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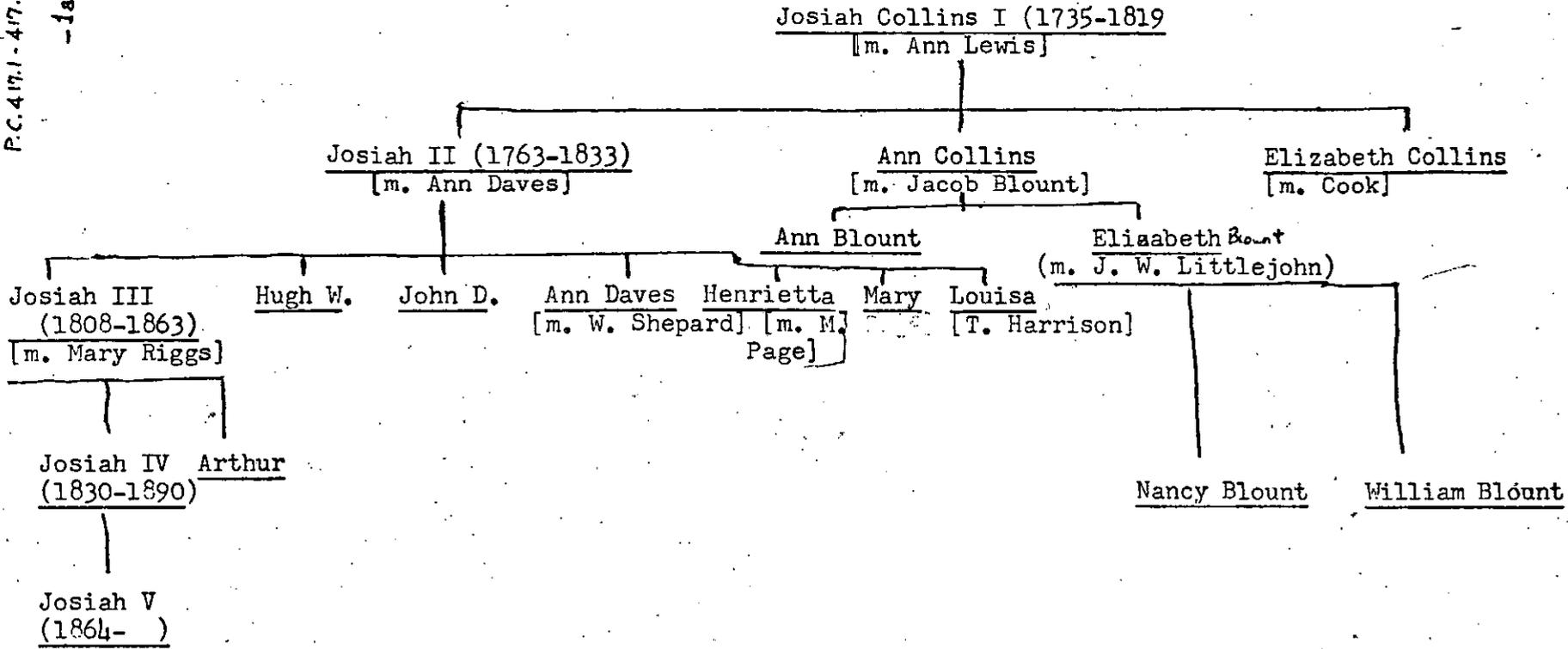
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INTRODUCTION

The Josiah Collins Papers represent five generations of the Collins family and five Josiah Collins - Josiah I (1735-1819), Josiah II (1763-1833), Josiah III (1808-1863), Josiah IV (1830-1890), and Josiah V (1864-). These papers, consisting of the records of Josiah Collins I, illustrate his mercantile interests in the latter part of the eighteenth century, his partnership in, and eventual ownership of, the Lake Company (lands in Tyrrell and Washington counties). They trace the descent and management of his estate through his son Josiah II to his grandson Josiah III, and other grandchildren, and to his great grandchildren, Josiah IV, Arthur, and George. These papers are also indicative of the extensive properties and activities of the Collins family from pre-Revolutionary times to the Civil War.

Josiah Collins I was born (August, 1735) in Taunton, Somersetshire, England. He married Ann Lewis of Staffordshire in April, 1761, and they had three children—all born in Islington, England—Josiah II (1763), Ann (1764), and Elizabeth (1769). Following the death of his wife, Collins emigrated with the two older children to Boston in 1773. Elizabeth was left with relatives in England. His first year in America was spent in Providence, Rhode Island, and Halifax, North Carolina; he finally settled in Edenton in 1777. There he entered into shipping and commerce with the firm of Collins, Stewart, and Muir, exporters of tobacco, rice and staves to Europe and the West Indies, and importers of sugar, molasses, and rum. In 1783 he joined in the establishment of the Rope Walk for the production of hemp, rope, and cordage, one of the earliest such industries in the country. The following year he became associated with Nathaniel Allen and Dr. Samuel Dickinson, both of Edenton, in the formation of the Lake Company. Collins was instrumental in restoring the old colonial church of St. Paul's in Edenton and left a legacy to Edenton Academy.

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Elizabeth Collins married a lawyer named Cook and lived at Hatch—Beauchamp, near Taunton, England, which she inherited from her father. Ann Collins, who came to America, married Jacob Blount of Blount Hall, Pitt County. She died leaving two small children, Ann Collins Blount and Elizabeth Louise Blount. Ann Blount never married but lived at the "Old Homestead" with her grandfather and uncle, where she raised her uncle's children on the death of his wife. Elizabeth Blount married John W. Littlejohn of Edenton and their children, Nancy Blount and William, are mentioned in the will of Josiah I. Josiah II married Ann Rebecca Daves of New Bern. Their children were Josiah III, Hugh Williamson, John D., Ann Daves, Henrietta Elizabeth, Mary Matilda, and Louisa. Ann Daves married William Shepard of Edenton (June 6, 1843), Henrietta Elizabeth married Dr. Matthew E. Page of Richmond (December 31, 1829), and Louisa married Dr. Thomas Harrison. Josiah III married Mary Riggs of Newark, New Jersey.

During the Civil War Josiah III bought two tracts of land in Franklin County and, in 1862, moved some of his slaves there and to Hillsboro where the family lived. The slaves were hired out to individuals, railroads and Confederate hospitals. Josiah III died in 1863, leaving his estate to his wife Mary. She returned to Somerset Plantation at the end of the war but was unable to continue operation of the plantation. The property was sold at auction; her sons Josiah IV and Arthur bid in on Somerset and Weston, forming a partnership to manage the two plantations. In 1870 Somerset was assigned to William B. Shepard, son of Ann Collins Shepard, to fulfill Josiah III's obligations as guardian to Shepard. Arthur succeeded in keeping Weston for a time, but it was eventually sold.

CORRESPONDENCE (1773-1863)

Early correspondence (1773-1818) deals with purchases of large tracts of land in Chowan, Washington, and Tyrrell counties by Josiah Collins I, Nathaniel Allen, Samuel Dickinson, and Robert Smith. Included are letters from Hugh Williamson in New York to Collins in Edenton regarding the latter's settlement of Robert Smith's estate with comments on Collins' purchase of Nathaniel Allen's interest in the Lake Phelps property. Letters from Thomas Trotter, Edenton, to Nathaniel Allen and James Moffatt report surveys of property lines. A letter from Peter Browne, Raleigh, to Josiah Collins II gives his opinion on title to land claimed by John Gray Blount, suggesting surveys and his belief that the Lake Company property is subject to entry and patent.

In a file labelled "Spanish Papers" is a letter (1773) from Duff and Walsh, Cadiz, Spain, to Robert Lennox, Malaga, Spain, reporting arrival of a brig loaded with staves from North Carolina

A letter from Jane Smith (London, 1819) tells of a letter to her husband, Thomas Smith, from his brother Robert of Edenton, concerning judgments against the estates of Nathaniel Allen and Samuel Dickinson.

