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Number 1131 and M-1794

NAME: MORRISON, ROBERT HALL, 1798-1889

PAPERS

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1820-1882

STATES: N.C.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: about 250 items and microfilm

ACQUISITION:

1946-1954

DESCRIPTION:

Robert Hall Morrison, D.D., Presbyterian preacher and first president of Davidson College, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. His brother James Morrison (1795-1870), also a Presbyterian preacher and teacher, moved from North Carolina to Rockbridge County, Virginia.

Family correspondence, North Carolina and Alabama, including more than fifty letters from R. H. Morrison to his brother James. Also, business papers of R. H. Morrison relating to property and other interests in Tennessee and Arkansas, managed by his agents. Autobiography (microfilm of a typescript) of the Reverend Elam Johnston Morrison (1800-1825).

Unpublished description in the library.

Date of this record 7-19-62

By: Allan

Sent to LC 7-25-62

(Name changed from MORRISON PAPERS, #1131 in March, 1963)

SOUTHERN HISTORICAL COLLECTION, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Accession No. 1131-A.

Date July 20, 1946

N.C. ✓
Va. ✓

Name of Collection ROBERT HALL MORRISON PAPERS, 1820-(1859)1882.

Given X
Deposited
Sent for copying
Sent for microfilming
} by ~~Mrs. A. L. Bondurant Oxford, Mississippi~~ in memory of her husband

See back page; Gift of R.H. Morrison II, May 29, 1954

OTHER TERMS:

If possible, make photostat (too expensive) copies for Davidson College. If that is not possible, Make typed copies. make 4 copies: 1st for Davidson College, 2nd for Col. R. H. Morrison of Charlotte, 3rd for use here. + might as well make one for Mrs. Bondurant too.

Date and method of arrival: Received by mail from Dr. Chalmers Davidson of Davidson College, 7-19-46, who got them from Col. R. H. Morrison who had had them a number of years. (though they were not his)

See letter from C. Davidson 7-16-46

PRELIMINARY DESCRIPTION: 56 items. 4 folders

Letters written to the Rev. James Morrison (1795-1870), native of Cabarrus (then Mecklenburg) County, graduate of the University of N.C., Presbyterian preacher and teacher, who settled in Rockbridge County, Va:

53 of the letters are from the Rev. Robert Hall Morrison, D.D., (1798-1889), first pres. of Davidson College, and were written from the college and from Lincoln County, N. C., 1820-82.

Two letters are from Rev. Elam J. Morrison (1800-1825), and one is from Rev. James E. Morrison (1805-).

Filed with the letters is a brief sketch of Morrison family information.

Note for some additional genealogical material, see letter from R.H. Morrison II, to Dr. Hamilton, May 29, 1954

SUBSEQUENT HISTORY L-3 in 019 - 7-25-46
To MS Room Not yet.

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to Miss Bishop to copy 6-29-48.

1st sent to Dr. C. Davidson, July 5, 1949 = ack -
2 sent boxes held, thru Col. R. H. Morrison, Charlotte 7/15/49 Sent their
3rd quiet repair room & bind - 7/15/49 -
4th put with extra copies, stor room, shelf - K.O - 7/15/49
(this copy sent as gift to Educational Foundation, Westreat UC - Dr. T. H. Spence - 8/20/49)

1821 Beverly Dr. Charlotte NC

This was registered as from Mrs. Bomdurant, as Dr. Hamilton advised that the papers, belonging to her, had been lent to Mr. Morrison. **See Mr. Chas. E. Rush's acknowledgment to Col. R. H. Morrison, July 1946.**
See letter from Mr. R H.Morrison, May 29, 1954, to D. Hamilton

SOUTHERN HISTORICAL COLLECTION, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Accession No. 1131-B

Date JUNE 1954

See survey.

Name of Collection ROBERT HALL MORRISON PAPERS.

Given X
Deposited
Sent for copying
Sent for microfilming
by Mr. Robert Hall Morrison, II
1821 Beverly Drive
Charlotte 7, N. C.

OTHER TERMS:

Date and method of arrival: Box received which was shipped with donor's letter of June 4, 1954.

PRELIMINARY DESCRIPTION:

Papers of Robert Hall Morrison, D. D., (1798-1889) and other members of the Morrison family, which are chiefly business papers relating to R. H. Morrison's property and interests in Tennessee and Arkansas.

