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**VIDAL (JOSEPH) AND FAMILY PAPERS**

1797-1869, undated

**Mss. 432****LSU LIBRARIES SPECIAL COLLECTIONS****SUMMARY**

<b>Size</b>	1.4 linear feet, 3 volumes
<b>Geographic Locations</b>	Natchez, Miss.; Chocchuma, Miss.; Concordia Parish, La.; New Orleans, La.; Opelousas, La.; Baton Rouge, La.; Little Rock, Ark.; Fayetteville, Ark.; Montgomery, Ala.; Amelia County, Va.; Liverpool, England
<b>Inclusive Dates</b>	1797-1869, undated
<b>Bulk Dates</b>	1828-1862
<b>Languages</b>	English, Spanish
<b>Summary</b>	Business and legal papers of Joseph (José) Vidal, secretary to Manuel Gayoso de Lemos, and Commandant of the Post of Concordia, in Spanish Louisiana. Also included are the papers of Vidal's son-in-law, Samuel Davis, a planter, banker, and enslaver from Natchez, Mississippi, and the papers from Francis Surget and Dr. Robert Carter, who were related by marriage to the Vidal-Davis families.
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**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Joseph (José) Vidal was secretary to Manuel Gayoso de Lemos, the Spanish Governor of the Natchez District, 1792-1797. Vidal later became Commandant of the Post of Concordia in Spanish Louisiana in present-day Concordia Parish, and the city of Vidalia is named for him. Vidal's daughter, Maria, married Samuel M. Davis, a planter and land speculator from Natchez, Mississippi. Davis, in partnership with his father-in-law, owned Pittsfield and Mirven plantations in Concordia Parish, Louisiana. At one time, Davis was a director of the Planters' Bank in Natchez.

Alfred Davis, son of Maria Vidal and Samuel Davis, married Sarah Surget. Sarah's father, Francis Surget Sr., was a planter and land speculator whose extensive holdings in Louisiana and Arkansas and ownership of over 10,000 enslaved persons made him one of the largest planters and enslavers in the antebellum South. Pauline Davis, daughter of Maria Vidal and Samuel Davis, married Dr. Robert Carter, who owned Lake and Vidalia plantations in Concordia Parish in the 1860s. Papers for both the Surget and Carter families also appear within the collection.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

**Content Warning: Items in this collection contain historical terms, phrases, or images that are offensive, outdated, and/or harmful. These include demeaning and dehumanizing references to race, ethnicity, and nationality; enslaved or free status; physical and mental ability; and gender and sexual orientation.**

The Joseph Vidal and Family Papers are arranged chronologically within each box/folder, and all manuscript volumes are placed in box 4. Oversized items have been placed in box 5. An item-level description of the contents of the collection is included in the container list.

Legal documents in the collection relate to land grants or conveyances in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Arkansas. The papers of Samuel Davis comprise the bulk of the collection and are largely land documents, bills of sale for enslaved persons (sometimes listing the names and/or ages of the enslaved), promissory notes, bills and receipts, and items related to his banking position. Francis Surget's testamentary documents are included, as are papers related to his estate. The papers of Dr. Robert Carter primarily consist of statements of accounts, bills, and receipts concerning his cotton planting activities during and after the Civil War. The correspondence in the collection dates largely from the 1860s.

Of particular interest within Vidal's papers is a letter from Joseph Vidal to Winthrop Sargent, Governor of Mississippi Territory, which refers to an impending expedition by Philip Nolan into Spanish territory without permission (October 4, 1800). The original is housed in the vault due to its fragility, but a surrogate is placed in box 1, folder 1. There are also certificates for settlement claims of land for "Hannah, a free negro woman," and "Victoria, a free negress," to land in Concordia Parish, Territory of Louisiana in 1811 (box 1, folders 4 and 5).

Within Carter's papers, items of interest include a memorandum of an agreement between Dr. Robert Carter and Frederick Scheuber for Scheuber to act as Carter's substitute in the Confederate service (1863) along with receipts of payment from Carter to Scheuber's wife, Christienne (box 3, folder 7). There is also an order directing Dr. Robert Carter to send 1/3 of his enslaved males between the ages of 18 and 50, "equipped for working on public defenses" to Harrisonburg, Louisiana (June 17, 1863).

Another letter of note is from 1852 and signed by James Foster at Hermitage Plantation. It discusses cotton, Cholera, enslaved persons, etc. (box 2, folder 11). In papers dating from after the Civil War, a letter from Elijah Smith reports unfavorably on the Freedman's Bureau and suggests that the difficulty in finding labor may force him to convert from growing cotton to hay (December 1, 1867).

Manuscript volumes include Francis Surget's account book (1837-1857) which lists money, enslaved persons, and other property given to his children, and his passport (1837-1839). Also included is Samuel Davis' account book (1843-1853) which includes expenses and memoranda of enslaved persons purchased. Loose enclosures from the volumes have been housed within box 4 with a notation as to their provenance.

**INDEX TERMS**

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<b>A:68</b>	1	1	<b>Papers, 1797-1799:</b>
			Plat no. 1026, Natchez, 1795; Jacinta Gallagher and Margarita Gallagher Thompson; Carlos Trudeau, Royal and Special Surveyor of the Province of Louisiana; signed by Manuel Gayoso de Lemos, Spanish Governor of Louisiana, New Orleans, December 2, 1797; filed March 24, 1804. [2pp., with seal]
			Plat No. 1027, Natchez, 1795; Jacinta Gallagher and Margarita Gallagher Thompson; Carlos Trudeau, Royal and Special Surveyor of the Spanish Province of Louisiana; signed by Manuel Gayoso de Lemos, Spanish Governor of Louisiana, New Orleans, December 2, 1797. [2pp., with seal]
			Transfer of land from Domingo Lovero to John Minor, November 8, 1797; certified by John Girault, Keeper and Translator of the Spanish records, October 8, 1803; transferred from Minor to Samuel Davis, May 30, 1829.
			State of South Carolina, Obligation of John Willis to John Dawson Sr. and Jr., March 23, 1798; recorded March 18, 1811; certified as "true copy" Oct. 4, 1820.
			Transfer of land to José Vidal by Manuel Gayoso de Lemos, April 21, 1798; certified by Judge James Dunlap, Concordia Parish, April 10, 1812.
			Deposition, Lyman Harding in land claim of José Vidal, late commandant of the Post of Concordia, March 1799.
	1	2	<b>Papers, 1801-1802:</b>
			Letter from Jose Vidal to Winthrop Sargent, Governor of Mississippi Territory re: impending expedition by Philip Nolan into Spanish territory without permission, October 4, 1800. [w/typed transcript] <b>[RESTRICTED: use photocopy or microfilm; original item in Vault]</b>
			Receipt for land purchased by Joseph Tenhada, Aug 19, 1801, with conveyance to Samuel Davis, State of Louisiana, February 5, 1818.
			Plat and survey of land made by William Atchinson, one of the Adjutant Surveyors of the Province of Louisiana, for Joseph Gillespie, February 1, 1802.
			Plat and survey of land in District of Concordia in favor of Joseph Gillespie, February 1, 1802; certified as "true copy" at land office, Opelousas, October 17, 1811.

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<b>A:68</b>	1	2	Petition of José (Joseph) Gillespie, stating that he was born in Natchez during Spanish period, is competent, and wants a grant of land; Vidal granted, February 9, 1802.
			Petition to Intendant by Matilda Gillespie stating that she was born in Natchez during Spanish period, is 18 years old, and wishes to establish herself where she now lives and asks for a grant of 400 arpents; Vidal certifies that she has many brothers and sisters and states that it would help her if the Governor General would grant her solicitation, February 9, 1802.
			Petition of Edmund Hanbury to the Intendant for a grant of land. He contributed his every effort to fighting the last fire and saved a government building from flames under the authorization of the Baron de Carondelet; petition referred to Morales, May 8, 1802.
			List of land signed by Gilbert Leonard and Carlos Ximenes, New Orleans, May 17, 1802.
			Certificate by Carlos Ximenes; signed by Morales, New Orleans, August 6, 1802.
	1	3	<b>Papers, January 1803-February 1810:</b>
			Receipt for five hundred dollars accountable in six months, A. Hunt; Fort Adams, Mississippi Territory, January 29, 1803.
			Transfer of land from Jacinta Gallagher to John Minor, October 8, 1803, and subsequent transfer to Samuel Davis, May 30, 1829. (2 copies)
			Transfer of land at Natchez from Margaret Gallagher to John Minor, October 8, 1803, and subsequent transfer of same to Samuel Davis, May 30, 1829. (copy)
			Transfer of three acres of land from Juan (John) Ramirez to Elisa Middleton at Concordia; signed by Joseph Vidal, October 8, 1803.
			Transfer of land from Thomas Thompson to John Minor, October 8, 1803, and subsequent transfer to Samuel Davis, May 30, 1829. (copy)
			Conveyance of land in Concordia from Edmund Hanbury to Laurence Mulligan, March 6, 1805. (copy)
			Conveyance of land from Eliza Middleton to Joseph Vidal, January 20, 1807. (2 copies)
			Donation by Mary Stuart of Concordia Parish of a partial lot to her daughter Elizabeth, April 10, 1809; certified copy March 31, 1838.



