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Simons-Stoner-Rose Family Papers. Inclusive: 1828-1977, undated, Bulk: 1831-1854, 1859-1909, undated

Summary Information

Creator	Simons, Steele W. McLean, Margaret Stoner
Extent (quantity/size)	3 document boxes and 2 oversized boxes
Language	English; Spanish
Abstract	The Simons-Stoner-Rose Family Papers are comprised of original correspondence, legal and financial documents, literary productions, military records, printed materials, family histories, and photographs pertaining to five families (including Wells, Simons, Kay, Stoner, and Rose) in Texas from its pre-republic days to the late twentieth century.

Subjects

Austin's Colony (Tex.) / Edna (Tex.) / Jackson County (Tex.) -- Genealogy. / Jackson County (Tex.) -- History. / Jackson County (Tex.) / Texas -- Genealogy. / Texas -- History-- 1846-1950. / Texas -- History-- Civil War, 1861-1865.

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Archivist's Notes: Additional research information is available in the control file as well as genealogical information. Notable items in the collection include multiple documents relating to the Civil War, including: correspondence from a military prison, 1864 (Series I: Correspondence: Stoner, A.E. from ML.), a muster role from Company K, 2nd Infantry, an Account of Pay to Geo. F. Simons, and other general items (see Series II: Legal Documents). Included in the collection is a handwritten bill of sale for an enslaved person and her two children when Texas was still a republic (see Series II: Legal Documents: Legal: General). Included in Series II – IV are a number of documents from the Republic of Texas. Lastly, Series IV: Literary Productions has examples of automatic writing, or correspondence with ghosts of family members (see Literary Productions: Correspondence with Dead: Automatic Writing).

Scope and Content

The Simons-Stoner-Rose Family Papers were acquired by gift on two occasions from Steele W. Simons and Margaret Stoner McLean, both members of the families. The items in the collection primarily relate to the Wells, Simons, Stoner, and Rose families who are related through marriage.

The first four series contain original family documents. Although the collection spans almost 150 years from 1828-1977, the bulk of the papers are between 1831-1854 and 1859-1909. The earliest pieces in the collection are copies of baptismal certificates dating from 1828 and their translations from Spanish to English. The largest series in this collection is the correspondence series and primarily consists of correspondence to and from Stoner family members. The second series, Legal Documents consists primarily of documents pertaining to both the Simons family and the Wells family. Within this series are multiple Republic of Texas documents. The rest of the series include financial, literary, and photographic materials as well as one map.

Administrative/Biographical History

The Simons-Stoner-Rose Family Papers cover 149 years of family history. The collection consists of papers which document the socio-economic activities of five families (including Wells, Simons, Kay, Stoner, and Rose) in Texas from its pre-republic days to the late twentieth century and include correspondence, legal and financial documents, literary productions, military records, printed materials, family histories, and photographs.

Since the Simons-Stoner-Rose Family Papers were created by various members of these families, only sketches of the principal creators are included. The earliest resident in Texas from this collection was Francis Fournay Wells, a native of Virginia, who emigrated to Texas from Louisiana as one of Stephen F. Austin's Old Three Hundred in 1824. He was born around 1800 and in the Mexican census of March 1826, he was listed as a physician. He and his wife Martha were the parents of at least two daughters, Flora Adilia and Laura M., and possibly two other daughters, Maria Loreta and Elizabeth C. (there are baptismal certificates for these two individuals which list Francis and Martha Wells as their parents). Wells was appointed by the ayuntamiento of San Felipe de Austin to the newly-created board of medical examiners in July 1830. He and his sister-in-law, Pamela McNutt Porter, founded the town of Texana in 1832. In addition to his medical practice, Wells owned numerous lots in Jackson County. He died in late 1869 (his estate was settled in January 1870).