This group, when added to and merged with the four folders listed in July 1946, makes at total collection of 15 folders and 1 package of bills and receipts.

See surveys attached.

SUBSEQUENT HISTORY

Merge and File A & B (15 folders and 1 package of bills and receipts).

June 1954

ROBERT HALL
MORRISON
PAPERS, 1820-82.
15 folders and 1 pkge. of bills
& receipts.

North Carolina

#1131
(A & B)

Robert Hall

The Morrison papers include the 56 items (four folders) received in July 1946, consisting largely of letters from Robert Hall Morrison, D.D. (1798-1889) to the Reverend James Morrison (1795-1870), and the group received in June 1954, which consist chiefly of papers of Dr. Robert Hall Morrison, Lincoln County, North Carolina, relating to his property in Tennessee and Arkansas, being handled by various agents, and also letters, 1820-34, from members of the Morrison family in Dallas County, Alabama.

There is a bound typed copy of the 56 items which were received in July 1946, and a three-page survey of the contents.

All the manuscripts have now been merged in one chronological series.

The papers are the gift of Mr. Robert Hall Morrison, II, 1821 Beverly Drive, Charlotte 7, North Carolina

Morrison family.

DESCRIPTION

1820-34 (2 folders)
Letters from James McEwen Morrison, of Rocky River community about ten miles from Concord, North Carolina, who had moved with seven other families to Dallas County, Alabama, written to his sister Sarah and her husband Andrew Walker. James was an older brother of Robert Hall Morrison (1798-1889). The letters contain chiefly family news. There are also some receipts, power-of-attorney, and Walker items.

The papers of the Rev. James E. Morrison for this period consist of letters from his cousin Robert Hall Morrison and two letters from the Rev. Elam J. Morrison.

1837-52 (2 folders)
The letters for this period are almost entirely from Robert Hall Morrison at Cottage Home, Lincoln County, N. C., to the Rev. James Morrison at Brownsburg, Virginia, and were included in the group that were copied in 1948-49.

Beginning in 1853 and continuing until his death in 1860, J. B. Maclin, at Oak Hill, Wesley, Tennessee, wrote steadily to R. H. Morrison at Cottage Home in regard to Morrison's Tennessee property which was being managed by Maclin. These letters are concerned with renting lands, buying and selling, collecting notes due to Morrison, and with general economic and agricultural conditions in Tennessee. After Maclin's death, other agents kept Morrison informed about his affairs in Tennessee. Maclin kept Morrison informed also of the progress of the building of railroad tracks in the neighborhood and of Presbyterian church matters and news of LaGrange college.

From about 1855 onwards, there are some itemized bills and receipts among the papers for each year. There is also a package of unarranged bills and receipts at the end of the series (after folder #15).

From 1858 onwards, there are letters to R. H. Morrison from agents in Arkansas, who were locating Morrison's land warrants, paying his Arkansas taxes, and caring for his interests especially in Hempstead and Lafayette counties.

The correspondence between James Morrison and R. H. Morrison continues through all the years and has been merged with the Tenn. and Ark. business papers.

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(Chronological analysis, 1853-82)

1853-54. 1 folder.

Letters from J. B. Maclin, Tipton County, Tenn., R. H. Morrison, Lincoln County, N. C., and bills and receipts. Possibility of railroad coming through Morrison's Tennessee property. Morrison's comments on the "Go Ahead" mania and excessive speed in America. The locating of the Synodical college at Lagrange, Tenn. Progress of the railroad building.

1855-56. 1 folder

Maclin and R. H. Morrison letters continued: Morrison mentions Maxwell Chambers's 300,000 legacy to Davidson college, comments on wars in Europe and disease at home, plans for Davidson college campus and work done on his own house. Maclin writes of business matters, college at Lagrange and Presbyterian pulpits.

1857. 1 folder.

8 letters from J. B. Maclin mostly about selling property for Morrison and financial arrangements. 1 letter from R. H. Morrison to James Morrison--news of family and friends, comments on President's message and British colonial policy. Bills and accounts.

1858. 1 folder.

7 letters from Maclin about Tipton County, Tenn., business. A few other business papers including items from C. J. Duffee, agent, Camden, Arkansas, about locating land warrants for R. H. Morrison. Bills and accounts. One letter from R. H. Morrison to James Morrison, mentioning Anna and Major [Thos. J.] Jackson.

