

Palmes family papers

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
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Creator:	Palmes family.
Creator:	Palmes, George F., 1824-1894.
Title:	Palmes family papers
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Extent:	1.25 cubic feet (1 box, 3 volumes)
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Biographical/Historical Note

George F. Palmes (1824-1894) was in the wholesale grocery business in Savannah, Georgia. He was a partner in the firm Webster & Palmes and then in Connerat, Webster & Palmes, until this firm dissolved in 1860. He continued working in a firm that was run by his brother-in-law, Joseph V. Connerat, after he was no longer a partner. After the Civil War, he became a partner in Palmes & Lyons, wholesale grocers, a partnership which was dissolved in 1871.

George F. Palmes' father was George F. Palmes (d. 1836), a native of Connecticut and a prominent Savannah business man. He had two sisters, Mary Elizabeth Palmes (1834-1906) and Margaret Sarah Palmes (ca. 1820-1872); Margaret married Joseph V. Connerat in 1838. Joseph V. Connerat became a partner in the grocery firm Connerat & Johnson, which dissolved in 1869; he then operated his own wholesale grocery business, named Joseph V. Connerat Co. Margaret S. Palmes Connerat and Joseph V. Connerat had two sons, Clarence S. Connerat and W.H. Connerat.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of family letters to and from members of the Palmes and Connerat families, business papers and account books, personal papers including school certificates, invitations, and printed material, largely newspaper clippings.

Index Terms

- Account books.
- Business records.
- Clippings (information artifacts)
- Connerat family.
- Families--Georgia.
- Grocers.
- Grocery trade.
- Invitations.
- Letters (correspondence)
- Palmes family.
- Palmes, George F., 1824-1894.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Unknown.

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Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Container List

Fldr

- 1 Correspondence, 1856-1889 (19.0 items.)
Correspondents include: W.M. Lee; Eliza O?; George F. Palmes, JR.; T.D. Lyons; Uncle Oliver Palmes?; J.V. Connerat; Rufus Lester; S.W. Nichols; A.B. ?; Capt. W.S. Philips; Semmes ?; Mary Palmes?; Margaret (Palmes) Connerat; Clarence Connerat; J.C. Bruyn; Boston Brown; Mrs. Labeuz?; Alice ?; Mary ?.

Fldr

- 2 Financial and business papers, 1856-1870 (14.0 items.)
Includes small notebook with miscellaneous entries; dissolution notice of partnership of Connerat, Webster, & Palmes, February 1, 1860; bills and receipts; list of expenses for a trip from Savannah to Athens, books, clothes, September 18, 1862.

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- 3 Printed material, 1857-1866 and undated (14.0 items.)

Most of the items in this are newspaper clippings and are mainly sentimental poems and a few articles. There is a list of prices of Rhine and Moselle wines giving the prices in 1846, 1852, and 1857; also a man (fragment) of the Grant Rapids and Indiana Rail Roads and connections, undated.

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- 4 School papers, undated (13.0 items.)
Rewards of Merit for diligence, good behavior, and excelling in various subjects, presented to Mary Palmes. Each certificate of reward is signed by a teacher. The name of the school is not given, undated.

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- 5 School papers, newspaper, 1882
The Irenian Casket, LaGrange, Ga., June, 1882. Newspaper of LaGrange Female College.

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- 6 Miscellaneous, invitation to a New Year's Eve Ball, Savannah, 1840 December 31 (2.0 items.)
unidentified photograph.

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- 7 Legal papers, 1814, 1912 (3.0 items.)
Seven year lease of half of Lot E, Percival Ward, fronting on President Street to trustees of the German Lutheran Congregation by George F. Palmes, Sr., Chatham Co., April 14, 1814.
foreclosure of mortgage, John Milledge v. Abraham Baldwin. Judgment, Clarke Co. Superior Court, April 4, 1912.

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- 8-11 Webster & Palmes, business correspondence, 1851 December (119.0 items.)
3 items in Folder 8 date from November 1851.

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- 12 Business account book, 1811 November -1812 January
Name of business unknown; it may have belonged to the business that was the predecessor of George Palmes' grocery business.

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- 13 Account book, 1869 November 26-1870 June 30
v.3. Joseph V. Connerat, wholesale grocer.

Volume

- 1 Account book, 1855 May 23-1860 January 20
Connerat, Webster & Palmes, wholesale grocers.

Volume

- 2 Account book, 1869 January 22-April 3
Connerat & Johnson, wholesale grocers.