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SUMMARY

Size. 3 linear feet; 14 manuscript volumes; 16 microfilm reels

Geographic locations. Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Washington, D.C., Wisconsin

Inclusive dates. 1780-1930, undated

Bulk dates. 1807-1861

Language. English, Spanish

Summary. United States Army officer, planter, slave owner, and politician born in North Carolina and later resident of Louisiana. Papers contain personal correspondence, financial and legal documents, and printed materials related to the social, political, and professional life of William S. Hamilton but also to John Hamilton and other members of the Hamilton family. There are also manuscript volumes of notebooks, plantation record books, and United States Army orderly and detail books.

Organization. Papers (personal, financial, and legal) are arranged together chronologically. Other materials (printed materials, photographic items, and manuscript volumes) are arranged by type.

Restrictions on access. None.

Related collections. William Sutherland Hamilton Papers, Mss. 3167
David B. Morgan Papers, Mss. 668, 1096, 2883

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William S. (Sutherland, also spelled Southerland) Hamilton was born in Edenton, North Carolina in either 1787 or 1789. He was the son of John and Angel Hamilton, daughter of Jane Hamilton (née Peck). They most likely married in 1785. John was a lawyer who practiced in Maryland and then North Carolina. Angel died in North Carolina, most likely in January of 1790, after which John moved to Louisiana. John eventually remarried Ann Hamilton. He died in July of 1822. William was educated at the College of New Jersey, now Princeton University. He served as an officer (as a lieutenant and then a lieutenant colonel) in the United States Army (1808-1817) and served under General Wade Hampton as aide-de-camp. He married Eliza C. Stewart, daughter of Duncan Stewart and Penelope Jones. In Louisiana, William was a planter, slave owner, and politician. He cultivated cotton at Holly Grove Plantation in West Feliciana Parish, most likely near Laurel Hill. His involvement in state and local politics included membership on the first board of trustees for the College of Louisiana (1825) in Jackson and a term in the Louisiana Legislature (1828-1830). Additionally, he was temporarily commissioned as Surveyor of Public Lands South of Tennessee by President Andrew Jackson (September 1829).

Before serving in the Louisiana Legislature, he unsuccessfully ran against Henry H. Gurley for United States representative for Louisiana. In 1830, he made an unsuccessful bid for governor of Louisiana as a Jacksonian Democrat, losing to Whig candidate Andre B. Roman. At some point in the late 1850s, he was admitted to a psychiatric hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, most likely the Pennsylvania Asylum for the Insane. He died on December 24, 1862 in West Philadelphia. He is buried in Laurel Hill Cemetery in Philadelphia.

The children of William S. and Eliza C. Hamilton were Douglas M. (Montrose) Hamilton (1827-1880); John A. (Alexander) Hamilton (died 1879); Catherine S. (Stewart) Hamilton; William B. (Belhaven) Hamilton (1832-1913); Jones S. (Stewart) Hamilton (1833-1907); Penelope S. Hamilton; Washington Hamilton; Jefferson Hamilton; and W. S. D. (possibly Darington or Darrington) Hamilton. Other possible children were Franklin H. and Duncan S.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Papers pertain chiefly to the social, political, and professional life (including military career) of William S. Hamilton but also to other members of the Hamilton family, including John Hamilton, the children of William S. and Eliza C. Hamilton, and other relatives. Papers consist chiefly of personal correspondence; financial correspondence and documents (receipts, bills for merchandise, and account statements); and legal correspondence and documents (petitions, property deeds, acts of sale, land surveys, memoranda, and case notes). Other materials within in the papers include printed materials (newspaper clippings, calling cards, business cards, and other printed ephemera) and a few unidentified photographic items (cartes-de-visite).

Major topics and time periods documented in the papers include the antebellum period; the administration of United States Army troops primarily in the Territory of Orleans and the Territory of Mississippi; and national and Louisiana politics, both prior to and during President Andrew Jackson's administration. The Louisiana gubernatorial election of 1830 is especially documented.

The papers also include descriptions of college facilities and curricula in the South during the antebellum period; early medical treatments and hydropathic methods practiced (hydrotherapy); and health resorts (watering places). They also reflect the conditions in the United States Army during the Mexican War, land speculation in Texas, and various aspects of plantation life and economy (including the purchasing and treatment of slaves).

Legal documents of particular interest are those related to a lawsuit between William S. and his stepmother Ann Hamilton and documents regarding John Hamilton’s estate.

Also included in the collection are manuscript volumes. These volumes include six notebooks, most likely created by John Hamilton while studying law in Edinburgh, Scotland; three plantation record books; and five United States Army orderly and detail books. Plantation record books document mostly the management of Eliza C. Stewart’s plantation (possibly Holly Grove Plantation in West Feliciana Parish). Four of the army orderly and detail books document the movements and commands of brigades, regiments, and troops under General James Wilkinson and General Wade Hampton, mostly in the Territory of Orleans and the Territory of Mississippi.
LIST OF SERIES

Series I. Papers and Printed Materials, 1783-1902, 1927-1930, undated,

Series II. Manuscript Volumes, circa 1780-1781, 1809-1819, 1860-1862
SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I. Papers and Printed Materials, 1783-1902, 1927-1930, undated,

While the following descriptions are not exhaustive, they do describe the majority of items in the papers. Most item descriptions include specific days and months, but some descriptions are more general and only list the year(s), especially in the later date ranges of the papers.

Papers, 1783-1805
Card for medical education lecture by Dr. John Brown in Edinburgh, Scotland. Issued to John Hamilton, May 7, 1783.

Certificate issued to John Hamilton to practice law as an attorney in Baltimore County, Maryland, December 29, 1784.

Items pertaining to settlement of the estate of E. Blount and William Blount, 1791-1804.

Land survey of J. M. Pintard (most likely John Marsden Pintard) and Nathan Lytle’s land in District of Feliciana, West Florida, 1797.

Note to John Hamilton signed by Samuel Morgan, November 8, 1799.

Copy of deed, in Spanish, documenting a land transfer from Joseph Robertson to John Wall and from John Wall to David Le Jeune (Lejeune), originally signed by Carlos de Grand-Pre. Note on verso reads “…offered by W. S. Hamilton to complete the chain of his Titles,” copied in 1801.

Note to John Hamilton signed by Thomas Gordon, March 8, 1804.

Poem copied from the New York Evening Post, written by and/or sent by T. E. Colden, New York, regarding the death of Alexander Hamilton, August 23, 1804.

Papers, 1807-1810
Items related to Lieutenant William S. Hamilton’s United States Army service including:
-Bill for clothing from John Napton, April 21, 1807.
-Bill for tuition, room and board, and personal expenses, October 1807.
-Order from adjutant (C. Jones), 3rd Infantry, Cantonment near Washington, Mississippi, to report for duty, January 1810.
-Receipt for board and lodging, Fort Adams, Wilkinson County, Mississippi, March 9, 1810.
-Receipt from Cantonment near Washington, Mississippi, June 4, 1810.
-2 bills from Alexander Murray, Natchez, for clothing, September 24, December 7, 1810.
-2 orders from Major General Robert Butler, Nashville, to William S. Hamilton, St. Francisville, concerning a furlough, September (September order includes transcription), October 17, 1810.
-Bill from William Sharp, Baton Rouge, October 1810.
-Written statement concerning a bet made relative to General James Wilkinson’s command of the United States Army and General Wade Hampton’s whereabouts by Christmas, September 13, 1810.
Land survey by Ira C. Kneeland of Jn. M. Pintard (most likely John Marsden Pintard) and Nathan Lytle’s land in District of Feliciana, West Florida, September 18, 1807.

2 family letters from Princeton, New Jersey to William S. Hamilton, June 20, November 14, 1808.

List of subscribers to missionary fund of a Mississippi Presbyterian church, circa 1808-1810.

Land survey by Ira C. Kneeland of Joseph Piper’s land in District of Feliciana, West Florida, April 17, 1810.

**Papers, 1811**
Items related to Lieutenant William S. Hamilton’s United States Army service as aide-de-camp to General Wade Hampton:
- Copy of letter from William Eustis, Secretary of War at War Department, to General Wade Hampton, commanding officer on the Mississippi, concerning the procedure for taking possession of West Florida as authorized by law and mentioning the appointment and duties of General George Matthews and the assistance expected of the United States Army, January 24, 1811.
- Copy of letter from Wade Hampton, commanding the southern and western department of the United States Army and in Baton Rouge at the time, to Vicente Folch, general and commander of his Catholic majesty’s forces in the Floridas, referring to letters to Lieutenant Colonel Sparks (commander at Fort Stoddert in 1810) concerning boundaries of West Florida, March 8, 1811.
- Letter from L. Covington (Colonel Leonard Covington, commanding officer of Fort Stoddert), concerning transfer of officers from Fort Stoddert to Baton Rouge and relating circumstances for the resignation of D. Huston, April 27, 1811.

Personal letter from Thomas George Percy, Percyfield, Fort Adams, concerning a woman and mentioning leaving military service, February 27, 1811.

**Papers, 1812-1813**
Letter from L. Hukill, Natchez, to William S. Hamilton, relative to order of General Hampton and mentioning army recruiting conditions, January 9, 1812.

Copy of letter from Wade Hampton, Houmas, to Paul Hamilton, Secretary of the Navy, recommending William S. Hamilton, January 28, 1812.


Letter from Paul Hamilton, Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D.C., to William S. Hamilton, concerning William’s resignation from the United States Army. Also mentions that war with Great Britain (War of 1812) is evident, May 15, 1812.

Letter from D. Sayre (writing from Cottage, possibly Baton Rouge) to John Hamilton, concerning medical treatment (ointment, 2 oz. of quicksilver rubbed down with lard). Also states “I am no politician Republican or Democrat” and advocates for a national religion, June 10, 1812.

2 letters from Colonel William McRea, New Orleans, to William S. Hamilton, St. Francisville, mentioning the departure of General Hampton for Washington, the arrival of General Wilkinson (July 13), and the reception he received, June 20, July 13, 1812.

Letter from officer friend, Philadelphia, to William S. Hamilton, giving full particulars relative to promotions in the army and mentioning assistance given by President Madison, lack of confidence in General Wilkinson, and possible changes in the Cabinet, July 19, 1812.

Copy of letter from Wade Hampton, Woodlands, to William S. Hamilton, mentioning conversation with Mr. Eustis and possible promotion of Hamilton to a captaincy, July 22, 1812.

Copy of letter from William S. Hamilton, St. Francisville, to William Eustis, Secretary of War, tendering Hamilton’s resignation from the United States Army, 3rd Regiment, because of failure to receive a promotion, September 3, 1812.

Deed for sale of land from Daniel Clark to John Hamilton (Hart’s Place, West Feliciana Parish), December 1812.

Appointment of Major William S. Hamilton by the President of the United States as Assistant Inspector General. Signed by John Armstrong, Secretary of War, War Department, March 16, 1813.

A map of the southern section of the United States including the Floridas and Bahama Islands showing the seat of war (War of 1812) in that department. Drawn by John Melish. Engraved by H. S. Tanner. Handwritten notations on map. Entered as the act directs and published by John Melish, Philadelphia, March 1813 (oversize).

Letter from Squire Lea, Balize (possibly New Orleans), thanking William S. Hamilton for his assistance in securing an appointment for Lea as regimental surgeon of the army, May 4, 1813.

7 page document prepared by J. W. Smith, New York, concerning property rights of William S. Hamilton regarding property originally owned by Mrs. Peck (most likely Hannah Peck, the sister of William’s grandmother Jane Hamilton) and citing laws pertaining to various points, circa October 1813.
Statement from clerk of Supreme Court, New Orleans, concerning examination of John Hamilton to practice as a lawyer in the courts of Louisiana. Credentials not satisfactory and license withheld, November 3, 1813.

**Papers, 1814-1816**

Request for payment, signed by Frank K. Hampton, Captain, 24th Infantry, United States Army, New York, April 30, 1814.

Order to attend the general court martial at Utica, New York as a witness at General Wilkinson’s trial and at Wilkinson’s request (addressed to Lieutenant Colonel W. S. Hamilton, 3rd Rifle Regiment, Richmond, Virginia), December 10, 1814.

List of property of 2 deceased soldiers (William Jackson and Henderson Banister) of the 3rd Rifle Regiment, United States Army, January 4, 1815.

Letter from William S. Hamilton, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, to his father Colonel John Hamilton, concerning William’s military career and possible future changes. Also states that “matters about Prairie du Chien (Wisconsin) are settled,” July 29, 1815.

Order from Cantonment, Belle Fontaine (Wisconsin), regarding trial of prisoner disposing of whiskey improperly to troops under command of Lieutenant Colonel William S. Hamilton during descent of the Ohio and ascent of the Mississippi River, February 2, 1816.

Broadside for payment of additional expenses of independent commands from Adjutant and Inspector General’s Office (signed by D. Parker), March 6, 1816.

Letter from William S. Hamilton, Cantonment, Belle Fontaine, to Captain E. Shipp, regarding release of Captain Ramsay, April 17, 1816.


General orders regarding trials of General Daniel Bissell and Major Robert C. Nicholas (signed by Adjutant General Robert Butler, Adjutant and Inspector General’s Office), May-June, 1816.

Letter from W. Griffith, Prairie du Chien, expressing best wishes upon William S. Hamilton’s retirement, August 1, 1816 (attached is the final regimental order by William S. Hamilton at camp at the foot of Rock River Rapids, June 3, 1816).

Letter from E. Smith, St. Louis, expressing best wishes to William S. Hamilton upon his retirement, August 10, 1816.


Papers, 1817-1818
Broadside from Department of War of financial statement (for 1816) for revenue and expenditures. Mentions appropriations for treaty with Cherokee Indians, January 3, 1817 (oversize).

Letter from William Snodgrass, Natchez, regarding books concerning medical treatment for John Hamilton purchased from Snodgrass, July 21, 1817.

Bill from the Franklin Hotel, December 8, 1817.

Statement regarding the illness of John Hamilton signed by Dr. Thomas W. Chinn and Dr. James Hays, circa 1817-1818.

Letter from John Henry Eaton (biographer of Andrew Jackson, biography begun by John Reid and completed by Eaton), Nashville, discussing complimentary remarks by William S. Hamilton on Eaton’s biography of Jackson, March 8, 1818.

