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SUMMARY

- Size.** 15 items and 6 volumes.
- Geographic location.** Red River Parish, La.
- Inclusive dates.** ca. 1830-1866
- Bulk dates.** 1854-1861.
- Language.** English.
- Summary.** Plantation diaries and record books for Willow Point Plantation, Red River Parish, La. and other records of Joseph Toole Robinson and his family. Records pertain primarily to operations on the cotton plantation, including the records of cotton production, health, births and deaths of slaves, medical visits, weather observations, and inventories of tools and animals. Also includes notations of court cases. There is also mention of Native Americans in the workforce on the plantation.
- Source.** Gift, 1957.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Joseph Toole Robinson was a lawyer and the owner of Willow Point Plantation in Red River Parish, La. Robinson was married three times. At the time he wrote his will in 1853, Robinson was married to the former Ellind Hemirick (his third wife) who had a daughter by a previous marriage named Eliza. Robinson had five children from two previous marriages: Emmett (from first wife Arcine Trichell), and James, Irene, Alice, and Joseph (from second wife Harriett Cable). Emmett Robinson married the former Sarah Dickson in 1866.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Collection chiefly reflects plantation operation and economy on a Northwest Louisiana cotton plantation in the mid-1800s. The six volumes of plantation diaries contain vital statistics and health records of slaves; summary records of visits by physicians; daily observations of the weather and instrument readings of temperature; individual records of cotton picking, rail splitting, etc.; annual production of cotton and weights of individual bales; and work assignments of the blacksmith and carpenter. Other items in the collection primarily include notations of court cases, 1838-1839; the will of Joseph Toole Robinson, dated 1853; prescriptions and bills for medical services, 1859-1861; the marriage contract of Emmett T. Robinson (Joseph Toole Robinson's oldest son) and Sarah Dickson, 1866; and two undated school compositions by Sallie Dickson

LIST OF SERIES

Series I. Legal Papers, 1853, 1866.

Series II. Financial/Medical Papers, 183-, 1859-1861.

Series III. Writings, undated

Series IV. Plantation Diaries and Records, 1854-1861

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I. Legal Papers, 1853, 1866 (2 Items)

Will of Joseph Toole Robinson, May 10, 1853.

Marriage contract of Emmett T. Robinson and Sarah Dickson, January 23, 1866.

Series II. Financial/Medical Papers, 183-, 1859-1861 (10 Items)

Includes bills for medical services and prescriptions, receipts for cotton freight charges, and memoranda of cotton weights. Arranged chronologically.

Series III. Writings, undated (2 Items)

School compositions by Sallie Dickson.

Series IV. Plantation Diaries and Records, 1854-1861 (1 Item, 6 Volumes)

Includes plantation diaries recording cotton cultivation, individual records of cotton picking, rail splitting, etc.; and inventory, vital statistics, and health records of slaves. Early weather observations and instrument readings of temperature were also recorded.

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