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CHUNN/Land Family Papers, 1828-1925.

<u>BOX</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1	Folders 1-01/1-37	2096-1Sa
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CHUNN/LAND Family Papers, 1828-1925. 64 folders. 598 items, 778 pieces:
590 original loose papers, 768 pieces; 7 printed items, 8 pieces;
1 artifact, 2 pieces. 1 cu. ft. and 1 oversized file.

Donor: Gertrude Taylor Land.

Letters, land deeds, business correspondence, and receipts relating to the Elizabeth Word and Samuel L. Chunn Family of Cass Co. (later Bartow), GA, and the Nathan and Mona Arrington Land Family of Twiggs Co., GA, and then Cass. Papers document Civil War conditions, including the destruction of Cassville in 1864, Reconstruction struggles, immigration to Texas, agriculture, small businesses, land investment, family relations, the status of African-Americans, sickness and health care, and death. Although the collection is mostly Georgian, Bartow, Twiggs, Coweta, and Forsyth Counties being the best represented, there are many letters and records from South Carolina, Alabama, Texas, and Tennessee also. Papers are divided into three series: The Chunn Family Papers, the Nathan Land Family Papers, and the Non-Chunn/Land Papers. Within each series letters are arranged by correspondent and records by form, then chronologically.

SERIES ONE: Chunn Family Papers, 1836-1925. 42 folders. 323 items, 446 pieces: 321 original loose papers, 443 pieces (4 photocopied); 2 printed items, 3 pieces.

Personal correspondence, legal documents, and business records relating to Elizabeth Word (Mrs. Samuel L.) Chunn (1820-1894) of Cassville, GA, and her son William Augustus Chunn (1840-1921). Thirty of these folders are incoming letters to Mrs. Chunn from grandchildren, siblings, nieces and nephews, and cousins. The mother of only one child, she apparently served as a beloved authority figure for hundreds of people, judging from these approximately 150 letters. They are rich descriptions of men's and women's work, race relations (particularly during Reconstruction), sickness and death, and all the activities of white middleclass life in Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Texas, and Ohio during this time period.

Her son William continued farming their property after his father died in 1863 and he himself had returned from the Civil War. In 1860 he had married Martha Delilah (Lila) Land, whose family is described in Series Two, and they had several children, including Helen, Eugenia (Jeannie or Jennie), Gertrude, Eugene, Mona, Freeman, and William S.

Samuel L. Chunn (1806-1863) came from Western North Carolina; and his wife, from South Carolina. Many of the land records included in this series

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are related to Mr. Chunn's business in other states as well as in Cass County.

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1 1-01 Samuel Chunn Letters, 1851-1852 and 1859. 4 original loose
papers, 4 pieces.

To his son Samuel L. Chunn in Cassville. Also an estate paper.

1-2 William A. and Martha Delilah (Lila) Land Chunn Correspondence,
1861-1864. 12 original loose papers, 17 pieces (4 photocopied) .

Letters between husband and wife. William belonged to the 1st
Regt. GA State Troops (1st Brigade), 1861-1862, and to the 40th Regt. GA Vols.
(Bartow Rangers) 1862-1865. One letter is from his wife and his mother, E.W.
Chunn, 1863, after death of her husband. The 1864 letter is from Lila to her
mother-in-law while refugeeing. The majority of Willie and Lila's letters are
in Emory University's Special Collection Department (MSS018).

1-3 William A. Chunn and Elizabeth Word (Mrs. Samuel L.) Chunn
Correspondence, 1862-1874. 17 original loose papers, 23 pieces.

See also 1863 letter in Folder 1-02. Vicksburg Campaign letters
included.

1-4 William A. Chunn letter to Nathan Land, 1864. 1 original loose
paper, 1 piece.

Land was his father-in-law. He commented on the war and the
presidential election.

1-5 William A. Chunn Incoming Business Letters, 1869-1917. 5 original
loose papers, 10 pieces.

1-6 William A. Chunn Letter to Editor, n.d. 1 original loose paper,
2 pieces.

On the Cassville District and the county's future after the
Civil War.

