

Manigault family plantation records

Descriptive Summary

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Title:	Manigault family plantation records
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Biographical/Historical Note

Gowrie Plantation and East Hermitage Plantation were adjoining estates on Argyle Island on the Savannah River (Chatham County, Georgia). They were originally purchased from the McAlpin family in 1833 and 1849, respectively, by Charles Izard Manigault (1795-1874). The two estates were later owned by Charles' son, Louis Manigault, Esq. (1828-1899) of Charleston, South Carolina, who operated them as one plantation. Once one of the largest rice plantations in the South, Gowrie and East Hermitage stopped thriving in 1877.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of a typed transcription of plantation records from the Gowrie and East Hermitage Plantations, contained in one ledger. It is divided into eighteen sections: Gowrie and East Hermitage Plantations, May 1861-May 1862, May 1863-December 1864, which provide information on the local situation during the Civil War, as well as the conduct of slaves as war drew closer to the plantations; records for May 1862-May 1863, containing the annual report of plantation events of the year, including events of the war; rice lands planted on the Savannah and Ogeechee Rivers, 1860; the recount of Charles Manigault and his family's first visit to Gowrie and East Hermitage Plantations after the end of the war on March 22, 1867; Season of 1876, describing the disastrous result of the crop that year; plantation jottings, 1845, with various information relating to the running of a plantation and care of slaves; planting tables, 1850-1861 and 1876; and a list of slaves at Gowrie and Hermitage Plantations, April 1855-April 1856, April 1858-April 1861 (sections 9-18). Included are correspondence and business records. Also in the collection are four articles by James Clifton that concentrate on Charles Manigault's papers concerning rice cultivation in the South.

Index Terms

Argyle Island (Ga.)
Crops--Georgia--Savannah.
Georgia--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
Lane, Mills.
Ledgers (account books)
Manigault, Charles Izard, 1795-1874.
Manigault, Louis, 1828-1899.
Plantation life--Georgia--Savannah.
Plantations--Georgia.
Slaveholders--Georgia--Savannah.
Slavery--Georgia--Savannah.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

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Administrative Information

Custodial History

Unknown.

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1 Articles by J.M. Clifton, 1970-1973

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- 11 Autobiography of Gabriel Manigault, undated