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INTRODUCTION

The Leonard F. Chapman Papers (1786-1959), are centered on the Scott and Singleton families, two prominent families of Bedford County, Tennessee.

The materials in this collection measure 3.36 feet. There are no restrictions on the materials. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Leonard Chapman Family Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Leonard F. Chapman Papers, containing approximately 1,100 items, span the period 1786 to 1959. The collection is composed of accounts, bills of sale, and correspondence, financial documents, land records, printed materials, receipts, and several miscellaneous items. Included in the collection is a great deal of material relating to the early history of Bedford County and other locations in the South.

The vast majority of the collection is composed of correspondence, both personal as well as business, exchanged between members of the two families. The letters provide an important source in research dealing with the life of the antebellum planters. The letters describing life in New Orleans are particularly interesting.

Receipts, bills of sale and accounts make up another large portion of the collection. They provide the researcher with the opportunity to examine goods used on the plantations, prices of commodities, slave care and medical procedures. Some other miscellaneous items include letters of indenture (deeds), lists of slave sales, poems, newspaper clipping, advertisements, banks notes, recipes and wills.

The Leonard F. Chapman Papers represent an important contribution to the study of antebellum Southern society. As a genealogical source it details history of a family from the early years in North Carolina to Tennessee and throughout the country.

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