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CORRESPONDENCE (Cont'd)

Brief notes (1818-1819) from Josiah Collins III from Jamaica, New York, to his father in Edenton, report his progress at school and visits to his sisters in New York.

Other correspondence (1839-1860) includes that of Robert Bunch, British consulate at Charleston, South Carolina, with Charles Edmondston, Aiken, South Carolina, acknowledging money sent by Josiah Collins and correspondence between Josiah Collins III and Edmondston regarding settlement of claims of Robert Smith's heirs. A letter from David Stone (Raleigh) advises in a suit for recovery of land in Wake County. James C. Johnston, Hayes Plantation, Edenton, compliments Josiah Collins III on his punctual attention to business "which so highly distinguished your most noteworthy grandfather (Josiah Collins I) in much better times."

A letter from Mary Collins at Somerset Place, Lake Scuppermong, tells of departure of their neighbors, the Pettigrews, for Cherry Hill and of their own vacation plans. Correspondence (1839-1842) of Hugh Collins with commission merchants in Petersburg, Norfolk, Richmond, and Charleston concern shipments of fish. There are letters from Josiah Collins III, assigned trustee of his brother Hugh's affairs, to these same merchants, creditors of Hugh Collins.

Much of the correspondence (1863) deals with the problems connected with removal of many of the Collins slaves from Washington and Tyrrell counties to Orange and Franklin counties, following invasion by Federal forces of the eastern section of the state. Letters from overseers George Spruill at Lake Phelps and Lloyd Bateman at Hurry Scurry concern plantation management. There are letters of inquiry relative to hiring slaves for the North Carolina Railroad, for farming, and as house servants. Friends and slaveholders write Josiah Collins III praising his efforts to keep the slaves together as families and his provisions for their welfare. Numerous visitors, former neighbors, and soldiers on furlough write him of conditions at Lake Phelps and in the general area.

Letters from members of the family at Hillsborough give some details of illnesses occurring from time to time in the immediate family and neighborhood. George Patterson, Episcopal minister formerly at Lake Phelps and close friend of the family, writes from the Third Regiment of the North Carolina Infantry in Virginia and Maryland of the hardships of camp life and of nursing wounded Confederate and Federal soldiers after the battles of the Wilderness and Chancellorsville. Josiah Collins III also received letters from Episcopal ministers Alfred A. Watson and Joseph W. Murphy reflecting the effect of the war on their ministries. Washington and Tyrrell residents in the Confederate Army describe activities of the 17th Regiment at Hamilton, at Fort Branch, and on duty near Kinston.

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CORRESPONDENCE (Cont'd)

Josiah Collins III Letterbook (1858-1861)

Letters in the letter press book discuss similar subjects found in Josiah Collins' III other correspondence. There are business letters to commission merchants. One is an expression of appreciation for sending samples of "Collins corn" to the Japanese Embassy at the request of shipboard acquaintances of the Japanese ambassador interested in securing seeds of various United States cereals. A letter to Hardy and Brothers in Norfolk includes a request for seed for his youngest son to experiment in raising tobacco and another acknowledges shipment of a carpet for the ladies of St. Paul's Church in Edenton. In a letter to William Whelan, Baltimore, Collins agrees to try sugar-cured hams but states his preference for North Carolina hams. He requests air-tight cans for preservation of foods and praises a shipment of preserved vegetables with garden fresh flavor. From Robert Sinclair and Sons, Collins orders farming equipment and asks the price of a sugar cane masticator. To L. A. Edmondston, Charleston, he sends personal regards to members of the family, gives a detailed explanation of "Collins corn" sold exclusively to the Edmondston firm, and reports a delay in shipping due to broken waterways and suspension of canal navigation. With the news of the firing on Fort Sumter, Collins requests reliable information on the effect of the event on social, political and commercial life. He gives his opinion on the subject and expresses regret at the slowness of North Carolina in adopting the southern cause.

Letters addressed to individuals include one to William Littlejohn agreeing to handle the finances of the Ladies Sewing Society, Grace Church, Plymouth. He writes Joseph Ramsay concerning the Poor House Report and his regret at missing a meeting of the Board of Wardens. Collins warns Richard H. Reddick (Riddick), Sr., of trespassers on the property of the Albemarle Swamp Land Company in the eastern portion of a 15,000 acre tract and states his agreement with Reddick's views on setting out timber. He writes Joseph Norman relative to a bill in the legislature repealing a statute concerning fishing rights in Tyrrell County, pointing out that the Scuppernong River flows in Tyrrell and Washington counties and any change in legislation would affect the livelihood of some sixty families. To Malachi Haughton, he objects to a petition for sale of land, in which they are jointly interested, on the eve of the opening of the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal with the consequent probable increase of all land accessible to water transportation; and to Colonel T. L. Skinner he speculates that the New Canal should contribute to the prosperity of eastern North Carolina by a revival of commerce from the reduction in

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CORRESPONDENCE (Cont'd)

Josiah Collins III Letterbook (1858-1861) (cont'd)

cost of transportation of agricultural products. Several letters to his sister Henrietta (Mrs. Thomas Harrison) concern the settlement of her husband's estate in Alabama.

There are numerous letters to members of the clergy of the Episcopal Church. To Reverend John N. Norton he acknowledges Norton's intended dedication, to Collins, of his biography of Bishop Levi Silliman Ives. To Reverend D. D. Van Antwerp he writes for a contribution to the completion of the church at Beaufort. Collins writes Reverend H. M. Mason expressing his interest in Mason's labors with the Scandinavian population. To Reverend E. M. Forbes, he explains why the committee on the constitution omitted the section on trial of the clergy and expresses his opposition to the University of North Carolina because of the rule requiring students to attend chapel service. In writing Reverend J. W. McCulloch recalling Dr. Hugh Williamson, the particular friend of his grandfather Josiah Collins I, he recalls his vacations as a child of ten with Williamson in New York. He mentions the deaths of Josiah I and Williamson, in 1819, within a week of each other, describing them as "very aged and very remarkable men." He approves the circular on the course of instruction at St. Mary's, especially the finishing course, and inquires about religious instruction there. To Reverend L. S. W. Mott, Collins states his regret at the condition of the Charlotte parish but considers it a bad time to seek contributions because of the drought, crop failures, and the destruction of a local church by a tornado.

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CORRESPONDENCE (Cont'd)

Josiah Collins III Letterbook (Con't)

Other letters concerning church matters are addressed to Professor Chauncey A. Goodrick stating his interest in a report on religious feeling at Yale; and to D. H. Conrad acknowledging receipt of a pamphlet on the acts and recommendations presented to the session at Philadelphia and of his plans to meet with the brethren of the Lay Committee of the General Convention. He writes Professor E. G. Daves that he has no influence with the trustees of the University of the South, as he has not contributed to it in any way, but that there will probably be many applicants for teaching positions as its reputation and salaries are reported high. Letters to Reverend Jarvis Buxton and to Girard Phelps concern the latter's studies for the ministry. He writes Phelps of Buxton's gratifying reports on his progress. To Buxton he states his plan to educate Phelps for the Church, sends money for tuition, and inquires about beginning studies in theology.

Several letters are answers to inquiries and give information on the Scuppernong grape and wine including instructions for aging, describing flavor, telling the story of the discovery of the vine in Tyrrell County. There are a few references to slaves: desire to sell a boy presenting a discipline problem, request to John C. Ehringhaus to care for a slave on a visit in his vicinity, and Collins' pleasure on learning the slaves he hired out, as agent for Ann C. Blount, proved satisfactory and were themselves satisfied.

In a number of letters Collins comments on the local political situation: his belief that the local men are influenced against slaveholders by prejudicial accounts, his plans to go to Cool Spring to advance Mr. [Ebenezer] Pettigrew's election, and his shaken confidence in the people's ability to protect the public interest in an emergency.

