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 -- 1946-1950 / 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 M.L.), 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: 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 Fourney 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, Pamelia 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 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 Stephen 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, Pamelia 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).
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, Vibney J. Rose, and four children. William Kay died in 1859 July. Ann Elizabeth and Michael Lowery Stoner were married on 1861 June 10. Two children, Washington and Henry, 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


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 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 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 of 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 Roll, 1861
Box 1. Folder 25. Legal Documents: General: Rose, 1867
Box 2. Folder 1. Legal Documents: Deeds: Simons, 1889-1904
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. Geo. F. Simons (2 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

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
Box 4 OVZ. Folder Financial Documents: Account Book: Capt. William Kay, 1854

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
Box 3. Folder 7. Literary Productions: Genealogical Notes: Large Family Bible, 1846
Box 3. Folder 8. Literary Productions: Genealogical Notes: Small Family Bible, 1840
Box 4 OVS. Folder Literary Productions: Book: Small Family Bible, 1840
Box 4 OVS. Folder Book: The Political Works of William Collins, undated
Box 4 OVS. Folder Book: Royal Manual, 1894
Box 4 OVS. Folder Book: American Portrait Gallery, vol. 1, 1852
Box 3. Folder 9. Literary Productions: Correspondence with Dead: Automatic Writing, undated
Box 3. Folder 10. Literary Productions: Funeral Notices, 1851, 1896, 1901
Box 3. Folder 11. Literary Productions: History of Methodist Church: original article, 1934
Box 3. Folder 12. Literary Productions: Literary: General, 1887-1922, undated
Box 3. Folder 13. Literary Productions: Obituaries: General, 1881-1943, undated
Box 3. Folder 16. Literary Productions: Rose Family Bulletin, 1966, June
Box 3. Folder 19. Literary Productions: Genealogical Notes: Rose Family (1 of 2), 1977
Box 3. Folder 20. Literary Productions: Genealogical Notes: Rose Family (2 of 2), 1977
Box 4 OVS. Folder Literary Productions: Notebook: Passage Records: Capt. William Kay, 1854
Box 3. Folder 22. Literary Productions: Biography: Dr. Francis Fourney Wells, undated

Series 5: Photographic Materials. undated

Summary Information
Media
Ambrotype; Cabinet Card; Daguerreotype; Glass plate negative; Photographic print; Tintypes

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
Box 3. Folder 23. Photographic Material: Stoner Family Photographs, undated
Box 3. Folder 24. Photographic Material: Simons Family Photographs, undated
Box 3. Folder 25. Photographic Material: Kay Family Photographs, undated
Box 5 OVS. Folder Photograph: Lulu Kay Rose, undated
Box 3. Folder 26. Photographic Material: Unidentified Photographs, undated
Box 3. Folder 27. Photographic Material: Ambrotype: Unidentified, undated
Box 3. 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