1-7 Chunn Children Letters, 1869, 1890, 1902, and n.d. 4 original
loose papers, 11 pieces.

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1 1-07 (cont.) Letters to grandmother, E.W. Chunn, and Papa, William A. Chunn, by Helen, Jeannie, and Eugene.

1-8 Sarah Word (Mrs. William) Hance (1808-1883) Letters, 1858, 1868-1873, and 1881. 19 original loose papers, 27 pieces.

To E.W. Chunn, her sister, from Laurensville, SC, where she was born, married William Hance, and reared three children (folders below). Her letters cover the Reconstruction period particularly well. Undated letter can be dated by reference to niece Martha (Mattie) Word's impending marriage to John Mann.

1-9 William Hance letter, 1863. 1 original loose paper, 1 piece.

To Sarah (Sallie) Hance, his daughter-in-law on the death of her husband James, his son, Lieutenant Colonel, 53rd Regt. GA Vols. The Hances lost all three of their sons to the Civil War in 1863 and their only daughter several years later.

1-10 Sarah (Sallie) (Mrs. James) Hance Letters, 1863-1873. 14 original loose papers, 19 pieces.

Daughter-in-law of Sarah Word Hance and apparently a Word before marriage. Letters to E.W. Chunn, her aunt. She had four girls, orphaned by their father's death in the Civil War. Sallie attempted to raise them in several locations, so letters come from Laurens, SC, and Crawford and Lexington, GA. Reconstruction era.

1-11 Blanche Corinne Hance (b. 1857) Letters, 1866-1874. 8 original loose papers, 9 pieces.

Eldest daughter of Sallie (Mrs. James) Hance. Repeats her mother's news.

1-12 Eugenia E. Hance (Mrs. Thomas) Crews (d. 1867) letters, 1856-1866 and n.d. 10 original loose papers, 12 pieces.

Letters to aunt E.W. Chunn; to sister-in-law, Sallie; to cousin Willie Chunn. Eugenia was the only daughter of William and Sarah Word Hance. She left several children at her early death. Like other letters of the period, these discuss war conditions and African-Americans after emancipation.

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1 1-13 Thomas B. Crews Letter, 1893. 1 original loose paper, 1 piece.

To E.W. Chunn on her pension and about his family. Thomas was the husband of Eugenia Hance.

1-14 Sallie Elizabeth Crews (Mrs.) Bolt Letters, 1869 and 1883-1890. 10 original loose papers, 16 pieces.

Daughter of Eugenia and Tom Crews. Written from Laurensville and Derrah, SC, to E.W. Chunn, her great aunt. Describes her 1883 marriage and family life.

1-15 Sue C. Waldrop and Jane Mair Letters, 1867, 1873, 1882, and n.d. 4 original loose papers, 8 pieces.

Letters to either Sarah W. Hance or her sister, E.W. Chunn. Topics include gynecological problems, wife beating, and other familial relations.

1-16 William B. Word (1809-1876) letters, 1866 and 1872. 2 original loose papers, 2 pieces.

To his sister, E.W. Chunn, from Newnan, GA. He writes about his children, some of whose letters follow below.

1-17 Martha (Mattie) Word (Mrs. John) Mann (d. 1870) Letters, 1869 and n.d. 2 original loose papers, 2 pieces.

Daughter of William Word, Mrs. Mann was in poor health from childbirth and had lost more than one baby before her own early death.

1-18 Sallie Word Shelmitt Letter, 1870, 1876, and n.d. 4 original loose papers, 4 pieces.

William Word's daughter in Newnan, GA, to aunt E.W. Chunn, about family, including the deaths of sister Mattie and her father, and wife abuse in the neighborhood.

1-19 Lucy M. Word (Mrs. Samuel T.) Shields Letters, 1871-1890. 8 original loose papers, 14 pieces.

Daughter of William B. Word, Lucy was a schoolteacher and wrote

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1 1-19 (cont.) from both home and Tennessee and Alabama where she lived after marriage. Discusses family matters.

1-20 James M. Word (b. 1812) Letters, 1882-1890. 4 original loose papers, 5 pieces.