Letter from B. Metcalfe, Natchez, to William S. Hamilton, near St. Francisville, referring to a quarrel apparently over a woman, July 30, 1818.


Letter from Eliza C. Hamilton, Holly Grove Plantation, to William S. Hamilton (her husband), in Natchez at the time, November 26, 1818.

Papers, 1819

Letter from Pintard, a New York lawyer, to William S. Hamilton, concerning his mother’s will and estate. Also mentions William’s Aunt Rumsey, June 30, 1819.

Letter from John Hamilton to William S. Hamilton, Plantation, Amite County, Mississippi, September 26, 1819 (oversize).

2 letters from Louisiana State Bank (branch office) in St. Francisville concerning stock of John Hamilton and assistance given by bank because of money shortage, September 27, October 2, 1819.

Bill from jailor, Natchez, concerning a runaway slave named Dick. Signed by William T. Walker, October 5, 1819.
Letter from Charles McMicken, St. Francisville factor, regarding cotton and steamer “Ramapo,” December 26, 1819.

Map of Brackenridge’s South America, 1819 (oversize).


Letters and account statements from Charles Clark, New Orleans factor (mentions steamer “Ramapo” in October 7, 18, 22, November 8, December 1 letters), to John Hamilton, 1819.

Extracts of letters to and from John Hamilton, New Orleans and West Feliciana Parish, regarding cotton market and sales, 1819.

**Papers, 1820**


Letter from C. McMicken, New Orleans factor, regarding cotton account, March 23, 1820.


Letter from Eliza C. Hamilton, Woodville, Wilkinson County, to her husband William S. Hamilton, Bayou Sarah, regarding family affairs and local news, April 5, 1820.

Letters from John H. Eaton, United States Senator from Tennessee (writing from Washington City), concerning state of Florida purchase, May 18, 1820; writing from Nashville, introducing Robert W. Adams, September 30, 1820.

Letter from friend, New York City, making inquiry concerning New Orleans trade and shipments of herrings. Also states that City Hotel is the “best establishment of the kind in the United States,” November 13, 1820.

Account statements and bills for merchandise for John Hamilton and William S. Hamilton from Smith & Mills (St. Francisville), A. Brown, Trask & Feltus, White & Eccles, Gildemeister & Ries, J. Ketcham, and James Gourley, 1820.

Letters and account statements from Charles Clark, regarding cotton market and merchandise purchases, 1820.
Papers, 1821
Receipts from steamboat “Feliciana,” January 20, February 21, 1821.

2 letters from Thomas W. Chinn, St. Francisville, concerning local politics, April 13, 29, 1821.

Letter from Robert H. Adams, Natchez lawyer, requesting use of William S. Hamilton’s library, April 17, 1821.

Tax receipt, May 3, 1821.

Bill from James Coulter, a carpenter in St. Francisville, for work at plantation, July 7, 1821.

Sale of slave boy (on September 22) and merchandise from Thomas W. Chinn, St. Francisville, to William S. Hamilton, September 22, December 19, 1821.

Letters and account statements from Charles Clark, New Orleans factor, 1821.

Letters and account statements from W. & D. Flower, New Orleans factor, 1821.

Letters and account statements from W. & N. Myer (firm failed in 1823), New Orleans factor, 1821.

Account statements and bills for John Hamilton and William S. Hamilton from David Cooper (St. Francisville), Gillespie Seals & Co., Gildemeister & Ries, and John Ketcham, 1821.

Papers, 1822
Bill of sale for slaves (a man Frank, 35 years old; a man Joseph, 25 years old; a man David, 25 years old; a man Charly, 22 years old; a man Lemar, 25 years old; a man Sam, 20 years old; a man Grinage, 22 years old; a man Isaac, 35 years old; a boy Phil, 17 years old; a girl Fanny, 17 years old; and a man Diley, 20 years old) purchased by William S. Hamilton and T. James Stewart from Austin Woolfolk, County of Richmond, Virginia, January 21, 1822.

Letters from Thomas W. Chinn, St. Francisville (possibly writing from Cypress Hall), mentioning Butler nominated judge of district and confirmation, February 27, 28; mentioning Butler’s resignation as bank director, March 6; reference to people at Society Hill, March 16; and commenting on United States Congressional election between William S. Hamilton and Henry H. (Hosford) Gurley (Gurley won), April 8, 9, 21, 1822.

Letters and account statements from W. & N. Myer, New Orleans factor. Of note is a document pertaining to purchase of slaves, March 2, 1822.

Bill for two horses from J. Vanmeter, March 19, 1822.

Letters from Archibald Haralson, St. Francisville, asking William S. Hamilton to become a candidate for United States representative and mentioning various parishes that will support him,
April 3, May 13; from Society Hill, regarding use of Hamilton’s library and concerning national politics, August 11, 1822.

Receipt from *The Asylum and Feliciana Advertiser*, signed by Putnam (Ewing), April 5, 1822.

Letter from M. Provan, Natchez, regarding use of citron ointment in treatment of eyes, May 23, 1822.

Letter from F. H. Stackhouse, Mulberry Hill, commenting on politics in Florida Parishes, June 3, 1822.

Political broadside, “To the Public” by Edward R. Chew, commenting on Clark Woodrooff’s mistreatment of Robert H. Barrow at a political meeting in Feliciana Parish, June 25, 1822.

2 letters from A. P. Walsh, West Feliciana Parish, regarding bricks for small oven, November 16, December 19, 1822.

Letter from Robert D. Richardson, Baton Rouge, offering *The Republic* as security for a loan, December 21, 1822.

Letter from Isaac L. Baker, State Representative, living at his father’s plantation “Hopewell,” St. Mary Parish, commenting unfavorably about Henry Johnson. Also discusses local and national politics, December 26, 1822.

Bills from J. Ketchen & Co.; Gildemeister & Ries; Flaherty, Dakin, & Co.; and Chinn & Johnston, 1822.


**Papers, 1823**

Letters from R. D. Richardson, New Orleans, listing assets, property, financial situation, and asking for loan. States “Taylor and the officers can do nothing…paymaster is out of funds,” January 10, October 28, 1823.

Letters from Isaac L. Baker, New Orleans, commenting on election of Henry Johnson to the United States Senate, stating Carnival “being the most brilliant on record,” that Andre B. Roman “A very fine young Creole from the Coast was elected speaker and is generally much liked,” and that “Judge (Alexander) Porter and I determined to embark in sugar planting,” January 14; commenting on business of the Louisiana Legislature, January 21; discussing Legislature business and Governor Thomas B. Robertson and his administration, March 29; and commenting on incident with Henry Johnson and relating strong dislike for him, July 25, 1823.

Bill for board and lodging at Smith’s Hotel, New Orleans, February 14, 1823.

Bill for drugs purchased from Field & Morgan, New Orleans, February 20, 1823.
Letter from H. Biglow, Covington, St. Tammany Parish, containing poetry written to Field (or Fielding) Bradford and poetry in memory of B. A. Hitchborn, Montpelier, St. Helena Parish, March 21, 1823.

Letters from R. Post Johnson, New Orleans, stating Henry Johnson is not a candidate for governor, March 30, April 4; concerning travel to New Jersey, May 13, July 1; regarding marriages of Dr. Mercer and Barrow, August 10; and regarding judgeship of Thomas W. Chinn, December 22, 30, 1823.

Bill for merchandise to Mrs. John Hamilton from Charles Clark, March 1823.

Account statement from Matthias Wicker, blacksmith, West Feliciana Parish, May 17, 1823.

Letters from Harry Cage, Woodville (and possibly Holly Grove Plantation), regarding plantation matters and failure of firm W. & N. Myers, June 6, 8, September 10; mentions that William S. Hamilton’s slave Jack has been imprisoned, June 6; regarding judgeship of Thomas W. Chinn, August 11, 1823.

Letter from W. Mansfield, a physician of Jackson Academy, introducing Dr. Lamary, June 8, 1823.

Letter from Judge Thomas W. Chinn, West Feliciana Parish, regarding application for the judgeship to fill vacancy of Judge Hill and death of Hilliard Barrow, August 9, 1823; from Jackson, regarding Mrs. Hamilton’s (most likely Mrs. John [Ann] Hamilton) estate, December 9, 1823.

Letter from James Turnbull, Bayou Sarah, West Feliciana Parish, regarding finishing roads with slave labor, August 27, 1823.

Letter from Robert Sprigg, Baton Rouge, concerning requested loan of a brickmaker, October 23, 1823.

Letters from T. Jones Stewart, Holly Grove Plantation, regarding plantation and family affairs, 1823.

Letters and account statements from Dicks, Booker, & Co. (Nathaniel Dick), New Orleans factors, regarding account, market, and some local news, 1823.

**Papers, 1824**

Items pertaining to the settlement of the estate of John Hamilton:
- Letters from James Turner, January 3, May 17, December 3, 5, 1824.
- Letters from Alfred Hennen, New Orleans, June 15, 19, August 6, 1824.
- 2 land surveys by M. Courtney of land belonging to John Hamilton in West Feliciana Parish, December 22, 1824.
Letters from Isaac L. Baker, New Orleans, mentioning appointment of James Brown as minister to France and election of Josiah S. (Stoddard) Johnston to the United States Senate over Edward Livingston (vote given), January 16; from Bayou Sarah, a thank you note after a visit with William S. Hamilton, February 3; from New Orleans, news regarding Louisiana Legislature and comments on Miss Wickoff, Elise Young, Dr. Mercer, and other news, February 16, March 3; concerning Baker’s health, March 27; from Hopewell, mentions that Captain Wiley Martin’s slaves found at Thomas’ Island, April 10; mentions Henry Johnson’s intrigue regarding John Quincy Adams, people in favor of Andrew Jackson, and Miss Olivier and Miss Fuselier, June 15; from St. Martinville, concerning election returns for Louisiana governor, United States representative, and members of Louisiana Legislature from St. Martin, St. Mary, Lafayette, and Opelousas parishes, July 10; and from Hopewell, concerning Baker’s brother Joshua to be married on November 15 to Miss Stille of Opelousas and mentioning that many members of his part of the state will vote for Andrew Jackson, November 5, 1824.

Statement written by William S. Hamilton in defense of his conduct regarding an incident during his service with General Wade Hampton either during or after the War of 1812, January 25, 1824.

Letter from Walter Turnbull, Alexandria, mentioning Colonel and brother John Overton, January 29, 1824.

Letters from R. Post Johnson, New Orleans and New Jersey, regarding a case against Stirling, January 31; mentions Dr. Thomas W. Chinn went through the Senate by a large majority, February 23; states “If old Andrew (Jackson) knew I wrote Morgan’s letter to the Kentucky Reporter…,” April 23; regarding court case and travel news, May 8; mentions meeting General Jackson, June 16, 1824.

Letters from T. Jones Stewart, Woodville, concerning family affairs, February 15; concerning hire of overseer, November 21, 1824.

Bills for work done by Matthias Wicker, blacksmith, February 16 or 26, May 7, 1824.

Letters from Thomas A. Cabarrus, a New Orleans physician, commenting on people and local news in New Orleans. Also mentions work and details of medical care given during yellow fever epidemic, May 1, June 14, July 25, September 8, 1824.

Letters from John B. (Bennett) Dawson, Sleepy-Hollow, West Feliciana Parish, mentioning meeting between Smith and (Clark) Woodrooff and weapons preferred, May 26; mention of the Smith and Woodrooff affair (duel) in detail and political power of Henry Johnson, June 29, July 3; letter on political friendship, man’s fate, August 5; letter on man’s virtues and frailties and continuing with a poetical description of Andrew Jackson, September 8, 1824.

Letter from John W. Smith, New Orleans, stating salary of district judge not enough to support family, June 12, 1824.
Letter from Charles Stewart, Woodville, concerning building of a house in pine woods because of epidemic, June 15, 1824.

Letter from Daniel Turnbull, West Feliciana Parish, requesting oxen and chains, July 1, 1824.

Letter from Alexander Barrow, regarding gubernatorial campaign in West Feliciana Parish and support of Andrew Jackson for president, July 9, 1824.

Copy of deed for sale of *Louisiana Gazette* from R. D. Richardson, November 24, 1824.

Letter from Harry Cage, Woodville, giving family news, November 30, 1824.

Letters and account statements from Bicks, Booker, & Company, New Orleans factors, containing some local news as well, 1824.

Merchandise bills and medical bills of William S. Hamilton, 1824.

**Papers, 1825**

Letters from R. Post Johnson, New Orleans, concerning verdict against Sterling (sic), January 1, May 21; requesting a recommendation for the position of United States Judge for Louisiana and stating that Andrew Jackson has a high regard for William S. Hamilton, January 2; mentioning travel on the ship “Crawford” from New Orleans to Staten Island, August 20, 1825.

Letters from Isaac L. Baker, Hopewell, St. Mary Parish, commenting on Governor Henry Johnson and mentioning General Lafayette’s visit to New Orleans, January 4; commenting on national politics (John Quincy Adams and Henry Clay), March 22; from St. Martinville, unfavorable comments on William L. Brent and comments on quarrel between Dr. Toles and Dr. Walter Brashear, June 6; from town of Iberville, traveling by steamboat, July 1; from St. Martinville, regarding sale of his share of Oak Lawn Plantation to Judge Porter, September 29; mentions local references and news, December 11, 1825.

Letters from John B. Dawson, New Orleans, regarding business of Louisiana Legislature and description of the “ridiculous” celebration on the anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans, January 11; 7 page letter giving a detailed account of a conversation with former Louisiana governor Thomas B. Robertson concerning Robertson’s political appointment as unfortunate and Robertson’s unwillingness to appoint the people’s choice, April 6, 1825.

Letters from Harry Cage, Woodville, concerning family matters, January 13, October 6, 1825.

Letter from John R. Holliday, Belle Grove, requesting to use William S. Hamilton’s slave bricklayer, January 15, 1825.

Documents related to the settlement of John Hamilton’s estate:
- True copy of an original act of the Legislature of New York state, passed February 8, 1787, on the subject of usury, April 28, 1825.
-Copy of depositions regarding property of Hamilton family in New York City and giving some genealogy of Hamilton and Peck families, May 10, 1825.
-Certified copy of the original act of the Assembly of North Carolina of 1785, regarding marriage contracts and marriage settlements, signed by William Hill, Secretary of State, North Carolina, August 2, 1825 (oversize).
-Letters to and from John W. (Witherspoon) Smith, New Orleans lawyer, handling lawsuit regarding estate, including letter (August 25) commenting on business of recovery of a cargo of slaves clandestinely brought in from Havana and subsequent trials, February 20, May 19, June 14, August 25, 1825.