1859. 1 folder.

Letters from Duffee in Arkansas and Maclin in Tennessee, continued. Prices of Tennessee land and comments on fortunes of those moving to the Mississippi River bottom lands. R. H. Morrison to James at Christiansburg, comments on Board of Trustees meeting and on Maj. Hill's school in Charlotte, the Harpers Ferry affair, etc.

1860. 1 folder.

Macklin and Duffee business letters continued. Two letters from W. G. Kimbrough, Haywood County, Tenn., Morrison's new agent, after Maclin died leaving a wife and ten children.

1861. 1 folder.

Arkansas letters (C. J. Duffee) concerning Lafayette and Sevier county properties, addressed to R. H. Morrison and also to his son Wm. W. Morrison at the Navy Dept. in Washington. Nov. 30, Letter commenting on war conditions at Washington, Arkansas. Dec. 25, Benj. H. Ligon agrees to be Morrison's agent in Tipton County, Tenn.

1862-68. 1 folder.

Scattered letters and related business papers and tax receipts from Morrison's Tennessee and Arkansas agents. Feb. 1864, Two letters from H. M. Morrison [son of James McEwen Morrison], with the 19th Miss. Vols. at Orange Court House, Va., to his uncle and aunt, thanking them for food, telling them he is now a chaplain, and mentioning members of the Morrison family.

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1869-76. 2 folders.
Papers relating to R. H. Morrison's property in Tennessee and Arkansas. Problem of getting taxes paid; a variety of agents involved. Morrison's post office bills.

1877-82. 1 folder.
Scattered papers, 1877, 1878, 1880, 1881, addressed to R. H. Morrison at Lowesville, N. C., chiefly concerning his(Mason) Tennessee business. March 14, 1882, R. H. Morrison to Rev. and Dear Brother about his McEwen family connection.

1 package containing unarranged bills and beceipts.

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MORRISON PAPERS, 1820-82.
56 items (MSS), and a typed bound copy of the same.

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1823-1882
N.C

56 items, original letters acquired by Sou.Hist.Collection in July 1946. Typed copy made in 1948-49.

Letters written to the Reverend James Morrison(1795-1870), native of Cabarrus(then Mecklenburg County), graduate of the University of North Carolina, Presbyterian minister and teacher, who settled in Brownsburg, Rockbridge County, Va. There is one letter from his cousin, the Rev. James E. Morrison(1805-1892); and two from the Rev. Elam J. Morrison(1800-1825), also a cousin. The bulk of the material, however,(53 letters) is from the Rev. Robert Hall Morrison(1798-1889), another cousin, native of Cabarrus (then Mecklenburg) County, graduate of the University of N.C.,1818, student then for a while at Princeton University, a Presbyterian minister with churches in Cabarrus and Mecklenburg Counties and at Fayetteville, N.C. Robert Hall Morrison was first president of Davidson College, retiring later to a home he built in Lincoln County, afterwards holding pastorates near there. He had ten children to live to maturity;

William W.; Joseph Graham, Robert Hall, Alfred James. Isabella, married General D.H.Hill,CSA; Harriet married James Patton Irwin, Charlotte, N.C., and lived for a while in Mobile, Ala.; Anna married General Thomas J. Jackson, CSA; Eugenia married General Rufus Barringer, CSA; Susan Washington married Major Alphonzo C.Avery, CSA, Morganton, N.C; Laura married Colonel John E. Brown, CSA, Charlotte.

The letters are written from pastorates in Cabarrus County, N.C. and Fayetteville, N.C., from Davidson College, and from "Cottage Home", his farm in Lincoln County. In them he tells of church work, family and neighborhood affairs, trips, current events, reading, health. He writes about plans for starting Davidson College, and there are a few letters while he served as its first president.

Among other details are:

July 21, 1823, Leesburg, Va. from the Rev. Elam J. Morrison, tells of work there, people, etc.

June 1825, Frederick City, Md., from E.J.M., describes trip to Phila.& N.Y.

Apr. 20 1832, Pioneer Mills, Cabarrus County, N.C., from the Rev. James E. Morrison, tells of community, friends and family.

