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SUMMARY

Size.	2.3 linear feet
Geographic locations.	Wilkinson County, Mississippi; Adams County, Miss.; East Feliciana Parish, Louisiana; New Orleans, La.
Inclusive dates.	1797-1954, undated
Bulk dates.	1870-1914
Language.	English
Summary.	The collection, consisting primarily of financial, legal, and plantation business papers, relates to the H.T. McGehee family in Wilkinson County, Mississippi.
Restrictions on access.	None.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Harry Trumbull McGehee was born in Wilkinson County, Mississippi, January 11, 1845 to Edward John and Anna Beverley Carter McGehee. He served in the Confederate Army and settled in East Feliciana Parish, La., after the war. In 1870, he married Margaret Percy (1848-1928) and they later moved to Linwood Plantation in Wilkinson County, Miss. The two had three children, Harry Percy (b. 1871), Elizabeth Rowena (b. 1877), and Percy Carter (b. 1885). H.T. McGehee died in 1924.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains the papers of Harry T. McGehee as well as his son H. P. McGehee. Financial papers comprise the majority of the collection, as well as business and legal correspondence, land deeds and surveys, wills, shipping receipts, account sheets, and a ledger book pertaining to plantation business in Wilkinson County, Mississippi. Some correspondence relates to farming and agricultural products, particularly lespedeza seed. Some family letters are also included, as well as newspaper clippings, maps, and other printed items.

LIST OF SERIES

Series I. Business Papers, 1835-1954, undated

Series II. Legal and Land Papers, 1797-1946, undated

Series III. General Papers, 1872-1941, undated

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS**Series I. Business papers, 1835-1954, undated**

Business papers comprise both correspondence and plantation and financial documents. The majority of the collection is made up of bank statements, account sheets, tax receipts, shipping receipts and bills of lading addressed to H.T. McGehee or his son H.P. McGehee (1835-1954). Correspondence includes letters from banks and various commission merchants about pricing and accounts, most being cotton merchants from New Orleans. A number of letters to H.T. McGehee from cotton factors, W. B. Thompson & Co., attach account sheets and New Orleans Price Currents (1885-1891). Various other letters from companies discuss the sale of farm equipment, livestock, lespedeza seeds, and peas (1886-1914), as well as from businessmen discussing job availabilities and other transactions (1886-1922). Also included is a synopsis of the General Oil Report made for a property owned by H.T. McGehee (1919) as well as shares of stock of The Como Oil Developing Company, Inc. (1920).

Other business correspondence includes a letter from the College of Agriculture at LSU answering H.P. McGehee's questions about the treatment of livestock ailments (January 8, 1914), a letter to A.M. McGehee from U.S. Representative W.A. Dickson regarding his concerns about Cuban and Central American sugar entering the U.S. market (February 2, 1911), and a letter from Clarence Percy to his brother-in-law H.T. McGehee providing advice on community property rights as well as information concerning the use of Jimson weed seed in the treatment of horse diseases (Sept. 3, 1884).

Additional financial and plantation items include a weekly time book (v.1) noting amounts of cotton and peas by customer (ca. 1912), a number of loose financial tablets containing accounting information kept by H.T. McGehee (1882-1896), and a ledger book (v.2) which includes payment accounts, inventory and supplies, expenses, produce and livestock numbers, creditor and debtor information as well as recipes and treatments (1928-1953).

Series II. Legal and land papers, 1797-1946, undated

Legal papers include a number of abstracts, indentures, deeds of trust, and land conveyances, mostly filed in Wilkinson County, Miss., involving H.T. McGehee, Samuel W. Lewis, J. Stewart McGehee, A.M. McGehee, William Barrow, P.M. Harding, Edward G.H. Towner, Susie L. McGehee, H.P. McGehee, to name only a few (1797-1946). One document, in French, describes and surveys a tract of land belonging to Samuel Wells near Bayou Sara (1815). Plats and surveys of the same tract of land are found in subsequent years as well [in English]. A large amount of drawings and surveys of land in Mississippi and Louisiana are also present, including some of Linwood Plantation (1841). Some legal correspondence is also included, such as a series of letters to H.T. McGehee from attorney Ackland H. Jones concerning land sales, property taxes, as well as a specific plot of land on the Louisiana-Mississippi border (1906-1907). Also found in the collection are insurance documents for various buildings and structures on Linwood plantation (1890), a timber contract between H.T. McGehee and Link Newcomb Mill &

Lumber Co. (1917), oil and gas leases (ca. 1920s), and a copy of a last will and testament of H.T. McGehee (1924).

Series III. General papers, 1872-1941, undated

General papers include personal correspondence discussing local news and the health of family members, various notes and drawings (undated), and a photograph of a friend, most likely A. Bauer of Augsburg, Germany, sent to H.T. McGehee (1889). In a letter to H.T. McGehee, his brother Edward J. McGehee writes of a remedy for charbon given to him by a dentist friend (July 24, 1872). In another, a friend writes to H.P. McGehee about a charbon outbreak and fear of traveling and spreading the disease (June 24, 1914).

Also included are printed items such as pamphlets and circulars related to farming equipment, fences, seeds, and insurance; a travel booklet on Mammoth Cave, Kentucky (ca. 1900s), a souvenir album of images from the Shenandoah Valley (ca. 1880s), broadsides from the Louisiana State Lottery Company (1887), an extract from a speech delivered by Gov. Earl Brewer (1915), a blank postcard depicting *September Morn* by Paul Émile Chabas (ca. 1912), various newspaper clippings, and a map of Adams County, Mississippi (ca. 1930s).

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