Letters from Robert Brock, Franklin County, Missouri, requesting assistance to secure a position as a clerk in a mercantile house in West Feliciana Parish, February 24, April 8, June 4, 1825.

Letters and account statements from Dicks, Booker, & Co., New Orleans factors, including letter stating that Lafayette’s visit will cost the City of New Orleans about 50,000 dollars, April 5, 1825.

Bill for blacksmith service, April 18, 1825.

Letter from Nathaniel Pope, St. Francisville, returning papers lost by William S. Hamilton at the clerk’s office, May 4, 1825.

Letters from T. Jones Stewart, Woodville, regarding invitation to the marriage of a daughter of Judge Randolph (apparently marriage of T. Jones Stewart and Sarah A. Randolph), June 11; mentions the death of Mrs. Randolph, July 17; concerning the excellent condition of William S. Hamilton’s crops, August 3, 1825.

Letters from R. D. Richardson, Baton Rouge, referring to security for money borrowed by Richardson from Philomen Thomas and William S. Hamilton, June 23, October 22, 1825.

Letter from Abner Roberts, overseer, and letter from Daniel Turnbull, describing conditions on William S. Hamilton’s plantation during Hamilton’s visit at Bay St. Louis, July 8, September 2, 1825.

Letter from James Turner to William S. Hamilton, concerning legal matters, July 8, 1825.

Letter from Dr. Thomas A. Cabarrus, Baton Rouge, mentioning that he is practicing in Baton Rouge and commenting on the people in Baton Rouge, stating that they are “lower order of French and Spanish,” July 9, 1825.

Copy of process verbal, Baptist Church, St. Francisville, of the sale of pews in the Baptist Church, listing names of persons purchasing pews and amounts paid by each member (recorded in Book of Auction sales), July 23, 1825.

Letter from Alexander Barrow, St. Francisville, regarding note signed by R. D. Richardson, October 11, 1825.
Letter from Timothy Lynch, Grove Hill, announcing his arrival at William S. Hamilton’s residence, October 11, 1825.

Bill for inn lodging from A. C. Dunn, St. Francisville, October 18, 1825.

Letter from W. H. Means, suggesting that William S. Hamilton run for office, stating his chance of victory assured, and commenting on the political situation in East Baton Rouge Parish, October 25, 1825.

Overseers’ letters from Major C. Mulford, December 10; C. Pettibone, December 23; and Samuel B. Evans, Oaklands, recommending Mr. Chambers, an overseer, December 23, 1825.

Bills for merchandise and account statements for William S. Hamilton, 1825.

**Papers, 1826**

Letters from James Turner, commenting on trial of Judge Thomas W. Chinn, January 1, March 26, 28 (letter of January 1 also describes use of vaccine); letters regarding Turner’s role as counsel for William S. Hamilton in legal matter, January 17, 19, May 23, August 4, December 22, 1826.

Letter from Moses Liddell, Elmsley, states “not able to supply you with oxen you want,” January 17, 1826.

Letter from R. D. Richardson, New Orleans, resume of personal financial status, January 19; and letter from Philomen Thomas, Baton Rouge, concerning sale of property owned by Richardson in order to pay off notes held by Thomas and William S. Hamilton, September 30, 1826.

Letters from Thomas A. Cabarrus, Jackson, mentioning that he can supply any quantity of genuine vaccine matter (medical), January 20; mentions it necessary for William S. Hamilton to be at Clinton, East Feliciana Parish, because of certain reports unfavorable to his Congressional election, June 15, 1826.

Letter from John F. Carmichael, Cold Spring, near Pinckneyville, regarding Mr. Chambers’ application as an overseer, February 1, 1826.

Documents regarding trial of Judge Thomas W. Chinn:
-2 summons to Thomas W. Chinn trial for William S. Hamilton to appear as witness, February 14, March 18, 1826.
-Exchange of letters and memoranda between William S. Hamilton and Lafayette Saunders, J. L. Lobdell, Clark Woodroof, and C. Watts (counsel for Judge Chinn), concerning some liberties taken by the counsel, Hamilton’s testimony before the committee of the House, and presenting his testimony in a brief, April 7 to 17, 1826.
Letters from Alexander Barrow, West Feliciana Parish, requesting letter of recommendation from the governor for (possibly Charles A.) Warfield, March 4; commenting on summons to appear at the trial of Judge Thomas W. Chinn and mentions son is five days old, April 2, 1826.

Bills and account statements for William S. Hamilton, including:
- Receipt from Matthias Wicker for blacksmith account and letter, March 14, November 28, 1826.
- Bill from Joseph Semple, May 5, 1826.
- Tax receipt, May 15, 1826.

Letters from Isaac L. Baker, St. Mary Parish, advising William S. Hamilton to run for Congress and asking him to support Andrew Jackson, March 19; regarding Mrs. Wickoff’s land in West Feliciana Parish, March 25; Baker’s plan to name his plantation “Pontiac” after a famous Indian chief and comments on the Congressional election (Henry H. Gurley vs. William S. Hamilton), May 16, June 24; believes Atakapas Gazette will come out in favor of Jackson, December 18, 1826.

Letter from Reverend James Woodberry, Baltimore, Maryland, requesting money because he has been in prison in Virginia “for warning the inhabitants of Norfolk as Noah warned the antediluvian world…” May 15, 1826.

Letters from Alexander A. White, West Baton Rouge, mentioning persons in Iberville, Pointe Coupee, and West Baton Rouge parishes who will support William S. Hamilton in Congressional election, May 21; giving an explanation as to why Hamilton lost in New Orleans, Pointe Coupee, and Iberville parishes, states “too many old tories and their sons…too many Federalists,” July 22; further explanation regarding election, political intrigue, promises, threats by Henry H. Gurley and friends (many names mentioned regarding the political situation), September 24, 1826.


Letters from Archibald Harrison, stating public agitated because of circular written by William S. Hamilton. Also reference to the Chinn-Woodrooff affair. States “Woodruff, Chey, and myself have been trying to make out a duel for the last two weeks,” June 17, July 15, 1826.

Letter from Daniel Turnbull, willing to support William S. Hamilton in the election, June 30, 1826.

Letter from J. Van Wickle, Pointe Coupee, giving election returns for Pointe Coupee Parish for the Congressional election, July 5, 1826.

Letters from T. Jones Stewart, Holly Grove Plantation, justifying conduct of mother, July 9; mentioning William S. and Eliza C. Hamilton’s sad misfortune, September 19, 1826.
Letters from John J. Burk, Baton Rouge, giving election returns for Henry H. Gurley vs. William S. Hamilton in East and West Baton Rouge parishes, July 6; commenting on political situation and in particular against Gurley, July 17, 1826.

Letter from P. K. Wagner, concerning party politics within the state of Louisiana, line-up of Andrew Jackson and John Quincy Adams’ men, and newspapers being established in every part of the state by the administration. Mentions in New Orleans only paper for Jackson is (James) Bradford’s but afraid to speak his mind for fear of losing the state printing, July 30, 1826.

Letters from S. F. Hunt, Iberville, stating Henry H. Gurley lost in five parishes out of nine and gives a detailed explanation of the political situation in Iberville Parish, July 30, September 24, 1826.

Letter from W. H. Mears, Baton Rouge, concerning party politics in Baton Rouge, August 2, 1826.

Letter from Wade H. Richardson requesting loan of The Life of Patrick Henry, October 29, 1826.

Letters from Peter Randolph, judge of Wilkinson County, requesting William S. Hamilton to come to his cabin for personal business, October 31; request concerning pistols, November 27, 1826.

Letter from R. C. Wederstrandt, St. Francisville, requesting a recommendation for the office of the parish judge to be vacated by the resignation of Judge Thomas W. Chinn, December 9, 1826.

Letters from William Flower, West Feliciana Parish, requesting William S. Hamilton to join a “Troop of Horse” in West Feliciana Parish, November 3; requesting recommendation from the governor for nomination of parish judge, December 18, 1826.

Letter from F. D. Conrad, requesting a recommendation for the office of district attorney to be vacated by the resignation of Mr. Woodrooff (other applicant for the position is a Mr. Morgan who had been recommended by General Philomen Thomas). Mr. Morgan is the partner of Mr. Gurley, December 18, 1826.

Letters and account statements from Dicks, Booker, & Co., New Orleans factors, 1826.


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Letter from newspaper editors of the Mississippi States, Natchez, Andrew Jackson paper, regarding subscription, January 17, 1827.

Letters from T. Jones Stewart, Wilkinson County, regarding purchase of land and family matters, January 25, November 27, 1827.

Letters from Isaac L. Baker, mentioning steamboat “Feliciana” and relating possible support for Andrew Jackson in southwest Louisiana and New Orleans, March 29; mentioning the editor of the *Gazette* (John Towles, grandson of Mrs. Turnbull and nephew of Daniel Turnbull) to come out for Jackson and that Pierre Derbigny is visiting in order to obtain votes, June 3; from St. Martinville, mentions political situation for governor, July 12; mentions if Butler comes out he will be elected, September 5; mentions Walter H. Overton will probably be candidate for Congress, December 13, 1827.

Note from William S. Hamilton to John H. Mills, surviving partner of D. Holl & Co., April 23, 1827.

Letter from Thomas A. Cabarrus, Jackson, East Feliciana Parish, regarding character of a Mrs. Bryan, boarding house keeper. Also mentions attending meeting of the trustees of the Louisiana College, May 28, 1827.

Letters from Green B. White, apparently overseer, August 14, 26, 1827.

Copies of land sales of Louis Ogeron’s property in Lafourche Parish, September 17, 1827.

Letters from Walter Turnbull, Alexandria, Rapides Parish, regarding Natchez tragedy, refers to Mr. (Samuel L.) Wells’ account in the *Argus* newspaper as being correct except that Mr. (?) shot at Carry Blanchard (may be related to Newton Crain Blanchard), October 12; mentions that (James) Bowie arrived, entirely recovered from his wounds, November 17, 1827.

Letter from Robert W. Cage, regarding sale of 50 select mules at 75 dollars each, November 28, 1827.

Letter from Margaret Stelle, regarding sale of property in West Feliciana Parish, December 2, 1827.

Lawsuit documents pertaining to June 1827 case of Ann (or Anne) Hamilton vs. William S. Hamilton, Louisiana Supreme Court (case was appealed from the court of probates of the Parish of West Feliciana):
- Letters from Alfred Hennen, lawyer, New Orleans, April 7, 17, May 12, 29, June 11, 22, July 3, 24, 27, August 4, 1827.
- Letters from James Turner, lawyer and apparently clerk of court at West Feliciana Parish, February 2, 7, December 11, 20, 1827.
- Letters from B. Robinson, New York, August 23, November 28, 1827.
- Letter from J. (John) W. Smith, lawyer, New Orleans, April 15, 1827.
- Memoranda, notes, briefs, and other legal documents pertaining to the case, 1827 (filed in circa 1827 folder).

Letters from Dicks, Booker, & Co., New Orleans factors, 1827.

**Papers, 1828**
Letter from T. Jones Stewart, states “keep your temper with the codfish and Irish Potatoe chaps,” regarding Jackson Convention, January 1, 1828.

Receipt from Dr. K. McKinney for medical services, January 4, 1828.

Receipt from Dr. Hereford, January 10, 1828.

Bill from Warfield & Mooney, New Orleans. Letterhead of bill contains sketch of Planters-Merchants Hotel on Canal near Levee Street, January 24, 1828.

Bills and receipts for William S. Hamilton including:
- Subscription to the *Louisiana Journal* for F. Bradford, January 30, 1828.
- Bill from Matthias Wicker, blacksmith, April 8, 1828.
- Bill from F. Marquand, New York, for silver service, May 27, 1828.

Memorandum from James M. Bradford written on broadside for “Washington Ball,” given by James Higgins at the St. Francisville Hotel, March 3, 1828.

Lawsuit documents pertaining to the case of Ann Hamilton vs. William S. Hamilton:
- Letters & documents, April 12, June 7, June 26 (letter from Dr. J. L. Rumsey, New York), 1828.
- Certified copies of acts, mostly dealing with property sales and estates, signed by William Hill, Secretary of State, North Carolina, July 15, 1828 (oversize).

Letters from Daniel Turnbull, mentioning that the Revered Samuel Hunter of Natchez will preach, May 28; from Catalpa, gives personal news, August 7, 1828.

Letters from Walter H. Overton, Grassland, Alexandria, Rapides Parish, concerning Congressional election (Overton opposing Brent), June 27; regarding the duties and taxes imposed on the planter by the Tariff of 1828, September 10, October 10, 1828.

Materials concerning election returns for Louisiana governor, United States representative, and Louisiana state representative for West Feliciana Parish:
- Memorandum listing votes for Derbigny, Butler, Marigny, and Thomas by parishes for gubernatorial election and New Orleans newspaper clipping listing election returns for governor by parishes, also presidential and Congressional, July 17, 1828.

Letters from Isaac L. Baker, St. Mary, believes they must organize to give the Louisiana state vote to Andrew Jackson, August 10; comments on Jackson’s victory, United States Senatorial race, and getting married, December 12, 1828.
Letters from Alexander Barrow, Deer Run, comments on Andrew Jackson, August 13; comments on Pierre Derbigny’s victory over Thomas Butler, November 25; regarding hiring an overseer, December 4; commenting on copy of *L’Abeille* received, December 18, 1828.

Letter from Dr. Richard Davidson, giving symptoms of the Dagne (dengue) or Spanish fever epidemic. Also regarding national and local politics, August 15, 1828.

Letters from James Turner, Alexander Creek, regarding court cases, August 17, September 15, December 13, December 20.

Letter from A. P. Hayne, Charleston, South Carolina, regarding Tariff of 1828 and Andrew Jackson, September 26, 1828.

Letter from Robert J. Walker, commenting on Andrew Jackson’s campaign, September 30, 1828.

Letter from Judge John H. Overton, Opelousas, introducing Mr. Morehouse as a “Young planter of Ouachita-first of its native population who has come forward to represent it,” October 2, 1828.