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	1	4	<b>Papers, September 1810-May 1811:</b>
			Note to Samuel Potter and William Page by Isaac and Sam Parkins of Natchez, September 11, 1810; several endorsements on back.
			Indenture, George Overacker, Adams County, Miss. Territory, to Jonathan Thompson, Oct. 1, 1810. (copy)
			Indenture, Conveyance of land, Robert Cochran, Claiborne County, Mississippi, to Jonathan Thompson, Natchez, March 15, 1811.
			Indenture, Conveyance of land from James and Hannah Huston, Concordia, Territory of Orleans, to Jonathan Thompson of Natchez, March 25, 1811.
			Commissioner's certificate of confirmation, settlement claim of "Hannah, a free negro woman," to land in Concordia Parish, Territory of La.; printed documents accomplished by hand, April 24, 1811.
			Memorandum of Lands confirmed to Joseph Vidal in the St. Helena District, and as yet unconfirmed lands in the Concordia District, April 27, 1811.
			Commissioner's certificate of confirmation for claim of John Perkins, land in Concordia Parish, April 27, 1811.
			Commissioner's certificate of confirmation for claim of Sarah Milligan for the Estate of Laurence Milligan to land in Concordia Parish, April 29, 1811.
			Commissioner's certificate of confirmation, claim of Joseph Gillespie and Matilda Gillespie, for land in Concordia Parish, May 3, 1811. [2 items]
			Commissioner's certificate of confirmation for claim of Matilda Gillespie to land in Concordia Parish, May 3, 1811; certified copy, February 26, 1812.
			Commissioner's certificate of confirmation, claim of William Gillespie for land in Concordia Parish, May 3, 1811.
	1	5	<b>Papers, May 1811-June 1812:</b>
			Commissioner's certificate of confirmation for settlement claim of "Victoria, a free negress," to land in Concordia Parish, printed document accomplished by hand, Territory of Louisiana, May 6, 1811.

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			Letter, William Gillespie to Vidal offering to sell him his farm, undated. [probably 1811]
			Indenture, Conveyance of land from William and John Gillespie to Joseph Vidal, February 25, 1812
			Indenture, Conveyance of land from William and Joseph Gillespie to Joseph Vidal; certified by Judge James Dunlap, March 19, 1812.
			Indenture, Conveyance of land from Patrick Vaughan and Matilda Gillespie Vaughan to Joseph Vidal, Concordia Parish, February 26, 1812; certified by Judge James Dunlap, March 19, 1812.
			Indenture, conveyance of land, Patrick Vaughan and Matilda Gillespie to Joseph Vidal, Concordia Parish, March 21, 1812. [notarized copy]
			Article of agreement between Thomas Humberson and Joseph Vidal to purchase a lot in Vidalia with plan of payment, March 20, 1812.
			Agreement between Thomas G. Humberson and Jacob Pool, June 8, 1812.
	1	6	<b>Papers, September 1812-December 1813:</b>
			Notices of claims filed in Land Office at Opelousas by various persons [John Akers, James Dunlap, Magdaline Fitzgerald, John Gomez, Peter Henero, Edward McCabe, Joseph Saxton, Mary Stewart] for land in Concordia Parish, September 24, 1812. [8 items]
			Receipt for Claims to Lots in Concordia, Sept. 24, 1812.
			Commissioner's Certificate of confirmation of claim of Bissante Irnandos filed in land office at Opelousas, September 24, 1812.
			Indenture, conveyance, Duncan McMillan to Charles McClean, November 30, 1812.
			Indenture, Conveyance, William Jennings to Jonathan Thompson, Natchez, March 1, 1813.
			Indenture and conveyance, James Dunlap of Concordia to Jonathan Thompson of Natchez, May 8, 1813.
			Deed of Conveyance for 320 acres of land, Elijah Rogers, December 17, 1813.

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<b>A:68</b>	1	6	Agreement, or memorandum, of mortgage of Joseph Vidal to secure notes with Thomas H. Williams, December 31, 1813; recorded March 24, 1814; paid in full statement by Samuel Davis, Nov. 1, 1830.
			Indenture [for agreement listed above] between Joseph Vidal and Thomas H. Williams describing a conveyance of Vidal's plantation and "slaves for life," December 31, 1813; incomplete agreement; lists twenty enslaved persons by age and name.
			Canceled notes [for debt listed above], Dec. 31, 1813; paid in full by Samuel Davis, Nov. 1, 1830. (2 items)
			Undated draft of a petition of Joseph Vidal to the "Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Louisiana" asking that his rights to operate a ferry between Natchez, MS, and Vidalia, LA, be protected; with corrections; 8pp. [probably 1813]
	1	7	<b>Papers, January 1814-February 1820:</b>
			Acknowledgment of sale to Manuel Garcia Texada by Joseph Vidal, January 3, 1814.
			Indenture and conveyance, Andrew and Mary Simmons to Samuel Davis, Natchez, Miss. Territory, Feb 2, 1814.
			Letter from William Lattimore to Charles Green telling him that he was unable to present Vidal's petition to the Committee on Public Lands, Amelia County, Virginia, March 16, 1815; recorded April 11, 1815.
			Indenture, Conveyance of land in the town of Vidalia by Sheriff Benjamin R. Reagan to James Dunlap; printed document accomplished by hand, January 30, 1816.
			Indenture, Conveyance of lands in Concordia, Louisiana from Curator of the McClain Estate, Norman McInnis, to Thomas Alexander, May 5, 1817.
			Statement of settlement between Luke Tiernan and Samuel Davis, Baltimore, June 10-12, 1817.
			Indenture, conveyance of land, James Dunlap, Executor for Magdaline Fitzgerald Estate, to Samuel Davis, Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, Jan. 1, 1818.
			Indenture, Conveyance of land, James Dunlap to Samuel Davis, Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, January 1, 1818; copy recorded March 28, 1838. (with seal)
			Conveyance of land, Joseph Tenada, Adams County, MS to Samuel Davis, Concordia Parish, State of Louisiana, February 20, 1818.

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<b>A:68</b>	1	7	Power of attorney from Joseph Vidal to his son-in-law Samuel Davis, May 16, 1818; recorded in Natchez, September 5, 1828.
			Agreement between Samuel Davis and Joseph Vidal, October 5, 1818; recorded April 16, 1819. (with seal)
			Indenture, Edward and Elizabeth Turner to Jonathan Thompson, Natchez, March 22, 1819; certified by Woodson Wren, clerk, May 12, 1819.
	1	8	<b>Papers, March 1820-May 1922:</b>
			Notes to Samuel Davis, Natchez, February 16, 1820, and March 11, 1820. (2 items)
			Instrument of Protest, Gabriel Tichenor, Natchez, Adams County, MS and the Bank of the State of Mississippi; notarized by Henry W. Huntington, March 28, 1820.
			Writ of Fieri Facias against the property of Joseph Vidal, Jr., by Walter S. Parker, Sheriff of Concordia Parish, for Elijah Smith, Curator of the William Gordon Forman Estate; subsequent purchase of said property made by Samuel Davis at public sale, May 1, 1820.
			Conveyance of land, Parish of Concordia, Samuel Davis and Joseph Vidal "held and firmly bound" by Walter S. Parker, May 1, 1820.
			Indenture, William Parker, Natchez, to Samuel Davis, Concordia Parish, Aug. 8, 1820; certified Sept. 12, 1820.
			Receipt for claim of land in Concordia Parish to James Dunlap, Land Office at Ouachita, October 21, 1820.
			Receipt from Turner and Metcalfe to Samuel Davis for notes received for collection, November 3, 1820.
			Bond, David Smith to Samuel Davis for payment of debt based on receiving expected compensation from state for life imprisonment of two enslaved persons, Parish of Concordia, November 16, 1820.
			Conveyance of Peter Little, Eliza Little and Alexander Stewart, heirs of Mary Stewart, to Samuel Davis, February 15, 1821; recorded April 2, 1838. (copy)
			Conveyance (deed), William Parker to Samuel Davis and Gamaliel Pease, December 10, 1821; recorded in Natchez, March 18, 1834.
			Power of attorney, Joseph Labadie to Ives Le Blanc, May 7, 1822; recorded April 26, 1834. (copy)
			Power of attorney, Maria C. Davis, Samuel Davis, and Joseph Vidal, Jr., to Joseph Vidal May 7, 1822; recorded April 26, 1834.

