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Collection Summary

Title: Edward Frost Papers

Span Dates: 1795-1901

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1826-1866)

ID No.: MSS21659

Creator: Frost, Edward, 1801-1868

Extent: 1,500 items

Extent: 6 containers plus 1 oversize

Extent: 2.4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: Planter, businessman, state legislator, and district attorney for South Carolina. Family correspondence, political, legal, and business records, commissions, appointments, wills, estate and plantation accounts, ledgers, and memorabilia relating to Frost's service as district attorney and states' rights delegate from Charleston to the South Carolina legislature and his interest in the Blue Ridge Railroad Company.

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

Blake family.

Frost family--Correspondence.

Frost, Edward, 1801-1868.

Hamilton, James, Jr., 1786-1857--Correspondence.

Horry, Thomas Lynch--Estate.

Pickens, F. W. (Francis Wilkinson), 1805-1869--Correspondence.

Organizations

Blue Ridge Railroad Company (South Carolina)

Confederate States of America. Army. South Carolina Infantry Regiment, 1st.

Subjects

Government attorneys--South Carolina.

Plantations--South Carolina.

Railroads--South Carolina.

States' rights (American politics)

Places

Confederate States of America--Economic conditions.

South Carolina--Politics and government--1775-1865.

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Occupations

Businessmen.

Jurists.

Legislators--South Carolina

Plantation owners.

Provenance

The papers of Edward Frost, planter, businessman, state legislator, and district attorney for South Carolina, were deposited in the Library of Congress by Dwight H. Gadsen in 1936 and converted to a gift in 1952.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Edward Frost is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Edward Frost 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.

Microfilm

Selected documents relating to the antebellum South have been included in *Records of Ante-Bellum Southern Plantations From the Revolution Through the Civil War*, a microfilm publication issued by University Publications of America, 1985-2000.

Preferred Citation

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

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Edward Frost (1801-1868) span the years 1795-1901, with the bulk of the material dated 1826-1866. They consist of correspondence, political, legal, and business records, commissions, appointments, wills, estate and plantation accounts, ledgers, and memorabilia relating to Frost's service as district attorney and states' rights delegate from Charleston to the South Carolina legislature and his interest in the Blue Ridge Railroad Company.

Frost's activities as a plantation owner are documented by various financial records and correspondence with his family. His legal career is highlighted by material relating to various estates for which Frost was an executor, including the estates of Thomas Lynch Horry and William Blake. Also included are papers documenting his political career, such as letters from South Carolina governors James Hamilton and F. W. Pickens.

The Civil War is represented in various letters concerning the 1st South Carolina Volunteers and the difficulties of the Southern economy during wartime. Correspondents include Edwin P. Frost, F. H. Frost, Thomas Frost, Simon Lucas, William Miller, and James D. Treadwell.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein chronologically.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Account books, 1828-1844, 1865 (5 folders)
BOX 1	Bank books, 1835-1865
BOX 1	Bills of sale, 1827-1857
BOX 1	Checkbooks
BOX 1	1852-1858
BOX 2	1858-1864 (2 folders)
BOX 2	Commissions and appointments, 1823-1843
BOX 2	Deeds and mortgages, 1830-1866 (3 folders)
BOX 3	Estates
BOX 3	Blake family, 1802-1857 (3 folders)
BOX 3	Deas, Seaman, 1848-1857
BOX 3	Horry, Thomas Lynch, 1817-1851 (2 folders) (3 folders)
BOX 4	Starr, Edwin P., 1858-1864
BOX 4	French, Mary M. Smith, 1837-1851
BOX 4	General correspondence, 1830-1832, 1854-1865
BOX 4	Invoices, 1836-1840
BOX 4	Marsten, Henry, 1839-1848
BOX 4	Plats and surveys, 1795-1901, undated <i>See also Oversize</i>
BOX 5	Receipts
BOX 5	1826-1842 (3 folders)
BOX 6	1844-1866 (3 folders)
BOX 6	Shubrick, Edward, 1837-1838, 1866
BOX OV 1	Oversize
BOX OV 1	Plats and surveys, 1795-1901, undated (Container 4)