Invitation to William S. Hamilton from friends of Andrew Jackson to a barbecue dinner, October 4, 1828.

Letter from James Cage, Donaldsonville, regarding yellow fever epidemic, November 17, 1828.

Letter from James Woodberry, conferring law degree, November 21, 1828.

Letter from William H. Johnson, St. Francisville, requesting support for his bid for the sheriff’s office (sheriffalty) of West Feliciana Parish, November 26, 1828.

Letters from R. W. Haile, regarding conditions on William S. Hamilton’s plantation, November 29, December 10, 1828.

Letter from John B. Dawson, St. Francisville, requesting information concerning appointments of Louisiana state officials, December 2, 1828.

Letter from Joseph Townsend, Tuscaloosa (Tuscaloosa), Alabama, requesting a patent for his bounty land, December 8, 1828.

Letter from Charles Morgan, giving a report on the bayous and rivers of Louisiana, December 25, 1828.

Letter from Colonel Robert Carter Nicholas, introducing Mr. Wills, salesman for *Life and Writings of Mr. Jefferson*, December 25, 1828.

Letter from John Stevens, Woodville, giving family news, December 26, 1828.

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Letter from John R. Dunn, Natchitoches, detailed story concerning Governor Henry Johnson’s part in a plot against Vice President John C. Calhoun, January 3, 1829.

Letter from constituent John A. Hower, St. Francisville, reprimanding William S. Hamilton for his bill to change the “seat of Justice to the middle of the parish,” January 4, 1829.

Letter from Walter H. Overton, Grassland, regarding decision of the Louisiana Legislature to change the judiciary districts in order to displace two judges who favored Andrew Jackson in the 1828 election, January 10, 1829.

Letters from James Turner, regarding business of the Louisiana Legislature and stating “Antonie de Sidelia died (Antonio de Sedella).” Legislature to go to his funeral, January 21; commenting on health, October 26, December 5, 1829.

Letters from Harry Cage, Holly Grove Plantation, mentions illness and death of wife, January 24, February 28; mentions Dr. Mercer and two little girls at “Callumbia Springs,” July 31, August 14, September 11, 1829.

Letter from Lieutenant R. Anderson, United States Arsenal, Baton Rouge, in reply to an inquiry relative to furnishing the militia with arms, January 26, 1829.

Louisiana Legislature draft of the report of the committee of the Legislature for the Board of Internal Improvements regarding a canal between New Orleans and Lake Ponchartrain (new basin), circa January 1829.

Letter from Isaac Johnson, St. Francisville, regarding illness of James Turner, March 17, 1829.

Lawsuit documents pertaining to the cases of Ann Hamilton vs. William S. Hamilton and William S. Hamilton vs. Mr. Sims:
- Letter from Judge Peter Randolph, March 22, 1829.
- Letter from Judge Thomas Butler, March 29, 1829.
- Letter from James M. Bradford, April 2, 1829.
- Letter from Isaac Johnson, June 1829.
- Letters from Alfred Hennen, May 22, June 13, 1829.
- Decree, Court of Probates, Parish of West Feliciana (mentions Ann Hamilton, wife of John Hamilton, now deceased, present husband, John Sims; children of Ann Hamilton and John Hamilton: Thomas I., Caroline S., and John H.; Thomas Butler, curator; and Isaac H. Smith, tutor of minor dependent, Elizabeth Hamilton, July 20, 1829.

Letter from James M. Bradford, stating “Mr. Benning, editor of the Kentucky Gazette, was assassinated on March 10, by a son of Robert Wickliff,” April 2, 1829.
Letter from Elizabeth F. B. Todd, announcing a proposed visit to William S. Hamilton’s home, April 2, 1829.

Items related to William S. Hamilton temporary commission as Surveyor General of Public Lands South of Tennessee:
- Letters from Thomas F. Hunt, Washington City, Mississippi, applying for the position of auditor in said city, April 23, July 26, 1829.
- Letter from Robert J. Walker, Natchez, stating uncle James Duncan recommended for office, May 12, 1829.
- Letters from General E. W. Ripley, New Orleans, regarding location of the office and the possibility of moving the office to Louisiana (office is located in Washington, Mississippi; Hamilton wants it in Jackson, Louisiana), also gives a salary and duties and discusses reorganization of the office, May 21, September 7, 1829.
- Letters from George M. Graham, General Land Office, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C., to James P. Turner (incumbent) and William S. Hamilton announcing appointment of Hamilton and giving instructions concerning the records to be transferred, September 14, 1829.
- Letter from Lieutenant George W. Long, West Point, applying for the position of principal deputy, September 22, 1829.
- Letter from Colonel Thayer, recommending Lieutenant Long, September 24, 1829.
- Copies of letters from William S. Hamilton to President Andrew Jackson, John H. Eaton, George M. Graham, and F. Wood, declining position, November 5, 25, December 11, 15, (letters December 11 and 15 give some information on General E. W. Ripley’s part in Congressional election to oppose Gurley), 1829.

Letters to and from James P. Turner, commenting on Hamilton’s refusal to accept the office of surveyor general, November 6, 25, 1829.

Letters from James Green, Grove, Natchez, giving detailed agriculture information and description of how to plant (probably sorghum), also comments on oats, pea vines, and rye, April 24; and from William Newton Mercer, Natchez, commenting on the growing of the “Guinea Grass” and Bermuda Grass, April 24, 1829.

Letters from Isaac L. Baker, St. Martinville, commenting on members of Andrew Jackson’s Cabinet, April 24; commenting on William S. Hamilton’s appointment as Surveyor General and on visit to Kentucky and Henry Clay, stating he is “most eloquent of Slang whangers,” October 16, 1829.

Certificate regarding a slave named Edman (swearing that he has not been convicted of any crimes and has not tried to run away) purchased by William K. Ish from Thomas C. Roach in Fauquier County, Virginia on April 29, 1829. Note on verso states that certificate is being given to Ira Bowman of East Feliciana Parish on June 9, 1829.
Letter from William G. Johnson, Beech Grove, regarding meeting of the board of administration of the College of Louisiana in Jackson, Louisiana, May 6; and letter from Dr. Thomas A Cabarrus, Jackson, East Feliciana Parish, mentioning Dr. Skipwith and that Louisiana College “now tottering almost to falling” and asking for assistance and mentioning a subversive group “more dangerous to the existence of the United States,” June 26; and printed circular (broadside) from the Trustees of the College of Louisiana, July 12, 1829.

Letters from William Haile, commenting on Henry H. Gurley and possibility of William S. Hamilton opposing Gurley for United States representative, May 20; containing description of land near Lake Borne and stating “only region that will grow the Sea Island (cotton) in this state…” June 12, 1829.

Letter from R. W. Haile, regarding delivery made by Judge Stewart and Perkins, stating “Judge Stewart and his sons had better not impair their credit any farther or the immense state they have in their possession will be of very little service to them,” May 24, 1829.

Letters from John B. Dawson, Wyoming and St. Francisville, requesting assistance on a speech for the Fourth of July and copy of speech, June 7, 13, circa July; referring to the College of Louisiana, July 28; regarding family court papers, August 22, 25, November 28, 1829.


Letters from Dr. Richard Davidson, New Orleans, commenting on Andrew Jackson’s administration, cancelling Haralson’s Derby sheet, and announcing Joseph Saul will be new collector, August 11; requesting an appointment for his brother, John, as an Indian agent, October 12, 1829.

Letter from Andrew Marschalk, Washington, Mississippi, offering to rent his house to William S. Hamilton. Also comments on his desire to take Mr. Griffith’s place at the post office at Natchez and requests Hamilton to write to President Andrew Jackson in his behalf, October 15, 1829.

Letter from Alexander Barrow, Deer Run, regarding good overseer engaged by Ruffin Barrow (possibly William Ruffin Barrow) at 1,000 dollars a year. States qualifications of Mr. Bowman as an overseer, October 28, 1829.

Letter from James S. Shaw, New Orleans, stating “the deaths average 35 per diem” and death of Underhill of the firm of Underhill and Strong “only scientific architect we had,” including bill for drugs, August 26, 1829.

Letter from Dr. Rumsey, New York, regarding cemetery monuments and gives cost, September 1829.

Letter from Lafayette Saunders, Clinton, commenting on his dislike for General E. W. Ripley, November 4; and William S. Hamilton’s reply on General E. W. Ripley, December 14, 1829.
Letters and account statements from John C. Hagan, New Orleans factor, 1829.

2 printed broadsides of an Act to apportion the representation in the House agreeable to the Fifth Census, circa 1829 (filed at end of December 1829 folder).

**Papers, 1830**

Hamilton ran for Louisiana governor on the Jackson ticket (Democratic Party) during the Louisiana special gubernatorial election of 1830. Letters for this year give a great deal of information concerning the political situation in Louisiana and the relationship between Louisiana and the Jacksonian party. Letters reveal problems such as American candidates unable to agree amongst themselves. Candidates discussed include: Andre B. Roman; Armand Beauvais from Pointe Coupee Parish; David A. Randall, Ascension Parish; and William S. Hamilton. Possible candidates discussed include: Judge Thomas Butler; John B. Dawson; General Walter H. Overton; and Isaac Thomas (Major), Rapides Parish.

Letters from Dr. R. Davidson, New Orleans, regarding gubernatorial campaign, Thomas Butler, and John B. Dawson, January 20; concerning Butler and influence of Henry Clay, February 4; more comments on Clay’s influence and Butler’s friendliness to Clay, April 9, 1830.

Letter from P. (Peter) K. Wagner, New Orleans, commenting on candidates, January 21, 1830.

Letters from William L. Dearing, Jackson, Mississippi, commenting on boundary line of Louisiana and the appointment of Joseph Dunbar as surveyor (Surveyor General), January 21, May 28, 1830.

Letters from Robert Haile, St. Francisville, commenting on bill regulating introduction of slaves for sale, January 21; and commenting on Thomas Butler, January 27, 1830.

Letters from General Joseph G. Swift, New Orleans, applying for position of Engineer for Louisiana (at the Engineering Department of the State of Louisiana), January 24, 30, February 3, 22, May 11; and letters from Captain William H. Chase, recommending General Joseph G. Swift, January 21, February 9, 1830.

Letters from Alexander Barrow, Deer Run, West Feliciana Parish, regarding gubernatorial campaign, also mentions Florida Parishes that did not support William S. Hamilton, January 25, 28, 31, April 22, June 4, July 12, 1830.

Letters from John T. MacNeill, Baton Rouge, regarding gubernatorial campaign, January 25, May 6; and regarding impeachment of Judge King, October 29, 1830.

Letters from John Nicholson, New Orleans, commenting on gubernatorial campaign, January 28, April 22, July 10; records of St. Mary’s College, Baltimore being checked to disqualify Andre B. Roman because of his age, November 16, 1830.

Several letters commenting on Henry Clay:
-Letters from James M. Bradford, St. Francisville, commenting on Henry Clay, stating “determined to print a newspaper once again in St. Francisville,” and requesting William S. Hamilton to advance the money, January 29; from Lexington, Kentucky, concerning public’s attitude toward Henry Clay, the Jackson administration, and stating he desires to be a senator, September 7, 1830.

-Letter from Benjamin F. Linton, Opelousas, commenting on party of Henry Clay, September 1, 1830.

-Letter from E. W. Taylor, Opelousas, commenting on Senatorial election for 1831 (Josiah S. Johnston vs. John B. Dawson) and Clay vs. Jackson candidates; attempt being made to disqualify Andre B. Roman because of his age, records being checked. Mentions there is great rejoicing at news of the French Revolution, October 13, 1830.

-Letter from James Turner, St. Francisville, concerning Clay’s visit to New Orleans, January 23, 1830.

Letters from General W. L. Robeson, New Orleans, commenting on candidates and meeting of the Democratic Republican meeting, January 31, February 6, 25, March 21, April 26, 1830.

Letters from General John B. Dawson, regarding gubernatorial campaign, February 2, July 7; regarding Nelson’s newspaper (St. Francisville, The Crisis), Dawson owns half interest and wants to sell for 360 dollars (Nelson apparently editor of Clinton newspaper), February 2, May 29, 1830.

Letters from Isaac L. Baker, lawyer and possibly judge, St. Martinville, regarding gubernatorial campaign in St. Martin and St. Mary parishes, February 2, April 18, May 2, 8, July 9, 29, 1830.

Letters from Dr. A. E. McConnell, Manchac, East Baton Rouge Parish, February 4, April 29, May 6, 21; comments on John Buhler, man of importance, February 4, 1830.

Letter from Judge Thomas A. Scott, Clinton, commenting on chances for William S. Hamilton if Butler withdraws, bills in Louisiana Legislature regarding state appropriations for College of Louisiana, and regulating sale of slaves, February 8, 1830.

Letters from Montgomery Sloan, Baton Rouge, regarding gubernatorial campaign and stating (February 10 letter) “friends of Clay and Adams getting up a dinner for (Henry) Clay,” February 10, April 18, May 6; commenting on Senatorial campaign and candidates, December 20, 1830.

Letters from A. Haralson, Society Hill, commenting on Thomas Butler, Isaac Thomas, John B. Dawson, and American vote vs. French (Creole) vote, February 12, March 2, July 31, October 30; mentions that William S. Hamilton and his family are going to spend winter in Woodville, October 30, 1830.

Letters from John R. Dunn, Natchitoches, commenting on Walter H. Overton, Thomas Butler, Isaac Thomas, Josiah S. Johnston, and votes from Claiborne Parish; governor and United States representative election returns from St. Landry, Avoyelles, and Ouachita parishes, February 14, April 12, May 14, July 12, 1830.
Letter from M. G. Penn, Covington, commenting on gubernatorial campaign, February 16, 1830.

Letters from John J. Burk, Iberville Parish, regarding gubernatorial campaign, February 16, April 1, 25; discusses Armand Beauvais, Isaac Thomas, Andre B. Roman, also comments on Preston’s treason to Thomas Bolling Robertson, April 25, 1830.

Letter from William Haile, Woodville, regarding governorship of Arkansas and Henry H. Gurley, February 18, 1830.

Letter from Walter H. Overton, Washington, D.C., commenting on Thomas Butler, uncertain about having a candidate for governor; will decline nomination in Congressional election in favor of P. A. Rost, March 5, 1830.