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<b>A:68</b>	1	8	Receipt from Land Office at Ouachita to Samuel Davis for pre-emption right to a tract of land, May 11, 1822. (copy)
			Deed, Joseph Vidal to Joseph Labadie, May 24, 1822; certified April 26, 1834. [3pp.] (copy)
	1	9	<b>Papers, August 1822-December 1823:</b>
			Indenture, Victoire Colomb, "a free woman of color," to Samuel Davis, August 30, 1822; certified "true copy," April 2, 1838.
			Draught note, Peter Yarnall to James McLure, regarding horse boats, October 5, 1822.
			Demand of Samuel Davis for payment of tuition to the Clerical Seminary at Barrens Perry Missionary in Missouri, October 10, 1822.
			List of accounts, Capt. Joseph Vidal and Samuel Davis, 1822-1824.
			Promissory note, John M. Parisot, February 12, 1823.
			Note, Joseph Morris to Jonathan Thompson, Natchez, Bank of the State of Mississippi, March 10, 1823; protested March 4, 1824. (copy, with seal)
			Title to Barnaby Langdon's patent for horse boat for Louisiana given to Samuel Davis by James McLure, agent for Peter Yarnall, March 10, 1823.
			Promissory note of Joseph Morris to Jonathan Thompson, March 10, 1823.
			Receipt, Joseph B. Neville and "sundry others" to Samuel Davis on behalf of Joseph Vidal, Concordia Parish, April 14, 1823.
			Memorandum of property of Joseph Vidal, July 7, 1823.
			Promissory note, Joseph Vidal to Sam Neal, Aug. 14, 1823.
			Right to construct horse boat on MS River, Barnabas Langdon to Samuel Davis, September 18, 1823.
			Bill from Evan Young to Samuel Davis of Natchez for horse ferry boat and four horses, December 20, 1823.
			Conveyance, property of Joseph Le Abadia (Labadie) to Samuel Davis by Walter S. Parker, Sheriff of Concordia Parish, December 27, 1823; certified "true copy," April 29, 1834.
<b>A:68</b>	1	10	<b>Papers, March 1824-June 1825:</b>
			"A just and faithful inventory and appraisement" of the Estate of Jonathan Thompson, March 20, 1824.

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<b>A:68</b>	1	10	Schedule of lands in Concordia Parish belonging to the Estate of Jonathan Thompson, April 20, 1824.
			Curatorship of Samuel Davis for the Estate of Jonathan Thompson, deceased, September 16, 1824. (with seal)
			The Estate of Jonathan Thompson to the Estate of John D. Cochran, September 28, 1824.
			Note, D. Lattimore to Samuel Davis, circa 1824.
			Note to Samuel Davis for the Estate of Jonathan Thompson for the purchase of four enslaved persons sold at public sale, Parish of Concordia, Jan. 6, 1825.
			Receipt of statement of claim of J.C. Williams against Estate of Jonathan Thompson, January 28, 1825.
			Process Verbal of the sale of landed property belonging to the Estate and Succession of Jonathan Thompson, February 22, 1825; certified October 1, 1825. (copy)
			Statement of bonds and cash received at sale of Jonathan Thompson Estate, Concordia Parish, February 22, 1825.
			Promissory note, Joseph B. Wilkinson to Samuel Davis, April 9, 1825.
			Account of Capt. Joseph Vidal to Samuel Davis, Vidalia, May 7, 1825.
			Bill, Joseph Sargeant to Samuel Davis, May 23, 1825.
			Promissory note, Joseph Vidal to Richard Clayne, June 14, 1825.
	1	11	<b>Papers, June 1825-April 1827:</b>
			Certification of sundry land claims in the town of Concordia, made at Land Office, Opelousas, June 25, 1825; certified "true copy." [with typed transcript]
			Memo of the state of Jonathan Thompson's Estate in Mississippi, J.C. Williams, November 30, 1825.
			Receipt of Samuel Davis of two claims against Jonathan Thompson Estate, Natchez, February 1, 1826.
			Deed, William Hill to David Wood, for tracts of land in Louisiana and Mississippi (near Vidalia) and 14 enslaved persons, May 1, 1826 (includes appointment of Samuel Davis as attorney for William Hill and wife Anna Eliza Scott); certified "true and complete copy," August 25, 1827. [7 pp.]
			Promissory note & Protest, William Hill to David Wood (executed by Samuel Davis on behalf of Hill Estate), May 1, 1826.
			David Wood to William Hill, statement on amount of cotton crop sold, July 29, 1826. (copy)

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<b>A:68</b>	1	11	Correspondence to Samuel Davis from Luke Tiernan & Sons, Baltimore re: note of D. Morris to Gabriel Wurles, August 22, 1826.
			Statement to Jonathan Thompson Estate, with estimate, January 6, 1827.
			Letters testamentary to Mrs. A.E. [Anna Eliza] Hill as Executor of William Hill Estate; printed form accomplished by hand, Parish of Orleans, Feb. 23, 1827. (with seal)
			Note, S. Scoville to Samuel Davis, April 7, 1827.
	1	12	<b>Papers, January 1828-November 1829:</b>
			Receipt, Calvin Smith to Samuel Davis for Josiah Morris Estate, Concordia, January 10, 1828.
			Notices of Public Sales of land in Concordia for unpaid state taxes by Francis Gardere, Treasurer of The State of Louisiana; land purchased by L.C. Duncan, March 29, 1828. (5 items)
			Mortgage, Adam Bower and wife Eliza of Adams County, Mississippi, to Joseph Vidal, May 6, 1828.
			Receipt, Gabriel Tichenor to Samuel Davis, May 1828.
			Fee bill to Estate of Josiah Morris from Judge Robert Ogden, June 10, 1828.
			Statement, Josiah Morris Estate in account with Samuel Davis, June 10, 1828.
			Note, Samuel Davis for remainder on Estate of Josiah Morris, Natchez, February 3, 1829.
			Bill and receipt, James Watson for B.G. Tenney to Samuel Davis for Josiah Morris and Charles Patterson Estates, March 4, 1829.
			Exposé of the affairs of the Bank of the State of Mississippi, May 1, 1829.
			Letter from William Wilson to Samuel Davis, Natchez, regarding financial matters, November 25, 1829.
<b>A:69</b>	2	1	<b>Papers, May 1830-November 1832:</b>
			Copy of a memorandum of Joseph Vidal's lands in Baton Rouge and Bayou Sarah to Samuel Davis, May 7, 1830.
			Indenture, Sale of Pew No. 34 in Trinity Church in Natchez to Samuel Davis by Estate of James Moore, May 29, 1830.
			Receipt from Joseph Friend to John Fletcher on behalf of Ayres P. Merrill for purchase price of land, entered at Land Office, Ouachita, November 23, 1830.

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A:69	2	1	Receipt from Joseph Friend to John Ker for purchase price of land, entered at Land Office, Ouachita, November 23, 1830.
			Receipts from Joseph Friend to Ayres P. Merrill for purchase price of land, entered at Land Office, Ouachita, November 26, 1830. (2 items)
			Mortgage of Joseph Vidal to Thomas H. Williams, December 10, 1830.
			Letter from John Ker to Samuel Davis relating to land in Lake Concordia, Natchez, December 27, 1830.
			Exposé of the affairs of the Bank of the State of Mississippi, March 31, 1831.
			Indenture, deed of land from John Ker to Samuel Davis, Parish of Concordia, April 16, 1831.
			Letter from Martin W. Ewing to Samuel Davis regarding the sale of land on Lake Concordia, May 23, 1831.
			Indenture, deed of land from A.P. (Ayers P.) Merrill to Samuel Davis, Parish of Concordia, June 10, 1831; recorded March 28, 1838.
			Receipt from Samuel Davis, Curator of Josiah Morris Estate, to Calvin Smith; signed by B.G. Tenney, Natchez, June 11, 1831.
			Receipt from Samuel Davis, Curator of Josiah Morris Estate, for notice in <i>Natchez Gazette</i> ; signed by A. Maywalk, Natchez, June 11, 1831.
			Indenture, deed of land from Martin and Ann Ewing to Samuel Davis, Parish of Concordia, April 18, 1832; recorded March 28, 1838.
			Receipt to Samuel Davis, for Joseph Vidal, from Fletcher Dunn, July 11, 1832.
			Indenture, deed of land to Samuel Davis for the lands of Silas Dinsmore, purchased at public auction; signed by Sheriff Walter Bynes, Parish of Concordia, Nov.1, 1832.
			Indenture, deed of land to Samuel Davis for the lands of Augustine Guinard, purchased at public auction; signed by Sheriff Walter Bynes, Parish of Concordia, November 1, 1832; recorded December 30, 1834.
	2	2	<b>Papers, January-December 1833:</b>
			Indenture, deed of land from John Perkins, Adams County, MS, to Samuel Davis, January 25, 1833, Parish of Concordia; recorded March 27, 1838. (copy)
			Indenture, deed of land from Ayres P. (A.P.) Merrill to Samuel Davis, Parish of Concordia, February 10, 1833.