At the approach of the Civil War, in writing his commercial agents in the North and South, Collins endeavors to learn the true state of affairs. Writing to Baltimore, he requests information on Southern interests relative to trade there. He expresses his championship of southern rights and ultimate triumph and his admiration for the sound sense conservatism of the Congress of the Confederate States. He writes Hardy and Brothers, Norfolk, of zeal for the cause hampered by a lack of ammunition and arms, organization and leaders. To his sister in the North, he writes of partial restoration of postal arrangements after more than a fortnight of interruption and of his sons Arthur and Joe volunteering as privates.

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LAND RECORDS (1779-1855)

Records, originals and copies, tracing ownership of lands acquired by Josiah Collins I and his descendants include grants, patents, entries, surveys and plats, and descriptions of boundary lines. There is considerable overlapping of descriptions in these records but they deal primarily with the accumulation of lands by the Lake Company. These consist of: grants to William R. Davis and Willie Jones; to Collins, Allen, and Dickinson; and to Josiah Collins I, final owner of all lands purchased by the Lake Company, and also his purchases of other property in North Carolina.

Entries

Land entries for Jones and Davie, March 13-23, 1786, are for 10,000 acres on the southside of Lake Phelps; 2,500 on the southwest side of the Lake; 5,000 on the southeast side of Pongoe (Pungo) Lake; and 5,000 acres between Lake Phelps and Lake Pungo.

Entries for Collins, Allen, and Dickinson include land on the west end of Lake Phelps, between Lake Phelps and Long Acre, between the Lake and Pungo River, at the head of the river, between Kendrick's Creek and Long Acre, and on the south side of the Albemarle Sound.

For Josiah Collins I there are entries on the north, south, east, and west sides of Lake Phelps.

Miscellaneous entries on Pantego, Pungo, and Currituck swamps are issued in the names of Benjamin Hollowell, Benjamin and Stephen Gaylord, Solomon Smith, James Davis, Hosea Martin, J. Eborn, Edward McSwain, Benjamin Rogers, Caleb Fortsman, James Wilkinson, Joseph Leach, and Abram Satterwhite.

Land grants

Original land grants (1779-1796) are issued in Chowan County to Charles Johnston; in Tyrrell County to Peter Wynne, James and John Anderson, Francis Ward, Sarah Woodland, Josiah Collins I, Benjamin Tarkinton (Tarkenton), Charles Pettigrew, James Ambrose, Joseph Davenport, John Ansley, Henry O'Neal (Neil), James Phelps, Edmund Blount, and Collins, Allen, and Dickinson. Surveyors for these grants are John Hooker (1779-1781), Hezekiah Spruill (1785-1788), Asa Phelps (1788, 1796), and Samuel Spruill.

Grants (1780-1798) in Beaufort County on the north side of the Pamlico and east side of Long Acre are issued to Francis Ross, Thomas Ellison, Thomas Mackey, John Harris, Elijah Ross, Edward Vandaniel, Thomas Respass, John Bowen, Petter Reddit, John Gray Blount, and Bryan McMahon.

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LAND RECORDS (Cont'd)

Land grants (cont'd)

In Tyrrell County grants on Long Acre, Kendrick's Creek, west end of Lake Phelps, at the head and on the north side of Pungo River, on Albemarle Sound between Scuppermong River and Kendrick's Creek, and on the east side of the Great Alligator River are issued to Joseph Dwight, Josiah Phelps, Cuthbert James, Edward Hassell, Henry Norman, Charles Johnston, Edmund Blount, Asa McCoy, and Josiah Collins I.

In Hyde County grants (1782-1815) on the North East Ridge, on the Pungo River, Pantego and Matchepungo Swamp, are issued to Reuben Bartee (Bartie), Samuel Slade, George Davenport, Hosea Martin, George Dukes, William Clark, John Davis, Sr., John Hall, John Clark, and John Gray Blount.

Other grants (1755-1798) are issued in the names of Robert West, Joseph Dwight, Francis and Elijah Ross, Thomas Mackey, Bryan McMahon, John Bowen, Thomas Wallis, John Harris, William Savage, and William Boyd.

Survey plats

Survey plats illustrate boundaries for land grants and entries at the date of issuance, for deeds, for lands in dispute, and for development of projects on these lands.

In addition to those designated for Jones and Davie and the Lake Company, there are surveys for Reuben Bartee and George Dennison (1781) on the east side of the Pungo in Hyde County; for James Phelps on the east side of the Scuppermong River and for the little lake back of Lake Phelps; for Hamilton W. Davenport's Goshen Tract (1840), adjoining Moccasin Canal and for land adjoining Josiah Collins' Weston Plantation; for John Allin (Allen) on the little lake; for John Goelet's land called Great Island; for a projected road from Tarkenton's Road to Spruill's bridge; a plat and "favorable table" calculation of the area of Maxmillan Tatum's lands; and a deed from A. C. Blount to J. B. Benton "embracing sundry patents" exhibiting the location of Dogwood Run and Northeast Ridge

Survey plats drawn for Josiah Collins III include: land on the south side of the Albemarle Sound and on Kendrick's Creek; establishment of lines of land adjoining Benjamin Tarkinton and Myles Spruill; 42 warrants, in tracts of 640 acres, on the east side of Lake Phelps, on the south side of Scuppermong River, and at the head of the Alligator River.

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Survey plats (cont'd)

Plantation plats indicate location of sawmill and blacksmith fields, acreage on a canal leading from Lake Phelps for sawmill pond and race. At Monticello, in Chowan County, the plat shows a road and farm, listing deeds tracing descent of the land from William Badham to Reuben Simons (1799) to James Jones (1800-1803) and to John Blount (1808). The Weston plantation plat indicates 72 acres of Hamilton W. Davenport's adjoining plantation sold to Collins in 1845 and Weston Canal. A plat dated 1832 shows a part of a farm on the east side of the canal adjoining land of Ebenezer Pettigrew.

Other surveys and maps (M. C. 417) are titled Moccasin, Western, Mountain, Somerset, Bonara, and Bee Tree Canals; Western, Shepard, Somerset, and Magnolia Plantations; State lands in Hyde and Washington counties (1840); Charles Phelps' survey (1837) of Josiah Collins' farm at Lake Phelps; "plott of Long Lands"; maps of patent surveys for John Gray Blount and others; surveys of Lake Pungo and Lake Phelps; map of land sold by E[benezer] Pettigrew; map of Maul Creek; old plot of Somerset Place; a plan (1821) of Josiah Collins' III farm at Lake Phelps; map of Jones and Davie lands; map of a ship canal to Norfolk (1855) by Marshall Parks and of a ship canal to connect Albemarle, Currituck, and Pamlico Sounds with the ocean via the Chesapeake Bay; map of the village of Acasto (Cattaraugus) and of the village of Irving (New York); and map showing the lands assigned to emigrant Indians west of Arkansas and Missouri, prepared by the Topographical Bureau, 1836.

Deeds

Deeds describe lands in Chowan, Tyrrell, Washington, Pasquotank, and Franklin counties. Chowan County deeds record land transactions between Josiah Collins I and William Badham (1799), John Blount (1809), John W. Littlejohn (1813), and Joseph B. Skinner; between Josiah Collins and James Iredell and John P. Davis for Monticello and Nail's Point Plantations (1820); the heirs of Josiah Collins I for the Homestead and lots in Edenton; and between Charles Johnston and John Hamilton for land near Edenton.

Washington County deeds indicate sales of the Shoemake Land by John Bateman to Josiah Collins; of land on the northwest sides of Lake Phelps from James Davenport to Snoad B. Carroway; of land on Pungo Lake by the sheriff in 1842; and of the Newbold Tract on the south side of Albemarle Sound. There are deeds in the name of Ann C. Blount, administratrix de bonis non, to Josiah Collins I for the "new lands" in Pasquotank County.