Letters from William Wilson, Alexandria, commenting on Thomas Butler, Judge Bullard, and vote in Ouachita and Catahoula parishes, March 5, April 20, 1830.

Letter from James Cage, Grand Caillou, Terrebonne Parish, regarding gubernatorial campaign, commenting on Isaac Thomas, Andre B. Roman, April 2, 1830.

Letters from Judge Peter Randolph, Wilkinson County, commenting on Thomas Butler, Walker, and Isaac Thomas, April 2, 29, 1830.

Letters from R. W. Newport, Mount William, commenting on chances of Judge Thomas Butler, April 3; and commenting on trial of Judge King, December 29, 1830.

Letters from Colonel Charles Morgan, Pointe Coupee, commenting on gubernatorial campaign and necessity for survey of river and canals, April 6, June 23, 1830.

Letter from Gilbert C. Russell, Alexandria, commenting on Walter H. Overton and Isaac Thomas, April 13, 1830.

Letter from P. K. Lawrence, Baton Rouge, commenting on Walter H. Overton and Thomas Butler, April 17, 1830.

Letters from Boatner, St. Helena Parish, regarding vote in St. Helena and Attakapas, April 23, June 4, 1830.

Letters from David Alexander, Concordia Parish, regarding vote in Concordia, Catahoula, and Rapides parishes, April 24, June 14, 1830.

Letter from Charles A. Bullard, Natchitoches Parish, regarding gubernatorial campaign, commenting in particular on Walter H. Overton, Isaac Thomas, and Andre B. Roman, May 1, 1830.

Letter from Dr. John Ker, near Natchez, commenting on vote in Concordia Parish, May 1, 1830.
Letter from Robert A. Crain, Alexandria, commenting on Isaac Thomas, Walter H. Overton, and Andre B. Roman, May 1, 1830.

Letters from Jon Ashburn Ragan, Covington, hoping for large vote in the Floridas, May 1, June 5, 1830.

Letter from W. Winfree, Greenvale, commenting on convention at Baton Rouge and Donaldsonville, also commenting on state representative from St. Helena, May 2, 1830.

Letters from Robert Williams, Monroe, naming persons supporting William S. Hamilton in Ouachita Parish, May 5, 29, 1830

Letter from R. J. Walker, Natchez, commenting on William S. Hamilton’s chances for success, May 9, 1830.

Letters from Stephen W. Wikoff, St. Landry Parish, commenting on Andre B. Roman and Armand Beauvais, May 12, June 1, 1830.

Letter from André Martin, Vermillionville, advising William S. Hamilton to visit Attakapas and Opelousas, May 21, 1830.

Copy for the partition of the estate of John Hamilton, May 22; copy of mortgage, James Germany to Bank of Louisiana, May 25, 1830.

Letter from W. F. C. Duplessis (most likely William Ferdinand Charles Duplessis), New Orleans, comments on David A. Randall, Armand Beauvais, Andre B. Roman, also regarding vote in New Orleans, Plaquemines, Iberville, and St. Bernard parishes, May 26, 1830.

Letter from W. D. Mays, Cheneyville, Rapides Parish, commenting on vote in Rapides Parish, May 29, 1830.


Letter from Richard Winn, Alexandria, commenting on vote in Rapides and Ouachita parishes, May 31, 1830.

Letter from Alexander Hamilton, St. Martinville, advising William S. Hamilton to come to St. Martin Parish, June 1, 1830.

Letter from Alexander Mouton, Vermillionville, stating that he will support Andre B. Roman, June 1, 1830

Letters from Colonel W. Quarles, St. Francisville, commenting on candidates, June 1; regarding merchandise and personal business, July 30 and December 29, 1830.
Letter from A. M. Scott, Oak Grove, commenting on vote in Rapides Parish, June 4, 1830.

Letters from Colonel John K. Goff, Goffsborough, commenting on David A. Randall, Andre B. Roman, and vote in Washington Parish, June 5, 20, 1830

Letters from Dr. F. A. McWilliams, Monroe, commenting on vote in Ouachita and Claiborne parishes, June 5; Morgan beat Morhouse, election contested in Ouachita Parish, fight over election, reports say the R. H. Sterling killed F. Morgan, September 11, 1830.

Letter from Robert Fluker, St. Helena Parish, regarding vote in St. Helena Parish, June 8, 1830.

Letters from D. J. Green, St. Helena Parish, regarding vote in parish, June 11; unfavorable report regarding trial of Judge King, June 24, 1830.

Letter from W. James, Plaquemines Parish, regarding vote in parish, commenting on Bell, Chambers, and Porter against William S. Hamilton. Also mentions David A. Randall will not resign, June 22 or 25, 1830.

Letter from Judge Jessie R. Jones, Covington, mentions that he is neutral regarding election, July 4, 1830.

Letters giving election returns for Louisiana governor, United States representative, and in some instances, local returns in St. Landry, St. Martin, Lafayette, St. Mary, Natchitoches, Ouachita, Claiborne, Rapides, and Avoyelles parishes, July 9-12, 1830

Letter of recommendation by James I. Tredwell, Edenton, North Carolina, August 20, 1830.

Letter from James Scott, Jr., commenting on College of Louisiana, October 5, 1830.

Newspaper clipping containing text of a letter from Mr. Haile, West Feliciana Parish, to the General Assembly in which William S. Hamilton declines to compete with Andre B. Roman as second highest candidate in the vote of the Legislature, December 27, 1830

William S. Hamilton was contemplating a change of residence and wrote to some of his friends for information concerning living conditions and economic conditions of their locales. Hamilton received the following letters which give such information:
- Letter from G. L. Duphey, commenting on Alabama (Duphey’s address: Orange Grove, Greensboro County), November 17, 1830.
- Letter from Colonel Robert S. Butler (poet), Tallahassee, commenting on price of land in Florida, November 22, 1830.
- Letter from Judge Harry Cage, commenting on Hamilton’s application for Cage’s house in Woodville, December 11, 1830.
- Letter from William Stewart, Woodville, regarding Hamilton’s request to buy or rent his house, December 17, 1830.
Other family and personal letters include:
- Letter from C. M. Conrad, introducing Mr. H. Lockett, January 12, 1830.
- Letter from James A. Stewart, regarding illness of horses on Holly Grove Plantation, January 14, 1830.
- Letter from W. Wakkill, Jackson, East Feliciana Parish, requesting appointment as justice of the peace, January 23, 1830.
- Letters from James Turner, St. Francisville, concerning business of the Legislature, January 23, March 6, 1830.
- Letter from Thomas J. Hamilton (William S. Hamilton’s half-brother), regarding position in accounting house in New Orleans, April 18, 1830.
- Letter from Dr. L. L. Near, Louisville, applying for position of sutler for the Post of Baton Rouge, June 27, 1830.
- Letter from Alexander G. Penn, St. Helena Parish, concerning marriage to Emeline Hosmer, December 10, 1830

Letters and account statements from John C. Hagan, New Orleans factor, 1830.

Bills and receipts including repairs to carriage, board bills, subscription to Mr. Jefferson’s works, and subscription to *Attakapas Gazette*, 1830

**Papers, 1831**

Letters from Alexander Barrow, Washington, D.C., concerning a visit with President Andrew Jackson and expressing his opinions on Jackson’s view concerning the tariff and Nullification. Also comments on influence of William B. Lewis, September 3; mentions that he favors Calhoun and Nullification and that Jackson is too much of a tariff man, December 9, 1831.

Letters to and from George Blair:
- Letter from William S. Hamilton commenting on his new residence in Woodville and his family, February 17, 1831.
- Letter from Blair, Franklin, St. Mary Parish, recalling his experiences at the age of 16, in a country store in Edenton, North Carolina, and stating that his work in Franklin pertains to collecting information for the government on the Live Oaks and making reports to the Secretary of the Navy, also comments on Andrew Jackson's cabinet naming Major Eaton, William B. Lewis, and (Francis P. Blair); mentions a visit with Judge (Joshua) Baker and comments on the death of his wife; commenting on the men at the “Mansion House” (rooming house) and the town of Franklin, “which contains neither Church, Mosque, or Synagogue,” (United States timberlands), September 3, 1831.
Letter from Robert A. Crain, commenting on the gentlemanly conduct of the men establishing the boundary line between Louisiana and Arkansas. Also commenting on some area in Texas near the line, April 1, 1831.

Letter from Robert Haile, New Orleans, relating the results of the Senatorial election (Josiah S. Johnston vs. John B. Dawson). Stating Butler anxious to run but preferred Dawson because of his political views, suffering from influenza, January 19, 1831.

Letter from Robert Carter Nicholas, commenting on the fact that the (Capitol) was lodged in the old Convent (New Orleans), 1831 (filed at the end of the April-December 1831 folder).

Personal and financial letters to William S. Hamilton from:
- Oscar Pillet, New Orleans merchant, concerning woolen goods, carpets, and velvet, January 2, December 3, 1831.
- Jesse Cage, requesting payment of note in favor of James Douglass, January 18, 21, 1831.
- James Turner, requesting payment for legal services, January 28, 1831.
- W. L. Gray, New Orleans, regarding payment of supplies for plantation, February 6, 1831.
- John B. Posey, confined to the house because of the epidemic, March 3, 1831.
- M. W. Satterwhite, note concerning supply of medicine, licorice root, March 9, 1831.
- William Flower, requesting payment of note, July 6, 1831.
- William Terrell, requesting appointment of receiver of the Land Office, December 9, 1831.

Letters and account statements from John Hagan & Co., New Orleans factors, 1831

Papers, 1832
Letters from Alexander Barrow, St. Francisville, commenting on overseers “scarce articles,” January 22, September 16, 1832.

Letters from George Blair, New Orleans (Navy agent, inspecting United States timberlands Live Oaks), commenting on visit with ex-governor Houston of Tennessee, January 2; requesting recommendations for the job of pursership in the Navy, January 12; commenting on a book written by a North Carolinian titled Lawyer or Fever; commenting on Andrew Jackson’s administration, mentioning John C. Calhoun and Martin Van Buren; stating that “we have not had the Asiatic cholera in this city;” and mentioning lawsuits because of pilferage of United States Live Oaks lands, May 23, 1832.

Letter from William G. Johnson, Beech Grove, wishing to place a child in a family (childcare), February 9, 1832.

Letter from Walter H. Overton, Grassland, Rapides Parish, commenting on length of the Tariff (Tariff of 1832), January 7, 1832.

Letter from S. Van Wickle, Pointe Coupee Parish, commenting on a visit with President Andrew Jackson, plantation matters “orange trees are all killed,” railroad from Pointe Coupee Court...
House to the Opelousas Church (probably Southern Pacific Railroad), ferry from Pointe Coupee to Bayou Sara, February 20, 1832.

Financial and legal items for William S. Hamilton including letter requesting 50,000 dollars in stock in the Union Bank of New Orleans (established in 1832), September 18; acts of sale, affidavits, contracts, deeds, etc., establishing title to Hamilton’s property, January 7, March 3, September 1, 20, 21, 27, November 20; and letters to and from S. W. Oakey of the bank concerning the transaction, September 18, 19, November 10, 21, 1832.

Letter from Mrs. Melissa McNeil, New Orleans, asking for assistance, November 22, 1832.

Letters to and from Eliza C. Hamilton regarding plantation matters, February 2 (letter to Eliza) and 6 (letter from Eliza), 1832.

Letters and account statements from Hagan & Co., New Orleans factors, 1832.

Bank of Louisiana loan document for James Germany, West Feliciana, May 5, 1832.

**Papers, 1833**

Letters from Alexander Barrow, New Orleans, stating that he had an attack of the old fashion cholera; commenting on the business of the Louisiana Legislature and stock of the Union Bank of New Orleans, February 19; stating that General McCausland, Judge McGehee, himself, and others owned the steamboat “Columbia,” September 25, 1833.

Letter from George Blair, New Orleans, commenting at length on national politics, also marrying a widow living in Rapides Parish, April 8, 1833.

Letter from Robert Haile, St. Francisville, stating bill of indictment against William S. Hamilton for assault and battery and explains Louisiana law on that crime, May 13, 1833.

Letter from Van Wickle, Pointe Coupee, requesting information regarding possible summer residence in Jackson or Clinton and stating cholera continues among slaves, June 9, 1833.

Bill for William S. Hamilton from blacksmith, February 11, 1833.

Certificate of record of mortgage in favor of Union Bank for stock, recorded March 9, 1833.

**Papers, 1834**

Letter from Alexander Barrow, New Orleans, commenting on business of the Louisiana Legislature, January 1, 1834.

Letter from S. W. Oakley, New Orleans, commenting on the United States Branch Bank, discounts, etc., April 1, 1834.

Broadside from Domestic School, Geneva, New York, March 15, with endorsement by General Swift on back, September 6, 1834.

Letter from Douglas M. Hamilton (William S. Hamilton’s son), Tuscaloosa, Alabama, commenting on his school work, November 15, 1834.

Copies of *New-Orleans Wholesale Prices-Current*, 1834.

**Papers, 1835**

Letter from Douglas M. Hamilton, Woodville, commenting on Mr. Bynum’s school, January 26, 1835.

Letter from Eliza C. Hamilton, commenting on poor health, April 28, 1835.


Copies of *New-Orleans Wholesale Prices-Current*, 1835.

**Papers, 1836**

Letters from Douglas M. Hamilton, student at Spring Hill College, Mobile, Alabama, giving a detailed outline of the course of studies, number of professors, nationalities of some (Irish), disciplinary methods, quality of food, time and kinds of recreation (swimming), number of students, and from what states or countries they come from, building and grounds, visits of Bishop Michael Portier (first Catholic bishop of Mobile), also commenting on President Bazin; and contrasting the Catholic and Protestant rituals and behavior (such as shooting a gun on Sunday as sinful, but not to Catholics), June 5, 11, July 18, August 8, 9, 12, 14, 16, 20, 1836.

Letters from John A. Hamilton (William S. Hamilton’s son) also attending Spring Hill College, Mobile, Alabama, giving some information concerning the school, August 13, September 17, October 1, 1836.

Letters from Spring Hill College and Bishop Portier, commenting on health and conduct of the boys, August 23, 25, 27; mentions that Douglas ran away, August 27, 1836.

