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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: GEN MSS 304

CREATOR: Minor, William J.

TITLE: William J. Minor horse racing papers

DATES: 1815-1866

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.8 linear feet (3 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Contains letters to Minor regarding horse racing and horse pedigrees, including letters from Cadwallader R. Colden and Sanders Dewees Bruce; notes on horse races and pedigrees; proceedings of the Natchez Jockey Club, of which Minor was secretary; manuscript articles about horses, possibly by Minor; and an obituary for Minor from "Turf, Field, and Farm."

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Mrs. David Wagstaff, 1951 and 1954.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Box 3: Restricted fragile material. Reference surrogates have been substituted in the main files. For further information consult the appropriate curator.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

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Scope and Contents

This finding aid encompasses accessions of materials pertaining to William J. Minor and horse racing.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence

LETTERS TO WILLIAM J. MINOR

b. 1, f. 1	Alderson, Thomas	1848-53
b. 1, f. 2	Alexander, R. Aitcheson	1856, 1859
b. 1, f. 3	Bruce, Sanders Dewees	1858 Jun 23
b. 1, f. 4	Clay, John M.	1865 Mar 15
b. 1, f. 5	Colden, Cadwallader R.	1833-36
b. 1, f. 6	Comptens, Henry	1852 Sep 17
b. 1, f. 7	Duncan, H. J.	1841 Nov 21
	Elliott, George See: G. B. Williams, Box 1, folder 26	
b. 1, f. 8	Farris, H. W.	1863
b. 1, f. 9	Gray, D. L.	[18]56 Apr 10
b. 1, f. 10	Gross, Joseph R.	1857-60
b. 1, f. 11	Grunstead, James A.	1836-57
b. 1, f. 12	Hughes, J. J.	1844, 1848
b. 1, f. 13	Jackson, James	1839 May 17
	Lewis, Hickman See: G. B. Williams, Box 1, folder 26	
b. 1, f. 14	McGehee, D. L.	1866 Apr 30
b. 1, f. 15	Minor, Henry C.	1863 Nov 23
b. 1, f. 16	Minor, Stephen	1864, n.d.
	Morgan, Rolley See: G. B. Williams, Box 1, folder 26	
b. 1, f. 17	Odom, Eli	[1848] Aug 10
b. 1, f. 18	[Payors?], G. B.	[18]57 Mar 25
	Peck, Jeffrey See: G. B. Williams, Box 1, folder 26	
b. 1, f. 19	Peirce, Grenville N.	[18]66 Apr 22

LETTERS TO WILLIAM J. MINOR (continued)

Peters, A. G.

[See: Thomas T. Smith, Box 1, folder 22](#)

b. 1, f. 20	Porter, W. J.	1845 Jul 24
b. 1, f. 21	Richards, A. Keene	1858 Jun 9
b. 1, f. 22	Smith, Thomas T. Also signed by A. G. Peters.	1859
b. 1, f. 23	Spencer, Joseph	1865
b. 1, f. 24	Tattersall, R.	1835-38
b. 1, f. 25	Thomas, George	1834 Oct 3
b. 1, f. 26	Williams, G. B.	1841-49

THIRD PARTY LETTERS

b. 1, f. 27	Minor, L. to John Minor	1815 Dec 22
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Series II: Notes and Notebooks, n.d.

b. 1, f. 28	[Horses. Physical descriptions of], manuscript	n.d.
b. 1, f. 29	[Lists of blood stock], manuscript	n.d.
b. 1, f. 30	"Mem[oranda] of the Time Made by Various Horses Over Various Courses in the M[etairie] J[ockey Club]," holograph Includes clippings pasted in.	1837-60
b. 1, f. 31	[Pedigree. Notes on], manuscript	1833-44, n.d.
b. 1, f. 32	"Private Trials," holograph	1830-44
b. 1, f. 33	"Private Trials," holograph	1836-58
b. 1, f. 34	"Proprietors of Metairie Race Course Organizing a Club," manuscript	1856 Apr 7
b. 1, f. 35	"Record of the Proceedings of the Natchez Jockey Club," holograph Minor was Secretary. Includes clipping pasted in.	1836-47
b. 2, f. 36	"Time of the Races Run at New Orleans and Elsewhere," holograph	1835-49
b. 2, f. 37	"Vandyke," holograph Includes clippings pasted in.	1858-60
b. 2, f. 38	[Waterloo Track times], holograph	1836-62

Series III: Other, 1857 Jan 30

b. 2, f. 39	Agreement, manuscript, signed by Minor, to train Mr. Peters' horse	1857 Jan 30
b. 2, f. 40-41	Articles, manuscript, regarding horses Possibly written by Minor.	n.d.
b. 2, f. 42	Clipping (annotated) regarding horse race on 1859 Dec 16	n.d.
b. 2, f. 43	Obituary for Minor, typescript carbon From <i>Turf, Field, and Farm</i> , 1869 Oct 22.	n.d.

Restricted Fragile Papers

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b. 3, f. 45	Box 1, folder 12
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b. 3, f. 46	Box 1, folder 13
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b. 3, f. 47	Box 1, folder 19
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b. 3, f. 48	Box 1, folder 28
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b. 3, f. 49	Box 1, folder 31
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b. 3, f. 50	Box 2, folder 40
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b. 3, f. 51	Box 2, folder 41
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Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Horse racing -- Mississippi
Horses -- Mississippi -- Pedigrees
Race horses -- Mississippi

Geographic Names

Natchez (Miss.)

Names

Bruce, Sanders Dewees, 1825-1902
Colden, Cadwallader R., 1774-1839
Minor, William J.

Corporate Body

Natchez Jockey Club