

**JOSEPH EMBREE FAMILY PAPERS**

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SUMMARY

<b>Size</b>	1.0 linear ft.
<b>Geographic Locations</b>	Louisiana, Mississippi
<b>Inclusive Dates</b>	1826-1900, undated
<b>Bulk Dates</b>	1830-1860
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Summary</b>	Predominantly the business papers of Joseph Embree, planter at Woodville, Wilkinson Country, Mississippi, and Clinton, East Feliciana Parish, Louisiana. Includes receipts and bills for business and household expenses, statements of account from cotton brokers, labor contracts, and land deeds. Family papers, include correspondence, miscellaneous printed items, and undated writings, as well as the business papers of Joseph's father-in-law, Benjamin Rawlins.
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## **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Joseph Embree (1817-1878) was a planter from Wilkinson County, Mississippi, who operated a plantation near Woodville in the 1840s and 1850s. During this time, he did business with New Orleans cotton brokers Ward, Saunders & Hunt; Nalle, Summers & Co.; Edward Nalle & Co.; and Hawkins and Norwood. In 1859, he moved to another plantation near Clinton, Louisiana in East Feliciana Parish with his family. During the Civil War, Embree served in the Confederate Army and was taken prisoner. After receiving his parole on May 22, 1865, he resumed his role as a planter in Clinton, doing business with the cotton broker Richard Flower & Maes of New Orleans.

Embree was married to Jamesy Rawlins, the daughter of Benjamin Rawlins, and with her had at least one child, a daughter named Elizabeth (Lizzie). Lizzie married Ira Bowman Wall and had at least nine children.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The Embree Papers deal primarily with the business interests of Joseph Embree, planter, of Woodville, Wilkinson County, Mississippi, and Clinton, East Feliciana Parish, Louisiana. The early manuscripts pertain to Joseph Embree's father-in-law, Benjamin Rawlins, and include land deeds, receipts, and other documents, as well as papers pertaining to the settlement of Rawlins' estate (1826-1850). The papers relating to Joseph Embree from the 1840s and 1850s consist of land deeds; contracts and agreements with Jonathan Embree and members of the Rawlins and Lanehart families; receipts for taxes, tuition fees, and medical services; an account book recording William Heatherington's account with Embree for 1853, 1859, and 1860; and bills for merchandise.

Letters and statements of account from Edward Nalle and Company and from Hawkins and Norwood, cotton brokers of New Orleans, constitute the bulk of the material, 1859-1962. During the period of Embree's service in the Confederate Army, the papers are considerably less numerous. After the Civil War, the papers include contracts with laborers; rules and regulations for his farm; letters and statements of account from Richard Flower & Maes, cotton brokers of New Orleans; receipts for taxes; and bills for merchandise.

After 1873, the collection contains family letters addressed to Mrs. Joseph (Jamesy) Embree and her daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Wall.

Also included are some miscellaneous printed items such as advertisements and a list of the Democratic state ticket for 1879, and an undated manuscript including 14 pages of questions and answers about the United States Constitution.

Oversize papers are stored in an oversize folder at OS:E.

**LIST OF SERIES**

**Series I. Benjamin Rawlins Papers, 1826-1860**

**Series II. Business and Cotton Brokers' Records, 1832-1884, undated**

**Series III. Personal Correspondence, 1855-1881, undated**

**Series IV. Writings and Printed Materials, 1869-1900, undated**

## **SERIES DESCRIPTIONS**

### **Series I. Benjamin Rawlins Papers, 1826-1860**

Series I contains manuscripts pertaining to Joseph Embree's father-in-law, Benjamin Rawlins, and includes land deeds, receipts and other documents, as well as papers pertaining to the settlement of Rawlins' estate, 1826-1860.

### **Series II. Business and Cotton Brokers' Records, 1832-1884, undated**

Series II contains business papers relating to Joseph Embree's plantations. Papers consist of land deeds; contracts and agreements with Embree and members of the Rawlins and Lanehart families; receipts for taxes, tuition fees, and medical services; an account book recording William Heatherington's account with Embree 1853-1860; and bills for merchandise. Also included are statements of account from Edward Nalle & Company and from Hawkins & Norwood, cotton brokers of New Orleans. These constitute the bulk of the material from 1859-1862.

Post-Civil War, the series includes contracts with laborers; rules and regulations for Embree's farm; letters and statements of account from Richard Flower & Maes, cotton brokers of New Orleans; receipts for taxes; and bills for merchandise.

### **Series III. Personal Correspondence, 1855-1881, undated**

Series III contains personal correspondence of Joseph Embree and related family members. After 1873, the family letters are addressed to Mrs. Joseph (Jamesy) Embree and her daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Wall.

### **Series IV. Writings and Printed Materials, 1869-1900, undated**

Series IV consists of writings and printed materials. Writings include an undated 14 pp. manuscript with questions and answers about the United States Constitution (3/11). Printed items include miscellaneous advertisements and flyers, a list of candidates on the Louisiana Democratic state ticket for 1879 (3/12), published versions of two speeches by S.D. McEnery (3/14), and a published version of the 1879 Louisiana State Constitution (3/13).

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