Written from Goliad, Texas, whence he had moved many years before, to his sister E.W. Chunn.

1-21 Callie Word Letter, 1872. 1 original loose paper, 1 piece.

From Goliad, TX, to aunt E.W. Chunn. Probably the daughter of her brother, Thomas J. Word, twin of James M.

1-22 Charles G. Word (b. 1814) Letters, 1859, 1869, and n.d. 3 original loose papers, 4 pieces.

Charles moved to Mississippi and then to Goliad, TX, before the Civil War. He had married three times by 1863 according to others' letters.

1-23 Robert M. Word (1816-1897) letter, 1863. 1 original loose paper, 2 pieces.

Although only one letter survives (to his sister E.W. Chunn), "Uncle Bob" was a popular figure, mentioned in many correspondents' letters. He and Elizabeth Underwood had eight children, two of whom have letters below.

1-24 Edward Milton Word (1840-1915) Letters, 1868. 2 original loose papers, 2 pieces.

Written from West Point, GA, to E.W. Chunn, shortly after Ed's marriage to Fannie Beasly of Griffin, January 21, 1868. He was the eldest child of Robert M. Word. Discussion of Reconstruction.

1-25 Mary Elizabeth (Mollie) Word (Mrs. W. B.) Cochran (1846-1918) Letters, 1867-1873 and 1888. 6 original loose papers, 9 pieces.

Fourth child of Robert M. and Elizabeth Underwood Word, on her mother's death and other family events. One letter is probably by her younger sister, Emily J. Word (1848-1918).

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1 1-26 A. Rhett Word Letter, 1863. 1 original loose paper, 1 piece.

To aunt E.W. Chunn from where he is stationed in Cumberland Gap.

1-27 Sallie (Mrs. Tommie) Word Letter, 1872. 1 original loose paper, 1 piece.

From Deckerd, TN, on the death of her husband, E.W. Chunn's nephew.

1-28 Patton Family Correspondence, 1864, 1872-1873, 1889, and n.d. 9 original loose papers, 12 pieces.

The Pattons were early settlers of Cass Co., GA, from North Carolina. Several married Words, and the families were closely knit. The folder includes one letter from Willie Chunn to Samuel C. Patton, 1864, and one from E.W. Chunn to Julius M. Patton, 1872, in Atlanta. Others are by Julius, Marie, and Julia Patton about Christmas, dog bites, and the need for work. See also Folder 2-10.

1-29 Annette (Nettie) Patton Letters, 1869-1871, 1873, and 1881. 11 original loose papers, 22 pieces.

Annette was one of the Patton sisters, along with Adelia (Dee), Emily, and Lou. A spinster, Nettie took turns living with her sisters' families in Alabama, Tennessee, and Tunnel Hill, Whitfield Co., GA. Adelia's husband was Robert C. Word, son of Robert Word (probable uncle of E.W. Chunn), and one of his letters is included here. Annette eventually married William J. McClatchey after his first wife died in 1880, but she did not live long and died by 1887.

1-30 Emily E.P. (Mrs. George S.) Walden Letters, 1869, 1887-1891, and n.d. 11 original loose papers, 18 pieces.

Letters from Kentucky, Ohio, and Decatur, GA. The most interesting describe life with her minister son in Newark, OH, where she experienced central gas heating and other winter events. Includes opinions of cremation. One letter by her daughter Mary.

1-31 Jane E. Wells Letters, 1869-1882. 16 original loose papers, 25 pieces.

Rich, detailed letters from Decatur, AL, on the intimacies of

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1 1-31 (cont.) marriage, keeping a boarding house, sickness, and death.

She was a fat woman, 220 pounds when she lost weight through sickness. Both her children marry, one to an Irish, Roman Catholic railroad man. There were three grandchildren, then her son and both children-in-law died. Her marriage to Mr. Wells (second for both) continued through the letters. Jane was mentioned in one of Mattie Mann's letters (folder 1-17) and referred to cousin Mattie herself, so they must have been close. She writes also about her many siblings, a blind father, and the murder of their brother Harper by her sister Nancy's husband.

