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SUMMARY

Size.	0.6 linear ft., 3 OS folders
Geographic Location.	Adams County, Miss., Pointe Coupee Parish, La., Houma, La.
Inclusive Dates.	1768-1871, undated
Bulk dates.	1804-1833
Languages.	English and Spanish
Summary.	Papers of the Richard Ellis and Benjamin Farar [Farrar} families. Records reflect early land holdings and plantation economy and management. Both Ellis and Farar were planters and slaveholders in Adams County, Mississippi, near Natchez.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

The Ellis and Farar [Farrar] families were early settlers, major landowners, and slaveholders in Mississippi and Louisiana.

Richard Ellis owned White Cliffs, Homochitto, and Laurel Hill plantations in Adams County, near Natchez, Mississippi. Upon Ellis' death, the plantations and property associated with them were passed on to his children: John, Abram, Jane, Mary, and Martha.

Dr. Benjamin Farar (1773-1826) was an early settler of Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana, and also owned land in Adams County. He had three children: Benjamin, Jr., Ann Frances, and Margaret Madeline.

Mary Ellis married Benjamin Farar, Jr. (also known as Captain Benjamin Farar), and they became successful planters at Laurel Hill Plantation, which Mary inherited from her father. Their daughter, Ann Eliza, married Dr. William Newton Mercer (1792-1874), and she inherited Laurel Hill upon the death of her parents.

Abram Ellis and his family (Margaret, Ann, and Richard G.) resided at Homochitto Plantation and later moved to Evergreen Plantation in Houma, La. Margaret Ellis married Dr. Stephen Duncan (1787-1867) of Natchez, and Ann Ellis married Thomas Butler (1785-1847), who owned The Cottage near St. Francisville, La. Richard G. Ellis attended Cumberland College and married Julia Saul. He later owned Evergreen Plantation, which was passed down to his son, Richard G. Ellis, Jr.

Jane Ellis married Major George Rapalje and lived in Natchez. They later moved to Laurel Hill, and Jane took on a major role in its management.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Ellis-Farar Papers contain the legal documents, bills and receipts, and correspondence of Richard Ellis, Mary Ellis Farar, Benjamin Farar, Jane Ellis Rapalje, George Rapalje, Abram Ellis, and members of their respective families. All items in the collection are listed in the container list.

Legal documents consist of papers pertaining to the settlement of the estate of Richard Ellis and include an agreement signed by the heirs relative to the distribution and management of his properties, as well as deeds, surveys, indentures, and confirmation of land ownership. Also included with legal documents are contracts for work performed by craftsmen and overseers on the various plantations; a typescript of Abram Ellis' will and a copy of the will of Jane Ellis Rapalje. Papers pertaining to the partition of Captain Benjamin Farar's estate are also present, including deeds, vouchers, and slave inventories.

Bills and receipts consist of those for merchandise and for work and repairs performed at the plantations; doctor bills for family members and their enslaved people; and bills for tuition to the College of Louisiana.

Correspondence consists of letters between various family members concerning family news, such as illnesses and marriages, and plantation matters, such as crop conditions and letters to and from overseers.

Content Warning: Items in this collection contain historical terms, phrases, or images that are offensive, outdated, and/or harmful. These include demeaning and dehumanizing references to race, ethnicity, and nationality; enslaved or free status; physical and mental ability; and gender and sexual orientation.

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