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LAND RECORDS (Cont'd)

Deeds (cont'd)

In Tyrrell County there are deeds for Samuel Spruill's sale of land to James Dilling (Dillon) on Scuppernong River; for Nehemiah Spruill's sale of land to Sarah and Samuel Woodland, and for Ebenezer Spruill's sale to John Todd; for Josiah Phelps' land on the west side of Bull Pond and on the south side of Scuppernong; for Francis Ward's land on Maul Creek Swamp; for Samuel Woodland's acreage on the canal; to Charles Pettigrew on Maul Creek Swamp and south side of Scuppernong; and to the Lake Company from James Dillon (1787) for Beargrass Island, from Joseph Spruill (1788) on the east side of Scuppernong, and from James Phelps (1788) for land on the little lake and Lake Phelps.

A deed (January 1, 1863) from John E. Thomas to Josiah Collins III is for two tracts at Cobbs' Crossroads on the Oxford and Nashville roads in Franklin County. Deeds for Weston Plantation, following the Civil War, are from Arthur Collins to Thomas B. and B. W. Rowland (1871) to Uriah Swanner, Washington (1872) to Octavius Coke, Chowan, to John A. Moore, Halifax (1875). There is a deed (May 1, 1873) from William B. Shepard to Herbert H. Page, Chowan, for Somerset Plantation.

Courses of land (verbal descriptions)

Courses of land trace boundary lines of a patent granted Alexander Oliver by Lord Granville in 1761; 10,000 acres (formerly the Lake Company's) beginning at Tareover bridge; Josiah Collins' 1 land at the head of Scuppernong River; patents 10, 11, 12, 40, 41, 47, 48, 49, 407, and 431 of the Lake Plantation; from the "Big Lake" to the south side of the "Little Lake"; measurements from the canal; Luton's and the Coffee House (Chowan County); Nehemiah Spruill's patent (1779) on the south side of Scuppernong and Ebenezer Spruill's (1783) at Tarkinton's corner; two tracts on Kendrick's Creek sold by Thomas Johnson to Dr. Baker; courses of the Scuppernong River; and of the Southside road and the road from Tarkinton's to Henry Norman's to Wynne's with distances of the old road from the Lake to Clifton Road.

PLANTATION ACCOUNTS (1827-1847)

Plantation accounts include a list of articles for Lake Phelps in 1827; a list of stock, farming utensils, and household and kitchen furnishing at Holly Grove in 1829; an account of the residences and plantations in Chowan County, including the Point, the Rope Walk, and Beech Island for 1839-1840; amount of corn raised at the Lake Plantation October to December, 1840; the amount of salt at Long Beech and Sandy Point; and contracts for girdling trees and building a reaping machine at Lake Phelps.

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SLAVE RECORDS (1826-1865)

These records contain bills of sale (1826-1848) for purchases of the Collins from John W. Littlejohn, Charles Caleb, Noah and Sarah Phelps and heirs of Joseph Phelps, Sr., James Davenport, Joseph W. Tarkenton, Daniel Woodley, Matthias E. Sawyer, Matthew Page, and within the family. Papers concerning division of slaves in the estate of Josiah Collins I include an order (1840) from the court; lists (1840) giving evaluation of slaves at Edenton and shares designated to the heirs.

There are also lists giving statistics, i.e. births, deaths, ages, names of parents and children at Lake Phelps; lists of slaves belonging to Josiah III at Edenton, Beech Island, the Rope Walk, Monticello, and the Point and of slaves belonging to other heirs. Other items are lists of taxable slaves, statements of transactions (hiring of slaves, exchanges, etc.) between the heirs; notes on individual slaves; records (1831-1864) of slaves hired.

Following the evacuation of some of the slaves from Washington and Tyrrell counties to Orange and Franklin counties, during the Civil War, records indicate adults and children who were to be carried up country and list those transported and those left at the Lake, and the families at Hurry Scurry Plantation in Franklin County. There are also records of servants hired by individuals in Orange, Granville, and Person counties, by the North Carolina Railroad, and by Confederate hospitals at Raleigh and Kittrell Springs.

CHURCH RECORDS (1799-1881)

Miscellaneous items pertaining to church matters are: an extract from the will of Charles Pettigrew stating his bequest to the members of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Tyrrell and Washington counties of his chapel, "by the name White Chapel," with the land belonging thereto; a list of the clergymen at St. David's Church from 1836-1853 and others officiating occasionally from 1869-1882. There are historical items on Pettigrew's Chapel and St. David's Church (1799-1881); and a receipt from Josiah Collins III for money collected for the Columbia Church. Included also is the constitution of the Albemarle Church Building Society with a list of officers elected at the primary meeting Plymouth, 1856, to serve until April, 1859.

JOSIAH COLLINS I BUSINESS PAPERS (1735-1819)

Some idea of the many activities of Josiah Collins I can be found in the records of Collins, Stewart, and Muir; in the administration of the estates of Robert Smith and of Dr. Samuel Dickinson of Edenton; in the records of the Lake Company (Collins, Allen, and Dickinson), and in a number of miscellaneous items.

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Included in the latter category are a receipt (1777) for loading a vessel by Messrs. Hewes and Smith, Edenton; receipts (1796) for surveys of land in Tyrrell County; land entry fees (1794-1796); a bill of exchange (1799) from London in compensation for a loss sustained in the capture of the sloop "Agnes"; account sheets (probably originally in a ledger) dated Edenton, 1791-1793 and 1815-1816; and records (1807-1808) for shipments of plank.

Collins, Stewart and Muir (1782-1785)

Records of the company consist of a memorandum (1782) listing "sundrie goods" put in joint stock of trade by subscribers to the firm; accounts (1782-1785) of Josiah Collins I, John Stewart, and William Muir with the company and with one another, listing charges for houses, lots, and a store at Halifax; salaries of assistant in the store at Daly's; and shares in various ships and cargoes. In dissolving the partnership, balances due the concern are listed, January, 1785.

Lake Company (Collins, Allen and Dickinson) (1785-1796)

Lake Phelps and swamplands surrounding, designated on early maps as the Great Eastern Dismal and the Great Alligator Dismal, at the time of discovery in 1755 were virtually impassable. William R. Davie and Willie Jones of Halifax and Nathaniel Allen of Edenton, in the 1780's, conceived the idea of draining 17,000 acres for farm land and a bill for authorization of this project passed the legislature in 1787. The plan failed to materialize, however, and soon thereafter Nathaniel Allen, Samuel Dickinson, and Josiah Collins I formed a partnership to develop the swamp lands. Dickinson, a practicing physician with extensive business interests, owned and lived in the Cupola House in Edenton. Nathaniel Jones, also an Edenton resident, was a nephew and beneficiary of Joseph Hewes, signer of the Declaration of Independence. Company operations began in 1784 with the importation of slaves from Africa and the digging of the canal. By 1788 six miles of canal had been completed. Six years later sawmills, grist mills, warehouses, and other necessary buildings were finished. The canal and cross ditches served a number of purposes: drainage and prevention of inundation at flood times; transportation, boat traffic on the canal and wheeled traffic on the banks; an irrigation system for rice culture; and water power for mills. In later years Josiah Collins I acquired complete ownership of the company through purchase. The Lake Company operations were the beginning of the extensive Collins and Pettigrew plantations.

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Transactions in securing land for the Lake Company are also recorded in numerous land grants and deeds. There are copies of grants issued to Collins, Allen, and Dickinson, in November, 1788, in Tyrrell County. Descriptions of these grants contain references to the north side of the Pungo River, the west end of Lake Phelps, Kendrick's Creek, Long Acre, the Scuppernong River, and Albemarle Sound. Grants vary in size from 640 acres to 10,000 acres. Lists of grants and patents designate purchases of land in Tyrrell County with names of grantors, number of patents, quantity of acres, and time of entry with number of surveys secured by Collins, Allen, and Dickinson in their own names. There is also a list of grants belonging to the Company addressed to Mr. Trotter, August, 1796.