1-32 Martha {Mat} Harland (Mrs. J.B.) Foreman and James P. Harlan
Letters, 1869 and 1884. 2 original loose papers, 3 pieces.

Written from Arkansas to aunt E.W. Chunn. Relationship to the Chunns is not clear. These may be grandchildren of one of her brothers who moved to Texas and then up to Arkansas.

1-33 Tom S. K Letters, 1891 and 1893. 2 original
loose papers, 4 pieces.

To aunt E.W. Chunn from Decatur, GA, on business matters.

1-34 Kate [Word?] Letters, 1870-1878 and 1891. 4 original loose
papers, 5 pieces.

To cousin E.W. Chunn from Cartersville, GA, on family
and local events. The last letter is to Jefferson B. Dyer.

1-35 Latimer Family Letters, 1865-1868, 1880, 1892, and n.d. 6
original loose papers, 10 pieces.

To cousin E.W. Chunn from Jones Ferry, Atlanta, Athens, and
Lexington, GA, from the children of William and Elizabeth Word Latimer, who
kept a hotel in old Cassville, GA. This family was intimately linked with the
Chunns and Pattens through marriage. Mrs. Latimer was probably first cousin
of E.W. Chunn and also the sister of Dr. Robert Word who married Adelia
Patton. Robert C. Latimer married a Maggie and reared four girls in
Lexington, GA. Also included here are letters by his sisters, Mary C. Upshaw
and Joe L. (Mrs. Will) Shakleford.

1-36 E.W. Chunn Incoming Letters, c. 1864-1873, 1888-1892, and n.d.
18 items, 34 pieces: 16 original loose papers, 31 pieces; 2
printed items, 3 pieces.

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1 1-36 (cont.) The following are either friends or business

correspondents:

J.H. Eakin, Atlanta, 1864;

S.S. Seavey, Athens, GA, 1864;

S.S. Seavey, Newnan, GA, 1868;

Mary McGriff, Dekerd, TN, 1866 and 1868;

E.C. Watts, MS, 1868;

Alfred McElvy, Nashville, TN, 1871 and 1872;

Confederate Memorial Association, Augusta, GA, 1873;

J.E. Johnston, Washington, DC, 1888;

Helen A. Underwood, Rome, GA, 1890;

Hillyer and Lee, Atlanta, 1892-1893;

Joe M. Moon, Cartersville, 1892;

H.G.G. Fink, Springdale, PA, n.d.

The Hillyer and Lee correspondence documents Mrs. Chunn's attempt to obtain a pension as widow of a veteran of the Indian Wars. There are also two unidentified letters: one from a cousin, one about business (land).

1-37 F.L. Chunn Incoming Letters, 1923-1925. 4 original loose papers, 5 pieces.

Correspondence related to F.L. (Freeby? Freeman?) finding employment in Atlanta.

2 1-38 Chunn Legal Records, 1836-1904. 31 original loose papers, 35 pieces.

Oversized items are filed in Folder 3-09. Contains an 1872 houseplan for William A. Chunn. Most of these are land records from the 1870's and 1880's.

1-39 Chunn/Smith/Reid Legal Papers, 1875-1887 and n.d. 17 original loose papers, 19 pieces.

D.V. Smith and wife, Jas. A. Reid, Patton & Justice, and Chunn correspondence, business and legal, most from North Carolina.

1-40 Chunn Maps and Plats, n.d. 3 original loose papers, 3 pieces.

The maps are of the Asheville, NC, area and are filed with a printed sale notice in Folder 3-09, oversized material.

1-41 Poetry, n.d. 6 original loose papers, 6 pieces.

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2 1-41 {cont.} Nineteenth century verses copied in 1867.

1-42 Chunn Envelopes, n.d. 37 original loose papers, 37 pieces.

Envelopes separated from letters in collection. These have not been matched.

SERIES TWO: NATHAN LAND FAMILY PAPERS, 1835-1883. 13 folders. 155 original loose papers, 195 pieces (3 photocopied) .

