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**SUMMARY**

<b>Size.</b>	145 items, 12 manuscript volumes, and 6 printed volumes
<b>Geographic locations.</b>	Louisiana; Mississippi; Cuba; Mexico
<b>Inclusive dates.</b>	1823-1919
<b>Bulk dates.</b>	1823-1872
<b>Language.</b>	English.
<b>Summary.</b>	Natchez, Mississippi lawyer, soldier, politician, and planter. Personal and family papers include record books, correspondence, broadsides and other printed documents, and diaries.
<b>Restrictions on access.</b>	If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm.
<b>Related collections.</b>	John A. Quitman Engraving, Mss. 2949 John Anthony Quitman Note, Mss. 1955 John Anthony Quitman Letter, Mss. 2139 John Anthony Quitman Letter, Mss. 3218
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## **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

John Anthony Quitman (1798-1858) moved from Ohio to Natchez, Miss., in 1821, where he practiced law. He was a member of the State House of Representatives (1826-1827), Chancellor of the State (1828-1835), member and president of the State Senate (1835-1836), acting governor of Mississippi (1835-1836), and judge of the High Court of Errors and Appeals in 1838. Quitman rose to the rank of major general during the Mexican War, serving between 1846 and 1848. He later served as Governor of Mississippi (1850-1851) and U.S. Representative for Mississippi (1855-1858). Quitman also owned Monmouth Plantation in Natchez; he was married to Eliza Turner Quitman.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Papers relate activities of John A. Quitman as Mexican War general, Governor of Mississippi, United States Congressman, and Masonic official. Letters reflect Quitman's military service in Mexico, and honors bestowed upon him at Natchez, Washington, D. C., and Charleston. Printed items include Quitman's inaugural address to the Mississippi legislature, his nomination and acceptance of congressional post, and his denial of charges of diverting arms belonging to the state of Mississippi for use by Cuban insurrectionists. Other printed items include an address of the Louisiana Democratic Association, the Constitution of the Natchez Fencibles, newspapers relating to Narcisso Lopez and the Cuban expedition, and printed volumes relative to the Mexican War and the history of Mexico.

Family letters, diaries, cashbooks, and notebooks of Eliza Turner Quitman (wife of John A. Quitman), her daughters and her relatives relate social affairs, amusements, politics, epidemics, gardening, education, and travel at Natchez and New Orleans. Two recipe books of Louisa Quitman Lovell reflect emphasis upon the arts of cooking, preserving, and wine-making.

### CROSS REFERENCES

Subject	Date	Description of relevant documents
American Party.	1856	Letter of John A. Quitman commenting upon "impoliteness" of Know-Nothing politician, (Abram S.) Hewitt, Mar. 30.
Broadsides.	(1844), 1855	Address of the Louisiana Democratic Association, (1844); General John A Quitman's nomination by the Democratic District held at Monticello on July 23, and his acceptance, 1855.
Claiborne, J. F. H. (John Francis Hamtramck), 1809-1884.	1854, 1859, undated	Mentioned as dinner guest of John A. Quitman at New Orleans, Apr. 10, 1854; letters relating furnishing of information to Claiborne for his biography of Quitman, Feb. 23, 1859 and undated.
Cuba--History--Insurrection, 1849-1851.	1851, 1854	Printed statement of John A. Quitman denying charges that arms belonging to state of Mississippi were used in Cuban expedition, July 19, 1851; accounts of Lopez expedition and sentiment for Cuban independence, 12 issues of the New Orleans <i>Daily Picayune</i> , Aug. 10, 12, 23, 26, 28-31 and Sept. 2, 4-6, 1851; printed volume by H. M. Hardimann entitled <i>The Free Flag of Cuba, or The Martyrdom of Lopez</i> (New York, 1854).
France--History--Second Republic, 1848-1852.	1848	Letter relating joy of Americans in Washington, D. C. on occasion of French revolution and establishment of French Republic, Mar. 27.
Freemasonry--Mississippi--Natchez.	1827-1829, undated	Papers relating to construction of Masonic Hall and rank of officials, July 8, 19, 1827; Apr. 5 and July 3, 1828; circular letter pertaining to rules for admission of visiting brethren, Feb. 16, 1829; picture of Mississippi's earliest Masonic Grand Lodge building, undated.
Governors--Mississippi.	1850	Printed copy of inaugural address of John A. Quitman to the Mississippi legislature, Jan. 10.
Indians of North America--Mississippi--Natchez.	1853	Account in diary of Annie Rosalie Quitman describing dress and action of Native Americans, Dec. 12, 1853.