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			Indenture, deed of land from Seth Purl to Samuel Davis, Parish of Concordia, April 5, 1833. (copy)
			Receipt, Ann Reid to Samuel Davis, July 5, 1833.
			Receipts to William Murphy Beal, Miley Davis, Malcolm Gilchrist, Robert John Walker, Thomas G. Ellis, Robert Jemison, Joseph A. Young, etc., purchase price of lands entered at Land Office, Chocchuma, Miss., Oct 1833-Feb 1834; transferred to William M. Gwin and Samuel Davis, Aug 20, 1836. (24 items)
			Appointment of Samuel Davis as Curator for the Estate of Jonathan Thompson, State of La., Parish of Concordia; printed form accomplished by hand, November 25, 1833.
			Receipt of Samuel Davis for 600 dollars for enslaved person named John, December 18, 1833.
			Receipt of Samuel Davis for two enslaved males, "Moses," 26 years old and "Charles," 20 years old, December 23, 1833.
	2	3	<b>Papers, January-December 1834:</b>
			Receipt for land sale to Samuel Davis from Henry Chotard, Natchez, January 9, 1834.
			Receipts from William Murphy Beal for purchase price of lands; entered at Land Office, Chocchuma, MS, March 13-December 6, 1834; transferred to Samuel Davis, March-December 1836. [16 items]
			Survey of land of William Gillespie from Opelousas Land Office, March 14, 1834. (copy)
			Deed of Renunciation of Christopher A. Parker, New Orleans, in favor of Samuel Davis of Natchez, with title of land, March 14, 1834.
			Mortgage of Samuel Davis to the Mechanics and Traders' Bank of New Orleans, May 2, 1834, Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana. (certified copy)
			Agreement, land sale, Samuel Davis to Edward Sparrow, July 8, 1834.
			Promissory note, Natchez, Samuel A. Plummer to Samuel Davis, September 22, 1834.
			Transfer of land, Henry Chotard to Samuel Davis, December 15, 1834. (certified true copy, June 14, 1852)
			Receipt to Samuel Davis from Thomas B. Small for sale of 10 enslaved persons for \$7,250, December 18, 1834.

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<b>A:69</b>	2	3	"Articles of Agreement" between John Bell and Robert Gordon and Samuel Davis, Peter Laprice, and James Wilkins to purchase Chickasaw Reservation lands; Davis to furnish funds for parties of second part to do the exploration, City of Natchez, December 20, 1834.
	2	4	<b>Papers, January 1835-April 1836:</b>
			John F. Whiting to Thomas Blackey, Natchez, MS. Sale of Sarah, enslaved woman, for \$650. January 20, 1835.
			Receipt, payment by Samuel Davis for 1833 taxes on F.S. Girault Estate, January 27, 1835.
			Miscellaneous bills and receipts, Henry Vidal, Natchez, March 24-August 1835. [4 items]
			Check from Planters Bank of Natchez to Samuel Davis for \$300, April 9, 1835.
			Miscellaneous bills and receipts, Samuel Davis, Natchez, May 5-June 8, 1835. [3 items]
			Bill of sale of enslaved persons purchased by Samuel Davis from Richardson and Franklin, Co., Natchez, May 13, 1835. [typed copy]
			Resolution making Samuel Davis agent of Planters Bank of Natchez to transact business with banks in New York and Philadelphia, June 18, 1835.
			Account of Jonathan Thompson Estate, appointment of Samuel Davis as curator, State of Louisiana, Parish of Concordia, printed and accomplished by hand, June 22, 1835. (2 copies)
			Indenture between Mary L. Ross, wife of A. B. Ross, and Samuel Davis, for a parcel of land in the Parish of Concordia, July 14, 1835.
			Promissory note, C.W. Middleton to John Hill, transferred to Samuel Davis, October 8, 1835.
			Receipt, sale of 8 enslaved persons for \$4,735 to Samuel Davis from James A. Tucker, Natchez, November 25, 1835. [with names and ages of the enslaved listed]
			Promissory note to Samuel Davis, Vidalia, March 1, 1836.
			Letter, A.& J. Dennistonn & Co. to Samuel Davis regarding land speculation, New Orleans, April 17, 1836.
			Bill and receipt, Henry Vidal, April 23, 1836.
			Confirmation of land sale from William M. Beal to Samuel Davis and William M. Gwin, 38 parcels of land, 4,810 28/100 acres in all for \$4 per acre, notarized April 27, 1836.

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A:69	2	4	Articles of Agreement, Dr. William M. Gwin, Sam Davis, William C. Mylne, & George B. Milligan, April 27, 1836.
	2	5	<b>Papers, May-October 1836:</b>
			Letter, A & J Dennistonn and Co. to Samuel Davis regarding land speculation, New Orleans, May 5, 1836.
			Agreement among William Gwin and Samuel Davis of Natchez, George Milligan and William C. Mylne of New Orleans, and Robert H. Stirling of Tallahatchie County, Miss. for purposes of land speculation, May 11, 1836.
			Document appointing Samuel Davis as guardian of the children of William Bullett, deceased, May 12, 1836.
			Bills of exchange, Samuel Davis and William M. Gwin, Little Rock and Helena Ark., May 14-21, 1836. [5 items]
			Receipt for payment of note for "sundry tracts of land," from Vidal Estate, Samuel Davis and Lucius C. Duncan, May 26, 1836.
			Bills of exchange, Samuel Davis and William M. Gwin, Little Rock, Helena, & Fayetteville, Arkansas, June 1-August 10, 1836. [8 items]
			Miscellaneous bill to Carradine Newman, June 15, 1836.
			Promissory note, June 19, 1836, owed to Gwin, Milligan, Mylne, and Davis, due 12 months hence (with attached protest, June 19, 1837, when note not paid).
			Receipt from Samuel Davis, five notes as settlement for lands bought on joint account, from W.M. Beal and resold to Ives & Ringold, June 19, 1836.
			Promissory note, Joseph Davis to Samuel Davis, \$1,500 (no interest), June 21, 1836.
			Letter from Samuel Gwin to Honorable E. A. Brown, regarding transfer of land certificates from William M. Beal to William M. Gwin and Samuel Davis, New Orleans, August 20, 1836.
			Copy of conveyance of the Pittsfield Plantation and 35 enslaved persons [ages and names listed], from Ayers P. Merrill to Samuel Davis, Parish of Concordia, State of La., September 22, 1836.
			Miscellaneous receipt to Jacob Forsyth for Vidalia Tavern bill, October 14, 1836.
	2	6	<b>Papers, November 1836-December 1837:</b>
			Bill to H. B. [Henry] Vidal, Philadelphia, Nov 17, 1836.
			Promissory note, Agricultural Bank of Miss., from James H. Griffin (assumed by Samuel Davis), Dec. 5, 1836.

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<b>A:69</b>	2	6	Bills of sale for enslaved persons with names and ages listed, Natchez, 1836. [7 items]
			Empty envelopes, or cover, 1836. [2 items]
			Note of lawyer, H. S. Eustis, that he has received 4 notes for collection, January 9, 1837.
			Certification signed by Charles Lynch, Secretary of State for Mississippi stating that Nicholas McDougal was a Justice of the Peace for Claiborne County (MS), January 20, 1837.
			Bill of exchange, Henry Vidal to Samuel Davis, \$17, February 5, 1837.
			Receipt from S. Hanks for \$100 from R.H. Stirling for information on a valuable cypress swamp near Yalobusha River, February 28, 1837.
			Receipts from Samuel Davis for purchase price of lands entered at Land Office, Chocchuma, MS, February 28, 1837. [3 items]
			Note on debts, March 24, 1837.
			Bill of sale of 2 enslaved persons, "Joe, aged about 14, and Catherine, aged about 14, Slaves for Life" to Samuel Davis, March 25, 1837.
			Enclosure of receipts, Chocchuma, MS, April 1837.
			Resolved that Samuel Davis, one of the Directors of the Planters Bank of Natchez, be authorized to contract for a quantity not exceeding two thousand bales of cotton, May 22, 1837.
			Certificates of land grants to Samuel Davis, signed by President Martin Van Buren June 15-August 5, 1837. [6 items]
			Sale of enslaved persons after advertising in the <i>Courier and Journal</i> , Natchez, August 5, 1837.
			Promissory note signed by Samuel Davis and John Quitman, Natchez, December 8, 1837. [printed form]
	2	7	<b>Papers, 1837-October 1838:</b>
			Currency issued by the Mississippi and Alabama Railroad Co., 1837-1838. [10 items]
			Land plat and certificate of survey signed by Surveyor General of Louisiana H.T. Williams, Donaldsonville, January 3, 1838.
			Promissory note to Samuel Davis in the amount of \$1,140, Natchez, January 25, 1838.
			Promissory note by Henry Vidal to E. W. Thomas in the amount of \$212, February 28, 1838.