Personal letters, business records, and land records relating to this Twiggs Co., GA, family who moved to Cass County in 1848. Nathan Land (1812-1880), a farmer and lawyer, served as Cass (later Bartow) County Ordinary. He married Mourning {Mona} Ricks Arrington in 1838 and had nine children: 1) Harriet Ione, 2) Martha Delilah (Lila) who married William A. Chunn, 3) Elizabeth Temperance, 4) Mourning {Mona} R.A. who married her cousin Henry Freeman Land, 5) John Thomas who married Sallie V. Faulk, 6) James Henry, 7) Nathan Freeman {Free}, 8) Robert A. {Bobby}, and 9) Susan Louise {Suzie} who married C.F. Price. Letters from most of his children appear in Folder 2-03. Much of Nathan's land business in Twiggs County was with the Solomon Family, cousins of the Lands.

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2 2-01 Nathan Land Family Letters to William Chunn Family, 1863, 1864, and 1886. 3 original loose papers, 6 pieces.

To his son-in-law during the Civil War. Also letters from his daughter Mona and her husband Henry Land to her sister Delilah Land Chunn after the death of Eugenia Chunn (Jennie) Garwood, 1886.

2-2 Nathan Land Letter submitted to the Cassville Standard, n.d. 2 original loose papers, 12 pieces (3 photocopied) .

2-3 Nathan Land Family Letters, 1864 and 1874. 24 original loose papers, 39 pieces.

On October 20, 1874, Nathan Land's son John T. {b. 1847} married Sallie V. Faulk of Twiggs Co., GA. Although the Lands had moved to Cass County before 1850, the children maintained and increased ties back at their old home. Mourning {Mona} Land {b. 1845} had married cousin Henry F. Land there. He and two of Mona's brothers ran a dry goods store in Bullard's, GA.

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2 2-03 (cont.) After the wedding the young couple visited his parents in Cassville before returning to Bullard's to live. Letters document wedding plans, household arrangements, work opportunities, and the larger world of Reconstruction Georgia, including elections and agriculture, from the point of view of men and women, married and single.

2-4 Solomon Family Letters, 1853-1879. 17 original loose papers, 20 pieces.

Mainly Twiggs County business letters from Lewis, William, .W.L., and Peter Solomon to Nathan Land after he moved to Cass County. The Solomons were cousins.

2-5 Land/Solomon Business Records, 1838-1858 and 1875. 14 original loose papers, 14 pieces.

An 1857/1858 slave bill of sale for Oscar and Eady and their children, Lina, Washington, and Georgia Alice. Other transactions mainly concern land.

2 2-06 Nathan Land and Land/Solomon County Legal Documents, 1842-1862 and 1883. 18 original loose papers, 18 pieces.

Mostly land deeds. A few oversized items are in Folder 3-09.

2-7 Nathan Land Incoming Business Letters, 1851-1876 and n.d. 28 original loose papers, 30 pieces.

Contain letters from Thomas N. Arrington, Powers and Whittle (Macon lawyers), Tilman R. Denson, A.H. Colquitt (1874), and many others. Most concern property. War news concerns safety for their sons. A letter from Clerk Jenkins about the Amos land (Folders 2-11 and 2-12).

2-8 Nathan Land Business Records, 1841-1879 and n.d. 8 original loose papers, 8 pieces.

2-9 Richard Ricks Estate Records, 1847-1864 and n.d. 18 original loose papers, 18 pieces.

Nathan Land was guardian of Ricks' children, Isaac D. and John R.A. Rick. Hardy Solomon administered the will. Land may have been related to Ricks through his wife, Mourning Ricks Arrington.

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2 2-10 Julius M. Patton Letters, 1843-1874. 2 original loose papers,
3 pieces.

To Nathan Land on business. Patton was an Atlanta commission
merchant. See also Folder 1-28.

2-11 L.W. Wall Letters, 1874-1881 and n.d. 12 original loose papers,
15 pieces.

Geneva and Tagwell, GA, Letters to Cousin Nathan Land. Much about
Taylor County land dispute with Amoses {see Folder 2-12 also}.

2-12 J.H. Holsey Letters, 1876-1878. 6 original loose papers, 9
pieces.

