Guide to the John and Mary Wellborn Cochran Diaries, Letterbook, and Photographs
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Summary Information

Repository
W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama

Creator
Cochran, John

Creator
Cochran, Mary Wellborn

Title
John and Mary Wellborn Cochran Diaries, Letterbook, and Photographs

Date [inclusive]
1839-1915

Extent
0.4 Linear feet

Language
English

Abstract
Three bound volumes of this Alabama attorney and politician and his wife: John Cochran's diary; Mary Wellborn Cochran's journal; and a miscellany of copies of some of John Cochran's outgoing correspondence, journal entries of his, and copies of some freedman contracts to which he was party. Also includes two unidentified photographs that appear to be from the early twentieth century.

Preferred Citation
John and Mary W. Cochran diaries and letterbook, W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama.
Biographical/Historical note

Cochran moved from Tennessee to Jacksonville, Alabama, in 1835 and began a law practice. He served as state representative from Calhoun County, 1839-1842. He then moved to Barbour County in 1843 and served as state representative from Barbour County, 1853-1857. He was also a representative to the state Secession Convention, 1861, and was circuit court judge, 1861-1865. He married three times: Caroline; Mary Wellborn of Eufaula, Alabama, October 8, 1845; and Miss Toney of Eufaula.

Scope and Contents note

This collection consists of three bound volumes, one of which contains John Cochran's diary, 1838-1846 (not continuous), another Mary Wellborn Cochran's journal, 1845-1847, and the third a miscellany of copies of some of John Cochran's outgoing correspondence, 1839-1841, some journal entries of his, 1847-1849, and copies of some freedman contracts to which he was party, 1868-1870. Also includes two unidentified photographs that appear to be from the early twentieth century.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama May 2012

Revision Description

December 2012

Conditions Governing Access note

None

Conditions Governing Use note

None
Provenance
Gift of Mrs. Robert M. Lowe, 1954-55

Processing Information note
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Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Correspondence
- Diaries
- Letter books
- Photographs

Subject(s)

- Alabama
- Civil Rights and Human Rights
- Freedmen
- Southern Life and Culture
- Women
### Collection Inventory

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