From the Rev. Robert Hall Morrison

1820, Feb. 12, Cabarrus County,N.C., mentions Sunday Schools for Negroes, also his anti-slavery ideas, and colonisation societies

1821, July 17, trip to Philadelphia and Princeton. Morrison writes about qualities to be desired in a wife, and asks many questions about a certain lady.

Nov. 2, from Providence, Mecklenburg County, N.C., writes about starting correspondence with a young lady; Nov. 12, tells of death of his father in Charlotte

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1822, March 8, Fayetteville, N.C. visiting there after a call to that Presbyterian Church
April 10, writes of accepting the call
July 27, about Fayetteville, the Church, people, etc.
1822, several references to need of a Church College.
1823, May 26, writes his ideas of the Episcopal Church and its influences. Writes again of his getting married, in a general way.
1837, June 14. From Davidson College. Writes of the new college, faculty and students. Mentions sale of Negroes in settlement of estate of General Graham; shaky condition of financial affairs, cotton unsold, etc.; his purchasing some land at "nominal prices"; great interest in silk culture.
1838, Dec. 20, struggle with N.C. legislature about charter for Davidson College
1840, Writes of resignation from Davidson College
1841, June 19, Cottage Home, second day of residence there. Anxieties about Davidson College; comments on low prices, cotton, etc.
1842, November 14. Letters from Cottage Home, Lincoln County, N.C. marked "Free" from R.H. Morrison, postmaster
1845, April 4, Mention of mining gold on Morrison's place, efforts keeping Negores employed, low prices for farm products
1846, Writes regarding trip of his son William home from Virginia by stage and tracing the route. Previous mention of William staying with his cousin, James Morrison, and going to school; passes on to James Morrison news of his, J.M's, father's death at Pioneer Mills, Cabarrus Co.
1847, April 13, discussion of news from Mexican war; discussion of methods of farming
1850, April 29, mentions daughter Harriet, married to Mr. Irwin, of Mobile, Ala.
1851, Jan. 6, mentions smallpox in N.C., near the Morrison home; discusses methods of gathering corn and requests criticism of same or further information
Feb. 24, mentions methods of making and increasing amount of animal fertilizer in barn lot and pens
Sept. 1, mention of daughter Isabella and husband, Mr. Hill, (Genl. D.H. Hill), living in Lexington, Va.
August, 1852, mentions holding Temperance meeting, Mecklenburg Co.
1853 March 7, comment on German Reformed Church in general, and their plans for building a college at Newton, Catawba Co. N.C.
August 23, mentions a comet

1858 -15, mentions the military school in Charlotte and fact that Major Jackson, his son-in-law, had been asked to take charge but declined; supposition that Mr. Hill would do so; smallpox in Charlotte

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1859, Nov. 28, describes the military school at Charlotte; mentions panic about the Harpers Ferry affair
1882, March 14, genealogical notes, Hall, McEwen and Morrison families

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MORRISON, ROBERT HALL, 1798-1889
PAPERS, 1820-1888

No. 1131

Abstract: Robert Hall Morrison, Presbyterian minister and educator from Lincoln County, N.C., and father of Mary Anna Jackson (1831-1915), Stonewall Jackson's wife.

Letters written to and from members of the Morrison family, financial papers of Robert Hall Morrison, and miscellaneous papers. The letters, chiefly from Robert Hall Morrison to his cousin James Morrison, discuss family matters; business of the Presbyterian Church in North Carolina; Robert Hall Morrison's work in the establishment and administration of Davidson College; details of his congregations in Cabarrus and Mecklenburg counties; his religious convictions; his views against slavery and secession; and agricultural activities on his Cottage Home Plantation. Robert Hall Morrison's financial papers consist of letters from agents managing his property in Tipton County, Tenn., and Lafayette and Sevier counties, Ark., detailing his business concerns; problems in conducting business during secession, the Civil War, and Reconstruction; and the construction of the Cairo and Fulton Railroad and the Memphis and Ohio Railroad. There are also receipts for his expenses and tax payments in North Carolina, Arkansas, and Tennessee. Miscellaneous papers include letters from members of the Morrison family in Dallas County, Ala., and two letters from a chaplain in the Army of Northern Virginia during the Civil War.

