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**DUNCAN (STEPHEN) CORRESPONDENCE**  
Mss. 1431, 1551, 1595, 1793  
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## **SUMMARY**

<b>Size.</b>	158 items and 2 manuscript volumes
<b>Geographic locations.</b>	Natchez, Mississippi; France; Italy
<b>Inclusive dates.</b>	1817-1877, undated
<b>Bulk dates.</b>	N/A
<b>Language.</b>	English
<b>Summary.</b>	Papers concerning social, political, and economic problems of Reconstruction; as well as diary entries from a voyage to Europe
<b>Restrictions on access.</b>	If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm.
<b>Related collections.</b>	Stephen Duncan Letters, Mss. 4641 Stephen Duncan and Stephen Duncan, Jr. Papers, Mss. 126, 721
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<b>Citation.</b>	Stephen Duncan Correspondence, Mss. 1431, 1551, 1595, 1793, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, La.
<b>Stack locations.</b>	S:120
<b>Also available on.</b>	Some items (1861-1877) available on UPA microfilm 6061, Series B, Part 4, Reel 5 under the title, Stephen Duncan Family Papers.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Stephen Duncan was a planter and banker of Natchez, Mississippi. The Duncan plantations included L'Argent, Auburn, Camperdown, Carlisle, Duncan, Duncannon, Duncansby, Ellisle, Homochitto, Middlesex, Oakley, Rescue, Reserve, and Attakapas Plantation. Duncan was married to Margaret Duncan, nee Ellis (d. 1815), and had two children, John Ellis Duncan and Sarah Jane Duncan. He married his second wife, Catherine A. Duncan, nee Bingaman, in 1819 and had four children, Stephen Duncan, Jr., Charlotte N. Duncan, M. L. Duncan, and Henry P. Duncan.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Correspondence includes letters (1863-1866) from Stephen Duncan, Jr., family friend F. Surget, and family members concerning social, political, and economic problems of Reconstruction in Louisiana and Mississippi. Topics include attitudes toward freedmen, devastation caused by the war, Confederate sympathies after the war, and cotton cultivation and trade.

Papers (1843-1851) include items concerning Duncan's guardianship of James Macrery Gustine, other legal documents, bills, and receipts.

A daybook (1817-1822, 1826) of the Chapitoulas Plantation near Natchez, Mississippi, concerns plantation administration and includes lists of slaves present at the Homochitto Plantation, lists of slaves purchased in 1819, and an account of the estate of Dr. James Gustine. A diary of W. P. Duncan, son of Stephen Duncan, Jr., describes his travels in France and Italy (1876-1877).

**INDEX TERMS**

Account books.  
Chapitoulas Plantation (Miss.)  
Cotton growing--Mississippi.  
Diaries.  
Duncan, Stephen, 1787-1867.  
Freedmen--Mississippi.  
Homochitto Plantation (Miss.)  
Mississippi--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.  
Plantation owners--Mississippi.  
Plantations--Mississippi.  
Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877)--Mississippi.  
Slaveholders--Mississippi.

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack</u>			
<u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folders</u>	<u>Contents</u>
S:120	1	1	Stephen Duncan letters (1863-1866, undated)
		2	Guardianship of James Gustine (1843-1849)
		3	Guardianship of James Gustine (1850-1851, undated)
		--	Manuscript Volume: Diary (1876-1877)
		--	Manuscript Volume: Daybook (1817-1822, 1826)
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