Guide to the Walter Henry Crenshaw commonplace book
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## Summary Information

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<td>Title</td>
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<td>circa 1835-1886</td>
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<td>Extent</td>
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<td>Abstract</td>
<td>A copy of the Lawyers Common-Place Book, profusely annotated by Crenshaw with notes on Alabama statute and case law through 1886, and miscellaneous additional items.</td>
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**Preferred Citation note**

Biographical/Historical note

Walter Henry Crenshaw, son of Anderson and Mary Chiles Crenshaw, was born on 7 July 1817 in Abbeville, Abbeville County, South Carolina. He married Sarah Anderson of Wetumpka, Elmore County, Alabama, in 1843. The couple had twelve children: (1) Edward Frederick, 1842-1911; (2) infant daughter, 1844-1844; (3) Mary Louisa, 1845-1849; (4) infant son, 1847-1847; (5) Anderson, 1848-1851; (6) Walter Henry, 1850-1912; (7) Mary Louisa, 1852-1863; (8) Abner Franklin, 1854-1923; (9) Anderson, 1857-1926; (10) John Elmore, 1859-1932; (11) Laura Elmore, 1861-1862; (12) Leonora, 1863-1939; and (13) Bolling Hall, 1867-1935.

Crenshaw was a lawyer and a planter, and served in the Alabama General Assembly as a Representative (1838, 1840, 1841, 1847, 1861-1964), Speaker of the House (1861-1865), as a Senator (1851-1853, 1865, 1866), President of the Senate, 1865. He was also a member of the constitutional convention of 1865 and was elected judge of the criminal court of Butler County in 1872.

Crenshaw died on 7 December 1878.

Scope and Contents note

The collection contains a copy of the Lawyers Common-Place Book with an alphabetical index that includes most of the headings which occur, published in Boston, by Hilliard, Gray, and Company, 1836. It is profusely annotated with notes on Alabama statute and case law through 1886. The collection also contains copies of compositions by Crenshaw while a student at the University of Alabama, a speech made at commencement, 1834, and a composition, "Education and Literary Institutions" published in the Greenville Whig, 13 June 1835, and reprinted by the Woodville (Mississippi) Republican, 11 July 1835.

Administrative Information

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Conditions Governing Access note
None

Conditions Governing Use note
None

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Purchased from Cather and Brown Books, 1990

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Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Commonplace books
- Dissertations
- Notes
- Speeches

Subject(s)

- Alabama
- Education
- Government, Law and Politics
- Lawyers--Alabama
- University of Alabama
## Collection Inventory

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