

**JOHN WILLIAMS WALKER FAMILY PAPERS,  
1798-1833**

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**SERIES DESCRIPTION AND CONTAINER LISTING**  
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**I. JOHN WILLIAMS WALKER PAPERS, 1798-1823**

This subgroup contains six series further detailed below: A. CORRESPONDENCE, GENERAL, 1810-1823; B. CORRESPONDENCE, FAMILY, 1820-1824; C. FINANCIAL RECORDS, 1805-1823; D. LEGAL RECORDS, 1819-1822; E. POLITICAL PAPERS, 1817-1822; and F. ESTATE RECORDS OF MEMORABLE WALKER, 1798-1804.

**A. CORRESPONDENCE, GENERAL, 1810-1823**

This series contains the correspondence of John Williams Walker. They primarily document his activities in the development of Alabama as a state; his public life as an U.S. Senator; and family matters. A large number of the letters are from Thomas G. Percy, Walker's brother-in-law, who cared for his family and plantation while Walker was in Washington. Subjects discussed include U.S. politics and government; the Creek Indian War, 1813-1814; the Missouri Controversy, 1819-1820; diplomatic relations with Spain and Spanish Florida; the national debt; political appointment requests; and the Transylvania University medical school in Lexington, Kentucky. Alabama topics discussed include the proceedings of the Alabama Legislature; actions of the Alabama governor's office; Walker's appointment as a U.S. Senator; the "Georgia Machine" in Alabama; the "Royal party" of Alabama; the district court of Alabama; petitions to Senator Walker; the Huntsville Planters and Mechanics Bank; and the construction of Federal forts and roads in Alabama. Other subjects discussed include the U.S. Navy; descriptions of U.S. Navy ships; the War of 1812; land law concerning land claims and public land sales; the U. S. Bankruptcy Law concerning debts and debtors; medical practices; weather; crop conditions, marketing, and economics; and postal routes and service. Family matters are also mentioned in the correspondence, including the health of family members and the education of Mary Jane Walker. Major correspondents include Thomas G. Percy; Larkin Newby; Israel Pickens; LeRoy Pope; Charles Tait; General John Coffee; Dr. Samuel Brown; William Wyatt Bibb; and Henry Hitchcock. Arranged chronologically.

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1	1	1810-1819
1	2	1820
1	3	1821
1	4	1822
1	5	1823

**B. CORRESPONDENCE, FAMILY, 1820-1824**

This series consists of letters to Walker. Most are from his brother John Sanders Walker. Other letters are from his sister-in-law Maria Percy, his wife Matilda Pope Walker, and one from Walker to his wife. Subjects discussed include family and personal matters; the health of Governor William Wyatt Bibb; land purchases; horse purchases and sales; crop prices and marketing; postal routes and service; slaves and slavery; traveling in the U. S., Texas, and Alabama; the *Alabama Republic*; the *National Intelligence*; steamboats; weather; river

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**B. CORRESPONDENCE, FAMILY, 1820-1824 (continued)**

conditions; illnesses; and medical practices. Arranged chronologically.  
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**C. FINANCIAL RECORDS, 1805-1823**

This series documents the financial activities— personal and commercial— of John Williams Walker. Topics include the operation of the family plantation; financial obligations; and debts owed to Walker. The records reflect the cost of produce, crops, travel, and shipping. Individuals mentioned or who participated in financial transactions include Henry Graves Walker; LeRoy Pope; Thomas G. Percy; John J. Winston; and Thomas T. Tucker. There are several letters and notes written by Walker. Arranged chronologically.

Box 1, Folder 7

**D. LEGAL RECORDS, 1819-1822**

This series documents certain legal activities of John Williams Walker. Topics include payments by the U.S. government for services rendered; appointments as attorney; Huntsville (Ala.) school fund payments; court records; legal agreements; writ of error for the Bank of the State of Georgia vs. The Bank of the U.S.; and the articles of the Cypress Land Co. Arranged chronologically by year.

Box 1, Folder 8

**E. POLITICAL PAPERS, 1817-1822**

This series contains the political papers of John Williams Walker. Topics include the 1819 constitution for the State of Alabama; apportionment; holdings of the Alabama Territory treasury resulting from public land sales and stock; foreign ambassadors, 1791 and 1821; and provisions for debts in state constitutions. Also included are an announcement of Walker's campaign for the Territorial Legislature to the people of Madison County (Ala.); appointments to the Madison County (Ala.) school committee; Madison County (Ala.) school committee articles; and a report of the Greene Academy treasury, Madison County (Ala.). Also included are resolutions by the Alabama Legislature to Congress concerning the following: negotiations with the Creek and Cherokee Nation; the 1818 Census of the Alabama Territory; the establishment of a road through the Creek Nations; a memorial for Samuel Dale; and the need for the connection of the Tennessee and Alabama rivers. A fourth of July speech by Walker made in 1811 is also in this series. Arranged chronologically.

