

Guide to the Carstarphen Family Papers

Descriptive Summary:

Creator: Doy Leale McCall Sr., 1896-1971

Title: The Doy Leale McCall Sr. Papers, Carstarphen Series

Dates: 1818-1908

Quantity: .5 Linear Feet

Abstract: The Carstarphen Family Papers contains correspondence of both a personal and business nature, business receipts, musings, and ephemera created by Oren Datus Carstarphen, Joseph Chapel (JC) Carstarphen, Joseph John (JJ) Carstarphen, and Margaret Elizabeth Carstarphen. The collection is comprised of .5 linear feet of material, including 3 ledgers, music scores, and cotton factor reports.

Accession: 546-2011

Biographical Note:

The Carstarphen Family dates back to c.1746 when Robert Corstorphine later changed the name to Carstarphen. Robert married Drusilla Evans and had 6 children: Robert, Joel, John, Marshal, Elizabeth and Oney Carstarphen. Robert's brother, James N. Carstarphen (d. 1816) fathered Nancy, Elizabeth, Oren Datus (O.D.), Thomas Chapel (1779-1851), Joseph John, James Henry, Sarah Rebecca (b.1812), and William Daniel Carstarphen (1814-1883).

The early Carstarphen families lived throughout the southeast, with the majority residing in Wilcox and Monroe Counties in Alabama. The Carstarphens owned cotton plantations and sold cotton at cotton factors in Mobile, Alabama.

Scope and Content:

The collection includes letters of correspondence, business receipts, ledger books, and personal writings of Oren Datus Carstarphen, JC Carstarphen, Margaret Elizebeth Carstarphen, and JJ Carstarphen.

Provenance:

Gift of Doy Leale McCall III, Margaret McCall Rolfsen, and John Peter Crook McCall, 2011.

Arrangement:

Materials are separated by creator and organized by type and chronology.

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Related Content: Pickens Papers, Winter Papers, Stabler

Content List:**Carstarphen Correspondence, 1818-1908. .5 linear feet (one container).****Folder list:**

1. Thomas Chapel Carstarphen: Personal Correspondence and business receipts, 1818-1845
2. Oren Datus Carstarphen: Personal Correspondence, Business Receipts, 1816 -1868 [Bulk 1860-1868]

3. Oren Datus Carstarphen: Personal Correspondence, Business Receipts, 1870-1892
4. Oren Datus Carstarphen: Ledger Book 1849-1866
5. JC Carstarphen: Personal Correspondence, Business Receipts, Writings, 1845-1895
6. Oren Datus Carstarphen and JC Carstarphen: Cotton Receipts and business correspondence, 1878-1891
7. Margaret Elizabeth Carstarphen: Songs or Poems, 1869 and undated
8. Margaret Elizabeth Carstarphen: Personal Correspondence, 1852-1901
9. Daniel McLean Carstarphen: Personal Correspondence and Business Correspondence, 1882 -1908
10. Daniel McLean Carstarphen: Two Ledger Books, 1897-1905
11. Joseph John (JJ): Personal Correspondence, 1842-1864
12. General Correspondence and receipts of individuals, 1824-1877
13. Ephemera receipts, music score, lists, undated