Guide to the Ann and Robert Selvidge Foster papers
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Summary Information

Repository
University Libraries Division of Special Collections, The University of Alabama

Creator
Foster, Ann, b. 1790

Creator
Foster, Robert Selvidge, fl. 1833-1859

Title
Ann and Robert Selvidge Foster papers

Date [inclusive]
1833-1859

Extent
0.1 Linear feet

Language
English

Abstract
Primarily receipts and statements but the collection also includes Robert S. Foster’s will and a deed for 1,274 acres of land from the heirs of Robert S. Foster to Edmond L. Prince in 1859 for the sum of $19,110.00. Most of the statements are for the freight, wharfage, drayage, weighing and storage of cotton shipped by steamboats, and are listed for either Mrs. Ann Foster or the Estate of Robert S. Foster. Other receipts are for the purchase of clothing, books and magazine subscriptions.

Preferred Citation note
The Ann and Robert Selvidge Foster papers, W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama.
Biographical/Historical note

Ann and Robert Selvidge Foster were cotton farmers in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama in the 1800s. Ann Foster was born in the District of Columbia in the late 1790s (the 1860 U.S. Census gives her age as 61).

Scope and Contents note

This collection consists of receipts and statements primarily for Ann Foster of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, but it also includes Robert Selvidge Foster’s will and a deed for 1,274 acres of land from the heirs of Robert S. Foster to Edmond L. Prince in 1859 for the sum of $19,110.00. The document lists the heirs as “Ann Foster, James M. Foster, George W. Foster, Louisa F. Gates formerly Louisa F. Foster, and Cornelia Foster in their own proper persons, and John Y. Foster, C.R. Gates, William L. Foster and Wade Foster by their attorney in fact James M. Foster.”

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Administrative Information

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Conditions Governing Access note

None

Conditions Governing Use note
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Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

• Deeds
• Financial records
• Receipts (financial records)
• Wills

Geographic Name(s)

• Tuscaloosa County (Ala.)

Subject(s)

• Business and Labor
• Cotton farmers--Alabama--History
• Daily Life and Family
• Farming and Agriculture
## Collection Inventory

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