

# Denton, Nehemiah

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University Libraries Division of Special Collections, The University of Alabama
<b>Title:</b>	Nehemiah Denton Papers
<b>ID:</b>	MSS.1602
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1831-1844
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.4 Linear feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	Correspondence and other business materials of this Brooklyn, New York, resident with business interests in Mobile, Alabama. Aside from extensive business correspondence, it includes detailed descriptions of Mobile's antebellum social life, and accounts of yellow fever epidemics and fires.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical/Historical note

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Nehemiah Denton was an early nineteenth century New York City resident with business interests in Mobile, Alabama. Denton's nephew, Agricola Wilkins, lived in Mobile and owned a dry goods store. Wilkins served as Denton's agent in Mobile from about 1837 until 1840 when he left Mobile after suffering from yellow fever. After that date various agents worked for Denton and corresponded with him. Denton died in December 1844.

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## Scope and Contents note

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The collection contains letters to and from Denton regarding business matters, as well as various documents and maps relating to his business in Mobile. Agricola Wilkins, acting as Denton's agent, wrote a significant portion of the letters, which describe both Wilkins's and Denton's business endeavors in Mobile. After Wilkins left Mobile in 1840, other individuals assumed the role of agent for Denton and continued the correspondence regarding his Mobile property. In addition to shedding light on Denton's business affairs in Mobile, the letters in this collection provide lively and detailed descriptions of life in Mobile in the 1830s and 1840s, when the cotton market dominated the city's financial landscape. Letters also include descriptions of yellow fever outbreaks and destructive fires in Mobile, a steamboat journey from Mobile to Wetumpka, Alabama, and frontier life in Pontotoc, Mississippi. The collection is divided into four series: Outgoing Correspondence, Incoming Correspondence, Other Correspondence, and Miscellaneous Documents.

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## Administrative Information

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## Controlled Access Headings

- Alabama
- Business and Labor
- Southern Life and Culture

## Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Outgoing Correspondence	Box 2979	Folder 1
Letter : 1840-12-24, Nehemiah Denton to Samuel W. Allen : copy <u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">u0003_0001602_0000005</a>		
Letter : 1841-06-10, Nehemiah Denton to Samuel W. Allen <u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">u0003_0001602_0000006</a>		
Letter from [1841]-08, Nehemiah Denton to George Poe, Jr. <u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">u0003_0001602_0000007</a>		
Letter : 1841-09-13, Nehemiah Denton to J.C. Gwin : copy <u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">u0003_0001602_0000008</a>		
Letter : 1841-09-13, Nehemiah Denton to Samuel W. Allen : copy <u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">u0003_0001602_0000009</a>		
Letter : 1841-09-28, Nehemiah Denton to George Poe, Jr. <u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">u0003_0001602_0000010</a>		
Letter : 1841-10-04, Nehemiah Denton to J.C. Gwin : copy <u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">u0003_0001602_0000011</a>		
Letter : 1841-10-06, Nehemiah Denton to J.C. Gwin : copy <u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">u0003_0001602_0000012</a>		
Letter : 1841-10-06, Nehemiah Denton to M. Judson <u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">u0003_0001602_0000013</a>		
Letter : 1841-11-20, Nehemiah Denton to J.C. Gwin : copy <u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">u0003_0001602_0000014</a>		
Letter : 1841-11-24, Nehemiah Denton to J. Powers : copy <u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">u0003_0001602_0000015</a>		
Letter : 1841-12-18, Nehemiah Denton to M. Judson : copy		

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Letter : 1842-01-29, Nehemiah Denton to J.C. Gwin : copy

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Letter : 1842-05-21, Nehemiah Denton to J.C. Gwin : copy

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Letter : 1842-05-27, Nehemiah Denton to J.C. Gwin : copy

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Letter : 1844-03-16, Nehemiah Denton to George Poe, Jr. : copy

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Letter : 1844-07-06, Nehemiah Denton to J.C. Gwin : copy

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Incoming Correspondence, Allen - Gwin

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Folder 2

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Letter from Samuel Allen to Nehemiah Denton, 1841-01-06

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Letter from Samuel Allen to Nehemiah Denton, 1841-07-02

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Letter from J. C. Gwin to Nehemiah Denton, 1841-10-16

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Letter from J. C. Gwin to Nehemiah Denton, 1841-12-10

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Letter from J. C. Gwin to Nehemiah Denton, 1842-01-04

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Letter from J. C. Gwin to Nehemiah Denton, 1842-01-06

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Letter from J. C. Gwin to Nehemiah Denton, 1842-02-15

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Letter from J. C. Gwin to Nehemiah Denton, 1842-03-02

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Letter from J. C. Gwin to Nehemiah Denton, 1842-03-04

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Letter from J. C. Gwin to Nehemiah Denton, 1842-05-12

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Letter from J. C. Gwin to Nehemiah Denton, 1842-06-08

