

Kollock family papers

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
Creator:	Kollock family.
Creator:	Kollock, George Jones, 1810-1894.
Title:	Kollock family papers
Dates:	1791-1904
Extent:	0.24 cubic feet (12 microfilm boxes)
Identification:	MS 1648

Biographical/Historical Note

George Jones Kollock (1810-1894), the son of Dr. Lemuel and Maria Campbell Kollock, was born in Savannah. He began practicing law in Savannah in 1832. For several years, he and John M. Miller partnered a law firm in Savannah. Kollock married Priscilla Johnston in 1836; she died later that same year after giving birth to a daughter, Augusta Johnston Kollock. In 1840, George Kollock married Priscilla's sister, Susan Marion Johnston. They eventually had seven children: George Jones, John Fenwick, William Waring, Susan Marion, Mary Fenwick, Annie Houstoun, and Louisa Belle.

Between 1836 and the early 1860s, Kollock owned several Chatham County plantations, including Rosedew (also known as Rosedue, Rosdue, and Rose Dhu), and land on Ossabaw Island. Additionally, he managed Retreat, land inherited by his daughter Augusta, at Coffee Bluff/White Bluff on the Little Ogeechee River. The principal crops at these plantations were cotton and corn.

By 1850, Kollock and his family had a permanent home in Clarkesville (Habersham County), Georgia, called "Woodlands." George Jones Kollock died in 1894.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of a microfilm copy of a portion of a privately held collection on the Kollock family of Georgia. The collection is divided into five series: letters, 1791-1906; diaries, 1850-1894; overseers' records, 1830-1861; legal documents of Kollock and Miller, 1833-1843; and miscellaneous, 1851-1876. Susan Marion Kollock (III) originally arranged and described this collection in the 1930s. Additional descriptive work was done by Catharine Kollock Thoromon in the 1980s; she did not permit all of the manuscript material to be microfilmed. Additional genealogy, background information, information regarding material not microfilmed, and details on the microfilming project itself can be found in the documents microfilmed at the beginning of Roll 1.

Index Terms

Alexander family.
Diaries.
Dockets.
Freedmen--Georgia--Habersham County
Johnston family.
Kollock family.
Kollock, George Jones, 1810-1894.
Legal documents.
Letters (correspondence)
Microfilms.
Miller and Kollock (Savannah, Ga.)
Miller, John M., active 1834-1841.
Plantations--Georgia--Chatham County.
Slavery--Georgia--Chatham County.

Location of Originals

Original papers in the possession of Catharine Thoromon, Clarkesville, Georgia, in 1999.

Technical Access Restrictions

A microfilm reader is required to access this collection.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Material was acquired from the Georgia Department of Archives and History. Catharine Kollock Thoromon inherited material from her aunts, Susan Marion Kollock and Louisa Bell Kollock Miner, who discovered the material in the family house, Woodlands, in the 1920s or 1930s.

Preferred Citation

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Acquisition Information

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Restrictions

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Publication Note

Some materials published in "The Kollock Letters," *Georgia Historical Quarterly*, 30:3, p. 218.

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Container List

SERIES 1:: Letters, 1791-1906

This series contains letters covering 1791-1906, with the bulk 1820-1900. The letters are arranged in

chronological order, preceded by a hand-written inventory and notes on the letters prepared by Catharine Kollock Thoromon. Additional notes on the contents of the individual letters were microfilmed with the individual letters. Information on abbreviations used in the notes and other information on the letters is in the transcript of the interview with Mrs. Thoromon at the end of the introduction on microfilm and in the publication of some of these letters in the *Georgia Historical Quarterly*.

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1 X-1648-01. Letters, 1791-1839

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2 X-1648-02. Letters, 1840-1861

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3 X-1648-03. Letters, 1862-1879

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4 X-1648. Letters, 1880-1906, and undated

SERIES 2:: Diaries, 1850-1894

This series contains forty-five pocket-size volumes kept by George Jones Kollock from 1850 until just before his death in 1894. The diary for 1882 is missing and some diaries contain blank pages, which were not microfilmed. In the backs of the diaries can be found miscellaneous notes, formulas, accounts, etc.

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5 X-1648-05. Diaries, 1850-1857.

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6 X-1648-06. Diaries, 1858-1866.

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7 X-1648-07. Diaries, 1867-1874.

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8 X-1648-08. Diaries, 1875-1880.

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9 X-1648-09. Diaries (1882 not included), 1881-1888.

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10 X-1648-10. Diaries, 1889-February 1894.

SERIES 3:: Overseers' records, 1830-1861

This series contains contracts between George Jones Kollock and his plantation overseers, 1849-1859; and letters that he received from them, 1830-1859, and letters that he received from them, 1830-1859. The forty letters from the overseers, 1930-1859, mentioned in the writings of Dorothy Seay Magoffin ("A Georgia Planter and His Plantations, 1837-1861," *North Carolina Historical Review* 15 (1938), 356-377) are included here. Interfiled with them are additional overseers letters found at Woodlands by John Campbell ("Work, Pregnancy, and Infant Mortality among Southern Slaves," *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* XIV:4 (Spring 1984), 793-812).

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11 X-1648-11. Overseers records, 1830-1859.

SERIES 4:: Legal documents of Miller and Kollock, 1833-1843

This series contains records from their law firm, including an 1833 legal forms book; an undated transcript of R. Ritson, *Critical Observations on the Various and Essential Parts of a Deed*; a docket of court cases in Chatham County, 1834-1840; a docket of cases in Chatham County in 1838; a docket of court cases in the circuit court of Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, and McIntosh counties, 1834-1840 (counties indexed in the back of the book); and a docket of cases in the circuit court of Bryan and Camden counties in 1841.

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11 X-1648-11. Legal documents, 1833-1843.

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12 X-1648-12. Legal documents, Miller and Kollock, 1834-1842.

SERIES 5:: Miscellaneous, 1851-1876

This series contains undated accounts; an advertisement for the Burrall Corn-Sheller; plans for organizing the "Fowl Department;" and contracts for hiring Haines Alexander and his family (freedmen), 1869-1871 and 1872-1873. Also included are extracts from the Johnston family Bible, 1722-1817; a note of debt, 1861-1876; a contract with a chimney sweep, 1856; a memorial on the death of George Jones Kollock in 1894; obituaries of George Jones Kollock and of his wife Susan Marion Kollock; a receipt for Confederate taxes in kind, 1864; a doctor's bill of J.B. Read of Savannah, 1876, that lists the services that Read performs, and the prices; an 1851 farm book that lists the tasks assigned to specific slaves; and a notebook of receipts, formulas, etc. needed on a farm. The latter also includes a task point system for slaves.

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12 X-1648-12. Miscellaneous, 1851-1876.