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James Lafayette Goodwin Papers

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M-021 JAMES LAFAYETTE GOODWIN (d.1905), PAPERS, 1873-1904

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Farmer and merchant near Vienna, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, during the last quarter of the nineteenth century; legal papers, business records, and personal correspondence. 5 folders.

BOX	FOLDER	DESCRIPTION
001	001	<p>Legal papers, 1877-1905:</p> <p>Deed, 1877, Mrs. L.G. Quinn to L.M. Gahagan, land in Vienna, Lincoln Parish.</p> <p>Deed, 1884, Robert E. Russ to Mrs. Susan A. Colvin and C.M. Goodwin, a town lot in Ruston, Louisiana.</p> <p>Draft of deed, 1899, J.L. Goodwin to W.B. Rabb, land in Lincoln Parish.</p> <p>Memorandum of agreement, 1899, for R.M. Gahagan and heirs of L.M. Gahagan (deceased) to sell to John Cargill farm in Lincoln Parish.</p> <p>Deed, 1901, James T. Davis to J.L. Goodwin, tract of land in Lincoln Parish.</p> <p>Copy of succession of estate of J.L. Goodwin.</p>
002		<p>Business papers: record, book, notes, receipts, Correspondence, 1873-1905:</p> <p>Promissory notes to J.L. Goodwin.</p> <p>Store accounts with J.M. Wright's general store.</p> <p>Promissory notes of various persons [workers on Goodwin's farm?] to J.M. Wright, paid by Goodwin.</p> <p>Tax receipts of J.H. Aswell and J.L. Goodwin. Note of rental to J.M. Wright of two mules owned by J.L. Goodwin.</p> <p>Promissory notes to S.W. Gahagan witnessed by Goodwin to one of Goodwin's workers [?], involving use by J.L. Goodwin of two cows and calves.</p>

Bill of sale for cotton.

Bills from Ruston Compress and Mfg. Co. Ltd.

More tax receipts.

Bills from various stores.

Record book, 1899, kept by J.L. Goodwin on each of his farm workers showing cash advances, goods sold, and amounts paid.

Letter, 1905, from Manhattan Life Insurance Co. about insurance policy held by J.L. Goodwin.

Copy of letter, 1905, to above insurance company advising them of death of J.L. Goodwin.

Other letters concerning the settlement of the estate of J.L. Goodwin.

003 Financial papers, 1899-1904:

Handwritten bank drafts, cancelled checks, and bank statements of J.L. Goodwin with the Ruston State Bank.

004 Personal correspondence, 1888-1893:

Mostly letters to J.L. Goodwin from his brother Osce, an attorney in Waxahachie, Texas, about personal and business affairs in that area.

005 Mementos and miscellaneous:

School mementos, newspaper clippings of poems, handwritten poem, and an incomplete description of visit to a school.