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Kossuth, Lajos, 1802-1894.	1852	Letter relating introduction of Kossuth to U.S. Senate by General James Shields, Jan. 19.
Lind, Jenny, 1820-1887.	1851	Letter mentioning a party of friends attending concert of opera singer known as "the nightingale," Feb. 19.
López, Narciso, 1797-1851.	1851, 1854	Accounts of expedition for liberation of Cuba, 12 issues of the New Orleans <i>Daily Picayune</i> , Aug. 10,12, 23, 26, 28-31 and Sept. 2, 4-6, 1861; printed volume by H. M. Hardimann entitled <i>The Free Flag of Cuba, or The Martyrdom of Lopez</i> (New York, 1854).
Louisiana--Politics and government--To 1865.	(1844)	Printed address of the Louisiana Democratic Association (1844).
<i>Magnolia</i> (steamer)	1851	Letter mentioning accident of steamer <i>Magnolia</i> , Feb. 19.
Mexican War, 1846-1848.	1847-1848, 1858	Letters relating honors bestowed upon Generals John A. Quitman and James Shields for service in Mexican War, with special references to Cerro Gordo and Chapultepec, Jan. 3, 1847, Jan. 20, 1848; letter of General Quitman from Mexico comparing strength of American and Mexican armies and describing the city of Puebla, June 14, 1847; printed address of Quitman to Palmetto Regiment of Mexican War veterans, May 4, 1858; printed volume entitled <i>The History of the Raising of the First American Flag on the Capitol of Mexico</i> . (Washington, 1856).
Mexican War, 1846-1848--Participation, Indian.	1847	Letter relating service of Native Americans in Mexican army, June 14, 1847.
Mississippi--Politics and government--To 1865.	1855	Printed extract from official proceedings of the Mississippi Democratic Convention relating General John A. Quitman's nomination for, and acceptance of, congressional post, July 23, 1855.
Natchez Fencibles.	1827, 1845	Constitution of the Natchez Fencibles, 1827; and circular letter announcing celebration of their 21 <sup>st</sup> anniversary, 1845.

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Old State Capitol (Baton Rouge, La.)	1854	Architectural style described, diary of Annie Rosalie Quitman, entry Apr. 9.
Opera--Louisiana--New Orleans.	1871	Letter commenting on performance of opera <i>Lucia</i> , Feb. 21.
Polk, James K. (James Knox), 1795-1849.	1848	Letter relating election of Polk and speculation as to membership of his cabinet, Nov. 16.
Prentiss, S. S. (Seargent Smith), 1808-1850.	1849	Statement of fee due Prentiss, orator and Mississippi Legislator; by Colonization Society, John A. Quitman Daybook, Jan. 18.
<i>Princess</i> (steamer)	1854	Description of trip from Natchez to New Orleans and return via Steamer <i>Princess</i> , Anna Rosalie Quitman Diary, entries for Apr. 8-9, 25-27; mention of accident involving the <i>Princess</i> , entry for, Oct. 18.
Puebla de Zaragoza (Mexico)	1847	Letter of General John A. Quitman describing the city of Puebla and the surrounding countryside and some of the customs of the people, relates a visit made by General Twiggs and himself to ruins of Aztec pyramid near Puebla, June 14.
Santa Anna, Antonio López de, 1794?-1876.	1847	Letter relating Santa Anna's efforts to recruit soldiers for war against the United States and statement of numbers of men and cannon available to him, June 14.
Scarlatina--Mississippi--Natchez.	1848, 1852, 1855, undated	Letters relating ravages of scarlet fever, removal of residents to rural areas, and quarantine of Natchez, Feb. 1, and Nov. 16, 1848; Feb. 20, 1852; Oct. 4, 1855; and undated (c. 1858)
Scott, Winfield, 1786-1866.	1847	Letter relating sending of letters to the United States by General Scott's Mexican courier, June 14.
Shields, James, 1806-1879.	1848, 1852, 1858	Letter relating receptions at Washington and Charleston honoring Shields for victories at Cerro Gordo and Chapultepec, Jan. 20, 1848; plans of Shields, Jan. 30, 1858; letter relating the introduction of Louis Kossuth to U. S. Senate by General Shields, Jan. 19, 1852.

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Winston, John Anthony, 1812-1871.	1854	Account of John A. Quitman's introduction of Governor Winston to his family. Diary of Annie Rosalie Quitman, entry for Apr. 16.
Yellow fever--Mississippi--Natchez.	1853, 1871	Diary relating prevalence of disease and death, entries for Aug. 15, 18, 21, and 28, 1853; letter, Oct. 6, 1871.

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		9	Cards and signature (undated)
		10	Newspaper clippings (undated)
		11	<i>The Spoon.</i> (1919)
		12	<i>Constitution of the Natchez Fencibles.</i> (1827)
		14	<i>The History of the Raising of the First American Flag on the Capitol of Mexico.</i> (1856)
		16	Address of General John A. Quitman. (1858)
		17	Pictures (undated)
	2		Vol.2, Adams Light Guard Ledger [John A. Quitman] (1843-1847)
			Vol.3, Memorandum Book (1847, 1855)
			Vol.4, Notebook (undated)
			Vol.5, Eliza Turner Quitman Cashbook (1859, 1865-1866, 1879-1881)
			Vol.6, Eliza Turner Quitman Cashbook (1859, 1871-1875)
			Vol.7, Louisa Turner Quitman Autograph Book (1836-1869)
			Vol.8, Louisa T. Quitman Notebook (1839-1840)
			Vol.9, Louisa T. Quitman Notebook (1844)
			Vol.10, Louisa Quitman Lovell Recipe Book (1881)
			Vol.11, Louisa Quitman Lovell Recipe Book (undated)
H:10	--	--	Vol.1, John A. Quitman Daybook (1839-1850)
			Vol.12, Anna Rosalie Quitman Diary (1852-1855)
OS:Q	--	1	Broadsides ([1844], 1855)
99:	--	1	Issues of <i>Daily Picayune</i> (August-September 1851)