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A:69	2	7	Note re: deeding of lands owned by Samuel Davis and William Gwin to John Read, Chocchuma Land District of MS, March 6, 1838.
			Note cosigned by Samuel Davis in the amount of \$3,300, April 19, 1838.
			Extract from Minutes, Planters Bank of Natchez, establishing Samuel Davis as an agent to negotiate interest for the bank and terms of his compensation, May 16, 1838.
			Letter from H.T. Williams re: survey of Lands in Joseph Vidal tract owned by Samuel Davis, May 25, 1838.
			Planters Bank of Natchez, letters of resolutions regarding sale of bonds to Bank of America and Samuel Davis as agent, June 7, 1838.
			Promissory note for borrowed shares of Planters Bank stock owned by Samuel Davis, Natchez, June 13, 1838.
			Letter re: \$2 million loan to be negotiated by Samuel Davis from Planters Bank of Natchez, June 15, 1838.
			Extract from Minutes, Planters Bank of Natchez, regarding engraving of official signature, June 20, 1838.
			Letter detailing \$2 million loan negotiation by Samuel Davis from Planters Bank of Natchez, July 7, 1838.
			Check drawn on Planters Bank of Natchez by J. D. Mandeville payable to Samuel Davis in the amount of \$300, July 9, 1838.
			Extract from Minutes, Planters Bank of Natchez, authorizes Samuel Davis to enact a loan of \$500,000 on 1 & 2 years. Includes authorization to enact loans in England or other foreign markets, if necessary, August 21, 1838. (2 copies)
			Memorandum of Lands regarding William and Mary Gwin, October 26, 1838.
	2	8	<b>Papers, January-December 1839:</b>
			Request for Samuel Davis to pay debt of \$50 to Henry Vidal, January 15, 1839.
			Bill, to Henry Vidal for clothing at D.H. Mobley & Co.(?), Natchez, January 1839.
			Letter authorizing Samuel Davis as trustee to transfer stocks from Planters to Commercial Bank, both at Natchez, signed by C. L. Wilkins, February 16, 1839.
			Bill of sale of enslaved persons purchased by Samuel Davis from Richardson and Franklin, Co., Natchez, February 19, 1839. (original & typed transcript)

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<b>A:69</b>	2	8	Letter from Ferdinand Bastick giving Canadine permission to sell Keziah, an 18-year-old enslaved girl, Yazoo County, Miss., March 7, 1839.
			Bill of sale and receipt for two enslaved men, Jim, 35 years old, and Larry, 26 years old, Benjamin Osborn of Kentucky to Samuel Davis, Natchez, March 11, 1839.
			Receipt, Ferdinand Bastick to Samuel Davis for enslaved girl Keziah, March 13, 1839.
			Letter from William M. Gwin giving William Parker the authorization to sell enslaved persons on his behalf, April 4, 1839.
			Receipt for "light-yellow man, 22 years old, named John Harry," purchased by Samuel Davis from William Parker, April 5, 1839.
			Statement regarding loan owed by William Parker, et al. April 5, 1839.
			Note from Planters Bank of Natchez for \$200 to Henry Vidal, signed by Samuel Davis, April 11, 1839.
			Receipt for \$200 on tract of land owned by Joseph Vidal, April 17, 1839.
			Deed, James R. Perkins and wife, to Mary B. Perkins to Samuel Davis, Concordia Parish, May 13, 1839.
			Deed of trust of Frederick Stanton to Adolphe A. Lacoste, May 13, 1839. (copy)
			Certificate of Deposit for \$5,500 plus \$2,500 from The Brandon Bank (MS), May 13, 1839.
			Promissory note from Henry Vidal, \$184 for clothing, Natchez, June 14, 1839.
			Promissory note, Henry Vidal, September 25, 1839.
			Receipt of \$8,000 for Certificate of Deposit on The Brandon Bank, property of Samuel Davis, Dec 3, 1839.
			Land plat for Samuel Davis lands along Lake Concordia, circa 1839.
	2	9	<b>Papers, January 1840-December 1841:</b>
			Letters from General Land Office Solicitors Bureau pertaining to old Spanish claim of Joseph Vidal, January 9 and 13, 1840. (2 items)
			Memo to Samuel Davis with instructions re: Surveyor General's survey of Vidal property, January 13, 1840.
			Stock certificate to Samuel Davis for 60 shares, Agricultural Bank of Mississippi, Natchez, Feb. 6, 1840.
			Receipt to Samuel Davis, Agent for Ann E. Hill (Mrs. John Montgomery Bell), for notes, February 12, 1840.

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<b>A:69</b>	2	9	Receipt, William B. Sessions and Joseph L. Friend, re: land on Mississippi River, February 24, 1840.
			Receipt from Henry Vidal to Samuel Davis for \$150, February 24, 1840.
			Stock certificate, The Commercial Bank of Natchez, March 25, 1840.
			Bill of Exchange, Samuel Davis and L. Julienne of Jonas & Cosseus, Natchez, March 27, 1840.
			Promissory note, Horace B. Barbour to Samuel Davis, Vidalia, September 22, 1840.
			Note to King and Wilson regarding \$1,200 in bank notes and two Certificates of Deposit, Brandon Bank, November 11, 1840.
			Bill of sale of 4 enslaved persons from A.P. Merrill to Samuel Davis for \$3,200, Natchez, April 29, 1841.
			Bill of sale of 5 enslaved persons: Edmund (30), Edmonia (11), Ann (4), George (2), and Simeon (50) to Samuel Davis, Planters Bank Natchez, May 1, 1841.
			Memorandum of land receipts from Samuel Davis, June 6, 1841.
			Demand against estate of James H. Claiborne by Samuel Davis in the amount of \$23,750, June 14, 1841.
			Certificate of land grant to Samuel Davis signed by President John Tyler, November 25, 1841.
			Statement of lands in Ark. and Miss. on account with Samuel Davis and William M. Gwin, Nov. 30, 1841.
			Letter, A & J Denniston & Co., New Orleans, to Samuel Davis, re: transfer of Ark. lands to trustees John Slidell, Thomas Slidell, and William Byrd Page, Dec 3, 1841.
	2	10	<b>Papers, January 1842-February 1845:</b>
			Memo to Samuel Davis, Power of Attorney for Eliza Gill, Natchez, January 5, 1842.
			Letter from A & J Denniston & Co., New Orleans, to Samuel Davis regarding land speculation in Arkansas, January 11, 1842.
			Receipt for \$9,233.33 from Samuel Davis, Executor of an estate, signed by Stephen Duncan, June 29, 1842.
			Promissory notes from L. Julienne to Samuel Davis, September 1, 1842. (12 items)
			Certificates of land grants on behalf of Ayres P. (A.P.) Merrill of Concordia Parish, signed by President John Tyler, December 30, 1842. (2 items)

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			Deed for lands of Frederick Stanton assigned to Stephen Duncan as a consequence of bankruptcy, Adams County, MS, April 27, 1843.
			Bill of sale of enslaved male, Washington, from James A. Tucker to Samuel Davis, Vidalia, May 17, 1843.
			Miscellaneous receipt, J. F. Lewis, May 1843.
			Receipt, S. Davis, on behalf of J.H. Claiborne, to Montgomery & Boyd for \$23,750, June 19, 1843.
			Receipt, James A. Tucker for collection of L. Julienne's notes payable to Samuel Davis, July 25, 1843.
			Receipt, Samuel Davis, for collection on two notes made by William Parker and William M. Gwin, February 22, 1845.
	2	11	<b><u>Papers, March 1846-December 1852:</u></b>
			Bill due for \$50 to Samuel Davis from John Guice, Natchez, March 27, 1846.
			Deed, Anna M. Linton to Samuel M. Davis, Natchez, May 20, 1846.
			Deed, Sheriff of Concordia Parish to Samuel Davis for William Nichols' land, June 10, 1846. (copy).
			Sale of land by Judah P. Benjamin to Samuel Davis, City of New Orleans, August 5, 1846.
			Sale of land by Gabriel B. Shields to Samuel Davis, Parish of Concordia, June 23, 1847. (copy)
			Agreement for two shares to Samuel Davis, Louisville, Nashville, and New Orleans Telegraph Co., April 28, 1848.
			List of miscellaneous notes, February 1, 1848, to November 21, 1849 [3 items].
			Deed of gift, Stephen Duncan and his wife Catherine A. to their daughter Charlotte B. Davis, Holly Ridge Plantation and 100 enslaved people [w/names listed], June 6, 1850.
			Miscellaneous note for \$50, June 9, 1850. [on reverse: Forwarded to Samuel Davis by G.C.M. Whitney, Baton Rouge, due \$240 for collection on Joseph Vidal's land to be paid to W. Jackson's office, New Orleans, 1852.]
			Deed from Stephen Duncan and his wife Catherine A. to Samuel Davis, January 30, 1852.
			Sheriff's deed, lands of John and Mary Ker to Samuel Davis, Concordia Parish, April 1, 1852.



