

# Thomas Addison Burke autograph album

## Descriptive Summary

<b>Repository:</b>	Georgia Historical Society
<b>Creator:</b>	Burke, T. A., (Thomas A.), 1828-1880.
<b>Title:</b>	Thomas Addison Burke autograph album
<b>Dates:</b>	1777-1860
<b>Extent:</b>	0.05 cubic feet (1 folder)
<b>Identification:</b>	MS 0109

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## Biographical/Historical Note

Thomas Addison Burke (1828-1880) was the editor and publisher of the Horn of Mirth, and the editor of Polly Peablossom's Wedding. Burke was a writer in Athens, Georgia, who specialized in humorous poems and stories.

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## Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of an autograph album containing 33 letters. Most of the letters are from contemporary literary figures concerning contributions to Burke's publications, and subscriptions to the Southern Quarterly Review. The album also contains a collection of autographs, including those of Henry Clay, Horace Greeley, Howell Cobb, Alexander Stephens, Martin Van Buren, Thomas Jefferson, and Daniel Webster. The letters include correspondence from Thurlow Weed, John C. Calhoun, Moses Wadell, Edward Everett, Alexander Stephens, Henry Wise, John H. Lumpkin, William Moultrie, and William Gilmore Simms.

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## Index Terms

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Greeley, Horace, 1811-1872.  
Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826.  
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Lumpkin, John H., (John Henry), 1812-1860.  
Simms, William Gilmore, 1806-1870.  
Van Buren, Martin, 1782-1862.  
Webster, Daniel, 1782-1852.  
Weed, Thurlow, 1797-1882.

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Unknown.

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## Container List

### Autograph album

Caroline Lee Hentz letter to Burke, 1850 November 10, 2.0 p.

Sent from Columbus, Georgia. Says she cannot give up her school for a proposed Southern periodical; husband ill and all family responsibilities rest upon her.

Lewis Cass letter to W.L. Whiting, May 29, 1.0 p.

Sent from Detroit, Michigan, year unknown. Cannot attend convention on internal improvement to be held in Chicago.

Caroline Gilman letter to William Carey Richards, 1852 December 9, 2.0 p.

Asks when she can send servants for household items, and for statement of account.

Thurlow Weed letter to Ben Perley Poore, 1844 July 31, 1.0 p.

Sent from Albany. Recommends Dr. John Thompson; mentions Schoolcraft and Ledyard. Postscript to Poore by John Thompson, Havre, September 15, 1844. ANS. Says he is returning home because of ill health.

Johnson Jones Hooper letter to Burke, 1851 January 10, 1.0 p.

Sent from Lafayette, Alabama. Declines, with regret, to write sketch; thanks Burke for the "compliment of the dedication" (*Polly Peablossom's Wedding and Other Tales*).

John Caldwell Calhoun letter to Moses Waddel, 1827 July 23, 3.0 p.

Sent from Pendleton, South Carolina. Regrets that he cannot visit Athens.

Jared Sparks letter to Ben Perley Poore, 1846 December 14

Sent from Salem, Massachusetts. has received original letter by De la Barre and the copy of Le Clerq; asks for Poore's account; encloses poetical tribute to Le Derrier by American lady and asks

Poore to deliver it.

Ben Perley Poore letter to Burke, 1850 August 4

Sent from Indian Hill Farm near Newburyport, Massachusetts. Offers to sell Burke some of his duplicate autographs; gives advice on autograph collecting; has just established "Sentinel" and offers Burke agency; says he reads Athens *Banner* and *Whig* and is much amused by *Horn of Mirth*; encloses autograph of Jared Sparks and Thurlow Weed (letters 4 and 8 in this collection).

Edward Everett letter to Messrs. Walker and Burke, 1853 April 27, 3.0 p.

Sent from Boston, Massachusetts. settling his account for subscription to *Southern Quarterly Review* for 1850-1853.

John Tyler letter to Messrs. Walker and Burke, 1853 May 8, 1.0 p.

Sent from Sherwood Forest, Virginia. Says he paid his account for *Southern Quarterly Review* and discontinued subscription.

William Moultrie letter to unknown recipient, 1775 July 17, 1.0 p.

Encloses general return of 1st and 2nd South Carolina Regiment for Council of Safety; arms needed for them. Enclosure missing.

Muscoe Russell Hunter Garnett letter to Messrs. Walker and Burke, 1853 July 8, 1.0 p.

Sent from Loyds, Essex County, Virginia. Orders copies of "the Review" containing his article on Calhoun's work.

William Carey Richards letter to Burke, 1852 December 14, 1.0 p.