Survey records include Richard Haughton's journal of exploration of Lake Company lands, listing courses and distances, with remarks on the quality of the lands. Another journal is Asa Phelps' recording of a survey in search of juniper from the Lake to the upper end of Tyrrell County. An undated manuscript shows the courses of the land of William R. Davie and Allen Jones on Lake Phelps and the Pungo River.

An order from the July, 1785, term of the Tyrrell County Court gives Collins, Allen, and Dickinson permission to cut a canal through the public road near South Fork Creek. A bond of conveyance from Ebenezer and Nehemiah Spruill grants a tract, eighty feet wide, for running a canal through Spruills' land.

Robert Smith Estate (1777-1855)

Josiah Collins I, II, and III served as executors of Robert Smith's estate. These papers consist of Smith's account (1777) with Hamilton and Company; a power of attorney (1791) and appointment of Dr. Samuel Dickinson, Edenton, and William Muir of Halifax by Robert and Thomas Smith to dispose of the lands in Edenton, property of Robert Smith. Papers relative to a suit involving the estate are: answer of Josiah Collins I (Federal Circuit Court, June term, 1794) to complaint of Robert Smith, Samuel Smith et al against Josiah Collins and James Iredell, executors, testifying to sale of property of testator at public auction and power of attorney from Isabella Smith Mounsey and Robert Smith, legatees, to the British consul at Charleston and to Charles Edmondston, agent for Josiah Collins, Somerset Place, representative of Josiah Collins I, executor of Robert Smith. A receipt for payment to the Smith heirs by Josiah Collins III bears the signature of Nathaniel Hawthorne, United States Consul at Liverpool.

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Samuel Dickinson (1801-1802)

Dickinson was one of the partners in the formation of the Lake Company and his shares, like Allen's, were eventually acquired by Josiah Collins III. These papers contain the answer of Josiah Collins to a bill of complaint, by way of a cross bill from Dickinson, denying any previous settlement or plans to complete his own project independent of the company, and transmittal of duplicates of papers concerning the "Land Cause" between Collins and Dickinson. Dickinson's will, December 2, 1802, bequeaths his estate to his wife Penelope and the two sons and two daughters. The estate consisted of his houses and lots in Edenton, property in Pasquotank County, and his interest in the Lake Company.

SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF JOSIAH COLLINS I

Papers relative to the settlement of the estate of Josiah Collins I consist of tax lists, certificates, accounts, deeds, orders for division of slaves and property, agreements, surveys, land grants and plats, notes, bonds, promissory notes, power of attorney, etc. These papers are found primarily in the papers of Josiah Collins III, who acted in several instances as trustee to the other heirs.

According to the will of Josiah Collins I the lands and properties in Tyrrell and Washington counties were "loaned" to Josiah II during his lifetime and were bequeathed to the children of Josiah II. Other legatees were the daughters of Josiah Collins I, Elizabeth Cook and her children and Ann Collins Blount and her daughters.

In addition to the Lake Phelps property, Josiah Collins III received two-thirds of the Rope Walk and adjoining land and five lots in Edenton. Mrs. Cook received an annual allotment during her lifetime and her children received a stated sum of money until coming of age when they shared \$20,000. Ann Collins Blount and Elizabeth Blount Littlejohn daughters of Ann Collins Blount, received Holly Grove in Chowan County and the latter inherited the tanyard at Edenton.

Included in these documents are an inventory of the estate (Edenton, 1819) and certificate (1821) qualifying Josiah Collins II as executor with James Iredell, Jr. Josiah Collins II died in 1833. A covenant (1839) between Josiah III and the other heirs concerns the management of the property and lists land and slaves owned by the estate in Edenton and in Chowan County, and also an evaluation of the lands belonging to the estate made in settlement with Josiah III in the same year.

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Other items are administrator's bond; letters testamentary; accounts current; notes due and paid (including promissory notes); tax lists (1839-1847) for Chowan, Tyrrell, and Washington counties; accounts for sales of real estate; statements (1842-1847) for money received and distributed; deeds of trust (1842-1855); and order for division of slaves. An opinion from R. R. Heath on the will of Josiah Collins I cites the doctrine of election and compensation.

There are lists of the heirs indicating bank stock owned by each, an agreement listing slaves, an account of sale of Negroes and land, and a petition (1840) to the Chowan County Court of Pleas and Quarter Session for a division of slaves.

Papers (1839-1869) relating to the New York property of Josiah Collins I include an inventory (1839) of the estate in New York; receipts for taxes paid to Collins' agent; leases for lots and land (Cattaraugus Land) in Irving, New York.

HEIRS OF JOSIAH COLLINS I

Mrs. Elizabeth Cook (1838-1847):

Power of attorney to Joseph Goddard, New York, to receive annuity from Collins and Iredell; statement (January 30, 1847) to the administrator in North Carolina for Elizabeth Cook's heirs relative to payment of her annual annuity; and an inventory (May, 1847) of the estate of Ann C. Blount, administratrix of Josiah Collins I.

Ann C. Blount (1839-1863):

A list of accounts (1839-1844) of Miss Ann C. Blount, administratrix of Josiah Collins I; decree of the Court of Equity, Chowan County, 1844, in the case of Josiah Collins, Administrator v. Ann C. Blount, administratrix of Josiah Collins I; accounts (1847-1853) with Josiah Collins III; accounts current (1850-1853) in the estate of Elizabeth A. Littlejohn with Ann C. Blount; and bills and receipts (1843-1863).

Josiah Collins II (1824-1840):

There are receipts (1829-1830) for taxes in Beaufort County; power of attorney (1833) from Josiah II to Josiah III to conduct suits in Edgecombe and Washington counties; "procession" of lands (1834) in Beaufort, Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington counties; bills and receipts (1834-1835) for repairs to boats, sales of staves, etc.; and a broadside (Plymouth, 1840) advertising sale of estate of Josiah Collins.

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Ann Daves Shepard (1843-1887):

There are tax lists for Edenton and Chowan counties for 1848, 1851, and 1854-1855; an undated manuscript giving directions of William Shepard for securing services of an overseer and procuring plank and scantling for the overseer's house, Negro houses, and barns; accounts (1839-1847) of William B. Shepard. There is the will of William B. Shepard (June 7, 1848), probated in Pasquotank County Court, December, 1852, naming his children William B. and Gertrude as heirs and appointing Dr. Page as guardian to his son and C. C. Cazanove as guardian to his daughter; daybook for Shepard (William) and Page (Herbert H.), 1874-1878; and a record book inscribed "Time, Table, and Tabular Statements, 1873-1887," listing Negro and white laborers and giving the days worked.

Henrietta Collins Page, Ann C. and Henry H. Page (1841-1866):

Tax lists for 1848, 1854-1855, and 1866 for Edenton and Chowan County; will (1853) of Matthew E. Page, appointing his wife as executrix and his children, Herbert Henry and Ann C., as heirs. Items concerning his children are tax lists (1848-1853) for property in Washington County; an account (1857-1860) of Josiah Collins III with Ann C. Page; and a mortgage of H. H. Page and wife for Somerset Place to W. D. Pruden, trustee.

John D. Collins (1845):

An account of taxable property in Chowan County listing Monticello, the Point, Sandy Point Fishery, and the Coffee House; a bond in the name of R. R. Heath to issue a title for the interest of John Collins in the Monticello tract, the Jones tract, two lots adjoining the Rope Walk, and lots in Edenton; and a covenant of Josiah Collins III preferring certain creditors for the payment of the debts of John D. Collins.

