

Alexander Smith Atkinson papers

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
Creator:	Atkinson, Alexander Smith, 1815-1894.
Title:	Alexander Smith Atkinson papers
Dates:	1834-1871
Extent:	0.6 cubic feet (1 box, 1 oversize folder)
Identification:	MS 1198

Biographical/Historical Note

Alexander Smith Atkinson (1815-1894) was born in Liberty County, Georgia. He graduated from the University of Georgia in 1839 and entered the law office of Judge John Macpherson Berrien. Shortly afterwards, he moved to Camden County to practice his profession and became a planter. He was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1840 and was a state senator from 1855 until 1860. He was a Justice of the Superior Court of Camden County, 1854-1862. Atkinson entered the Confederate States Army as Captain of Company B, 26th Georgia Infantry Regiment in 1861; he resigned in 1862 due to ill health. He married Mary Anne McDonald, the daughter of governor Charles J. McDonald, in 1842.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of papers pertaining to Alexander Smith Atkinson's law practice. Many prominent residents of Camden County are represented in these papers, including the Clarks, the Arnows, the Floyds, and the Goodbreads. The personal items included are bills for groceries and sundries (some for Burnwell Atkinson), letters from Elias Reed of Savannah (Atkinson's agent) concerning his cotton and other crops, and letters from Robert Stafford of Cumberland Island regarding the purchase of cotton seed and corn. The letter of September 6, 1858, from Henry Bacon concerns a proposed railroad.

Index Terms

Agriculture--Georgia.
Atkinson, Alexander Smith, 1815-1894.
Bills of sale.
Camden County (Ga.)
Corn.
Cotton.
Lawyers--Georgia.
Legal documents.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

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Container List

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1 Letters and other papers, 1834-1842 (11.0 items.)

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2 Letters and other papers, 1843 (15.0 items.)

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9 Undated papers and printed materials (14.0 items.)

The printed materials are: *Speech of Hon. J.P. Benjamin of Louisiana...in the Senate of the United States, May 22, 1860*, regarding defense of national democracy against the attack of Judge Douglas; *Venezuelan Emigration Company*, Augusta, March 1, 1867; *To the People of Georgia*, by William H. Stiles, undated, regarding a controversy with A.H. Stephens; *Speech of Hon. Newton Booth*, undated regarding construction of railroad and telegraph line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean; *Horace Greely's Views on Virginia...*, undated; *Usury...*, Albany, Ga., Central City Job Office, undated; *To Southern Planters*, issued by the office of Daniel Pratt, Prattville, Alabama, Philadelphia, Rowley and Chew, 1871; *The Knickerbocker Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York*, undated