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Letter from J. C. Gwin to Nehemiah Denton, 1842-10-28

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Letter from J. C. Gwin to Nehemiah Denton, 1843-01-05 [includes account sheet]

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Letter from J. C. Gwin to Nehemiah Denton, 1843-04-05 [includes account sheet]

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Letter from J. C. Gwin to Nehemiah Denton, 1843-08-12

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Letter from J. C. Gwin to Nehemiah Denton, 1844-06-07

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Letter from J. C. Gwin to Nehemiah Denton, 1844-06-24 [includes account sheet]

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Letter from J. C. Gwin to Nehemiah Denton, 1844-08-08

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Letter from J. C. Gwin to Nehemiah Denton, 1844-11-01 [includes account sheet]

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Letter from M. Judson to Nehemiah Denton, 1841-09-06

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Incoming Correspondence, Judson

Box 2979

Folder 3

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Letter from M. Judson to Nehemiah Denton, 1841-09-14

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Letter from M. Judson to Nehemiah Denton, 1841-10-10

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Letter from M. Judson to Nehemiah Denton, 1842-01-08

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Letter from M. Judson to Nehemiah Denton, 1842-02-15

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Letter from M. Judson to Nehemiah Denton, 1842-05-16

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Incoming Correspondence, Meaking - Wells

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Letter from B. H. Meakings to Nehemiah Denton, 1837-12-30

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Letter from John J. Monell to Nehemiah Denton, 1836-12-14

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Letter from John J. Monell to Nehemiah Denton, 1839-08-22

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Letter from John J. Monell to Nehemiah Denton, 1839-08-23

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Letter from George Poe, Jr. to Nehemiah Denton, 1841-09-17

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Letter from George Poe, Jr. to Nehemiah Denton, 1841-10-01

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Letter from George Poe, Jr. to Nehemiah Denton, 1843-03-23

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Letter from George Poe, Jr. to Nehemiah Denton, 1844-03-14

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Letter from J. Reynolds to Nehemiah Denton, 1841-04-29

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Letter from Mary Reynolds to Nehemiah Denton, 1839-08-25

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Letter from Kial Sewall to Nehemiah Denton, 1844-10-14

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Letter from Thomas Sturdivant to Nehemiah Denton, 1842-03-28

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Letter from Thomas Sturdivant to Nehemiah Denton, 1842-03-28

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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1832-01-26		
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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1832-04-01		
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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1832-08-30		
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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1836-12-12		
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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1836-12-13		
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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1836-12-17		
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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1836-12-21		
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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1836-12-22		
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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1836-12-27		
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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, [1837]-01-16		

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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1837-01-20

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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1837-02-28

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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1837-09-06

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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1837-10-30

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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1837-11-29

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Incoming Correspondence, Wilkins (1838)

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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1838-01-16

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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1838-02-28

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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1838-03-26

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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1838-04-14

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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1838-05-11

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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1838-12-04

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Incoming Correspondence, Wilkins (1839)

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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1839-01-17

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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1839-08-09

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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1839-10-03

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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1839-10-26  
(Letter is on the reverse of Mobile journal, October 11, 1839,  
which describes recent fires in the city of Mobile and includes a  
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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1839-11-12

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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1839-12-02

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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1839-12-06

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Incoming Correspondence, Wilkins (1840-1841)

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Letter from R. G. Gordon to Agricola Wilkins and John Monell,  
1836-12-15

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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1840-01-09

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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1840-01-28

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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1840-02-05

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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1840-03-28

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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1840-04-20

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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1840-05-15

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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1840-05

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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1840-06-16

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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1840-06-20

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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1841-10-30

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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, 1841-06-03

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Letter from Agricola Wilkins to Nehemiah Denton, [undated]

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Other Correspondence (1841-1844)

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Letter from M. Judson to Agricola Wilkins, 1841-09-24

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Letter from John A. Lott to M. Judson, 1841-09-02

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Letter from John A. Lott to M. Judson, 1841-10-23 [copy]

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Letter from John A. Lott to Kial Sewall, 1844-08-31 [copy]

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Letter from Jon D. Monell to John A. Lott, 1840-02-24

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Letter from Claudius L. Monell to John A. Lott, 1840-02-26

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Letter from Joseph Silver to J. C. Gwin, 1842-06-21

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Miscellaneous Documents

Box 2979

Folder 11

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Miscellaneous document : Agricola Wilkins statement of Reynolds claim

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Miscellaneous document : Cash paid on mortgage to Bank of Norfolk

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Miscellaneous document : Map of part of west of Water Street, south of St. Francis Street, Mobile

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Miscellaneous document : Map of St. Francis property

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Miscellaneous document : Memorandum of agreement between B.F. Copeland and J. Monell, 1835

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Miscellaneous document : Mobile chancery decree, 1841

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Miscellaneous document : Schedule of finances on the dissolution of firm, Wilkins and Monell, n.d.

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