

Wynn Family

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Summary Information

Repository:	University Libraries Special Collections, The University of Alabama
Creator:	Wynn family
Creator:	Wynn, John Henry Irby
Creator:	Wynn, Martha Curtis Ward
Creator:	Wynn, Alexander Montgomery
Creator:	Wynn, John Robert
Title:	Wynn Family papers
ID:	MSS.1590
Date [inclusive]:	1845-1913
Physical Description:	0.4 Linear Feet 551 items
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	An extensive collection of correspondence, diaries and legal and financial papers relating to John Henry Irby Wynn (1787-1854), teacher and farmer in Limestone County, Alabama, and his son Alexander Montgomery (1823-1897), daughter-in-law Martha (Curtis) Wynn (1826-1907), and grandson John Robert Wynn (ca. 1860-1896). The diaries include accounts of Alexander Wynn's trip to Arkansas in the 1850s.

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Biographical/Historical note

John Henry Irby Wynn, farmer and teacher, was born on 14 June 1797, in Dinwiddie County, Virginia, the son of Robert Wynn of Virginia and a descendant of Sir William Wynn of England. He moved

to Alabama and settled in Limestone County, where he was a farmer and a teacher. He represented Limestone County in the State Legislature for many years.

He married Francis M. Brownley on 25 December 1821, in Dinwiddie County, Virginia. They had eleven children: Alexander Montgomery (1823-1897); Robert W., died in Mississippi; Mary H. E. (?-1850), married Mr. Craig; Cornelia (?-1866); Sarah M. (?-1871), married Frank White of Louisiana; John F.; Francis M. (?-1848); Henry J., Confederate soldier, was killed in a skirmish near the Rapidan River, in Virginia, 1863; Virginia Cain; Octavia C. (?-1873), married Mr. Edwards, died in Louisiana; Eugenia Ellen, married Mr. Edwards, Alexandria, Louisiana. John Henry Irby Wynn died on 2 January 1854 in Limestone County.

Alexander Montgomery Wynn, was born in Dinwiddie County, Virginia, on 26 March 1823, and died on 16 November 1897, in Madison County, Alabama. He married Martha Curtis Ward on 28 May 1857. Martha Curtis Ward was born in Madison County, Alabama, on 8 November 1826, and died there on 15 March 1908. The couple had six children: Sarah Francis, born in Poincett County, Arkansas, 24 April 1858. married Joseph T. Wilson in 1883, died in Huntsville, Alabama, September 1942; Mary Jane, married J. Rowe Jones, Huntsville, Alabama, and died in December 1953; Martha Ellen (?-1918) married John L. Yancey, of Birmingham, Alabama; John Robert (?-1896) married Laura Lanier; Lillian (?-1952) married Archie McDonnell; and Alex M. (?-1896).

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Scope and Contents note

The Wynn Family Papers consists of items covering at least three generations. They include the legal and financial papers of John Henry Irby Wynn (1787-1854); diaries, correspondence, legal and financial papers of his son, Alexander Montgomery Wynn (1823-1897); correspondence and financial papers of Martha Curtis Wynn (Mrs. Alexander Montgomery Wynn) (1826-1907); and the legal and financial papers of J.H.I. Wynn's grandson, John Robert Wynn, c. 1860-1896.

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Conditions Governing Use

None

Conditions Governing Access

None

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Controlled Access Headings

- Alabama
- Southern Life and Culture
- Daily Life and Family

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Wynn Genealogy, 8 items, unarranged.	box 246	folder 1
Financial and legal papers of John H.I. Wynn, February 15, 1845-January 23, 1853 and no date. 20 items, arranged chronologically. Includes one land grant December 1, 1851.	box 246	folder 2
Legal and financial papers of J.R. Wynn, Nov. 16, 1890-August 31, 1896. 9 items, arranged chronologically.	box 246	folder 3
Incoming correspondence of Alexander M. Wynn, 1857-1894. 38 items, arranged alphabetically and then chronologically.	box 246	folder 4
Miscellaneous legal papers of Alexander M. Wynn, Nov. 8-1860-Oct. 4, 1884. 11 items, arranged chronologically.	box 246	folder 5

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Financial papers of Alexander M. Wynn, June 16, 1855-June 1, 1897. 147 items, arranged chronologically.	box 246	folder 6
Correspondence and financial papers of Martha C. Wynn (Mrs. A.M. Wynn) April 10, 1874-October 1, 1910 and no date. 40 items, arranged chronologically.	box 246	folder 7
Financial and legal papers of George W. Ward, January 18, 1860-June 4, 1914 and no date. 74 items, arranged chronologically.	box 246	folder 8
Miscellaneous legal papers, March 19, 1896 and no date. 3 items.	box 246	folder 9
Miscellaneous Financial papers. February 1824-January 4, 1913 and no date. 42 items, arranged chronologically.	box 246	folder 10
Miscellaneous items. 18 items. Notes, letters, Bible lesson, Christmas post cards, daily cotton market report, broadside, Huntsville Female College Music Department announcements and monthly report, one photograph of unidentified young man.	box 246	folder 11
Miscellaneous envelopes and stamps. 38 envelopes, unarranged.	box 246	folder 12
Diaries and accounts of travel through the south.	box 246	folder 13
