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SERIES A: CORRESPONDENCE, 1810-1849
This series contains two subseries: 1. Correspondence, Personal, 1810-1832, and 2. Correspondence, Business/Political, 1814-1849.

1. Correspondence, Personal, 1810-1832. Box 1, Folders 1-3
   This subseries contains short letters to and from Richard Blount and his daughter, Mary Ann. They include parental guidance and descriptions of school activities for a young lady in the early nineteenth century. It also contains a letter from Sally Ridley, a cousin, to Mary Ann Blount, that discusses family and personal matters, and a letter from H. Woodley to Blount that informs the latter of the death of his sister. The subseries also contains fragments of family historical information such as the death of family members; a biographical sketch of John W. A. Sanford, Mary Ann Blount's future husband; and a newspaper clipping of the obituary notice of Richard A. Blount. Arranged chronologically by year.

2. Correspondence, Business/Political, 1814-1849. Box 1, Folders 4-5
   This subseries contains a request (fragment) for information on land from Charles Love to Blount; letters from David Henshaw, Bolling Hall, A. J. Clayton, R. L. Gamble to J. R. Tucker, William Holt, and G. M. Troup, and extracts of letters to other individuals from Blount. Subjects discussed include political events, the Troup gubernatorial election, legal matters, trusteeship claims, party politics and Constitutional interpretation, the national bank, voting issues, the murder of Blount's grandson (1843) and the failures of the legal system. Also included in this subseries is Blount’s appointment as aide de camp in the Georgia Militia (2nd Brigade, 2nd Division in 1816) and the order promoting him to the rank of colonel (1817). Arranged chronologically by year.

SERIES B: LEGAL RECORDS, 1814-1861.

1. Deeds, 1837-1849. Box 1, Folders 6-9
   This subseries contains plat drawings and descriptions of land contiguous to the Blount plantation. Also included are documents of indenture for transfer of parcels of land to Blount from Martha Ann Cox, Martha Ann (Cox) Kennedy, and a three way indenture between Martha Ann Cox, Alexander Kennedy, and Blount as trustee. The subseries also contains an undated litigation authorization to pursue land claims in Virginia from the Revolutionary War service of David Edmunds, uncle of Blount's wife, a hand drawn map of the third district (?) of Habersham County, Georgia, and a deed of transfer (1829) for a slave from Blount to his daughter. Arranged chronologically by year.
SERIES B: LEGAL RECORDS, 1814-1861. (Continued)

2. Business Records, 1814-1833. Box 1, Folders 10-11

This subseries contains tax receipts for two and four wheel carriages. Also included is a request for land purchase, ledger sheets for cooperage, labor, cotton sales, and credit extension, and a dowry receipt. Arranged chronologically by year.

3. Estate Records, 1851-1861. Box 1, Folder 12

This subseries contains property listings, slave listings, and various receipts for debts and services pertaining to the settlement of Blount's estate. These include settlement of medical services, deed recording, legal fees, and horse and other animal sales. One listing includes the value and age of 39 slaves. Also contained in the subseries is a deed transfer ring 68 acres of land from Mary Blount to John J. Strange as a result of sale at public auction. Arranged chronologically by year.

SERIES C: OCONEE NAVIGATION ASSOCIATION RECORDS, 1819-1830.

This series contains the executive order naming Blount as a commissioner to examine the practicality of a canal from the Alatamaha to the Turtle and Sappollo rivers. It also includes ledgers, and financial and administrative reports by Blount as treasurer of the Oconee Navigation Association, and Georgia executive department directives for the transfer of remaining funds when the commission was dissolved. Arranged chronologically by year.

SERIES D: JOURNALS, 1794-1848.

This series contains two subseries: 1. Journals and Notes, Personal, 1794-1848; and 2. Journal, Georgia-Alabama Boundary Survey, 1825-1826.

1. Journals and Notes, Personal, 1794-1848. Box 1, Folders 14-16

This subseries contains a sketch of the early and thoughts of Richard A. Blount and journal/diary materials, memoranda, travel accounts and ledgers, family information, commentaries on politics, life, religion, and education. Journal entries in the period 1794-1797 include accounts of daily life, courting, education, reflections on manhood, and Masonry. The subseries also contains descriptions of bolting machinery and gristmill equipment. Also included is an album belonging to Mary Blount, with her commentary on religion, law, and education. It contains poetry, inscriptions, and quotations written by her and others. Arranged chronologically by year.
SERIES D: JOURNALS, 1794-1848. (Continued)

2. Journal, Georgia-Alabama Boundary Survey, 1825-1826. Box 2, Folders 1-4

This subseries contains the correspondence ordering the boundary survey mission, periodic reports by Blount and other commissioners (Joel Crawford and Everard Hamilton), a journal of the mission written by Blount, hand drawn maps, and expense records. Copies of correspondence between Gov. A. P. Bagby of Alabama and Gov. G. M. Troup of Georgia discuss the agreements for the project, as well as the difficulties. The journals and reports show the problems the party encountered during their survey and also describe the country and encounters with Indians. Arranged chronologically by year.

SERIES E: RELIGIOUS RECORDS, 1793-1848. Box 2, Folders 5-7

This series contains sermons, prayers, and notes written at various times during Blount's life. Included is a clothbound booklet of verses, religious writings, extracts of religious history, and obituaries copied by Blount. The series also includes extracts from Bishop Francis Asbury’s (Methodist Episcopal Church) of 1771-1784. With the extracts is a copy of a letter written by John Wesley to Bishop Asbury. The series also contains the minutes of the Fourth Annual Methodist Protestant Church General Conference, Blount's handwritten extracts from the history of Methodism, and the document ordaining Blount as an Elder in 1839. With it is a brief personal history of his religious activities. Arranged chronologically by year.

SERIES F: TRANSCRIPTS, 1792-1849. Box 3 - Box 4

This series contains handwritten transcripts and typescripts duplicating most of the documents in the collection. Unarranged.