

**Finding Aid to the Godfrey Barnsley
Ledgers, Photographs, and Other Materials
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Summary Information

Repository	Georgia Historical Society
Creator	Barnsley, Godfrey, 1805-1873.
Title	Godfrey Barnsley ledgers, photographs, and other materials
Date [inclusive]	1817-1959
Extent	3.1 cubic feet (12 volumes, 2 folders)
Language	English

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Information

Godfrey Barnsley (1805-1873), cotton factor and merchant, married Julia Henrietta Scarborough of Savannah. He lived and worked in Savannah and New Orleans from 1824 to 1841. Barnsley settled on a North Georgia plantation known as Woodlands and later as Barnsley Gardens (Adairsville, GA). He lost much of his fortune during the Civil War and Reconstruction.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of one folder with 2 items and twelve account books of business, household and personal accounts of Godfrey Barnsley and Company from 1817-1890. Also included are three photographs of Preston Saylor, A.A. Saylor, and Harry Saylor.

The folder containing the photographs is noted as "VM" (visual materials) in the collection inventory.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Georgia Historical Society

Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

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Custodial History

Purchased from Alice B. Howard of Adairsville, Georgia.

Accruals

No accruals are expected.

Acquisition Information

Purchased, 1969, 1975.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Godfrey Barnsley and Company (Ga.)

Genre(s)

- Articles.
- Ledgers (account books)
- Letters (correspondence)
- Photographs.

Personal Name(s)

- Barnsley, Godfrey, 1805-1873.

Subject(s)

- Cotton--Georgia.
- Plantations--Georgia--Adairsville.

Physical and Technical Access Restrictions

None.

Collection Inventory

	Folder
Letter from J. W. Ewing to Mrs. Julia V. Schwartz, Rome, GA 1895 February 26	1
Scope and Contents note	
Also included is an article from <i>Georgia Magazine</i> , October-November 1959, "Barnsley Gardens," by Joseph Parkam.	
General note	
Online Inventory Contains Digitized Items	
	Volume
Accounts payable; Accounts receivable 1817 October 2, October 1-1844 July 14	1
Various accounts spanning the years 1828 through 1844	2
Scope and Content Note	
Contains an index.	
House and private expenses 1832 January 7-1845 March 5	3
Journal B 1837 November 14-1845 May 31	4
Scope and Contents note	
House and private expenses with some business expenses.	

Bills and drafts 1839 October 1-1845 May 5	5
Shipping invoices 1840-January 2-1845 June 9	6
Account book 1840 January 1-1844 January 31	7
Cash book 1840 January 1-1844 December 31	8
Cash book 1842 November 1-1845 November 26	9
Day book 1843 January 1-1846 April 16	10
Letter book, New Orleans 1869 May 15-1872 January 11	11
Account book of Woodlands, Barnsley estate 1890 November-1892 January	12
	vm_folder
Photographs	1

Scope and Content Note

This folder contains three photographs. Two are of the Saylor family from the early 1900s, one is identified as Preston Saylor, the other identified as Preston's brother Harry, and their father A.A. Saylor. Based on the age of Harry at the time of his father's this photo is more likely to be the brothers Harry and Preston. A.A. Saylor married Addie Baltzelle daughter of Julia Barnsley. Preston Saylor became a heavyweight fighter known as K.O. Duncan and in 1935 was found guilty of killing his brother, Harry. The third photo is of what appears to be a seance held by the Barnsley family and others identified on the back. At her death, in 1942, Addie Saylor was said to be in possession

of a "spirit letter" regarding Godfrey Barnsley; this may be a staged photo of a similar seance conducted by the family.

General note

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