

Guide to the Dellet -Torrey Collection

Descriptive Summary :

Creator: Multiple

Title: Dellet -TorreCollection

Dates: 1582 -1996 [Bulk 1830 -1920]

Quantity: 152 books, .5 linear feet photographs, .5 linear feet papers.

Abstract: This collection represents the lives, business activities, and public careers of the Dellet -Gibbons -Torrey -Henshaw -Toulmin Families of Mobile and Claiborne, Alabama, interconnected by marriage over the course of multiple generations, focusing mainly on the 1830s to early 20th century. The collection includes: atlases, correspondence, family histories, manuscripts, memoirs, news clippings, photographs, prints, publications, and rare books.

Accession: 689 -2017

Biographical Note :

James Dellet (1788 -1848), a patriarch of the family , was an influential planter, lawyer, and politician. Born in New Jersey, he brought his family to Claiborne, Alabama in 1818 where he was a highly effective lawyer and public figure for many years. He became Alabama's first Speaker of the House, winning election to the Legislature in 1819 and serving four terms until 1832. He also represented Alabama in the United States Congress from 1838 to 1845. In addition to practicing law, Dellet built a large plantation home , Dellet Park, and improvements. Dellet was married twice, first to Harriet Willison. They had four children.

After her death in 1841, he married her cousin, Mary Woodward Wormley.

Lyman Gibbons (1808 -1879), born in New York, was a Claiborne, Alabama planter, lawyer, Circuit Judge, and Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court . In 1853 , he married James Dellet's daughter, Emma Dellet. They were the parents of Helen Dellet Gibbons, who married Charles John Torrey , son of Rufus Campbell Torrey.

Provenance : Acquired by gift from Carroll and Vicki Barrett, 2017.

Arrangement :

Papers are arranged in 4 series:

1. Genealogy (alphabetically arranged by family name)

- I. Andrews
- II. Bowles
- III. Brinton
- IV. Dellet
- V. English
- VI. Gibbons
- VII. Gray
- VIII. Henshaw - Contains a n ethical will by David Henshaw to his children .
- IX. Pillans
- X. Simmons
- XI. Torrey
- XII. Toulmin
- XIII. Homesteads (Claiborne and Spring Hill, Alabama)

2. Photographs

3. Books and [Imprints](#)

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