Letter from Colonel W. S. Hamilton to Douglas M. Hamilton inquiring about the boys’ health, etc., also states John Evans is very rich and very clever, August 28, 1836.

Letters from Charles Stewart, Columbia, South Carolina, regarding family news. States that “Col. Hampton is in the North, uncertain when he will return,” September 8, 30, 1836.

Letter from Dr. T. R. Ingalls, Jefferson College, St. James Parish, in answer to an inquiry concerning the opening of school, expenses, etc., October 4, 1836.

Bill, December 24, 1836.

Copy of *New-Orleans Wholesale Prices-Current*, 1836.
Letters from Thomas Barrett & Co., New Orleans factors, 1836.

Statement and certificate of titles issued by New Orleans Canal & Banking Co., St. Francisville, November 9, 1836.

**Papers, 1837**
Broadside from College of Louisiana, East Feliciana Parish, Jackson, Exhibition of the Preparatory Department, June 13, 1837.

Broadside from Spring Hill College, Mobile, Alabama, of prospectus for college giving general information, and verso contains letter of President Basin concerning a dispute over expenditures of William S. Hamilton’s sons, April 15, 1837.

Letters from Douglas M. Hamilton, commenting on a letter from President Bazin and an old account at Spring Hill College, February 19; commenting on General Dawson attending a presentation of the flag to the Jackson Guards and states he “was drunk, (as usual) on such occasions,” March 3; portrait painter in Woodville better than Mr. Harvey, April 9; Capt. L. Marks, mayor of Jackson, June 6; make very good shoes at the tan yard, November 4; additional letters from Douglas M. Hamilton attending the College of Louisiana, commenting on the faculty, in particular Mr. Merrill, course of studies in the Preparatory Department, first senior class the college has produced (apparently the Preparatory Department), lack of discipline and direction by the professors, and recommending an investigation of the school, January 22, February 5, 19; March 3; April 2, 9, June 6, July 28, November 1, 3, 4, 9, 12, 1837.

Letter from Miss M. E. Posey, Hermitage, Woodville, telling of her marriage to Henry E. Sale, merchant of Woodville, August 20, 1837.

Letters and account statements from Thomas Barrett & Co., New Orleans factors, 1837 (April 14 account statement is oversize).

**Papers, 1838**
Letters from James Shannon, President of College of Louisiana, Jackson, regarding dismissal of Douglas M. Hamilton and H. B. White, February 1; regarding return of Douglas to school, February 16, 1838.

Resolution from Faculty minutes and letter from Douglas M. Hamilton to the faculty regarding admission to the College of Louisiana, October 24, 1838.

Letters from John A. Hamilton attending the College of Louisiana, mostly personal information, 1838.

2 broadsides, programs for Preparatory Department of the College of Louisiana, June 12, 13, 1838.
Letter from Jos. Johnson, requesting on what terms the West Feliciana Railroad Co. can be permitted to construct the road through William S. Hamilton’s plantation, October 1, 1838.

Letter from A. Ledoux, cotton factor, New Orleans, mentions that the market is off because of trouble in Ireland, August 22, 1838.

Letter from C. West, concerning credit on account, November 12, 1838.

Letters from Thomas Barrett & Co., New Orleans factors, 1838.

**Papers, 1839**

West Feliciana Railroad, copy of petitions filed in the district court of the third Judicial District by the West Feliciana Railroad Company against William S. Hamilton, John West, James Brown, and William (last name unclear) for permission to construct a railroad through the above plantations, January 29; and copies of petitions filed with Parish Court, West Feliciana Parish, April 1, November 19, 1839.

Letter from D. L. Swain, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (dated January 4, 1838, but probably 1839) concerning William S. Hamilton’s son attending University of Virginia, January 4, 1839.

Letters from John A. Hamilton, College of Louisiana, 1839.

Receipt to Gales & Seaton for the *National Intelligencer*, January 3, 1839.

Letter from A. Ledoux, cotton broker, New Orleans factor, December 21, 1839.

Letters from Payne & Harrison, cotton broker, New Orleans factors, 1839.

Copies of *New-Orleans Wholesale Prices Current*, 1839.

Copies *Merchants’ Transcript and New-Orleans Price Current*, 1839.


**Papers, 1840**

Letter from Brown, regarding West Feliciana Railroad, Bank to be examined by commissioners, March 5, 1840.

Letter from David Turnbull, New York, describing trip, June 10, 1840.

Letter from Douglas M. Hamilton, Oakland College, Claiborne County, near Rodney, Mississippi, mentioning Dr. Chamberlain, societies at the school, libraries, number of students, compares school with Louisiana College at Jackson stating that Dr. Lacey at Baton Rouge to be made president, June 18, 1840.
Letter from Dr. C. H. Stone, Woodville, concerning situation as doctor at St. Francisville, mentions Dr. Ingalls, October 9, 1840.

Notarized copy of a receipt of slave sale, sold by A. G. Cage, Wilkinson County, Mississippi, to William S. Hamilton; slaves sold are Moses (14 years old), Frank (12 years old), David (12 years old), and Ralph (24 years old and a blacksmith), January 12, 1836 (date of original sale), September 25, 1840 (date of notarized copy).

Letter in phonetic spelling concerning behavior of Dr. Dalton, October 1840.

Letter from Sister C. S. Farish, Rosendale, regarding a piano, December 8, 1840.

Letters and account statements from A. Ledoux, New Orleans factor, 1840.

**Papers, 1841**
Letter from James A. Stewart, writing from home, regarding recipe for gumbo with curry powder, February 17, 1841.

Broadside from M. Du Bose and G. L. C. Davis, New Orleans factors, announcing partnership, April 15, 1841.

Letter from Joseph Redhead, describing use of various prescriptions and treatments for Mrs. Hamilton (Eliza C. Hamilton), April 17, 1841.

Medical prescriptions by Dr. Duer and Dr. Dalton and 2 letters from Duer regarding medicine, 1841 (filed in May-December 1841 folder).

Letters to and from Elizabeth Herbert, regarding marriage of half-sister to Mr. Davidson, August 3, August 4, 1841.

Letters from Douglas M. Hamilton regarding College of Louisiana, September 1, 20, October 6, 27, 1841.

Copy of *Merchants’ Transcript and New Orleans Prices Current and Shipping List*, vol. II no. 82, New Orleans, Saturday, August 14, 1841 (oversize).

Letters from Ledoux & Co., New Orleans factors, 1841.

**Papers, 1842**
Letter from A. (possibly Borron), Washington, regarding national politics, also states that “Judge Butler is under protest,” March 6, 1842.

Letter from W. W. Seaton, Washington, concerning health and whereabouts of immediate family, November 8, 1842.

Letter from Eliza C. Hamilton regarding bonnet, February 13, 1842.
Letter from regarding *Knickerbocker Magazine*, July 9, 1842.

Letters and account statements from A. Ledoux, New Orleans factors, 1842; including letter signed by Miltenberger, January 15, 1842.

**Papers, 1843**
Letters from Douglas M. Hamilton, giving news concerning his father’s plantation in Woodville, October 16, 22, 1843.

Letter from A. Ledoux, New Orleans, regarding price of land adjoining Judge Black’s land in Pointe Coupee Parish, July 22, 1843.

Other letters from A. Ledoux & Co., New Orleans factors, 1843.

**Papers, 1845**
Letters from A. Ledoux & Co., New Orleans factors, 1845.

**Papers, 1846**
Letter from Dr. J. (John) W. King, Rosedown, informing William S. Hamilton of a proposed visit to see Mrs. Hamilton (Eliza C. Hamilton), March 24, 1846.

Letter from General George Gibson, Washington, D.C., informing William S. Hamilton that his application for a position in the army addressed to President Polk had been delivered, July 10, 1846.

Letter from Douglas M. Hamilton, Port Lavaca, Calhoun County, Texas, stating that there are 2,000 troops and 500,000 rations landing at Port Lavaca and will pass Victoria on the way to San Antonio; advising to buy land on the Guadalupe River; crops excellent; cattle, horses, and sheep have abundant pasturage the year round; abundance of fish, July 22, 1846.

Letter from John A. I. Hamilton, Elsinou, Victoria County, Texas, addressed to “Dear Brother” (William S. Hamilton), telling about Douglas’ work as a merchant, climate of Texas, sickness caused for want of cleanliness confined to the lower classes, particularly Germans (laborers); comments considerably on the Mexican War situation and on General Taylor’s activities; possible land for planting sugar, August 20, 1846.

Letters from Thomas Hickley, Woodville, concerning orders for medical bags made by Hickley, August 14, 25, 1846.

Letters from A. Ledoux & Co., New Orleans factors, 1846.

Broadsheet of *Norman’s Monthly Supplement*, vol. 1, no. 10, New Orleans, October 1846, advertising *Norman’s Southern Agricultural Almanac* for 1847, edited by Thomas Affleck, also article relative to Agriculturists’ and Mechanics’ Association of Louisiana stating that T. B.
Thorpe gave an address at the annual Fair held at Baton Rouge on January 5, 1846, and gives a list of the officers and executive committee of the association.

Papers, 1847
Letters from Franklin H. Hamilton, from Blue Ball, Butler County, Ohio, telling of his work on a farm owned by Dr. Oliver, his plans for a trip though the East before returning to Louisiana, May 28, August 9, 1847.

Letter from Catherine (Kitty) S. Hamilton (William S. Hamilton’s daughter) to Franklin H. Hamilton (addressed “Dear Brother”), giving news concerning each member of the family, November 9, 1847.

Letter from David Johnston, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, relative to sale of property in the vicinity, December 31, 1847.

Bill for subscription to the Knickerbocker Magazine, July 17, 1847.

Letters from A. Ledoux & Co., New Orleans factors, 1847.

Papers, 1848
Letter from David Johnston, Tuscaloosa, regarding deed for property in Alabama, January 8, 1848

Letter from Starke Dupuy, Memphis, regarding subscription to the Reformer, January 10, 1848

Letter from Colonel (John) Darrington, United States Army, New Orleans, commenting on friendliness of Generals Joseph Lane and David E. Twiggs with General Winfield Scott and further comments relative to charges leveled at him upon his return from Mexico (Mexican War), April 6, 1848

Letter from E. C. Dameron, West Pascagoula, commenting on social life, including Generals Twiggs and Taylor, September 11, 1848

Letters from A. Ledoux, New Orleans factors, other than cotton matters, letters contain information concerning efforts to contact military men in order to find out the whereabouts of one of William S. Hamilton’s sons, 1848

Papers, 1849
Broadside from Weld & Co.’s, New Orleans list of magazines and periodicals and their subscription price. American magazines, medical periodicals, foreign magazines and papers, religious magazines and papers, June 12, 1849.

Letter from William S. Hamilton to his sons, William B. and J. S. (possibly J. D.) Hamilton, leaving for a school in the East, giving complete instructions as to travel, clothing, finances, etc., September 26, 1849.

Letter from John A. Hamilton, Williamsport, Louisiana, to his mother, telling of his business enterprise as merchant, also states that he is postmaster, November 15, 1849.

**Papers, 1850**

Letters to Penelope S. Hamilton, Spring Ridge (possibly a health resort), from friends, October 20, November 27, December 25, 1850.

Letter from Jones S. (possibly D.) Hamilton, Laurel Hill, to Billy (William B. Hamilton), stating that the sugar house had been burned down, November 21, 1850.

**Papers, 1851**

Broadside from West Feliciana Railroad, shows rates of transportation and passage on the railroad, January 7, 1851.

Letter from William B. Hamilton, Red River Landing, commenting on his life on Charles and Julia (Black) Stewart’s plantation and mentioning homeopathy treatment in place of medicine, shoes for slaves from Virginia, description, cost, January 29, 1851.

Letters from William B. Hamilton, Raleigh Springs and University of Virginia, chiefly concerning his vacation in the East prior to entering the University, some mention of his boarding house, climate, new buildings, July 21, August 20, 22; to his mother in reply to being reprimanded for his conduct, commenting about his courses and the school, October 2, 1851.

Broadside from the University of Virginia, commencement exercises, giving program and names of graduates, June 28, 1851.

Letter from Douglas M. Hamilton, Biloxi, Mississippi, chiefly concerning his illness (rheumatism) and the medical treatment hydropathy (hydrotherapy). Also states that the Reverend Dr. Chamberlain of Oakland College was killed by a former student of the college, September 10, 1851.

Letter from John A. Hamilton, Williamsport, Louisiana, merchant, describes his treatment and severe punishment of his slaves. Uses his gun to shoot at a gathering of slaves during the night and wounds a boy slave belonging to a D. Smith or Dr. Smith. Mentions his slave John who has run away to the woods, July 29, 1851.

Letter from Washington Hamilton, Laurel Hill, discussing family relationships, cannot always live together, must learn to live apart, May 9, 1851.

Letters from Jones S. (possibly D.) Hamilton, Oakland College, near Rodney, Mississippi, student commenting on the curriculum and the faculty; attached to April 17 letter is a newspaper clipping from the *Baton Rouge Gazette* giving an account of the college commencement;
mentions crop conditions in the area and that water supply exhausted, April 17, June 5, July 13, 1851.

Letters from Catherine (Kitty) Stewart Hamilton and letters from Penelope S. Hamilton to members of their families describing the homeopathic treatment given at the health home or institute which they are taking. Dr. Byrenheidt is the head of the institution and hydropathy (hydrotherapy) is the name given to the treatment. Some information is given on the old town of Biloxi, June 8, 13, 20, July 11, 19, 21, 1851.

Letter from Penelope S. Hamilton regarding Oakland College, commenting on murder of Dr. Chamberlain, September 15, 1851.

Letters from Emilie Watts, East Feliciana Parish, Clinton, news concerning Methodist Conference, Protestant Episcopal Church, and the death of Judge Watts, April 28, December 3., 1851.

Letter from Rebecca E. Galtney, regarding Presbyterian Church, Bloomfield, built for Reverend Mr. McLain, new minister Joseph Brown native of Virginia. Name of church given as Unity, intend to build a seminary, December 19, 1851.

Papers, 1852
Materials regarding the University of Virginia: letters from William B. Hamilton; reports from the chairman of the faculty; and letters from Rockbridge Alum Springs near the University, giving news about the school, 1852.

Letter from William B. Hamilton, Rockbridge Alum, commenting on Alexander L. Hamilton, from Jefferson City, Missouri, who is acting as sole agent for the state of Missouri as a prison philanthropist to inspect northern and eastern prisons and to inquire into the best mode of prison discipline, August 10, 1852.

