

Ebenezer Jackson Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Ebenezer Jackson Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1784-1873

Bulk Dates: 1792-1837

ID No.: MSS83842

Creator: Jackson, Ebenezer, 1763-1837

Extent: 150 items

Extent: 1 container

Extent: 0.2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Plantation manager. Chiefly letters from Jackson to his wife, Charlotte Fenwick Pierce Jackson, and his son, Ebenezer (1796-1874), relating to Jackson's operation of the Fenwick and Tattnall plantations near Savannah, Ga.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Fenwick family.

Jackson family.

Jackson, Charlotte, -1817.

Jackson, Ebenezer, 1763-1837.

Jackson, Ebenezer, 1796-1874.

Oliver, Francis Jehonnot, 1777-1858.

Tattnall family.

Tattnall, Josiah, 1795-1871.

Subjects

Enslaved persons--Georgia.

Plantations--Georgia.

Political corruption--Georgia.

Shays' Rebellion, 1786-1787.

Slavery--Georgia.

Yazoo Fraud, 1795.

Places

Georgia--History--War of 1812.

Georgia--Politics and government--1775-1865.

Savannah (Ga.)--History, Local.

Savannah (Ga.)--History.

Southern States--History--1775-1865.

Occupations

Army officers.

Plantation owners.

Acquisition Information

The papers of Ebenezer Jackson were purchased by the Library of Congress in 1996.

Processing History

The papers of Ebenezer Jackson were processed in 1996 by Nan Thompson Ernst and the finding aid revised in 2007. The finding aid was updated in 2023 by Maria Farmer as part of a division-wide remediation project by the Inclusive Description Working Group.

Additional Guides

An itemized list and description of the papers prepared by The Owl at the Bridge of Cranston, Rhode Island, the manuscript dealer from which the collection was purchased by the Library, is appended to the register in the Manuscript Division Reading Room as notes on the collection.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Ebenezer Jackson is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Ebenezer Jackson are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Ebenezer Jackson Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Ebenezer Jackson (1763-1873) span the years 1784-1873 with the greater part dated 1792-1837. The collection primarily contains correspondence but also includes property records, financial and tax records, a military commission, and a poem. The correspondence is chiefly the letters of Jackson to his wife, Charlotte Fenwick Pierce Jackson, and his son, Ebenezer (1796-1874), relating to Jackson's operation of the Fenwick and Tattnall plantations near Savannah, Georgia, property which belonged to his wife at the time of their marriage. Topics include Jackson's views as a New Englander running a Southern plantation with enslaved workers, family relations with the enslaved people of the plantation, Jackson's involvement in the Yazoo land claims, local history of Savannah and the surrounding area, relations with the allied Tattnall family, especially Josiah Tattnall (1795-1871), and national events including the Southern response to Shays' Rebellion and fears of a British attack on Savannah during the War of 1812. Other letters include those of Francis Johnnot Oliver to Ebenezer Jackson (1796-1874).

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Correspondence
BOX 1	Jackson, Ebenezer (1763-1837), 1787-1837, undated (4 folders)
BOX 1	Jackson, Ebenezer (1796-1874)
BOX 1	Miscellaneous, 1840-1843
BOX 1	Oliver, Francis Jhonnot, 1833-1841, 1856
BOX 1	Miscellany, 1816-1873, undated
BOX 1	Poem by E. D. Lindsey, 1861
BOX 1	Property records, 1784-1832