Hugh W. Collins (1833-1842): Miscellaneous items relative to the trusteeship of Josiah Collins III and George W. Barney for Hugh W. Collins; conveyances of slaves, title in Beech Island and Gregory's, to the fisheries with flats, boats, seines, etc.; "all his interest in and to his father's and grandfather's estate"; and lists of notes of Hugh W. delivered to Josiah III of resources and credit to the trust. Included in the papers relating to the fisheries are deeds (1835-1837) and leases (1833-1838) for Sandy Point Fishery on the north side of the Albemarle Sound and ten miles below Edenton for Long Beach Fishery to Hugh W. Collins granting the privilege of establishing a fishery on the Albemarle Sound with sufficient beach for seine and allowance for timber to erect the necessary out buildings. There are bills and receipts (1838-1842) for newspaper advertisements and handbills for sale of Albemarle Fisheries, for services of the

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auctioneer selling the property, for barrels of salt, fish, and twine, and supplies of corn, meal, and fodder for the fisheries, for repairs to sets of fishing harness for Long Beach and Sandy Point. Accounts (1834-1840) indicate firms and individuals and services and articles purchased; shopwork on boats and repairs on machinery; supplies and labor at Long Beach and Sandy Point; purchases of tar barrels and anchors; and credit for sales of shad and cut herring.

Josiah Collins III (1836-1867):

A memorandum book contains such information as names of tenants (1838-1839); lists of Negroes allowed to visit Edenton (1836-1838); crops raised at Somerset Place (1838); articles ordered and received from New York, Charleston, and Edenton (1839); and shipments for 1839. Three daybooks (1842-1846; 1848-1856; 1856-1862 and 1867) indicate receipts for cash, drafts, individual accounts, collections, etc., and disbursements for house expenses, harvesting crops, payments to trustee accounts, church records (assessments from the congregation of Pettigrew Chapel, collections for the Scuppernong Missionary Station, and subscriptions to the church building society), and magazine and newspaper subscriptions.

Miscellaneous items include: agreements - one for the formation of partnership for the cultivation of silk entered into with Ebenezer Pettigrew in 1837 and one with Edward S. Riggs to cultivate silk worms at Sahara, Washington County, entered into in 1840 and dissolved in 1842; tax lists for property designated under the heading "Estate of Josiah Collins, Elder, dec'd., late Josiah Collins, dec'd, present Josiah Collins" in Tyrrell County for the years 1839 and 1841-1842; list of taxable property of Josiah Collins III, Edenton (1855) and for Edenton, Chowan, Tyrrell, and Washington counties (1840-1860) and for Hillsborough and Franklin County (1863); cash accounts (1856-1857; 1859-1860); bills and receipts (1860-1863) for wool cards and spinning wheels, medical attendance and medicines, chaplain's and overseer's salaries, blacksmith repairs, hack hire, stable and feed, purchases of corn, bacon, poultry, and beef. There are requests for rice and slave labor from the Confederate quartermaster at Louisburg. Other items are a deed from John E. Thomas to Josiah Collins for 625 acres in Franklin County and a printed memorial from the Church Intelligencer, July 3, 1863, following the death of Josiah Collins III.

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MRS. MARY (JOSIAH III) COLLINS AND SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE
OF JOSIAH COLLINS III (1859-1872)

The majority of the papers are records for the settlement of the estate of Josiah Collins III with his wife Mary serving as executrix. These consist of lists of property in Chowan, Craven, Franklin, and Tyrrell counties and in New York State; a manuscript book of wills and other papers relative to the estate; accounts for the years 1859-1866 and 1869 and for the sale of personal property at Somerset Place in 1867; newspaper clipping giving notice of sale of real estate, listing and describing properties in Washington, Columbia, Craven, Chowan, and Franklin counties. There are accounts recording the sale of real estate of Josiah Collins, dec'd., sold January 12, 1867, under decree of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions obtained at the November term, 1866, at the courthouses in Plymouth, New Bern, Edenton, Louisburg, and Columbia. Other accounts list the debts and liabilities with interest to January 1, 1867, and an account current showing the actual expenditures and receipts since April 16, 1865.

Records pertaining to Hurry Scurry Plantation (Franklin County) and Somerset Place include receipts for expenses (1863-1865), slave records, an agreement (1867) with Lloyd Bateman, overseer, and a memorandum book entitled "Little Blotter of Mrs. Mary Collins, April, 1867-February, 1869." There are tax lists (1866-1867) for Tyrrell and Washington (1865-1869) counties and deeds from various members of the family to each other for land in Tyrrell and Washington counties. An account by George Patterson, one-time rector at the plantation chapel, describes visits of the Yankees to Somerset Place on July 21 and 27, 1862. There is a pardon from President Andrew Johnson (September 19, 1865) to Mrs. Collins for participation in the rebellion. Mrs. Collins' will (March 22, 1869) leaves all of her estate to her son Arthur and names him executor.

CHILDREN OF JOSIAH COLLINS III

George Collins (1862-1867):

The majority of these papers relate to the Civil War. These include his resignation as second lieutenant, Company G, 17th North Carolina Regiment of Volunteers and commission as major and brigade quartermaster in Pettigrew's Brigade. There are copies and originals of military orders of quartermaster regulations during and at the conclusion of the war; instructions (1863) from General Robert E. Lee on procedures to follow in procuring supplies in enemy country; general orders from the headquarters of the Army of Tennessee, near Greensboro, announcing terms of a military convention between Generals Sherman and Johnston; special field orders from headquarters of the Division of

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Mississippi, in the Field, near Raleigh, announcing suspension of hostilities and a final agreement with General Johnston terminating the war east of the Chattahoochee; and a circular from the Army of Tennessee, relative to disposition of small arms, accoutrements, ammunition, and field transportation. Publications relative to the war are "The Battle of Gettysburg," an address by Captain Louis D. Young and a newspaper reprint of "Bits of War History: Short Sketch of the Thirty-Second North Carolina Regiment," edited by Henry A. London. Other items are bills and receipts (1860-1863) with the Albemarle Steamboat Company; a Washington County tax list for 1862; and a power of attorney (1867) from George to his brother Josiah Collins IV.

Arthur Collins (1866-1892):

A number of items concern Weston Plantation in Washington County. These consist of an agreement (1878) between H. H. Page and Arthur Collins whereby Page agrees to a note extension and grants permission to cut timber; a suit Page v Collins, Washington County Superior Court, 1887, contending the latter withheld some of the crops grown on the plantation in 1886; and a broadside advertising a mortgage sale, December 8, 1886, of Weston Plantation. Other items include a lease (1869) from Josiah Collins IV to Arthur Collins of Somerset Place and an agreement (October 31, 1870) whereby William B. Shepard, Hillsborough, rents Somerset Place to Collins.

Some miscellaneous papers are a bill of sale (1866) for a schooner from Peter H. Whitehurst and Company and Thomas J. Jarvis and William H. Hopper to Arthur Collins; notes and accounts of Collins' debts to Octavius Coke, Edenton (1875-1877) and to Herbert H. Page, Edenton (1881-1885); tax lists for Washington County (1867-1869). Newspaper clippings on the Howard Amendment and the Reconstruction Act and Collins' Civil War commissions as second lieutenant and drill master in infantry at the camp of instruction at Raleigh and as first lieutenant to assist in raising a company are included in the papers.

Arthur and Josiah Collins (1867-1871) Partnership:

Arthur and Josiah formed a partnership in 1867 to work the two plantations, Somerset Place and Weston until both were paid for and after that to dissolve or continue the partnership as desired. These partnership papers contain agreements establishing it, dissolving it two years later, and accepting the evaluation of referees and appraisers and the sale of Josiah's undivided half to Arthur.

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Arthur and Josiah Collins (1867-1871) Partnership (Cont'd)

Other items relating to the two brothers are: a deed from Henrietta E. Page to Josiah and Arthur for timber, a record of taxable property in Washington County, and an evaluation of the chattel property of Josiah and Arthur Collins. There are various accounts with each other and with Mrs. Mary Collins.