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**F. ESTATE RECORDS OF MEMORABLE WALKER, 1798-1804**

This series contains papers and documents relating to the settlement of the business affairs of Memorable Walker by John Williams Walker. Topics include debts acquired by the business of Memorable and James Sanders Walker; the partnership of Pope and Walker; and personal debts of Memorable Walker. Records in the series include notes of promise; land sales; receipts of payments; indentures on payments; and relinquishments of interest in the estate of Jeremiah

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### **F. ESTATE RECORDS OF MEMORABLE WALKER, 1798-1804 (continued)**

Walker by James Sanders Walker. Arranged chronologically by year.

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## **II. MATILDA POPE WALKER PAPERS, 1810-1833**

This subgroup contains two series further detailed below: A. LETTERS, FAMILY, 1810-1822; and B. ESTATE RECORDS OF JOHN WILLIAMS WALKER, 1822-1833.

### **A. LETTERS, FAMILY, 1810-1822**

This series contains letters to Matilda Pope Walker from her husband John Williams Walker, her sister Maria Pope Percy, and one letter from Larken Newby. Subjects discussed include traveling in the U.S; family and personal matters; women's fashions; illnesses in the family; and the death of John Williams Walker. Arranged chronologically.

Box 2, Folder 1

### **B. ESTATE RECORDS OF JOHN WILLIAMS WALKER, 1822-1833**

This series contains the papers and documents relating to the settlement of the John Williams Walker estate by Matilda Pope Walker. Topics covered include an inspection report of the estate property and its value; settlement of debts; payments for services rendered; sale of estate property; and state taxes due. The records document the price of cotton, household furnishings, clothing, plantation tools, slaves, a library, and medical services. Business transactions took place with Dr. Robert G. Fearn, husband of Mary Jane Walker; Thomas G. Percy; Andrew Comer; B. M. Lowe; Willie Thompson; F. J. Martin, and others. Arranged chronologically by year.

Box 2, Folder 2

## **III. MARY JANE WALKER LETTERS, 1821-1824**

This series contains Mary Jane Walker's letters to her family while she was a student at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Major subjects include traveling in the U. S.; family and personal matters; school life and studies; entertainment activities; and community affairs. Arranged chronologically.

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2	3	1821
2	4	1822
2	5	1823-1824

## **IV. WALKER FAMILY PAPERS (TYPED TRANSCRIPTS), 1798-1831**

This subgroup has four series further detailed below: A. TYPED TRANSCRIPTS, CHRONOLOGICAL, 1798-1831; B. TYPED TRANSCRIPTS, ALPHABETICAL, 1810-1824; C. TYPED TRANSCRIPTS, FINANCIAL, LEGAL, AND ESTATE RECORDS, 1798-1822; and D. INDEX TO WALKER FAMILY PAPERS (TYPED TRANSCRIPTS), n.d.

#### **IV. WALKER FAMILY PAPERS (TYPED TRANSCRIPTS), 1798-1831 (continued)**

##### **A. TYPED TRANSCRIPTS, CHRONOLOGICAL, 1798-1831**

This series contains the typed-bound transcripts of most of the correspondence within the John Williams Walker family papers. Arranged chronologically.

<u>Box / Folder</u>		
2	6	1798-1819
2	7	1820
2	8	1821
2	9	1822
2	10	1823-1831

##### **B. TYPED TRANSCRIPTS, ALPHABETICAL, 1810-1824**

This series contains the typed-bound transcripts of most of the correspondence within the John Williams Walker family papers. Arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

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3	1	B-N, 1810-1823
3	2	P, 1819-1822
3	3	R-T, 1819-1823
3	4	W, 1820-1824

##### **C. TYPED TRANSCRIPTS, FINANCIAL, LEGAL, AND ESTATE RECORDS, 1798-1822**

This series contains the typed-bound transcripts of most of financial, legal, and estate records within the John Williams Walker family papers. Arranged chronologically by record.

Box 3, Folder 5

##### **D. INDEX TO WALKER FAMILY PAPERS, (TYPED TRANSCRIPTS), n.d.**

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