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SUMMARY

Size	1,249 items and 39 volumes.
Geographic Locations	Red River Parish, La.
Inclusive Dates	1825-1947.
Bulk Dates	1850-1880.
Languages	English.
Summary	Plantation records, business papers, and personal correspondence of the William A. Powell family of Mount Flat Plantation, Red River Parish, La., and similar papers and store ledgers of Hubbard S. Bosley, Powell's son-in-law, of Telegram Plantation, Red River Parish, La., and members of Bosley's family.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

William A. Powell (d. 1854), a captain in the Alabama State Militia, and his family settled in Caddo Parish, La., (later became part of Red River Parish) in 1843 on a land grant he received and there established Mount Flat Plantation. The Powells also owned Slate Place Plantation in Red River Parish. Powell and his wife Eliza (d. 1871) had six children: Puella, Jane E., William, Amelia Virginia (d. 1855), Louisiana, and Mary B. Upon Powell's death, his wife took over management of Mount Flat Plantation.

Mary B. Powell married Hubbard S. Bosley, a planter from Coushatta Chute, Red River Parish, La., in 1856. They had six children: Eugenia C. (b. 1857, died in infancy), Thomas Randolph S. (b. 1858), Alexandra (1861-1864), Marion Powell (b. 1863), Urnesteen Louisiana (b.1865), and Milton Hubbard (b. 1868). Bosley owned Telegram Plantation and his sons, Marion and Milton, owned Bosley and Brother, Merchants of Coushatta, La. Hubbard S. Bosley was appointed administrator of Eliza Powell's estate.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Collection consists of plantation records, personal and business papers, and personal correspondence and letters of the William A. Powell family of Mount Flat Plantation in Red River Parish, La., and similar papers and store ledgers of Hubbard S. Bosley, Powell's son-in-law, and members of the Bosley family of Telegram Plantation, Red River Parish, La. Plantation records consist primarily of William Powell's land grant dated 1843, statements and receipts for purchase of Powell's slaves from 1843-1849, tax receipts, and bills for merchandise. Personal and business papers consist of William Powell's appointment as captain in the Alabama State Militia, a composition from Powell's son while he was attending Union Academy in Texas, Eliza Powell's will from 1860, the Bosley family's statements of accounts and bills for merchandise from New Orleans merchants, contracts with tenant farmers and laborers, notice of the succession sale and lease of Mount Flat and Slate Place plantations, an inventory of Eliza Powell's personal property, account statements from Bosley and Brother, merchants in Coushatta, La., and bank statements, insurance policies, and contracts with tenant farmers. Other business-related items include a portage book for the steamboat *Cordelia Ann*, cashbooks, ledger books, a register of bills, daybooks, and notebooks. Personal correspondence consists of letters among members of the Powell and Bosley families concerning family news, travel, social life, Civil War letters from C.B. Johnson, (Louisiana Powell's husband) and news of his death in 1863, and a series of letters from Marion and Milton Bosley about their experiences at LSU in the mid-1880s.

This collection is arranged chronologically.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

<u>Stack</u> <u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Contents</u>
C:1	1	1825-1865 Includes William A. Powell's commission as captain in the Alabama State Militia; deed for William A. Powell's lots in Tuscumbia, AL; receipts for taxes from Louisiana, the Confederate States of America, and the United States; receipts for items bought for the plantations, doctor's visits, shipping, sales and purchases of slaves, cotton, and land, land patents, personal letters to and from friends and family members and business letters, papers pertaining to the succession of John Chelette, inventory from William A. Powell's estate, stock certificate from the Vicksburg, Shreveport, and Texas Railroad issued to Eliza Powell, ledger sheets, promissory notes, a list of men volunteering to form a unit for service in the Civil War, C.B. Johnson's Civil War letters to his wife, Louisiana Powell, and letters relating news of his death from Sallie Reader of Chattanooga and J.B. Hinckley of Shreveport.
	2	1866-1872 Includes receipts for sale and shipment of cattle and cotton, items bought for use at Mount Flat Plantation; tax receipts; personal and business letters; notice of succession sale of Mount Flat and Slate Place Plantations and personal belongings of Eliza Powell, deceased 1871; letters from members of the family and legal papers to H.S. Powell who was administrator of Eliza Powell's estate,
	3	1872-1877 Statements of accounts and bills for merchandise; invitation to the Firemen's Social of 1874; contracts with tenant farmers and laborers; lease agreements for the Powell plantations; and personal and business letters (contains letter from Rawlins & Murrell to Mrs. M.P. Bosley dated 2/10/1876 not microfilmed).
C:2	4	1878-1883 Statements of accounts and bills for merchandise, contracts for lease of Telegram Plantation, and personal correspondence.
	5	1884-1887 Letters from Milton and Marion Bosley, sons of Hubbard S. Bosley while attending Louisiana State University, statements of accounts, and invoices for merchandise.
	6	1888-1910 Statements of accounts and invoices for merchandise, family letters, and correspondence.
C:3	7	1911-1923 Checks and statements of accounts for Bosley and Brother, Merchants; Marion P. Bosley's correspondence; and family letters.