Well's daughter Flora married George Francis Simons, a son of Thomas Simons who moved to Texas from Nova Scotia in 1835. George was born on 1834 February 14 and married Flora on 1860 June 6 at Texana. He and his wife were the parents of three children. Simons joined the Methodist church in 1842 and later served as a Sunday school superintendent for 38 years. During the Civil War he served in the Confederate army Company K, 2nd Texas Infantry

Regiment, and participated in the Battle of Shiloh. He received a parole in 1865. Simons died in 1914; his son George, Jr. married Mary Lulu (Kay) Rose in 1894 November. Their son, Steele White Simons of Edna, is the donor of these papers.

Ann Elizabeth Hunt, daughter of Wilkins and Lucinda Kirk Hunt, was born on 1826 January 28. She and William Kay were married on 1842 August 4 and were the parents of three children. The two boys, Robert Wilkins and John D., died in early childhood, and their only daughter, Mary Lulu, died as a young woman, leaving a husband, Volney J. Rose, and four children. William Kay died in 1859 July. Ann Elizabeth and Michael Lowery Stoner were married on 1861 June 19; two children, Washington Hunt and Michael Davis, were born to this union. M.L. Stoner also served in the Confederate Army and was captured by Union troops on the Texas coast in 1863 November. He was imprisoned in New Orleans and returned to Victoria after the war. Stoner died in 1875 October, and Ann Elizabeth died in 1901 February.

Related Resources

Related citations

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"Wells, Francis F.," *Handbook of Texas Online* (<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fwe21>), accessed November 25, 2012. Published by the Texas State Historical Association.

Archival Arrangement

The Simons-Stoner-Rose Family Papers are organized in six series: I. Correspondence, II. Legal Documents, III. Financial Documents, IV. Literary Productions, V. Photographic Materials, VI. Maps. Within the series, the documents are organized by family names and then chronologically.

Series 1: Correspondence. 1851-1950, undated

Administrative/Biographical History

This series contains correspondence to and from members of the Simons-Stoner-Rose families. The series is organized first by family name and second by date. Notable documents in this series include letters from M.L. Stoner to his wife during the time he was held in a military prison during the Civil War (folder titled Letters: Stoner, A.E. from M.L.). More information regarding his imprisonment is located in Series II: Legal Documents (folder titled Legal Documents: Company K, 2nd Infantry: General).

Item List

Box 1. Folder 1. Correspondence: Letters: Hunt, 1851, 1854
 Box 1. Folder 2. Correspondence: Letter: Kay, 1859, 1861
 Box 1. Folder 3. Correspondence: Letters: Rose, 1868, 1893
 Box 1. Folder 4. Correspondence: Letters: Simons, Geo. F., 1867, 1877
 Box 1. Folder 5. Correspondence: Letters: Simons, Flora A. (Wells), 1880, 1911
 Box 1. Folder 6. Correspondence: Letters: Simons, 1893, 1911, 1928
 Box 1. Folder 7. Correspondence: Letters: Stoner, M.L., 1860-1861
 Box 1. Folder 8. Correspondence: Letters: Stoner, A.E. from M.L., 1863-1865
 Box 1. Folder 9. Correspondence: Letters: Stoner, A.E. from M.L., 1872-1874
 Box 1. Folder 10. Correspondence: Letters: Stoner, A.E. from Mary Lulu, 1867-1870
 Box 1. Folder 11. Correspondence: Letters: Stoner, A.E. from Mary Lulu, 1872-1874
 Box 1. Folder 12. Correspondence: Letters: Stoner, A.E. from Mary Lulu, 1874, February – June
 Box 1. Folder 13. Correspondence: Letters: Stoner, A.E. from Mary Lulu, 1874, July – August
 Box 1. Folder 14. Correspondence: Letters: Stoner, A.E. from Mary Lulu, 1874, September – December
 Box 1. Folder 15. Correspondence: Letters: Stoner, A.E. from Mary Lulu, Undated
 Box 1. Folder 16. Correspondence: Letters: Stoner, A.E.: General, 1870-1899
 Box 1. Folder 17. Correspondence: Letters: Stoner, W. Hunt, 1887
 Box 1. Folder 18. Correspondence: Letters: Wells, 1860-1861
 Box 1. Folder 19. Correspondence: Letters: General (1 of 2), 1852-1950, undated
 Box 1. Folder 20. Correspondence: Letters: General (2 of 2), 1852-1950, undated

Series 2: Legal Documents. 1828-1945, undated

Administrative/Biographical History

This series contains legal documents regarding members from the Simons-Stoner-Rose families. The series is organized first by family name and second by date. Notable documents in this series include civil war documents as well as a number of Republic of Texas legal documents.

