspondence, legal documents, receipts, printed materials, manuscript writings, a will, and a medical notebook. |
| Restrictions on access. | Access to manuscript volume (1844-1850) is restricted due to fragility. Use microfilm. Photocopies must be made from microfilm. |
| Related collections. | James P. Bowman Family Papers, Mss. 1372, 1382 |
| Copyright. | Copyright of the original materials is retained by descendants of the creators in accordance with U.S. copyright law. |
| Citation. | John W. King Papers, Mss. 1372, 1382, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, La. |
| Stack locations. | UU:105; OS:K |
| Also available on. | Mss.MF:K |

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

John W. King, a medical doctor of Covington, Kentucky, was married to Ann Ruffin Barrow Benoit (sister of Martha Barrow Turnbull) of West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana, and stepfather of Rosina E. Benoit. He was president of the Newport Manufacturing Company in Newport, Kentucky.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Some correspondence and legal documents deal with a lawsuit brought by Myra Clark Gaines challenging title to land King sold to William C. C. Martin of Bayou Boeuf, Rapides Parish, Louisiana. Receipts for: poll, land, and slave taxes; payment of laborers; legal fees; horses; and street paving in Cincinnati, Ohio. Additional legal documents include a contract with N. M. Hentz to tutor King's stepdaughter, Rosina Benoit; a fire insurance policy; a broadside concerning creditors (e.g., John King) of the Republic of Texas; and King's will. Newspaper clippings focus on the Supreme Court decision (1837) in the case of *Brisco v. Bank of the Commonwealth of Kentucky* and other national banking issues. The printed pamphlet, written by John W. King, is entitled "Memorial to the state legislatures of the United States." Manuscript writings, presumably by King, are variously titled "Letters from the dead," "Confessions of faith," and "Preface." A medical notebook, 1844-1850, containing King's extensive notes on diseases and disorders is also present.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

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| UU:105 | 1 | 1 | John W. King, receipted bill from Bennett Barrow for tavern expenses (February 8, 1828); receipted promissory note payable to Mary Gano, Cincinnati, Ohio, signed by King (June 15, 1829). |
| | | 2 | Receipts for payment of workman, poll, property and slave taxes, legal fees, and household purchases (1830-1836); list of household furnishings (ca. 1830); memoranda concerning work done on house (1831) and failure to purchase political periodicals (ca. 1835); N.M. Hentz, Covington, Ky., contracts as private teacher for Rosina Benoit (July 31, 1831); fire insurance policy (May 25, 1832); Newport Manufacturing Company stock certificate (June 7, 1834); letter to Josiah Loveman (?) discussing business matters pertaining to that company (June 27, 1838). |
| | | 3 | Receipts for purchases (1841-1842); correspondence, receipts and answers to interrogation of William C.C. Martin, Rapides Parish, concerning title to land purchased by Martin from King and his wife, Ann Barrow King, and contested in court by Myra Clark Gaines (1846). |
| | | 4 | Letters from John W. King at Rosedown to Colonel William S. Hamilton, [West Feliciana Parish], O.N. Ogden, lawyer, Rapides Parish, and others discussing title to land purchased by Martin from King and contested in court by Myra Clark Gaines (1847). |
| | | 5 | Receipts for street paving and payment of taxes, Cincinnati, Ohio (November 30, and December 12, 1849); statements regarding settlement of Newport Manufacturing Company accounts with D.B. Holbrook, and correspondence with O.N. Ogden discussing title to land purchased by Martin (March, December 1849). |
| | | 6 | Notice, letter fragment and receipts concerning judgment rendered in land suit against Martin (March 11 and 25, December 29, 1850; 4 items); broadsheet titled "Declaration and Protest of John W. King, One of the Creditors of the late Republic of Texas" (ca. 1850); 2 letters from Covington, Ky. to William S. Groosbeck mentioning his memorial on body politics (August 20, 1850) and to [J.N. Burrows and Company], Cincinnati, commenting on delay in shipment of corn crusher (February 21, 1851); list of furniture (ca. 1850); advertisement of lot in Covington, Ky. (January 1, 1851); last will of King (undated); medical prescription (undated); and printed item titled "Averments, We Are Clearly in a Transition State" (undated). |

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| UU:105 | 1 | 7 | Fragments of letters addressed to John W. King, "Rosedown" and Covington, Ky. (undated). |
| | | 8 | Newspaper clippings from New Orleans and Cincinnati newspapers concern the Supreme Court decision of the case of <i>Brisco v. Bank of the Commonwealth of Kentucky</i> , [1837]; letter to John C. Wright on proposed amendment to constitution concerning banks and banking (May 12, 1841); criticizing U.S. President Tyler's administration and questioning the power of Congress to establish a bank (July 17, 1841); concerning the U.S. Constitution and a national bank (November 19, 1842); letters by King addressed to Col. John F.H. Claiborne concerning banks of issue (February 1845); discussing the money system (June 10, 1847); autobiography of a relief note (1848); and Charles J. Ingersoll on the impending [Civil War] crisis (January 5, 1860). |
| | | 9 | Pamphlet: King, John W. <i>Memorial to the State Legislatures of the United States</i> , Morgan and Overend, printers, Cincinnati, 1849. |
| | | 10-13 | Manuscript writings: Banks and Banking (ca. 1845); Preface (ca. 1854); Letters from the Dead (undated); Confessions of Faith (undated); Writings (undated). |
| | | 14 | Writings (undated) [formerly of Box 2] |
| OS:K | -- | 1 | Writings (undated) |
| UU:105 | 2 | 16 | RESTRICTED: Medical Notebook, 1844-1850 (use microfilm) |

INDEX TERMS

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Banks and banking--United States.

Gaines, Myra Clark, 1805-1885.

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