Josiah Collins IV (1863-1865):

Bills and receipts for medicine, clothing and food, and for expenses in moving slaves, and the burial expenses of Josiah Collins III.

MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS (1744-1892)

There are a number of papers relating to individuals in some way connected with the interests of the Collins' family.

George Pollock (1795, 1850-1852, 1861):

There are lists of Pollock's land entries in the Dismal Swamp, on Little and Great Alligator rivers and a list of taxable property in Tyrrell County at the head of Mill Tail Creek belonging to the Pollock heirs (T.P. Burgwyn and Thomas Devereux) for 1850-1852 and 1861.

William C. Warren, M.D. (1833-1853):

These consist of a statement of notes payable (1833-1841); tax lists (1848-1853) in the names of Dr. William C. Warren, John Cox, and others; the will of Molly Horniblow, Edenton, July 16, 1840, listing Josiah Collins and William C. Warren as executors; and bills and receipts (1861).

Spruills (1834-1848):

Land transactions between various members of the Spruill family are found in deeds. The will of Amelia Spruill, Washington County, September 30, 1848, lists grandsons Woodson F. Spruill, Bailey A. Spruill, and James A. Spruill, sons of Anson A. Spruill.

Stephen S. Conner (1841-1844):

There are receipt and collection notes concerning a suit against General Daniel M. Bateman and a statement of S. S. Conner with Josiah Collins, agent. Other references to Conner are found in Collins' account books. A letter from Conner, Clarke County, Alabama, April 1, 1842, addressed to Josiah Collins, Somerset Place, describes farming and business in Alabama.

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Richard H. Reddick (Riddick) - Albemarle Swampland Company
(1843-1862):

These papers deal with a suit brought by Richard Reddick (Riddick), agent for the Albemarle Swampland Company against Burwell Reddick and his partner John W. Keeling for continuing to work on land after being forbidden to do so. Included are surveys of grants of land under controversy; a reply to the plaintiff giving list of titles, a list of grantees in deed from Ann Blunt (Blount), and a list of plaintiffs by name; a covenant (1838) for settlement of a suit of Ann C. Blount, John W. Littlejohn and wife against Burwell Reddick and others; rental payments (1843-1860) to Richard H. Reddick and Josiah Collins for Dogwood and Beech Ridges, Bee Tree Ridge and Big Island, Rainbow, Laurel Island, Ned's Folly, and Chinquapin Ridge; copy of an agreement of R. Reddick and others v. Keeling and Riddick, Tyrrell Superior Court, June 10, 1856; and a tax list for Richard D. Reddick, Sr., Washington County, for 1848-1853 and 1861-1862.

Comstock v. Clifton (1744-1892):

Papers apparently relating to this case consist of copy of a grant (1744) to Edward Griffith for land on Beaver Creek and Scuppernong River; will (1841) of Tabitha Long, Washington County, listing Nancy Craddock (daughter) among the heirs; release (1846) of land from Job Comstock to Amariah Long and Josiah Collins: deeds (1801-1843) to land on the east and south sides of Scuppernong River to Joseph Chesson, Amariah, Tabitha, and Benjamin Long, Bennet Craddock, and Josiah Collins; and an agreement (1892) for division lines of "Davis or Craddock" land.

Spanish (Malaga) Papers (1773-1776):

Accounts relative to shipping interests of Robert Lennox of New York including port charges at Cadiz and Malaga; accounts for Lennox's and family board in Cadiz; accounts of Lennox with Duff and Welsh at Cadiz; charges of Robert Davidson, captain of the ship "Fanny"; accounts of Hewes and Smith, Edenton, with Duff and Walsh relative to settlement of Dr. Lennox's estate. A letter from Duff and Walsh, November 5, 1773, to Robert Lennox, Malaga, reports arrival of a brig with staves from North Carolina.

John (Tarkinton) Tarkenton, Sr. (1817):

Will of Tarkenton, planter listing as heirs the children of his daughter Mary Wynne, of his daughter Kezia Tarkenton, his grandson Nathan Ansley, grandchildren Thomas T., John Abbingtion, Eliza, and Mary Warrington, son-in-law Joseph Tarkenton, and daughters Esther Spruill, Ann Wynne, and Zillah Wynne.

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Mrs. Mary McKinlay (1838):

The will of Mrs. McKinlay, New Bern, listing as heirs the daughter of her sister Ann D. Collins, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Daves, the children of John P. Daves (James McKinlay Daves and Elizabeth McKinlay Collins Daves) and as executors William H. Haywood of Raleigh, Edward E. Graham of New Bern, and nephew Josiah Collins, of Lake Phelps.

Joseph Davenport (1846):

A letter of administration on the estate of Joseph Davenport to Joseph D. Newbery, Washington County, and a statement (1846) of amounts due distributees and heirs at law of Jordan and Joseph Davenport.

LEDGERS (1853-1861)

Ledgers A (1835-1853) and B (1853-1861) record salaries paid tutors - Norman C. Stoughton (1838-1841), Alfred A. Watson (1842), Henry F. Bowen (1842), George P. Quackenbos (1843), Charles A. Mason (1844-1847), Daniel Morrell (1849-1852), Louis Ernst (1845-1848); governesses - Margaret E. Eachie and Jennie Deiker; clerks - Richard Agnew (1854-1859) and E. C. Brabble (1853-60); overseers - Joseph D. Newbury (1839-1853), Henry Woodley (1854-1856), and Lloyd Bateman (1856-1860); under-overseers - Eli Spruill and William Newbury; and Episcopal rectors - Edward M. Forbes (1839-1841), Charles Aldis (1841-1843), John S. Kidney (1843-1845), J. A. Shepard (1846-1853), and Reverend Jarvis Buxton for the instruction of Girard Phelps.

There are commission merchant accounts with Adam and Tredwell (1839-1852), Hardy and Brothers (1842-1846; 1853-1860), William Wheelan (Whelan), Brown and De Rossett, Charles Edmondston (1853-1855), and L. A. Edmondston (1856-1860).

Plantation accounts are for "Residence and Plantations in Chowan" with references to the Point, Rope Walk, and Beech Island; for the "Lake Plantation" (1839-1852); records (1836-1840) pertaining to the silk worm concern at Sahara, giving expenditures for purchases of trees from New York and Baltimore and of land purchased from Abraham Newbury, S. R. Oliveria, Herman Tarkinton, and for labor and supplies; payment for the legal services of Malachi Haughton; receipts from S. S. Conner; and expenses (1842) of the fishery at Sahara.

Included are accounts relative to the estate of Josiah Collins I (1839-1849) for the individual trusts of heirs with Josiah Collins III; for Hugh W. Collins' Cestui que trust (1840-1847); for Ann C. Blount administratrix de bonis non for Josiah Collins I (1839-1844) and her

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private accounts (1839-1861); for Elizabeth Alethea Collins (orphan) including a release (1846) to Josiah Collins III as guardian; for William B. Shepard (minor) (1853-1860); and for the estate of Edward S. Riggs (1842-1847).

One account book is titled "Plantation Record, 1850-1853.

MAPS AND SURVEYS

Maps and surveys in the map case (M.C. 417) include: topographical map of lands assigned to "Emigrant Indians" west of Arkansas and Missouri; maps of the villages of Irving and Acasto; map of a ship canal to connect Albemarle, Currituck, and Pamlico Sounds with the ocean, via Chesapeake Bay (1855); map of state lands in Hyde and Washington counties (1842); surveys and "plans" of the lands of Josiah Collins I and his heirs; surveys (1787) by H. Spruill of lands in Tyrrell County made for Collins, Allen and Dickinson; and a plan of the farm of Josiah Collins III at Lake Phelps.