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<b>A:69</b>	2	11	Miscellaneous receipt, Samuel Davis and H.S. Eustis, May 10, 1852.
			Letter from Hermitage Plantation signed by James Foster, September 24, 1852.
			Receipt for Samuel Davis in the amount of \$40 from A. F. Wood, Natchez, December 13, 1852.
	3	1	<b>Papers, January 1853-December 1856:</b>
			Miscellaneous calculations, January 1, 1853.
			Sale of cotton plantation, Lake Place, consisting of 528 acres and 50 enslaved people, from James Brown to Samuel Davis for \$67,400, Concordia Parish, January 29, 1853. [Lists enslaved names and ages]
			Letter from Francis Surget (Sr.) authorizing Eustace Surget to accept a deed for Palestine Plantation in Concordia Parish, January 3, 1854.
			Last will and testament of Francis A. Surget, Sr., of Adams County, Mississippi, June 6, 1854.
			Letter, H.B. Shaw to Francis Surget re: settlement of Surget's estate and financial assistance to wife, Mrs. [Eliza] Surget after his death, January 25, 1855.
			Letter, Jonathan Gillmore, regarding land location, Concordia Parish, June 1, 1855.
			Letter, H. B. Shaw to Francis Surget regarding a loan of \$3,500 plus interest, Vidalia, La., June 11, 1855.
			Land transfer, Stephen Duncan and Catherine A. Duncan to Samuel M. Davis, May 14, 1856.
			Last will & testament, Francis Surget (Sr.), May 29, 1856.
			Certificate stating that a full and final settlement has been made of all business and pecuniary transactions between H. B. Shaw (on account of D. Lattimore) with Francis Surget, Sr., Natchez, September 9, 1856.
			Note from Luke P. Blackburn of Natchez proclaiming to the heirs of Francis Surget his willingness to pardon "his [Surget's] negroes now in the Louisiana Penitentiary," with compensation demanded, December 23, 1856.
	3	2	<b>Papers, March-December 1857:</b>
			Note to W.A. Britton & Co., to pay \$13 to A.C. Holt, signed by Surget estate, Natchez, March 15, 1857.
			Report from the Commissioners appointed by the Trustees of Francis Surget to examine and appraise the lands belonging to the estate in Arkansas, also contains miscellaneous receipt for \$1,533, December 2, 1847.

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A:69	3	2	Letter, D. Brinton to Francis Surget regarding land, December 16, 1857.
			Lists and descriptions of land in various Arkansas counties owned by Surget and Ker, with appraisal information, December 1857. (13 items)
	3	3	<b>Papers, February 1858-December 1860:</b>
			Note to Francis Surget, Jr. from H. Hams noting Eustace Surget got 5 plows and 4 sets of mules, Feb. 6, 1858.
			Note to Samuel Davis, lists of various requisitions, May 3, 1858.
			Letter to Samuel Davis re: enclosing \$5,000 in five \$1,000 certificates each payable in 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862, and 1863. July 1, 1858.
			Report on land sales in Arkansas by George Hancock, agent for Francis and Eustace Surget, January 15, 1859.
			Bill from surveyor's office for \$28, January 19, 1859.
			Memo of notes to Surget that were destroyed by the destruction of the Clerk's Office in Monroe County (Ark.), February 2, 1859.
			Bill and receipt for \$43 to Col. Hancock, agent for Surget's estate, February 19, 1859.
			Account of sales of Surget lands in Arkansas, George Hancock, March 25, 1859.
			List of lands sold for levee taxes in 1858, April 4, 1859.
			Boyd Bailey, Miles Knowlton, and Thomas Hawkins swear to appraise the lands fairly belonging to the heirs of Francis Surget, May 7, 1859.
			Tax receipts of heirs of Surget estate (Francis and Eustace), October 11, 1859.
			Deed, transfer of land from Peter W. and Martha A. Halloran to Francis and Eustace Surget, Surget estate heirs, Monroe County, Arkansas, November 8, 1859.
			Tax receipts, Sheriff's Office to Surget estate heirs for payment of \$401.50 and \$220, Phillips County, Ark. November 26, 1859. [2 items]
			Statement of sales by George Hancock, agent of Francis and Eustace Surget, January 31, 1860.
			Tax notice from Sheriff's Office, Vidalia, for "Pittsfield," owned by Samuel Davis and consisting of 2,325 acres and 164 enslaved people, January 1860.
			Tax notice from Sheriff's Office, Vidalia, for "Mirven," owned by Samuel Davis and consisting of 1,545 acres and 168 enslaved people, January 1860.

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<b>A:69</b>	3	3	Receipt for \$1,100 from Executors of Francis Surget estate, July 12, 1860.
			Receipt for mattress and labor, \$12 from Dr. Robert Carter to Leon Hudson(?), November 1860.
			Statement of account of Francis Surget, Esq., with Washington Jackson & Co., New Orleans, November 10, 1860.
			Receipt, George Hancock to Surget Estate for two notes for \$2,291, Natchez, December 30, 1860.
			Empty envelope labeled "Levee Scrip" and addressed to Dr. Robert Carter, Concordia Parish, and five certificates for \$392, each payable with interest, circa 1860.
			Envelope, James Jackson of Liverpool (England) to Dr. Robert Carter, probably 1860.
	3	4	<b>Papers, January 1861-February 1862:</b>
			Statement of account, Vidalia Plantation (Dr. Robert Carter) with William H. Fox, merchant, January 1, 1861.
			Deed of Conveyance for lands in Issaquena County (MS) by James H. Moore and wife Mary L. of Mercer County (KY) to Samuel Davis, January 2, 1861.
			Statement of account of Lake Plantation with H. L. Wilson and Co., January 3, 1861.
			Statement of account of Vidalia Plantation with H. L. Wilson and Co., January 3, 1861.
			Receipt, funds deposited in trust for Charlotte B. Davis & children by Dr. Stephen Duncan, Natchez, Jan. 9, 1861.
			Statement of account of Vidalia Plantation, Dr. Robert Carter with I. S. Meng Co., January 14, 1861.
			Statement of account of Lake Plantation, Dr. Robert Carter with I. S. Meng. Co., January 14, 1861.
			Statement of account, Francis Surget with Washington, Jackson, & Co., New Orleans, January 15-16, 1861. [2 items]
			Statement of account, Francis Surget with W. J. & Co., March 25, 1861.
			Statement of account, Dr. Robert Carter with A. L. Wilson & Co., April 17, 1861.
			Statement of account, Francis Surget with W. J. & Co., April 23, 1861.
			Statement of account, Francis Surget with W. J. & Co., June 5, 1861.
			Letter, James A. Jackson & Co., to Dr. Robert Carter, Liverpool (England), June 15, 1861.

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<b>A:69</b>	3	4	Statement, Dr. Robert Carter with James A. Jackson & Co., Liverpool (England), June 15, 1861.
			Bill for lumber, Dr. Carter, Natchez, July 2, 1861.
			Statement of account, Dr. Robert Carter with William H. Fox & Co., July 15, 1861.
			Promissory note to Samuel Davis, July 20, 1861.
			Invoice for Robert Carter (Vidalia Plantation), to W. J. & Co., from R. G. Latting and Co., New Orleans, September 16, 1861.
			Invoice for Robert Carter to W. J. & Co., from W. L. Lanier and Co., September 16, 1861.
			Statement of account, Francis Surget with W. J. & Co., September 17, 1861.
	3	5	<b>Papers, October 1861-February 1862:</b>
			Receipt for \$600 wages paid by Dr. Carter to Elijah Smith, October 1, 1861.
			Receipt from Dr. Carter to James A. Pickett for some type of machine, Natchez, October 23, 1861.
			Receipt for Dr. Carter of partial payment for a small carriage, October 23, 1861.
			Promissory note to J. E. (Jesse Edwin) Pardee, carriage merchant, signed by Dr. Robert Carter, Natchez, October 23, 1861.
			Letter, Elijah Smith to Dr. Carter, October 27, 1861.
			Miscellaneous receipt for \$600 to Dr. Carter from William Thomas, November 6, 1861.
			Promissory note for \$300 to William Thomas from Dr. Carter, Natchez, November 6, 1861.
			Statement of account, Dr. Carter with Thomas C. Reddy, dry goods merchant, Natchez, November 13, 1861.
			Statement of account, Dr. Carter with W. J. & Co., November 15, 1861.
			Letter, J. Norman Jackson to Dr. Carter regarding his correspondence to foreign entities and the state of commerce in New Orleans, November 16, 1861.
			Statement of account, Robert Carter with J. Norman Jackson, November 16, 1861.
			Invoice to J. Norman Jackson for Dr. Robert Carter, from W. L. Lanier & Co., November 21, 1861.
			Promissory note, Robert Carter to Eugene David, Parish of Concordia, November 23, 1861.
			Miscellaneous receipt for \$4, Mrs. [Pauline] Carter, Natchez, December 4, 1861.