All to Nathan Land, from Butler, GA, about court cases
with George W. Amos over land titles in Taylor Co., GA. See Folder 2-11 also.

2-13 Tumlin Land Records, 1835-1839. 3 original loose papers, 3
pieces.

Three Cass County records, signed by Jacob Helsely, James Wofford,
and Lewis Tumlin.

SERIES THREE. NON-CHUNN/LAND PAPERS, 1828-1908. 9 folders. 120 items, 137
pieces: 114 original loose papers, 130 pieces; 5 printed items, 5
pieces; 1 artifact, 2 pieces.

Provenance of these records is uncertain. The possibility remains that
some of the Forsyth County material belongs with the Aaron Smith Family Papers
{ac 36-115}; however, that family was in Hightower, GA, while the families in
this series came from Big Creek. The largest group of letters was written by
the John T. Beaver family who originated in South Carolina, lived in Georgia
for a couple of decades, and settled in Dallas Co., TX, by 1870. The Browns,
Brooks, Howards, Lees, Longs, and Nashes were all related in various ways,
although none was found on the 1870 Forsyth Co., GA, census. The remainder of
the papers is a hodgepodge of types. Some may have been related to Samuel
Chunn's real estate business.

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2 3-01 R.P. Brown Civil War Letters, 1863 and 1864. 2 original loose papers, 2 pieces.

Two letters from a young soldier to his family. His unit is unknown, whether state militia, cavalry, or even Georgia. He is possibly the R.P. Brown living in Big Creek, Forsyth Co., GA, on the 1870 census.

3-02 Beaver Family Letters, 1870-1881. 38 items, 49 pieces: 37 original loose papers, 47 pieces; 1 artifact, 2 pieces.

Dallas Co., TX, letters to Brown cousins, F.M., M.E., and T.R., in Big Creek, Forsyth Co., GA. They describe life on the frontier, crops, young peoples' activities, the deaths of Nancy Beaver Gannaway and James Beaver, town life when Andrew and John went to Dallas College, and religious opinions. Other recipients are Sarah E. Howard, W.H. Brooks and Paul Long. A lock of hair is included.

3-3 Lee Family Letters, 1872-1873. 6 original loose papers, 6 pieces.

No location. Letters from M.L. and G.W. Lee to some of the same Howard, Brooks, and Brown persons in the other folders of this series. One is by S.A. Stone. G.W. Lee and W.H. Brooks were brothers-in-law.

3-4 Fannie Nash and Paul M. Long Letters, 1879 and 1881. 7 original loose papers, 9 pieces.

These three letters were written from Texas and from Dahlonga, GA, to the Browns and Howards of Big Creek and Alpharetta, GA.

3-5 Unidentified Correspondence, 1837 and 1860-1885, and n.d. 13 original loose papers, 15 pieces.

Many of these dozen letters have signatures, but the relationship of the authors to the collection is unknown. They were written from Griffin, LaGrange, Madison, Oxford, Savannah, Benning, Carrollton, and Atlanta, GA, Mississippi, and South Carolina.

3-6 Cassville Records, 1863 and 1867. 2 original loose papers, 2 pieces.

Includes a list of those subscribing to the upkeep of the Cassville Cemetery.

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2 3-07 Non-Chunn/Land Legal and Business Papers, 1828-1884, 1908,
and n.d. 26 original loose papers, 28 pieces.

These are from several Georgia counties, including Chatham, Houston, Floyd, and Fulton; also from Alabama, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Includes a South Carolina petition for citizenship by John McMaster (family members listed) from Ireland, 1834, and the Tennessee will of Rosanna Mitchell, 1874. Oversized items in Folder 3-09.

3-8 Printed items, 1861, 1873, and n.d. 7 items, 7 pieces: 3
original loose papers, 3 pieces; 4 printed items, 4 pieces.

Advertisements and newsclippings.

3-9 Oversized Records, 1830-1892 and n.d. 19 items, 19 pieces:
18 original loose papers, 18 pieces; 1 printed item, 1 piece.

Contains material from Folders 1-38, 1-40, 2-06, and 3-07.