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McKee Library Special Collections

**Finding Aid for the James L. Fuller Collection
1827-1897**

Summary Information

Creators: Various

Title: James L. Fuller Collection 1827-1897

Inclusive dates: 1827-1897

Language: English

Abstract: This collection consists of personal letters and legal documents mainly pertaining to residents of Troup County, Georgia. Among the legal documents are bills of sale for the purchase of slaves, a land deed, and the last will and testament of John Shank.

Size: 1 box, .5 linear feet

Storage: Onsite Storage – Vault 2

Repository: McKee Library
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Administrative Information

Provenance: James L. Fuller donated this collection of personal letters and legal documents to the McKee Library.

Access: **Archival papers are available to readers for consultation by appointment only. Please fill out [this form](#) in advance.**

Access Restriction: The collection is unrestricted to readers.

Preferred Citation: Item description, McKee Library: James L. Fuller Collection, Series #, box #, and folder #, McKee Library Special Collections at Southern Adventist University, Collegedale

Biography

These documents were recovered in the summer of 2019. A note was included within the papers requesting their return to James L. Fuller if deemed of no use to the library. Additional information about the donation has not been recovered at this time.

The documents and letters in this collection provide a narrow window into the lives of their creators. Many of them pertain to John Shank and his family, including a promissory note to his son, John A. Shank, and a letter to Ida, believed to be his granddaughter. Further biographical information about the people within these documents has not been verified at this time.

Collection Scope and Content Note

- **Series 1: Personal Correspondence, 1891 – 1897 (.25 box, .125 linear ft.)**

This series contains two handwritten letters. The first correspondence is from E.H. Potts to J.R. Hales, dated March of 1891. The second letter was written by J.D. Walker in Portland, Oregon to a Miss Ida in March of 1897.

- **Series 2: Legal Documents, 1827 – 1879 (.75 box, .375 linear ft.)**

This series contains legal documents pertaining to residents Troup County, Georgia, with one bill of sale located in Lawrence County, Georgia. Among the documents are bills of sale for the purchase of slaves, the last will and testament of John Shank, a promissory note to John A. Shank, a deed to a plot of 202.5 acres, a document from the Executive Department of Georgia, and an annual tax forms worksheet.

Processing

Materials have been rearranged from their original order. Folded items were flattened. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes.

Contents list

Series 1: Personal Correspondence, 1891 – 1897

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
1	1	1	Handwritten letter from E.H. Potts to J.R. Hales (1891 March 24)
1	1	2	Handwritten letter from J.D. Walker to a Miss Ida (1897 March 17)

Series 2: Legal Documents, 1827 – 1879

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
2	1	3	Bill of sale for a slave girl named Betsy from the Bassetts to Jack Cony (1827 June 9)
2	1	4	Bill of sale for a slave girl named Jane from James Lock to Joel Coney (1831 December 13)

Series 2: Legal Documents, 1827 – 1879 Cont'd

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
2	1	5	Bill of sale for two slaves from John H.H. to Joel Cony (1835 May 6)
2	1	6	Last will and testament of John Shank (1852 July 22)
2	1	7	Land deed signed by Almira E. Early for the sale of 202.5 acres of land to John Shank (1856 February 5)
2	1	8	Annual tax forms document (1870 March 15)
2	1	9	Document from the Executive Department of Georgia (1870 December)
2	1	10	Promissory note to John A. Shank from the LaGrange Banking and Trust Company (1879 March 1)