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SUMMARY

Size. 158 items and 2 manuscript volumes

Geographic locations. Natchez, Mississippi; France; Italy

Inclusive dates. 1817-1877, undated

Bulk dates. N/A

Language. English

Summary. Papers concerning social, political, and economic problems of Reconstruction; as well as diary entries from a voyage to Europe

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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Stephen Duncan was a planter and banker of Natchez, Mississippi. The Duncan plantations included L'Argent, Auburn, Camperdown, Carlisle, Duncan, Duncannon, Duncansby, Ellisle, Homochitto, Middlesex, Oakley, Rescue, Reserve, and Attakapas Plantation. Duncan was married to Margaret Duncan, nee Ellis (d. 1815), and had two children, John Ellis Duncan and Sarah Jane Duncan. He married his second wife, Catherine A. Duncan, nee Bingaman, in 1819 and had four children, Stephen Duncan, Jr., Charlotte N. Duncan, M. L. Duncan, and Henry P. Duncan.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Correspondence includes letters (1863-1866) from Stephen Duncan, Jr., family friend F. Surget, and family members concerning social, political, and economic problems of Reconstruction in Louisiana and Mississippi. Topics include attitudes toward freedmen, devastation caused by the war, Confederate sympathies after the war, and cotton cultivation and trade.

Papers (1843-1851) include items concerning Duncan's guardianship of James Macrery Gustine, other legal documents, bills, and receipts.

A daybook (1817-1822, 1826) of the Chapitoulas Plantation near Natchez, Mississippi, concerns plantation administration and includes lists of slaves present at the Homochitto Plantation, lists of slaves purchased in 1819, and an account of the estate of Dr. James Gustine. A diary of W. P. Duncan, son of Stephen Duncan, Jr., describes his travels in France and Italy (1876-1877).
INDEX TERMS

Account books.
Chapitoulas Plantation (Miss.)
Cotton growing--Mississippi.
Diaries.
Duncan, Stephen, 1787-1867.
Freedmen--Mississippi.
Homochitto Plantation (Miss.)
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