Letters from Emilie R. Watts giving local news including marriages, January 24, July 3, August 28, October 8, December 14; mentions a Mr. Dean, a Protestant Episcopal minister, July 3; mentions a Democrats barbecue in October, 1852.


Letter from Douglas M. Hamilton, mentioning that hydropathy (hydrotherapy) in the northern part of the United States not being practiced by qualified doctors, August 23, 1852.

Letter from Jefferson Hamilton, concerning the State Insane Asylum in Jackson, Louisiana. Mentions that the facility is clean, November 6, 1852.
Papers, 1853
Letters from William B. Hamilton, giving some information concerning the school (University of Virginia) but chiefly concerning his health; letters from Gessner Harrison, chairman of the faculty, giving routine school news, January-April, 1853.

Letters from William B. Hamilton and letter from Duncan (July 15), describing the accommodations and the people staying at Ocean Springs (watering place), Mississippi, July 8, 15, 18, 22, 25, 1853.

Letters from William B. Hamilton and Eliza C. Hamilton, describing accommodations, people, and considerably about the “infectious” yellow fever, Biloxi, Mississippi, August 10, 24, 1853.

Letters from Douglas M. Hamilton, St. Louis Hotel, New Orleans, concerning his efforts to sell two slaves: a male named Old Feo (possibly Fea) and a female named Old Celia. Mentions that Celia has been difficult to sell because of her having a bad cold and he may have to leave her with the slave trader affiliated with A. Milttenberger & Co. to sell later instead. Also discusses a sugar machine and sugar maker, March 3, 8, 1853.

Letter from Emilie R. Watts, Clinton, East Feliciana Parish, concerning 60 out of 450 died of yellow fever, November 11, 1853.

Papers, 1854
Letters from Edward T. (or S.) Farish, St. Louis, concerning social life, February 6; mentioning railroads in Missouri, question of annexation of Cuba, disadvantages to the sugar planters, and commenting on the political situation in Europe, May 16; personal news, December 5, 1854.

Letter from R. B. Shields, Hermitage, Natchez, containing local and personal news, September 26, 1854.


Letter from Washington Hamilton, Jackson, Louisiana, regarding Mr. Magruder’s school, January 18, 1854.

Letter from Douglas M. Hamilton, Mobile, Alabama, concerning hydropathy (hydrotherapy) practiced on an infant, August 7, 1854.

Broadside advertising Belle Grove Academy, near Carrollton, Louisiana, August 26, 1854.

Specifications of new levee section No. 5 fronting, Tunica Village, December 1, 1854.
Papers, 1855
Letter from Thomas Percy, New Orleans, regarding marriage of James Ventress to Julia Brown of Manchac. States that women are “so fond of the filthy-lucre…fortune hunters,” June 8, 1855.

Letter from Theo W. White, Woodville, telling of the number of deaths and number of cases of yellow fever in Woodville, Natchez, Fort Adams, and Vicksburg, October 3, 1855.

Letter from Douglas M. Hamilton, concerning hydropathy (hydrotherapy) practiced for yellow fever or cholera, October 31, 1855.

Letter from Robert H. Redwood, Columbia, Tennessee, telling of his marriage and graduation from medical school, November 4, 1855.

Letter from John A. Hamilton, Williamsport, Louisiana, concerning lumber and stating that he is “getting out the logs…enough to make more than 100 cords,” November 10, 1855.

Letter from an anonymous female slave (formerly owned by the Hamilton family), writing from Woodville, addressed to Miss Kitty (Catherine Stewart Hamilton), mentions nursing the sick at Dr. Buck’s. Comments on Mrs. Norwood (possibly slave’s news owner). Mentions being at Miss (possibly Lissey) Sims and old Mrs. Sims. Also mentions Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Buck; October 20, 1855.

Letter from Edward T. Parish, giving an eyewitness account of the opening of the Pacific Railroad from St. Louis to Jefferson City and the accident that occurred on the bridge of the Gasemade River, care for the wounded, etc., November 18, 1855.

Broadside from the Pointe Coupee Echo concerning the “Grand Democratic Victory” and the “Know Nothing” movement, listing returns of the Pointe Coupee election, November 5, 1855.


Family letters and bills regarding Texas lands for William. B. Hamilton, 1855


Papers, 1856
Letters from Catherine (Kitty) Stewart Hamilton Lane, (Mrs. N. Vick Lane), Vicksburg, Mississippi, telling of her family and social life (she is a new bride) with some mention of growing fruit, problems with her house slaves, missing her former housemaid slave Susan (who was sold to another owner; April 8 letter), and her finances, April 8, 12, 24, July 10, 21, 26, August 2, November 17, 27, December 1, 9, 1856.

Letters from William S. Hamilton and Penelope S. Hamilton, giving family and West Feliciana Parish news, chiefly to William B. Hamilton at Red River Landing, Pointe Coupee Parish, 1856.
Letter from John A. Hamilton, at the Cottage, Louisiana, mentioning his marriage, November 15, 1856.

Letter from A. Miltenberger & Co, New Orleans factor, asking for notes on a 50,000 dollar debt, March 12, 1856.

Letter from Thomas Percy, New Orleans, giving personal news, October 23, 1856.

Letter from John Hebron, regarding fruit tree delivery, November 8, 1856.

**Papers, 1857**

Letters from William B. Hamilton, Red River Landing (Plantation Louisa, Charles D. Stewart’s plantation), giving general sugar plantation and personal news and regarding overseers, June 16, September 25; see also July 10, August 6, September 23, December 13, 21 letters; comments on the laying of the cornerstone of St. Stephen’s Protestant Episcopal Church, Innis (Williamsport), Pointe Coupee Parish, October 6, 1857.

Letter from B. Corley, Milliken’s Bend, Madison Parish, at Dr. Buckner’s, giving information regarding teacher’s salary and general comments on job, December 6, 1857.


Letters from Charles D. Stewart to William B. Hamilton, concerning plantation, Stewart’s travels to Virginia, and news of persons at Warm Springs, Virginia (watering place; July 5 letter), 1857.

Letters and bills to William B. Hamilton and William S. Hamilton, including letters regarding cost of shoes for slaves, June 16; for cotton gin, August 6, 12; and regarding family news, 1857.

Letter from Eliza C. Hamilton concerning purchase of sewing machine for 135 dollars. States “much cheaper than negroes.” Remarks on her dislike of the Lane family. Letter included newspaper clipping for Singer’s Sewing Machines (clipping stored at box 12, folder 6), August 10, 1857.

Letters from Daniel Turnbull, Rosedown Plantation, West Feliciana Parish, concerning plantation information, March 13, August 29, 1857.


Letters from N. Vick Lane and Jefferson Hamilton, Vicksburg, Mississippi, containing local and family news, March 5, 6, 1857.

Broadside telegram heading: Morse American Telegraph, New Orleans and Ohio Company, from N. V. Lane, October 28, 1857.
Letters from Jones S. Hamilton and Jefferson Hamilton, Woodville, Wilkinson County, discussing local family news, July 1, September 2, October 4, 14, November 9, 27, December 4 (from Jefferson), 6, 1857.

Letters from Jones S. Hamilton, Steamer “Natchez” and Woodville, to William B. Hamilton, regarding the purchase of Dr. Holt’s plantation, Madison Parish, 640 acres at 25 dollars an acre, September 2, October 4, 1857.

Letter from Washington Hamilton, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, containing a description of the school, October 29, December 29, 1857.

Letters from Catherine (Kitty) S. Hamilton Lane, near Laurel Hill, West Feliciana Parish, concerning local news, April 10, May 7, July 11; letters from Penelope S. Hamilton, January 25, December 6; letters from John A. Hamilton, January 23, February 12, 17, April 23, May 14, June 21, 1857.


Letters from Penelope S. Hamilton, Cooper’s Wells (sometimes written as Cooper’s Well; watering place), Mississippi, mentioning that General McMakin is proprietor, July 9, 13, 20, 1857.

Letters from Charles E. Fenner, New Orleans, personal letters, June 29, August 18, September 24, 1857.

Printed item from John A. Tarrant, druggist, corner of Greenwich and Warren Streets, New York, advertising Tarrant’s cordial elixir of turkey rhubarb and other medicine (stored in April-June 1857 folder).

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Letters from Washington Hamilton, concerning the University of Virginia, January 5, 6, 18, February 8, 18, March 11, April 2; from Charlottesville, March 25, 29, April 8, 10, 17, 20, 22, 26, 27, May 3, 7, 1858.

Letters from Gessner Harrison (former chairman of University of Virginia), February 1, March 3, May 17, November 15, December 11, 23, 1858.


Letters from Washington Hamilton concerning and from Alum Springs (Rockbridge Alum; watering place), Virginia, May 14, 17, 19, 25, June 1, 12, 14, 1858.

Letters from Washington Hamilton, writing from and concerning White Sulphur Springs, June 19, 21, 26, 28, July 15, 19, 1858.
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Letter from Mary A. Smith (cousin of William B. Hamilton), Raleigh, April 21, 1858.

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Letter from Charles D. Stewart, writing from and concerning Bladon Springs, June 4, 1858.

Letters from Penelope S. Hamilton, West Feliciana Parish, June 12, 27, September 10, 29, October 6, 1858.

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Letters to and from William S. Hamilton, West Feliciana Parish, February 15, July 18, September 25 (letter to Hamilton from John Spear), 1858.

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Letters from William B. Hamilton, Red River Landing, Plantation Louisa, Pointe Coupee Parish, January 1, 19, June 2, August 15, September 27, November 26 (from Bella Vista, Louisiana), November 29, December 13; from Charles D. Stewart, April 20, 21, 1858.

Letter from B. J. Batchelor (cousin of William B. Hamilton), Oakland College, near Rodney, Mississippi, concerning family news in Pointe Coupee Parish, February 23, 1858.

Broadside concerning University of Nashville, military college, includes four page prospectus, July 1858.

Copies of *New Orleans Price Current, Commercial Intelligencer and Merchants’ Transcript*, October 9, July 3, 1858.
Letter from William Echols Hollowell, Austin, Texas, concerning land business, October 25, 1858.

Letter from Charles E. Fenner, New Orleans, regarding suit relative to the patent right of the Banzale Gas Machine, stating that “Mr. Pringle, neighbor, uses the machine to light his sugar house,” February 27, 1858.

Letter from A. C. Holt, Woodville, regarding medical treatment use of Tincture Jessamin (Jessamine; medicine), October 3, 1858.

Medicine bill from A. A. Jones, No. 139 Poydras Street, New Orleans, wholesale and retail dealer in pure Thomsonian Botanic medicines, December 4, 1858.

Card from A. Whiting & Co., New Orleans, containing rates of charges for forwarding goods and merchandise on card, circa 1858 (filed in October-December 1858 folder).

**Papers, 1859**

Letters from Gessner Harrison, University of Virginia, February 16, 26; mentions mental illness of William S. Hamilton, advising that he be sent to an psychiatric hospital for treatment, May 17; bills and receipts for William S. Hamilton from University of Virginia, 1859.

Letter from Sam Walsh, Philadelphia, concerning condition of William S. Hamilton at a psychiatric hospital, accommodations at the hospital, and the attention and kindness of physicians, October 17, 1859.

Letters from John A. Hamilton, Williamsport, Pointe Coupee Parish, to William B. Hamilton (Billy), concerning family, plantation, and local news, May 23, September 21, 26, October 29, November 5, 7, 15, 1859.

Letters from William B. Hamilton to William S. Hamilton, January 23, 24; to Penelope Hamilton, December 29, 1859.

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Letters from Douglas M. Hamilton, West Feliciana Parish, January 24; from W. S. D. Hamilton, July 8, 17; from Penelope S. Hamilton, January 9, March 13; and from Jones S. Hamilton, May 29, 1859.

Letter from Jones S. Hamilton, Woodville, Wilkinson County, regarding property, December 14, 1859.

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Letter from J. L. Crawcour, concerning the health of New Orleans citizens, July 23, 1859.

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Letter from R. B. Shields, Holmesville, Avoyelles Parish, Anchorage Plantation, Bayou Boeuf, introducing himself as a physician living with a cousin and starting to practice medicine in Avoyelles Parish, April 20, 1859.

Invitation to Columbus Female Institute Commencement party, July 7, 1859.

Copy of agreement made by William S. Hamilton, May 29, 1855, appointing Aristide Miltenberger of New Orleans Hamilton’s agent and attorney for mortgage on property and slaves, giving location of property, copy dated, December 28, 1859.

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Letters from Henry I. Feltus, Philadelphia, regarding the treatment and medical care of William S. Hamilton in a Philadelphia psychiatric hospital (most likely Pennsylvania Asylum for the Insane) and attending physician Dr. Jones, January 10, April 4, 1860.

Bill (written on broadside) from Cuthbert Bullitt, wholesale grocer and commission merchant, No. 30 & 32 New Levee St., New Orleans, May 1, 1860.


Letters from Jones S. Hamilton, Woodville, Wilkinson County, concerning family news, January 11, October 8, November 23, 1860.

Letters from Jefferson Hamilton, New Orleans, attending medical school, February 14, November 20, 24, December 4; attending University of Louisiana (Tulane Medical School), November 20; mentions Dr. Stone’s promise to appoint Jefferson as a resident student at Charity Hospital, December 4, 1860.


Letters from Catherine (Kitty) S. Hamilton Lane (Mrs. N. Vick Lane), Vicksburg, telegram regarding sickness in family (states that “Lizzy has scarlet fever. Eve has measles”) and asking for slaves that have had scarlet fever and measles, July 3; mentions that secession and disunion are all the talk, no money, December 17, 1860.

Letter from Eliza C. Hamilton, on a trip for her health, gives Billy (William B. Hamilton) instructions regarding slaves and mentions that Old Lucinda and Joe as good nurses, May 31, 1860.

Letters from Charles D. Stewart, New York City, mentions consulting with Dr. Gray, homoeopathist (homeopathist or homoeopathist) for children, but states “I think he is slow.” Mentions that he would not buy slaves at this time, July 1; from Richmond, mentions visit with William S. Hamilton at psychiatric hospital and that there is no improvement, July 11; from Yellow Sulphur Springs, mentions a misfortune that befell Billy (William B. Hamilton), September 8; mentions that it is necessary for all to keep up courage at all hazards, October 29; mentions trying to raise money for a note, December 12, 1860.