Arrangement of Papers:

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- 417.2 Letter book, 1858-1861
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- 417.4 Land Grants
- 417.5 Deeds
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- 417.6 Deeds
 - Josiah Collins I (Elder), Josiah II, Josiah III, Ann C. Blount, John D. Collins, Elizabeth Alethea Collins, Collins Estate, Collins Heirs, Arthur Collins, H. H. Page, Rowlands, Weston and Somerset Place
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Comstock v Clifton

George Pollock

S. S. Conner

John D. Newbury

Spruills

William C. Warren, M.D.

Joseph and Jordan Davenport

Mrs. Mary McKinlay Will

Joseph Phelps, Sr. Will

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- 265.3 Daybook, 1856-1861; 1867
- 265.4 Ledger A, 1839-1853
- 265.5 Ledger B, 1853-1861
- 265.6 Plantation Accounts, 1850-1853
- 265.7 Inventory of Personal Estate of Josiah Collins
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- 265.10 Shepard, William B. - Time, Table, and Tabular State-
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Blount, James (1776)
Browne, P[eter] ([1818])
Coke, Oct[avius] (4) (1875-1877)
Edmondston, Charles (1841)
Graham, James (1841)
Hubbard, F[ordyce] M. (6) (1863)
Johnston, Ja[mes] C. (1843)
Moore, Aug[ustus] (1841)
Stone, David A. (1839)
Williamson, Hu[gh] (4) (1780, 1816)

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Rice culture, 1780's
Silk Cultivation, Washington County, 1837-1842

ALEXANDER, EDWARD: Lands of, Tyrrell County

ALLEN, NATHANIEL: Edenton

ANDERSON, JAMES AND JOHN: Land grants, Tyrrell County

ANSLEY, JOHN: Land grants, Tyrrell County

BATEMAN, JEREMIAH: Land grants, Tyrrell County

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BENBURY, RICHARD AND THOMAS: Deeds and leases, Tyrrell and
Washington counties, 1835-1838

BLOUNT, ANN C.: Papers of

BLOUNT, JOHN GRAY: Lands of, Washington and Tyrrell counties

BOOTH, ROBERT H.: Deeds and leases to, Tyrrell and Washington
counties, 1835-1838

CHOWAN COUNTY: Land grants in

COMMERCE AND BUSINESS: Albemarle Swampland Company, 1843-1862
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Robert Lennox, New York, 1773-1776
Rope manufactory, 1800-1850, Edenton
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Trade with Europe, 1773-1776
Trade with the West Indies, 1773-1776

CONNER, STEPHEN S.: Washington County, 1841-1844

CONSERVATION: Canals, construction of, 1780-1850, Washington and
Tyrrell counties
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1796
Flood control, 1785-1860, Washington, Tyrrell counties

DAVENPORT, JOSEPH: Washington County, 1846

DAVIE, WILLIAM RICHARDSON: Land grants to, 1780's

DAVIS, JAMES: Land entries, Washington and Tyrrell counties

DAVIS, ROBERT: Land grants, Tyrrell County

DICKINSON, SAMUEL: Will of, 1802

DILLING (DILLON), JAMES: Lands of, Tyrrell County

DILLON (DILLING), JAMES: Lands of, Tyrrell County

EBORN, J.: Land entries for, Washington and Tyrrell counties

EDMONDSTON, CHARLES: Charleston, South Carolina, 1855

FORSTMAN, CALEB: Land entries for, Washington and Tyrrell counties

FOWLER, CHARLES: Deeds and leases, Washington and Tyrrell counties,
1835-1838

GAYLORD, BENJAMIN AND STEPHEN: Land entries for, Tyrrell and
Washington counties

GORDON, JOHN: Land grant to, Tyrrell County

HARRISON (MRS. THOMAS), LOUISA: Chowan County, 1843-1866

HARVEY, ANNA AND JAMES: Deeds to, Washington and Tyrrell counties,
1835-1838

HARVEY, SELBY: Land grant to, Tyrrell County

HATHAWAY, B. W.: Deeds and leases to, Washington and Tyrrell counties

HAUGHTON, RICHARD: Surveyor, Tyrrell County

HAWTHORNE, NATHANIEL: Signature of

HOLLOWELL, BENJAMIN: Land entries to, Washington, Tyrrell counties

HYDE COUNTY: Land grants in, 1782-1815

JOHNSTON, CHARLES: Land records of

JONES, WILLIE: Land grants to, Halifax, 1780's

KENDRICK'S CREEK, TYRRELL COUNTY: Land entries on

LAKE PHELPS: Land entries on, 1786

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Swamp lands, Tyrrell and Washington counties
- LEACH (LEECH), JOSEPH: Land entries for, Washington and Tyrrell
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- LEECH (LEACH), JOSEPH: Land entries for, Washington and Tyrrell
counties
- LEGAL: Comstock vs. Clifton, Washington County, 1744-1892
- LONG ACRE, BEAUFORT COUNTY: Land entries on
McKinlay, MRS. MARY: Will of, 1838, New Bern
- McSWAIN, EDWARD: Land entries for, Washington and Tyrrell counties
- MARTIN, HOSEA: Land entries for, Washington and Tyrrell counties
- NEW BERN: 1820-1860
- PAGE (MRS. MATTHEW), HENRIETTA: Chowan County, 1841-1866
- PAGE, HUBERT H.: Chowan County, 1880-1885
- PATTERSON, GEORGE: References to, Somerset Place, 1860-1865
- PHELPS, ASA: Surveyor, Tyrrell County
- PHELPS, JAMES AND JOSEPH: Land grants to, Tyrrell County
- PHELPS, JOSEPH, SR.: Will of, 1814, Washington County
- POWERS, JOSHUA: Land grants to, Tyrrell County
- PUNGO RIVER: Land entries on
- RALEIGH: 1840-1860
- REDDICK (RIDDICK), RICHARD H.: Washington and Tyrrell counties,
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- RELIGION: Albemarle Church Building Society, Constitution and
officers of, 1856
St. David's Church, Washington County, 1799-1882
White Chapel, Washington County
- RIDDICK (REDDICK), RICHARD H.: Washington and Tyrrell counties,
1843-1862
- ROGERS, BENJAMIN: Land entries for, Washington and Tyrrell counties
- ROSS, FRANCIS: Land grants to, Beaufort
- SATTERWHITE, ABRAM: Land entries to, Washington and Tyrrell
counties
- SHEPARD, ANN DAVES: Chowan County, 1843-1863
- SHEPARD, WILLIAM B.: Papers of, 1840-1865
- SLAVERY: Slaves, evacuation of, 1860-1865, Tyrrell and Washington
counties
Slaves, hire of, 1800-1865
Slaves, sale of, 1800-1865
- SMITH, ROBERT: Estate of, 1777-1855
- SMITH, SOLOMON: Land entries for, Tyrrell and Washington counties
- SPRUILL, JOSEPH, CHARLES, EBENEZER: Land grants to, Tyrrell County
- TABER, C. C.: Deeds and leases, Tyrrell and Washington counties,
1835-1838
- TARKENTON (TARKINTON), JOHN, SR.: Will of, 1817
- TARKINTON (TARKENTON), JOHN, SR.: Will of, 1817

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WAR--CIVIL: Military Orders, 1865
Refugees in, 1862

Thirty-second North Carolina Regiment, sketch of

WARD, FRANCIS: Land grants to, Tyrrell County, 1780-1798

WILKINSON, JAMES: Land entries for, Washington and Tyrrell counties

WOODLAND, SARAH: Land grants to, Tyrrell County, 1780-1798

WYNNE, PETER AND ROBERT: Land grants to, Tyrrell County

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London, Henry A., "Bits of War History: Short Sketch of Thirty-Second
North Carolina Regiment"

Young, Louis G., "The Battle of Gettysburg"

Pamphlet Cards—Title

"Battle of Gettysburg, The," Captain Louis G. Young

"Bits of War History: Short Sketch of Thirty-Second North Carolina
Regiment," Henry A. London

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