

Robert S. Burch Papers, 1845 – 1899, 1927

Donor: Martha Reid Robinson

Note: Starred letters (*) are in folder 2; all others are in folder 1

Robert S. Burch (1814 - 1900) was born in Hancock County and was a classmate and personal friend of Alexander H. Stephens. A lawyer, land speculator, and farmer/businessman, he owned property throughout the state and lived (during the span of the papers) in Thomasville, Marietta, and Newnan. Burch was the grandfather of the donor.

The Papers consists mainly of Burch's correspondence with family, friends, and business associates. There are seven letters to Alexander Stephens, 1845 - 1876, discussing family, politics, and reconstruction, a speech given by Burch before a reunion of Confederate Veterans, 1894, an undated essay on dreams (by Burch), an 1862 letter from Burch's son, George, who was in Co. I, 29th Regt., Ga. Vols., stationed near Savannah (George died July 13, 1864 as a result of improper treatment of a wound, see letter to Stephens, July 24, 1864), and a personality report on George Burch, 1846.

The papers are separated into outgoing letters, incoming letters, and miscellaneous, and are arranged chronologically within those categories.

The Robert S. Burch Papers were separated from the Martha Reid Robinson Collection.

<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	Robert S. Burch Outgoing Letters, 1845 – 1876. Includes seven letters to Alexander H. Stephens. Other letters are to family or business associates.
2	Robert S. Burch Incoming Letters, 1890 – 1899. From family and business associates.
3	Miscellaneous letters, papers, and documents, 1846 - 1894, 1927. Includes 1862 letter from Burch's son, George, Speech given in 1894 (incomplete), essay on dreams, and personality report on George Burch.