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A:69	3	5	Receipt for hair mattress and feather pillow, Dr. Carter, Natchez, December 14, 1861.
			Statement of taxes due by Samuel Davis on land and personal property in Issaquena County, Miss., for 1861.
			Empty envelope, circa 1861.
			Receipt, Robert Carter, \$180 for 15 sows and 90 pigs, January 25, 1862.
			Tax notice to Dr. Robert Carter noting property taxes owed for "Vidalia," 1,050 acres and 114 enslaved people, and "Lake," 854 acres and 76 enslaved people, sheriff's office, Vidalia, January 1862.
			Sale, 262 bales of cotton, Dr. Robert Carter, Feb. 6, 1862.
			Statement of account, Dr. Robert Carter with Chas Green & Co., \$244.25 for coal, February 7, 1862.
			Statement of account, Robert Carter with E. B. Baker & Co., February 10, 1862.
			Receipt, Dr. Robert Carter from I. S. Meng & Co., February 10, 1862.
			Receipt for wages, Elizabeth Marks, February 10, 1862.
			Miscellaneous receipt, Robert Carter from P. A. Barker, Natchez, February 11, 1862
			Statement of account, Dr. Robert Carter with E. Kibbe, February 11, 1862.
			Statement of account, J. Norman Jackson (for R. Carter) with Eaton & Betterton, New Orleans, Feb. 13, 1862.
			Statement of account, J. Norman Jackson (for Robert Carter), with J. A. Haggerty & Co., New Orleans, February 13, 1862.
	3	6	<b>Papers, February-December 1862:</b>
			Miscellaneous receipt for \$64, Dr. Carter, Feb. 17, 1862.
			Statement of account, Robert Carter with A & W.C. Wheelock, February 17, 1862.
			Miscellaneous receipt, Dr. Carter from William H. Fox & Co., February 17, 1862
			Statement of account, Vidalia Plantation (Carter) with William H. Fox & Co., February 17, 1862.
			Statement of account, Robert Carter with Thomas C. Reddy & Co., dry goods, Natchez, February 18, 1862.
			Statement of account, Dr. Carter with G. B. Churchill & Co., The Natchez Iron Foundry, February 18, 1862.
			Misc. receipt to Dr. Carter for \$25.50, Feb 18, 1862.
			Bill to Dr. Carter from Walker & Collins, Natchez, February 18, 1862.

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<b>A:69</b>	3	6	Receipt for \$175, Dr. Carter, Natchez, Feb 22, 1862.
			Miscellaneous receipt, Dr. Carter from E. Boyd, Natchez, February 24, 1862.
			Receipt, R. Carter to Police Jury, Vidalia, Feb. 28, 1862.
			Miscellaneous receipt to Dr. Carter from A & W.C. Wheelock, March 5, 1862.
			Miscellaneous receipt, to Robert Carter from Robert Hearne(?), March 5, 1862.
			Miscellaneous receipts: Elizabeth Weeks for wages, Thomas Henderson & Co., and Livingston & Roundtree, March 6, 1862. [3 items]
			Statement of account, Dr. Carter with Thomas C. Reddy & Co., dry goods, Natchez, March 18, 1862.
			Statement of account, Dr. Carter with J. Mayer & Son, March 20, 1862.
			Bill for \$100 to Dr. Carter from A.S. Bingman, March 26, 1862.
			Receipt, Dr. Carter, for lumber, Natchez, March 28, 1862.
			Certificate of Proof of payment of taxes, Estate of Francis Surget, March 29, 1862.
			Statement of account, Dr. Carter with Hewit & Coulson, Natchez, March 29, 1862.
			Receipt, Dr. Robert Carter from Mr. W. Morehead, \$200 to buy beef in Texas, April 1, 1862.
			Miscellaneous receipt, Dr. Carter and P.A. Barker, Natchez, April 5, 1862.
			Statement of account, Dr. Carter with A. J. Postlethwaite (dry goods merchant), Natchez, April 12, 1862.
			Receipt, Dr. Carter to J. E. Pardee, Natchez carriage merchant, \$225 for "Shanghai Buggy," April 22, 1862.
			Miscellaneous receipt, Dr. Carter from A & W. C. Wheelock, April 26, 1862.
			Miscellaneous note, Dr. Carter with Charles Green, paid, April 26, 1862.
			Statement of account, Dr. Carter with George MacPherson, jewelry merchant, Natchez, April 30, 1862.
			Statement of account, Dr. Carter w/Forbes, May 10, 1862.
			Declaration by Concordia Parish Treasurer to Samuel Davis to pay \$100 for bounty due to Owen McDonald for service in "Davis Guards," CSA, May 12, 1862.
			Promissory note for \$25 to Samuel M. Davis from William S. Lyle, June 3, 1862.
			List of currency received by A.J. Gillespie for accounts of J.W. Rodgers and Samuel M. Davis, June 13, 1862.

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<b>A:69</b>	3	6	War Tax receipt in the amount of \$630 for 1861, to Samuel Davis, June 25, 1862.
			Miscellaneous statement, Dr. Robert Carter with E. B. Mezeix, July 18, 1828.
			Receipt for \$125 for five beef cattle to Dr. Robert Carter, Vidalia, September 23, 1862.
			Receipt for soda, to Mrs. [Pauline] Carter from F.C. Lewis, October 14, 1862.
			Statement of account, Robert Carter with James A. Jackson, October 11, 1862.
			Memorandum of an agreement between Robert Carter and Frederick Scheuber to act as a substitute in the Confederate service [w/newspaper clippings attached], October 23, 1862.
			Statement in account Robert Carter with W. T. Welden, Natchez, November 15, 1862.
			Statement of account, Robert Carter with James Canadine, November 17, 1862.
			Receipt for \$518 for 14 beef cattle to Robert Carter from M. Paul, Natchez, November 17, 1862.
			Statement of account, Robert Carter with William H. Fox & Co., November 1862.
			Miscellaneous receipts, Robert Carter, December 2-16, 1862. [6 items]
			Receipt for wages on Lake Plantation, Robert Carter, December 12, 1862.
			Statement of account, Robert Carter with Hewitt and Coulson (clothing merchant), Natchez, Dec 21, 1862.
	3	7	<b>Papers, January-December 1863:</b>
			Deed, Samuel M. Davis to Charlotte B. Davis, also includes transfer of enslaved people and livestock, January 1, 1863. [names of the enslaved listed]
			Receipt for payment of \$3,000 to Frank Reilly to act as a substitute in the Confederate army, to be paid after the war or upon Reilly's discharge, January 2, 1863.
			Statement of account, Robert Carter with James A. Coulson & Co., \$17.00 for boy's suit (for "Wesley"), Natchez, January 9, 1863.
			Statement of account, Robert Carter with John Clark, February 7, 1863.
			Letter to Samuel Davis from G.G. Stevens (?) regarding loan of \$3,300, Montgomery (AL), March 2, 1863.
			Misc. receipt, Mrs. [Pauline] Carter, March 5, 1863.

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A:69	3	7	Miscellaneous receipt, Robert Carter, March 6, 1863.
			Statements of account, Robert Carter with A. L. Wilson & Co., March 12-23, 1863. [3 items]
			Letter from Gal B. Shield, March 16, 1863.
			Statement of account, Livingston and Roundtree (saddle and harness merchant) with Robert Carter, Natchez, March 28, 1863.
			Receipt, <i>Richmond Enquirer</i> , one-year subscription for Robert Carter, April 8, 1863-April 8, 1864.
			Statement of account, P. Walsh with Robert Carter, April 16, 1863.
			Miscellaneous receipt, M. Dison (?), April 18, 1863.
			Letter to Samuel Davis from G. G. Stevens, notes that Louisiana is almost entirely lost to the Confederacy, Montgomery (AL), April 25, 1863.
			Promissory note for \$30 for right of way through land to transport prisoners, to J.E. Harris from Capt. Powell, Quartermaster at Natchez, April 26, 1863.
			Statement of account, S. A. Junkins with Mrs. [Pauline] Robert Carter, Natchez, April 27, 1863.
			Statements of account, Lake and Vidalia Plantations, Dr. Robert Carter with William H. Fox, & Co., April 27, 1863. [3 items]
			Receipt P. Walsh to R. Carter, Natchez, April 30, 1863.
			Letter to Samuel Davis from G.G. Stevens, comments on the nature of the war, Montgomery (AL), May 12, 1863.
			Statements/receipts, Robert Carter with A. L. Wilson & Co., May 14-June 1, 1863. [4 items]
			Miscellaneous statement, Dr. Carter, May 16, 1863.
			Receipt to Dr. Robert Carter for 1 month's subscription to the <i>Natchez Daily Courier</i> , May 16-June 16, 1863.
			Statement of account, Dr. F. E. Lewis with Dr. Carter, Natchez, May 25, 1863.
			Statement of account, Fleming & Baldwin with Dr. Carter, Natchez, May 31, 1863.
			Misc. receipts, Dr. Carter, June 5-18, 1863. [3 items]
			Order from J. F. Ellis (C.S.A.) directing Dr. Robert Carter to send 1/3 of his enslaved males between the ages of 18 and 50 "equipped for working on public defenses" to Harrisonburg, La., Natchez, June 17, 1863.
			Statement of account, Sara O'Donnell with Mrs. [Pauline] Carter, for clothing alterations and supplies, July 1, 1863.
			Statement of account, David Turner with Dr. Carter, for shoes and sharpening of ploughs, July 1, 1863.



