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Summary Information

Repository:	University Libraries Division of Special Collections, The University of Alabama
Creator:	Woolf, Samuel Gholson
Title:	Samuel Gholson Woolf papers
ID:	MSS.1578
Date [inclusive]:	1930-1931
Physical Description:	0.4 Linear feet 0.4 linear foot
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	A collection of personal correspondence and essays on various Southern topics by this Marengo County attorney and politician.

Preferred Citation

Samuel Gholson Woolf papers, W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama.

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Biographical/Historical note

Samuel Gholson Woolf (20 May 1853 - September 1931) was born at Linden, Marengo County, Alabama. He was the son of Henry Ashley and Francis (Gholson) Woolf. Henry Ashley Woolf was a lawyer, legislator, and a member of the 1875 constitutional convention. His grandfather, James B. Woolf, moved to Alabama in 1818 and was one of the pioneer settlers of Marengo County. Samuel Gholson Woolf was educated in the common schools of Linden and attended Kentucky University from 1869-1871 but did not graduate. He began the practice of law at Linden in 1881. He served in the Alabama House of Representatives 1888-1889; 1900-1901; and 1907-1910 and in the Alabama Senate 1903-1906. He was elected probate judge of Marengo County in 1892.

He was a democrat, a Missionary Baptist, and Mason, and a Knight of Pythias. He married twice: first to Fanny Pickering, 8 January 1879 and then to Mrs. Sadie Henley Lyon, 26 August 1896. He had three children by his first wife. Two of his children appear in the papers, Betty (Woolf) Thornton and John King Woolf.

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Scope and Contents note

A collection of personal correspondence and essays on various Southern topics by this Marengo County attorney and politician.

The essay titles include: Historical events and excerpts copied from Pickett's History of Alabama. The Alabamas: Muscogees, Desoto, Choctaws. Theories on Alcoholics. (Mr. Cheney) Archaeological Theories "Ball Play" Battle of Horse Shoe Buried Treasure The Canoe fight The Remarkable Canoe Fight The Choctaws Ponce de Leon Demopolis, Alabama (reconstruction days) Desoto Desoto in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi Theories on Evolution Franklin, Benjamin Frisco Railroad System Gaines, George S "Gaineswood" Hatred for New Englanders and Negroes Heflin, James Thomas Maubila The McGillivarys Miracles The Muscogees The Original Inhabitants of the Gulf States Our Flag Pushmataha Pushmataha Memorial Services The Torture of Prisoners Wildlife Conservation---Sumter County A Yaller Dog Democrat (Mr. Lincoln).

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Conditions Governing Use note

None

Conditions Governing Access note

None

Provenance

Purchased from the Kennedy Family

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Controlled Access Headings

- Thornton, Betty Woolf
- Woolf, John King
- Literature and Authors
- Southern Life and Culture

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Genealogy	Box 98	Folder 1
Correspondence	Box 98	Folder 2
Correspondence to Betty Woolf Thornton, A-M	Box 98	Folder 3
Correspondence to Betty Woolf Thornton, N-W	Box 98	Folder 4
Correspondence to Betty Woolf Thornton, Unidentified	Box 98	Folder 5
Correspondence to John King Woolf	Box 98	Folder 6
Miscellaneous Writings (1 of 7)	Box 98	Folder 7
Miscellaneous Writings (2 of 7)	Box 98	Folder 8
Miscellaneous Writings (3 of 7)	Box 98	Folder 9
Miscellaneous Writings (4 of 7)	Box 98	Folder 10
Miscellaneous Writings (5 of 7)	Box 98	Folder 11
Miscellaneous Writings (6 of 7)	Box 98	Folder 12
Miscellaneous Writings (7 of 7)	Box 98	Folder 13
Transcriptions (1 of 8)	Box 98	Folder 14

Transcriptions (2 of 8)	Box 98	Folder 15
Transcriptions (3 of 8)	Box 98	Folder 16
Transcriptions (4 of 8)	Box 98	Folder 17
Transcriptions (5 of 8)	Box 98	Folder 18
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