Letter from Charles Gayarre, New Orleans, mentioning he is unable to secure loan for William B. Hamilton because banks demand city names on notes, February 27, 1860.

Letters from William B. Hamilton, writing from and concerning Abita Springs (watering place) near Covington, St. Tammany Parish, June 27 and 30, 1860.

Letter from Daniel Turnbull, Rosedown, to William B. Hamilton, concerning overseer and wages given, August 9, 1860.

Letters and account statements from Payne & Harrison, New Orleans factor, to William B. Hamilton, 1860.

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Letter (Confederate soldier’s letter) from Douglas M. Hamilton, Centreville, Virginia, 16th Mississippi Regiment, Colonel Carnot Posey, Manassas, Virginia, describing picket duty around Fairfax Court House, October 18, 1861.

Letter (Confederate soldier’s letter) from Sergeant Major B. Hilliard Barrow (possibly Bat or Robert), Pages Landing, Virginia, 16th Mississippi Regiment, with Colonel Carnot Posey, near Manassas Junction, stating that he wished he had joined the Rosal Guard and that he did wrong
to join Wilkinson Rifles. States that General (J. E.) Johnston “never tells any of the regimental officers where they will go until he is ready to leave forthwith,” September 5, 1861.

Letters from Jefferson Hamilton, New Orleans, stating “There is a great deal of talk about war, etc., military companies are very numerous,” (February 16 letter), January 8, 19, February 16; mentions working as a medical student under Dr. Stone and states “Pa (William S. Hamilton) might suspicion that some one of us was dead, by seeing crape on your hat,” April 8, 1861.

Letter from John A. Hamilton, Williamsport, Pointe Coupee Parish, wishes to sell land at 65 dollars an acre and slaves at a price before the war (Civil War), January 5, 1861.

Letters from Douglas M. Hamilton, West Feliciana Parish, wishes to sell slaves (but mentions that he will retain his wife Amanda’s slave Patsy) and advises his sister Penelope to buy slaves because they are cheap, February 20; to Gertrude, mentions that Old Jim has delivered Gertrude’s note, mentions he regrets to hear news of the death of one of the slave men, and gives instructions for the slaves to rest in the middle of the day, June 28, 1861.

Family letters and bills from and for Jones S. Hamilton, Woodville, Wilkinson County, February 8, May 14, 20, 1861.

Letters from Charles D. Stewart, Pointe Coupee Parish, regarding plantation matters, January 22 and February 16, 1861.

Itemized statement and tax list of Hamilton holdings, including acres, slaves, animals, bales of cotton made, barrels of corn, and transportation devices, signed by William S. Hamilton and William B. Hamilton, July 15, 1861.

**Papers, 1862**

Medical exemption from conscription and discharge for W. S. D. Hamilton, Bayou Sara, Louisiana (verso signed by L. Stirling, enrolling officer), June 6, 20, 1862; other family letters, 1862.

**Papers, 1863**

Letter from Sarah C. Johnson to Penelope S. Hamilton regarding a visit with her, November 9, 1863.

**Papers, 1866**

Letter from J. D. Morris (former Confederate soldier), Clarksville, to Penelope S. Hamilton, telling of his misfortunes in personal and business affairs, May 28, 1866.

Family letters and bill, October, November 2, 10, December 24, 1866.

**Papers, 1867**

Letter from Leake & Stewart, February 11, 1867; letter from Samuel J. Powell, February 20, 1867; letter with a broadside from The Spotsylvania Ladies’ Memorial Association requesting a
contribution for a Confederate memorial cemetery in Virginia, May 7, 1867; and family letters, 1867.

**Papers, 1868**
Letters from William Wilson Mathew, Rosedale and New Orleans, to son Bowman who is away at school, May 3, December 18, 1868; and business letters principally from factors, 1868.

**Papers, 1869**
Business letters, principally from Stewart & McCarthy, factors, No. 57 Carondelet Street, New Orleans; family letters; receipts for merchandise; and items concerning overseers, 1869.

**Papers, 1870-1899, 1927**
Principally family and personal letters to Penelope S. Hamilton from her mother, brothers, nieces, nephews, and friends. Also some factors’ letters and account statements to Penelope and to her brother W. S. D. Hamilton and documents related to W. S. D.’s position as Justice of the Peace of West Feliciana Parish. Other items include:
- Petition for Penelope S. Hamilton to adopt her niece Penelope Hamilton (daughter of Washington Hamilton and Lavilla Richardson), 1870.
- Land lease contracts belonging to W. S. D. Hamilton, June 17, 20, 1870.
- Invitation to the Grand Complimentary Anniversary Ball by the Pioneer Fire Company Number One at St. Francisville, Louisiana, June 17, 1879.
- Lottery tickets, 1884-1885.
- Letter from T. J. Mitchell, superintendent, Mississippi State Lunatic Asylum, stating that Penelope’s brother “Wash” (most likely Washington Hamilton) contributes in the way of music to dance for patients, May 3, 1890.
- Copy of an agreement signed by Fred O. Hamilton granting a right of way through his plantation, known as Cheney Plantation, to the Parish of West Feliciana, for the construction of a bridge site across Cheney Creek and a road to the public road known as Freeland Road, 1927.

**Papers, undated**
Correspondence, chiefly family letters, from John Hamilton; Benjamin Overman; Eliza C. Hamilton; William S. Hamilton; W. S. D. Hamilton; James Turner; Dicks, Booker, & Co.; Benjamin Smith; W. H. Richardson; Thomas Butler; General Swift; A. Brown; Charles Stewart; Penelope S. Hamilton; Thomas W. Chinn; Jones S. Hamilton; R. Post Johnson; Catherine S. Lane; R. B. Shields; James C. White; C. G. Forshey; A. Nelson; Washington Hamilton; Sue Chinn; and others.

Plantation items and documents, mostly receipts. Items of interest include:
- A plat and tract survey map (T17 R4W) showing waterways Dawson’s Lake (Lake Dawson) and Mount Bayou (possibly Mound Bayou). Also shows the Choctaw border line (oversize).
- Inventory listing slaves’ names and stock items.
- Loan request to the Branch Bank of Louisiana in St. Francisville. Lists slaves’ names and ages.

Legal notes, memoranda, and other documents.
Writings by and compiled by William S. Hamilton:
- Speech most likely made during the Louisiana gubernatorial campaign of 1830.
- Speech during the Presidential campaign of 1840.
- Article on the Mexican War addressed to J. D. B. DeBow (De Bow) for publication, circa 1849.
- Quotations and writings on early American statesmen, historical events, and government (31 pages).
- Article on the art of speaking copied from Wilson’s *Arte of Rhetorique*.
- Poetry “On Suicide”
- Lyrics for a song to the tune of “Auld Lang Syne.”

**Cards**
- Calling cards for Mr. and Mrs. D. Stewart (possibly the parents of Eliza C. Hamilton, née Stewart), undated.
- Business card for Stuart & James, cotton and sugar factors, No. 42 Union Street, New Orleans. W. R. Stuart and Dr. D. A. James listed on card, undated.

**Newspaper Clippings**
- Description of runaway slave named Tank, formerly belonging to Richard Benbury. Ad submitted by Benjamin Manning, Edgecomb County, North Carolina, August 20, 1797.

**Printed Items and Ephemera**
- Circular: By Gessner Harrison, principal of Locust Grove Academy, Albemarle County, Virginia, announcing opening of school and giving terms for tuition and board, undated.
- Announcement: By Mrs. N. P. Trist for a school for young women in Philadelphia, giving terms and references, undated.
- Printed drawing: Confederate soldier, plate number 10, with words “He is the darling of my heart—My southern soldier boy.” Printed by George Dunn & Company, publishers, Richmond, Virginia, circa 1859.
- Election ticket: Horace Greeley for president and John McEnery for Louisiana governor, circa 1872.
- Catalog (catalogue): Collegiate Institute, Baton Rouge, 1885-1886.
- Printed poem: “Hour by Hour,” by George Klingle, 1886.
- Program: Annual closing exercises of the Collegiate Institute, Baton Rouge, 1887.
- Invitation: Memorial Day anniversary meeting for the Battle of Shiloh at West Feliciana Camp 798, U. C. V. (United Confederate Veterans), March 19, 1902.
- Circular: By A. C. Brister to the Louisiana Legislature (House and Senate), concerning controversy with Live Stock Sanitary Board, undated.
- Cartoon/illustration with poem: “One of the Wonders of Creation!” undated.
- Hamilton coat of arms, undated.
- Phrenological chart: by Professor Silvanus Stokes (with notations written by Mr. William Woodward), undated.
-Program (programme): Musical and vocal performances (given by Miss Jean Pugh, Miss Myrtle Munson, Miss Knott, Miss Mildred Walton, Miss Lillian Munson, Miss Holmes, and others), undated.

-Poem: “Progress of Mind,” by M. T. Carpenter, Oakland College, April 2, 1851.

-Printed item: “Popular dentistry: Practical knowledge of the teeth should be possessed by every one in order to preserve these organs from infancy to old age,” by G. F. J. Colburn, doctor of dental surgery, Newark, New Jersey, 1864.

Photographic Items
Cartes-de-visite sent to Penelope S. Hamilton (subjects in images are unidentified), undated.

Series II. Manuscript Volumes, circa 1780-1781, 1809-1819, 1860-1862
Manuscript volumes consist of notebooks (volumes 1-6), most likely kept by John Hamilton while studying law in Edinburgh, Scotland (circa 1780-1781); plantation record books (volumes 7-9); and United States Army orderly books and detail book (volumes 10-14).

Plantation Record Books
Volume 7, 1809-1810, 1819: Pages 1-50 contain daily records (September-December 1819) of amounts of cotton picked by slaves, possibly at Black Smith Field, including slaves’ names. Pages 161-171 contain additional records, such as lists of tools and calculations on bales made and sold. Pages 129-149 contain diary entries and notes (1809-1810), most likely made while William S. Hamilton was serving in the United States Army. These diary entries refer to United States Army orders in volume 12.

Volume 8, March 1860-April 1862: Contains records of stock on the plantation, most likely Holly Grove Plantation, of Mrs. E. C. Hamilton (Eliza C. Hamilton). Records mostly document number of animals on the plantation. Some pages after the stock records contain lists of names, possibly slaves’ names. W. S. D. Hamilton’s name appears on some of these later pages.

Volume 9, circa 1861-1862: Contains daily records for a cotton and corn plantation for a complete year, which is most likely 1861, and for 1862. Records were kept by overseers and W. S. D. Hamilton for Mrs. Hamilton’s (most likely Eliza C. Hamilton) plantation in Laurel Hill, most likely Holly Grove Plantation. Overseer for 1861 was probably R. (Robert) McCready. Later overseers were Thomas W. Rogers and J. P. Lavender. Pages 86-89 contain the names of slaves and clothing and tools given to them, and pages 105-108 contain additional slave records (births, deaths, lists of names, and ages).

United States Army Orderly Books and Detail Book
Volume 10, April 3, 1809-October 6, 1809: Army orderly book contains copies of detachment orders, artillery and infantry battalion orders, general orders, and regimental orders signed by Colonel A. Parker, General James Wilkinson, Major H. V. Milton, Electus Baccus, and others. Volume also contains a confirmation by Wilkinson (August 25), stating that Major McRae is to be released from the command of the garrison at New Orleans, having been instructed by the Secretary of War to superintend the erections of the fortifications of the river and Bayou St. John and to confine his authority to the barrier to be reinforced by Captain Cox’s (Artillery) Company. Orders issued to the army on the following dates show locations and movements:
- April 3, 1809-June 5, 1809 at headquarters in New Orleans.
- June 11-September 7, 1809 at Camp Terre aux Boeuf (Boeufs), St. Bernard Parish.
- September 8-14, 1809 at camp on the Mississippi Bank.
- September 15-30, 1809 at camp and headquarters at New Orleans, also possibly at camp on the Mississippi River.
- October 4, 1809 at Camp Pointe Coupee.

Additionally, orders from June-October 1809 are rewritten in volume 11.

Volume 11, June 10-October 11, 1809: Army orderly book contains copies of orders recorded in volumes 10 and 12 from Camp Terre aux Boeuf (Boeufs), St. Bernard Parish and camp on the Mississippi bank. Volume also contained a loose item: Census of the inhabitants of the village of Prairie du Chien (Wisconsin) with an account of the houses, gardens, horses, etc. (circa 1810; oversize).

Volume 12, October 6, 1809-April 17, 1810: Army orderly book belonging to Captain Darrington. Orders of interest include:
- October 6, 1809, Pointe Coupee, detachment order signed by Lieutenant Colonel W. D. Beale for troops to move to Fort Adams.
- October 30-December 25, 1809, orders at Camp (Fort) Dearborn near Washington, Mississippi.
- December 17, 1809, order stating General James Wilkinson recalled by President James Madison and that General Wade Hampton would assume command.
- December 25, 1809-April 17, 1810, orders at Cantonment near Washington, Mississippi.
- February 28, March 2, 1810, orders give formation of regiment, listing commands and names of each soldier in various companies. Also statement (February 28) reading “Detachment ascending river under Major Z. M. Pike.”
- April 11, 1810, order signed by Major Z. M. Pike.

Additionally, pages 129-149 in volume 7 (plantation record book) contain diary entries and notes most likely made by William S. Hamilton referring to orders found in volume 12.

Volume 13, January 1-November 25, 1810: Army detail book, possibly belonging to Captain Darrington. Contains a daily record of “Detail for Tomorrow” for light artillery, dragoons, rifle regiment, and 3rd, 5th, and 7th infantry under General Wade Hampton (Hampton’s Brigade). Records include rosters of officers and police of the day at Cantonment near Washington, Mississippi.

Volume 14, September 14, 1810-January 16, 1812. Army orderly book contains orders issued by Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Bissell, commanding at Belle Fontaine (Wisconsin). Of interest is an order (March 8, 1811) listing the names of men in various companies promoted or appointed in the United States Army. Volume also contained a loose item: Regimental order, camp at the foot of the Rock River Rapids, June 3, 1816, signed by Lieutenant Colonel William S. Hamilton (stored at box 1, folder 5).
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