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<b>A:69</b>	3	7	Statement of account, N. Doumax (?) with Mrs. [Pauline] Carter for making and icing cakes, Natchez, Aug. 7, 1863.
			Document fragments: re: amount of cotton shipped, New Orleans, October 13, 1863; and list of names for notes to be collected for cotton, circa 1863. [2 items]
			Statement of account, Robert Carter with John Clark for "buggy maintenance," October 24, 1863.
			Attached receipts, to Christienne Scheuber from Robert Carter, November 15-December 2, 1863. [3 items]
<b>A:69</b>	3	8	<b>Papers, January 1864-December 1867:</b>
			Statement of account, John Mayer & Son with Robert Carter, January 1, 1864.
			Agreement, Samuel M. Davis of Natchez and John S. Harris of Milwaukee for the latter to lease Pittsfield Plantation, with livestock and implements, for one year; Rent of \$15,000 in two payments; \$10,000 to be paid no later than December 1, 1864. Dated January 18, 1864.
			Misc. receipts, Elijah Smith, Nov-Dec 1864. [2 items]
			Letter to A.V. Davis, agent for Dr. Robert Carter, from John Lockwood, regarding land leasing for farming, December 23, 1864.
			Miscellaneous receipts, Elijah Smith and John Lockwood January 6-8, 1866. [2 items]
			Memorandum of collections, taxes owed on Surget properties, January 1866.
			Letter to Francis Surget Esq. from George Hancock, notes the terrible devastation brought by the war and the abundance of collectors seeking to foreclose, Memphis, Tenn., February 1, 1866.
			Letters from Elijah Smith to "Magna" relating to land sales in Natchez and a trip upriver from New Orleans to Natchez, February 4 and October 18, 1866. [2 items]
			Real Estate Bank, extract from Gordon W. Peays' letter to Judge Horner[?] re: shares of stock, Feb 15, 1866.
			Memo of collection by George Hancock for Francis Surget, Esq., April 12, 1866.
			Letter, George Hancock to Francis Surget, Esq. notes that he returned from trip to Arkansas where Jacksonport is underwater due to recent flooding and that he is encountering considerable difficulty in getting payment on notes, April 14, 1864.
			Note from Robert Carter relating to taxes, circa 1866.
			Empty envelopes, circa 1866. [2 items]

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A:69	3	8	Tax notice, Concordia Parish, Samuel M. Davis for Pittsfield and Mirven Plantations, January 1867.
			Letter from Elijah Smith to "Magna" re: depressed conditions on the plantations, small cotton crop, and extremely cold weather, notes unwillingness of the enslaved to work for shares, Natchez, January 5, 1867.
			Letter from Elijah Smith to "Magna" on letterhead of Office of Elliot & McKeeber, Commission Merchants, New Orleans, January 21, 1867.
			Letter from Elijah Smith to "Magna," New Orleans, February 25, 1867.
			Statement of Taxes and lease agreement, Samuel M. Davis and Robert Carter, May 29, 1867.
			Letter, Elijah Smith to "Magna" regarding lot money, reports unfavorably on the Freedman's Bureau and suggests that the difficulty in finding labor may force him to convert from growing cotton to hay, Natchez, December 1, 1867.
			Empty envelopes with notations about various Elijah Smith transactions, probably written by Dr. Carter, January-December, 1867 [4 items].
	3	9	<b>Papers, June 1867-May 1869:</b>
			\$100 Bonds, Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, stamped by George M. Green, Treasurer, June 10, 1867. [6 items]
			\$100 Bonds, Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, stamped by George M. Green, Treasurer, September 14, 1867. [15 items]
			\$100 Bonds, Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, stamp removed, circa 1867. [19 items]
			Receipt, Elijah Smith from Britton & Koontz, February 5, 1868. [w/corresponding envelope]
			Letter, Elijah Smith to "Magda," regarding crops and taxes, Natchez, May 12, 1868
			Receipt to Peter Young for a note from Britton & Koontz, signed by Robert Carter and Elijah Smith, May 20, 1868. [w/envelope]
			Receipt, Samuel Davis from R.W. Sinclair, Jan. 25, 1869.
			Statement of account, James Normant with Dr. Robert Carter, April 14, 1869.
			Note to E. B. Baker & Son from James Normant re: Dr. Carter, Vidalia, April 17, 1869.

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<b>A:69</b>	3	10	<b>Papers, undated:</b>
			Invoice, Mrs. Robert Carter [Pauline] with A. J. Postlethwaite (dry goods merchant), Natchez, undated.
			Miscellaneous list of household expenses, including furnishings for a plantation house, undated.
			Plan of 3 lots granted to John Ramero by J Vidal, undated
			Letter to "Sir" from Stephen Duncan, Trustee, Bank of the State of Mississippi, undated.
			Petition, Anna Eliza Hill and Estate of William Hill to David Wood, New Orleans, undated.
			Settlement of Ker Estate and sale between heirs of John Ker and S. I. Hays, undated.
			Details of transaction between Robert Stirling and Samuel M. Davis, undated.
			List of land lots & lease expenses, Joseph Vidal, undated.
			Receipt for 7 bales of cotton due, Dan & Lee, undated.
			List of deeds recorded in Concordia Parish Judge's office for Samuel Davis, undated.
			Bank receipt, W. C. Richards from Planter's Bank, Jackson (MS), undated.
			Statement of account, Henry Vidal with Skeggs & Hough Co., New Orleans, undated.
			Statement of account, R. Carter w/A. Alexander, undated.
			List of expenses, Vidalia Plantation, undated.
			Statement of account, R. Carter w/Robert Clark, undated.
			Miscellaneous receipt, Robert Carter w/P. Walsh, undated. [partially illegible]
			List of hay buyers with amounts ordered and prices, undated. [partial page]
			Statement of account, Samuel Davis with William H. Fox, & Co., undated.
			Note re: Samuel Davis lands on Lake Concordia, undated.
			Misc. list of lands surveyed with owners, undated.
			Miscellaneous notes/lists, undated. [8 items]
			<b>Manuscript Volumes, 1837-1857:</b>
	4	--	Vol. 1: Francis Surget, Sr. Account Book, 1837-1857
			Vol. 2: Francis Surget, Jr. Passport, 1837-1839
			Vol. 3: Samuel Davis Account Book, 1843-1853
			<b>Oversize Documents, 1801-1862:</b>
<b>OS:V</b>	5	1	List of land surveyed by Joseph Vidal in Concordia Parish with landowner and date, 1801-1803. [2pp.]

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OS:V	5	1	Plat and survey of land made by William Atchinson, one of the Adjutant Surveyors of the Province of Louisiana, for Matilda Gillespie, February 3, 1802; certified copy at land office, Opelousas, October 14, 1811.
			Conveyance of land, George Overacker to Jonathan Thompson, Sept. 18, 1809; succession to Maria Overacker [wife] and additional conveyance to Thompson, April 4, 1811.
			Statement of account of Joseph Vidal with Samuel Davis, November 1817-March 1822.
			Indenture, Jonathan Thompson of Natchez to William Parker, February 11, 1820; certified by Woodson Wren, April 15, 1820.
			Conveyance of Peter Little, Eliza Little & Alexander Stewart, heirs of Mary Stewart, to Samuel Davis, Feb 15, 1821; certified November 4, 1821 (with seal)
			Indenture, Trinity Church, Natchez and James Moore for Pew 34, January 23, 1829.
			List of 150 enslaved persons, separated by gender, with ages included, March-June 1831.
			Indenture, deed of land, Samuel Davis for the lands of Phillip Hill, purchased at public auction; signed by Sheriff Walter Bynes, Parish of Concordia, Nov 1, 1832
			Indenture, Francis A. Newcomb and Eliza L. Newcomb to Samuel Davis, Natchez, May 8, 1834. (certified copy)
			Deed, heirs of James B. and Henrietta Moore to Samuel Davis, March 1, 1837.
	5	2	Certificates of land grants to Ayres P. Merrill, signed by Pres. Martin Van Buren June 15, 1837. [3 items]
			Certificates of land grants to Samuel Davis, signed by Pres. Martin Van Buren June 15 – Aug. 5, 1837. [6 items]
			Document, Francis Surget, Jr. traveling through the United Kingdom on the way to France, Sept. 26, 1838
			Passport doc No. 1037, Francis Surget, Jr., Nov 8, 1838
			Deed of exchange of Frederick Stanton to George Winchester, trustee for Frances E. Sprague, Adams County, Miss., June 30, 1839.
			Certificates of land grants to Samuel Davis signed by Pres. Martin Van Buren, November 10, 1840. [5 items]
			Deed, William M. Gwin and Thomas Henderson, trustees to Samuel Davis, with attached printed statement of publication in <i>Natchez Courier</i> , July 22, 1841.
			Deed, John Ker, Trustee to Anna M. Linton, with receipt of <i>Courier and Journal</i> attached, Natchez, April 11, 1844.

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<b>OS:V</b>	5	2	Transfer of deed, land in Issaquena County, MS from Stephen Duncan to his daughter Charlotte B. Davis, February 5, 1861.
			Statement of account, Vidalia Plantation (Dr. Robert Carter) with William H. Fox & Co., February 17, 1862.
<b>MF:5322</b>		Reels 11-12	<b>UPA Microfilm:</b> Series I, Part 3