

Ebenezer Jackson

A Register of His Papers in the Library of Congress

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Collection Summary

Title: Papers of Ebenezer Jackson

Span Dates: 1784-1873

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1792-1837)

ID No.: MSS83842

Creator: Jackson, Ebenezer, 1763-1837

Extent: 150 items; 1 container; 0.2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

Abstract: 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 Tattall plantations near Savannah, Ga.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Personal Names

Fenwick family.

Jackson family.

Jackson, Charlotte, d. 1817.

Jackson, Ebenezer, 1763-1837.

Jackson, Ebenezer, 1796-1874.

Oliver, Francis Johonnot, 1777-1858.

Tattall family.

Tattall, Josiah, 1795-1871.

Subjects

Plantations--Georgia.

Political corruption--Georgia.

Shays' Rebellion, 1786-1787.

Slavery--Georgia.

Slaves--Georgia.

Yazoo Fraud, 1795.

Locations

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.

Administrative Information

Provenance:

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 and the finding aid revised in 2007.

Copyright Status:

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Preferred Citation:

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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 slave-operated plantations in the South, family relations with the plantation slaves, 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).

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.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container List

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| BOX 1 | Jackson, Ebenezer (1796-1874) |
| BOX 1 | Miscellaneous, 1840-1843 |
| BOX 1 | Oliver, Francis Jhonnot, 1833-1841, 1856 |
| BOX 1 | Miscellany, 1816-1873, n.d. |
| BOX 1 | Poem by E. D. Lindsey, 1861 |
| BOX 1 | Property records, 1784-1832 |