- C:3 8 **1924-1928**
Marion P. Bosley's bank statements from the Bank of Coushatta and bills for merchandise.
- 9 **1929-1947, undated**
Marion P. Bosley's bank statements from the Bank of Coushatta; insurance policies; bills for merchandise; tax receipts; letters from the U.S. Department of Agriculture concerning crop insurance and crop prices; USDA tenant loan agreements; farm lease agreement; undated correspondence to and from members of the Bosley family; undated receipts, bills, and ledger sheets; undated poems and greeting cards.
- C:4 10 **1862-1931**
Salesman's price list; newspaper clippings, most concerning household matters, women's issues, and recipes; and currency issued by the state of Louisiana during the Civil War.
- 11 **1867-1939**
Printed items including business cards from merchants, cotton factors, mechanical engineers, and personal cards; price lists from wholesale grocers, candy manufacturers, and insurance companies, a pamphlet from the USDA on cattle breeds; book listing Masonic lodges in Louisiana and their bylaws; appeal to the Supreme Court of Louisiana in the case of *George Hammett v. William Sprowl, John R. Bosley, and Hubbard S. Bosley*.
- 12 **undated**
Photographs of Hubbard S. Bosley, M.P. Bosley, unidentified men and women, the front of a house, a parade, interior shots of a store, and a group shot of women on steps
- OS:B -- Masonic certificate (1829); land grants (1843-1855)
- 98:B -- Newspapers:
Caddo Gazette: April 12, 1862
Coushatta Citizen: Feb.15, 1895; May 27, 1932; Nov.5, 1943
- Manuscript Volumes**
- O:1 1 Vol.1, M.P. Bosley's bank account book from the Bank of Coushatta (La.), April-Dec. 1897.
1 Vol.2, M.P. Bosley's bank account book from the Bank of Coushatta (La.), Dec. 1897-Jan. 1898.
1 Vol.3, M.P. Bosley's bank account book from the Bank of Coushatta (La.), Jan.-March 1898.
-- Vol.4, Cashbook containing credit accounts for sales and purchases, 1905-1906.
-- Vol.5, Cashbook containing credit accounts for sales and purchases, 1908-1909.
1 Vol.6, Cashbook containing credit accounts for sales and purchases, undated
1 Vol.7, Checkbook containing stubs only, 1898.

- O:1 -- Vol.8, Daybook containing entries for meat and produce bought or sold, most entries crossed out, 1882-1885.
- Vol.9, Daybook recording sales of grocery items and matches, starch, tobacco, and other general merchandise, 1908-1909.
- Vol.10, Daybook recording sales of grocery items and matches, starch, tobacco, and other general merchandise, 1909-1912.
- Vol.11, Invoice book containing invoices entries for merchandise purchased by "H.S. Bosley, tutor," 1886-1887.
- Vol.12, Index book containing names of individuals and figures, undated
- Vol.13, Ledger containing individual credit accounts for merchandise, 1884.
- Vol.14, Ledger containing individual credit accounts for merchandise, 1896-1898.
- Vol.15, Ledger containing individual credit accounts for merchandise, 1899.
- Vol.16, Ledger containing individual credit accounts for merchandise, marked "Bosley & Bro. East Point, La." 1899.
- Vol.17, Ledger containing individual credit accounts for merchandise, 1900.
- Vol.18, Ledger containing individual credit accounts for merchandise, 1901.
- Vol.19, Ledger containing items purchased by Bosley's store and individual credit accounts for merchandise, 1904.
- Vol.20, Ledger containing individual credit accounts for merchandise, 1906-1907.
- Vol.21, Ledger containing individual credit accounts for merchandise, 1907.
- Vol.22, Ledger containing individual credit accounts for merchandise, 1908-1909.
- Vol.23, Ledger containing individual credit accounts for merchandise, 1909-1911, includes bill dated 1/26/1923.
- Vol.24, Ledger containing individual credit accounts for merchandise, 1924-1927.
- Vol.25, Ledger containing individual credit accounts for merchandise, 1928.
- Vol.26, Ledger containing individual credit accounts for merchandise, 1930.
- Vol.27, Ledger containing individual credit accounts for merchandise, 1932-1934, includes farm lease between Marion Bosley and Horace Thomas dated 12/8/1944.
- Vol.28, Ledger containing individual credit accounts for merchandise, 1935-1943.
- 2 Vol.29, Portage book for Steamer *Cordelia Ann* containing ship's roster and wages paid to the crew, 1867.
- 2 Vol.30, Register of bills from suppliers and manufacturers, 1908.
- 1 Vol.31, Notebook containing recipes and birth and death dates of Hubbard S. Bosley's children and his marriage to Mary Powell, 1856-1868.
- 1 Vol.32, Notebook containing names and items bought or sold and receipt for sale of cotton, 1879.
- 1 Vol.33, Notebook containing names and items bought or sold and receipt for sale of cotton, 1879.
- 1 Vol.34, Notebook containing names and items bought or sold and receipt for sale of cotton, 1898.
- 1 Vol.35, Blank notebook: "Compliments/Dr. G.H. Tichenor Antiseptic Co./New Orleans, U.S.A. M.P. Bosley stamped in gold on cover, undated
- 1 Vol.36, Notebook containing names and items bought or sold and receipt for sale of cotton, undated
- Vol.37, Time book containing employee time records and payment of bills, 1894.

INDEX TERMS

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CONTAINER LIST

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	9	1-10	1929- 1947, undated
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	11	1-4	Printed Items, 1867-1939, undated
	12	1-3	Photographs, undated
OS:B	--	1	1824-1855.
98:B	--		<i>Caddo Gazette</i> : 4/12/1862. <i>Coushatta Citizen</i> : 2/15/1895, 5/27/1932, 11/5/1943.
O:1	1-2	--	Vols.1-37: see volume description.
MF 5322	--	--	Series I, Part 2, Reel 19 (1825-1865)
MF 6061	--	--	Series B, Part 2, Reels 12-13 (1866-1929) (Letter from Rawlins & Murrell to Mrs. M.P. Bosley dated 2/10/1876 not microfilmed; located in Box 3)