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SUMMARY

- Size.** 24 items, 1 pamphlet, 1 microfilm reel
- Geographic locations.** Natchez, Mississippi
- Inclusive dates.** 1774-1914.
- Bulk dates.** 1774-1891
- Language.** English, Spanish.
- Summary.** The Minor Family Papers are comprised of correspondence, legal papers, and printed materials relating to the business and personal affairs of Stephen Minor and the Minor family of Natchez, Mississippi.
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- Related collections.** William J. Minor and Family Papers, Mss. 519, 594, 859
William J. Minor Papers, Mss. 859
John Minor Account Book, Mss. 1035
William Kenner Papers, Mss. 1477, 1491
Katherine Surget Minor Letter, Mss. 4867
Rebecca A. G. Minor Papers, Mss. 857
Henry C. Minor Papers, Mss. 1509, 1607
Minor Family Photograph Collection, Mss. 3173
Thomas Butler Papers, Mss. 2850
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- Stack locations.** T:35; OS:M; MSS.MF:M

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Stephen Minor, a planter of the Concord Plantation, was a governor of the Spanish District of Natchez and a mayor of the town of Natchez, Mississippi. His son, William J. Minor (1807-1869), married Rebecca A. Gustine of Philadelphia, and they had seven sons and one daughter. William J. Minor owned and operated Hollywood and Southdown plantations in Terrebonne Parish and Waterloo Plantation of Ascension Parish, Louisiana. Stephen Minor's daughter, Mary Minor (1778-1814), married William Kenner (1774-1824), a businessman, planter, slaveholder, and politician of Natchez and New Orleans, Louisiana. William's son, Henry C. Minor, married Anna Butler in 1875.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Minor Family Papers are comprised of correspondence, legal papers, and printed materials relating to the business and personal affairs of the Minor family of Natchez, Mississippi. Letters to Stephen Minor include comments by Thomas Power, captain of the militia at New Orleans, on the Burr Conspiracy (February 6, 1807). H. Beaumont of Montreal writes to Bernard Lintot in Connecticut about Beaumont's account, the shipment of goods, and family matters (May 21, 1774). A native of Connecticut, Lintot was an early settler and merchant of Natchez. Letters from William Kenner of New Orleans (January 14, 1814) and Simon Gratz (?) of Philadelphia (December 1, 1814) discuss business affairs. The correspondence of William J. Minor includes a letter from John Minor concerning the shipment of cotton (May 30, 1829). In her letter, his mother, Katherine Minor, writes about plantation affairs and family matters (March 18, 1837). Correspondence also includes business letters written to John Minor from George Salkeld of Liverpool, England (November 1, 1821) and from T. Gibson of Hollywood, Mississippi to the New Orleans firm A. H. W. Allan and Company (1838). A letter from the Loyal Case of New Orleans offers to purchase an interest in Ship Island (1849). William J. Minor writes to his son, Henry Chotard Minor of Southdown Plantation, that he has sought the assistance of influential men in seeking the release of William, Jr. (February 1, 1865).

Legal papers contain two Spanish documents signed by Baron de Carondelet confirming land titles in the Natchez District. These documents include surveys by Carlos Trudeau and relate to the property of John Stills located on the waters of St. Catherine Creek, District of Natchez (December 13, 1801), and land claimed by the heirs of Dorothy Henderson (March 21, 1804). Also found is the will of Mary Ann Gustine of Queens County, New York (1862) and a sugar producer's license (1891) for Henry C. Minor of Houma, Terrebonne Parish.

Printed items include a handbill of an address given by President John Adams on June 12, 1797 entitled, "Message from the President of the United States to the House of Representatives," and a pamphlet on the proceedings of a meeting which took place at Faneuil Hall, Boston (1859). Restrictions on the spread of slavery and John Brown's raid

on Harpers Ferry were the focus of this meeting. Papers also contain reports on investigations made by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Experiment Station on the drainage and reclamation of wet prairie land (1913-1914).

In addition, there is a prayer for expectant mothers (undated) and a partial letter discussing the ill health of a person who suffered from typhoid, followed by spinal meningitis (undated).

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CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack</u> <u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folders</u>	<u>Contents with dates</u>
T:35	1	1-6	Papers, 1797-1914.
OS:M	--	1	Letter, May 21, 1774. John Stills land title, December 13, 1801. Land grant certification, July 23, 1805. Large empty envelope, May 13, 1913.
MSS.MF:M	--	--	Reel 1: Entire collection.