Item List

Box 1. Folder 21. Legal Documents: Company K, 2nd Infantry: General, 1861, 1865
 Box 1. Folder 22. Legal Documents: Company K, 2nd Infantry: Muster Role, 1861
 Box 5 OVZ. Folder Legal Documents: Company K, 2nd Infantry: Account of Pay and Clothing: Geo. F. Simons, 1865
 Box 1. Folder 23. Legal Documents: Marriage Certificate: William Kay and Anne E. Hunt, 1842
 Box 1. Folder 24. Legal Documents: General: Rose, 1867
 Box 1. Folder 25. Legal Documents: Deeds: Simons, 1839-1872
 Box 2. Folder 1. Legal Documents: Deeds: Simons, 1888-1904
 Box 2. Folder 2. Legal Documents: Deeds: Simons, 1905-1913
 Box 2. Folder 3. Legal Documents: Bonds: Simons, 1878-1880
 Box 2. Folder 4. Legal Documents: Petition: County of Jackson vs. George F. Simons (1 of 3), 1878-1880, 1883
 Box 2. Folder 5. Legal Documents: Petition: County of Jackson vs. George F. Simons (2 of 3), 1878-1880, 1883
 Box 2. Folder 6. Legal Documents: Petition: County of Jackson vs. George F. Simons (3 of 3), 1878-1880, 1883
 Box 2. Folder 7. Legal Documents: Agreement: Simons as Commissioner for School Land Grant, 1869
 Box 5 OVZ. Folder 5. Legal Documents: Agreement: Simons as Commissioner for School Land Grant, 1877
 Box 2. Folder 8. Legal Documents: Wills: Thomas Simons and Flora A. Simons, 1844, 1904
 Box 2. Folder 9. Legal Documents: Estate: T. Simons (1 of 2), 1872-1874, 1909, undated
 Box 2. Folder 10. Legal Documents: Estate: T. Simons (2 of 2), 1872-1874, 1909, undated

Box2. Folder 11. Legal Documents: Deeds: Geo. F. Simons, land deeds, 1897, 1898, 1945, undated
 Box2. Folder 12. Legal Documents: General: Simons, 1870, 1918, 1928
 Box2. Folder 13. Legal Documents: Agreements: A.E. Stoner, 1851, 1852
 Box2. Folder 14. Legal Documents: Baptismal Certificates: Francis F. Wells family, 1828, 1831
 Box2. Folder 15. Legal Documents: Deeds: Francis F. Wells and Martha Wells (1 of 3), 1837-1861
 Box2. Folder 16. Legal Documents: Deeds: Francis F. Wells and Martha Wells (2 of 3), 1837-1861
 Box2. Folder 17. Legal Documents: Deeds: Francis F. Wells and Martha Wells (3 of 3), 1837-1861
 Box5 OVZ. Folder Legal Documents: Deeds: Francis F. Wells and Martha Wells, 1842
 Box2. Folder 18. Legal Documents: General: Francis F. Wells, 1848, 1860
 Box2. Folder 19. Legal Documents: Estate: F.F. Wells, 1870, undated
 Box2. Folder 20. Legal Documents: Legal: General, 1831-1935, undated
 Box2. Folder 21. Legal Documents: Deeds: General, 1860-1911
 Box2. Folder 22. Legal Documents: Petitions: General, 1867, 1881, 1909

Series 3: Financial Documents. 1842-1912, undated

Administrative/Biographical History

This series contains financial documents regarding members of the Simons-Stoner-Rose families. The series is organized first by family name and second by date.