Sent from Charleston, South Carolina. Asks him to call on Dr. S. Blanding to see if he has executed two commissions sent to him; wants Burke to attend to them if Blanding cannot.

George Frederick Holmes letter to William Gilmore Simms, 1853 October 1, 3.0 p.

Sent from Burk's Garden, Tazewell County, Virginia. Is removing to Richmond for the winter; plans to start a series of lives of the Governors of Virginia; financial difficulties.

T.L. Chipman letter to Messrs. Walker and Burke, 1853 September 8, 1.0 p.

Sent from Ashville, North Carolina. Encloses \$15 for subscription to *Southern Quarterly Review*.

Thomas Fitzgerald letter to Burke, 1853 July, 1.0 p.

Presenting P.C. Cunningham.

William Gilmore Simms letter to Burke, 1.0 p.

New York, Sunday morning. Trusts that Dr. Jones and Burke have completed contract with Walker; instructions for disposition of pamphlets, periodicals, letters; has 3 volumes in press, but hopes to be home soon. Clipping on W.G. Simms, with portrait, pasted on next page.

Paul Hamilton Hayne letter to Burke, undated, 1.0 p.

Has been ill; asks if numbers of *Quarterly* given him have been bound.

Alexander Hamilton Stephens letter to J.G. Ryals and others, 1855 July 31, 3.0 p.

Sent from Crawfordville, Georgia. Cannot comply with request due to present engagements and feeble health; is working for "constitutional cause in this great crisis in our history" and to save Country from those who are laying foundation stones for new government gives opinion of this "enormous conspiracy."

Catherine W. Barber letter to Burke, 1859 March 19, 2.0 p.

Sent from Madison, Georgia. Disclaims authorship of poem attributed to her in *Horn of Mirth*.

William Gilmore Simms letter to Burke, 1856 September 7, 4.0 p.

Sent from Charleston, Southern Carolina. Commends Burke on the improvements in his literary efforts; tells him what literature he should study; terms for his lectures.

Henry Alexander Wise letter to James G. Ryals, W. Milner, 1855 August 22, 8.0 p.

Sent from Orly, near Onancock, Virginia. Thanks them for invitation to be present at mass meeting citizens of Cherokee section of Georgia, to be held at Cartersville, August 30; discusses recent victory (over Know-Nothing party) in election; discusses state rights and Union and foreign influence trying to undermine America by abolishing slavery and dissolving the Union; long discussion of U.S. politics.

M.J. Wellborn letter to Burke, 1855 October 21, 1.0 p.

Sent from Columbus, Georgia. Regrets his bill has not been paid; encloses amount, with interest.

John H. Lumpkin letter to Burke, 1855 September 13, 1.0 p.

Sent from Rome, Georgia. Giver Governor Johnson's schedule of appearances and asks that it be published in Cassville paper and on handbills.

Henry W. Conner letter to Burke, 1852 March 13, 1.0 p.

Sent from Charleston, South Carolina. Says there appears to be no rule for appointing delegates; convention will probably vote by states; some railroad companies will convey delegates free, some at half price.

E.W. Chastain letter to Burke, 1855 August 7, 2.0 p.

Sent from Morganton, Georgia. Encloses copy of letter giving him stand on issue before the county; asks that it be printed verbatim in *Cassville Standard*; asks that Burke also republish his former letter on the convention. No enclosures.

Langdon Cheves letter to Messrs. Walker and Burke, 1853 April 17, 1.0 p.

Sent from Savannah, Georgia. Settles his account for subscription.

W.B. Carlisle letter to Burke, 1.0 p.

Thursday, 17th, no year. Due to bad health, asks to be excused from compliance with invitation.

Iverson S. Harris letter to Burke, 1856 November 18, 2.0 p.

Sent from Milledgeville, Georgia. Regrets that he cannot accede to request for his vote; already has 40 applications for it; is not committed, but has indicated he will vote for John L. Calhoun of Coweta on 1st ballot.

Joseph Emerson Brown letter to Burke, 1856 November 18, 1.0 p.

Sent from Canton, Georgia. Is writing to the electors he knows asking them to vote for Burke's appointment; wishes him success.

Augustus Baldwin Longstreet letter to unknown recipient, 1860 March 2, 1.0 p.

Sent from Columbia, South Carolina. Has already sent W. Gilmore Simms a sketch of his life for Appleton's work.

Poem, "Has she any tin?" by E.O. Marshall. Madison, Georgia. Benjamin G. Liddon, 1856, 12.0 p.

Humorous poem written for commencement at Madison Female College, July 26, 1855. Wealth vs. love. Pasted in front of volume.