Item List

Box4 OVZ. Folder Financial Documents: Account Book: Capt. William Kay, 1854
 Box3. Folder 1. Financial Documents: Tax Receipts: Simons, 1868-1899
 Box3. Folder 2. Financial Documents: Receipts: Simons: General Land Office, 1882
 Box4 OVZ. Folder Financial Documents: Account Book: Capt. M.L. Stoner, Company B, 1854
 Box3. Folder 3. Financial Documents: Receipts: Mrs. Stoner: E.L. Faires, 1898-1899
 Box3. Folder 4. Financial Documents: Receipts: F.F. Wells, 1842-1866
 Box3. Folder 5. Financial Documents: Tax Receipts: F.F. Wells, 1860-1875, undated
 Box3. Folder 6. Financial Documents: Financial: General, 1859-1888, 1912

Series 4: Literary Productions. 1840-1977, undated

Administrative/Biographical History

This series contains literary productions from members of the Simons-Stoner-Rose families. The series is organized first by family name and second by date.

Item List

Box3. Folder 7. Literary Productions: Genealogical Notes: Large Family Bible, 1846
 Box3. Folder 8. Literary Productions: Genealogical Notes: Small Family Bible, 1840
 Box4 OSV. Folder Literary Productions: Book: Small Family Bible, 1840
 Box4 OSV. Folder Book: The Political Works of William Collins, undated
 Box4 OSV. Folder Book: Royal Manual, 1894
 Box4 OSV. Folder Book: American Portrait Gallery, vol. 1, 1852
 Box3. Folder 9. Literary Productions: Correspondence with Dead: Automatic Writing, undated
 Box3. Folder 10. Literary Productions: Funeral Notices, 1851, 1896, 1901
 Box3. Folder 11. Literary Productions: History of Methodist Church: original article, 1934
 Box3. Folder 12. Literary Productions: Literary: General, 1887-1922, undated
 Box3. Folder 13. Literary Productions: Obituaries: General, 1881-1943, undated
 Box3. Folder 14. Literary Productions: Poetry: Unsigned, 1880, undated
 Box3. Folder 15. Literary Productions: Rose Family Bulletin, 1966, March
 Box3. Folder 16. Literary Productions: Rose Family Bulletin, 1966, June
 Box3. Folder 17. Literary Productions: Rose Family Bulletin, 1966, September
 Box3. Folder 18. Literary Productions: Rose Family Bulletin, 1966, December
 Box3. Folder 19. Literary Productions: Genealogical Notes: Rose Family (1 of 2), 1977
 Box3. Folder 20. Literary Productions: Genealogical Notes: Rose Family (2 of 2), 1977
 Box4 OSV. Folder Literary Productions: Notebook: Passage Records: Capt. William Kay, 1854
 Box3. Folder 21. Literary Productions: Biography: Thomas Simons, undated
 Box3. Folder 22. Literary Productions: Biography: Dr. Francis Fournay Wells, undated

Series 5: Photographic Materials. undated

Summary Information

Media	Ambrotype; Cabinet Card; Daguerreotype; Glass plate negative; Photographic print; Tintypes
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Administrative/Biographical History

This series contains photographic materials regarding members of the Simons-Stoner-Rose families. The series is organized by family name.

Item List

Box3. Folder 23. Photographic Material: Stoner Family Photographs, undated
 Box3. Folder 24. Photographic Material: Simons Family Photographs, undated
 Box3. Folder 25. Photographic Material: Kay Family Photographs, undated
 Box5 OVZ. Folder Photograph: Lulu Kay Rose, undated
 Box3. Folder 26. Photographic Material: Unidentified Photographs, undated
 Box3. Folder 27. Photographic Material: Ambrotype: Unidentified, undated
 Box3. Folder 28. Photographic Material: Daguerreotype: Unidentified, undated
 Box3. Folder 29. Photographic Material: Tin Type: Unidentified, undated

Series 6: Maps. 1909

Administrative/Biographical History

This series contains one map of Texas.

Item List

Box 5 OVZ. Folder Map: Texas: Cost of Land Per County, 1909