Online Catalog Terms:

Abolitionists--North Carolina.
Agriculture--North Carolina--History--19th century.
Cabarrus County (N.C.)--Religion--19th century.
Cabarrus County (N.C.)--Social life and customs--19th century.
Cairo and Fulton Railroad.
Confederate States of America. Army--Chaplains.
Cottage Home Plantation (Lincoln County, N.C.).
Dallas County (Ala.)--Social life and customs--19th century.
Davidson College--History--19th century.
Education, Higher--North Carolina--History--19th century.
Jackson, Mary Anna, 1831-1915.
Lafayette County (Ark.)--Economic conditions--19th century.
Lincoln County (N.C.)--Religion--19th century.
Lincoln County (N.C.)--Social life and customs--19th century.
Mecklenburg County (N.C.)--Religion--19th century.
Mecklenburg County (N.C.)--Social life and customs--19th century.
Memphis and Ohio Railroad.
Morrison, James, 1795-1870.
Morrison, Robert Hall, 1798-1889.
Morrison family.
Plantations--North Carolina--Lincoln County.
Presbyterian Church--North Carolina--Clergy--History--19th century.
Presbyterian Church--North Carolina--Education--History--19th century.
Reconstruction--Arkansas.
Reconstruction--Tennessee.

Secession.
Sevier County (Ark.)--Economic conditions--19th century.
Tipton County (Tenn.)--Economic conditions--19th century.
Universities and colleges--North Carolina--History--19th century.

Size: 344 items (0.5 linear feet).

Provenance: Received from Mrs. A. L. Bondurant of Oxford, Miss., in 1946 and Robert Hall Morrison II of Charlotte, N.C., in 1954.

Access: No restrictions.

Processing Note: This collection was rehoused under the sponsorship of a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Office of Preservation, Washington, D.C., 1990-1992.

Related Collections: Elam Johnston Morrison Autobiography (#M-1794)

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INTRODUCTION

Biographical Note

Robert Hall Morrison, son of William Morrison (d. 1821), was born in 1798 in the Rocky River community near Concord, Mecklenburg (now Cabarrus) County, N.C. He attended the University of North Carolina, graduating in 1818, and studied theology at Princeton. He entered the ministry of the Presbyterian Church and was pastor to congregations in Mecklenburg and Cabarrus counties, and, later, in Fayetteville, N.C., until he became the first president of Davidson College, Mecklenburg County, in 1837. He resigned from the college in 1840 due to ill health and retired to his Cottage Home Plantation in Lincoln County, North Carolina. He continued to preach in that county at the Machpelah Presbyterian Church until his death in 1889.

Robert Hall Morrison married Mary Graham (1801-1864), daughter of General Joseph Graham of Lincoln County. They had ten children who lived to adulthood. Their sons were William W., who worked for his uncle Senator William Alexander Graham in the U.S. Department of the Navy; Joseph Graham, who served on General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson's staff during the Civil War; Robert Hall; and Alfred James. Several of their daughters were married to prominent leaders of the Confederacy: Isabella to General Daniel Harvey Hill, Mary Anna (1831-1915) to General Thomas Jonathan ("Stonewall") Jackson; Eugenia to General Rufus Clay Barringer; Susan Washington to Major Alphonso Calhoun Avery; Harriet to James Patton Irwin; and Laura to Colonel John E. Brown.

Robert Hall Morrison's elder brother, James McEwen Morrison, left North Carolina in 1816 for Dallas County, Ala., where he served as sheriff. In 1835, he and his family moved to Water Valley, Miss. James McEwen Morrison's son, Hugh McEwen Morrison, served as chaplain in the 19th Regiment, Mississippi Volunteers, Army of Northern Virginia, during the Civil War. Robert Hall Morrison's sister Sally married Andrew Walker of Concord, Cabarrus County, N.C.

The Reverend James Morrison (1795-1870), son of John Morrison, was a third cousin of Robert Hall Morrison. He was born in the Rocky River community and, following graduation from the University of North Carolina in 1814, moved to Rockbridge County, Va., where he served as minister to the New Providence Presbyterian Church until his death. First cousins to James Morrison and third cousins to Robert Hall Morrison were the Reverend James Elijah Morrison (b. 1805) and the Reverend Elam Johnston Morrison (1800-1825), both Presbyterian ministers in North Carolina and Virginia.

MORRISON, ROBERT HALL, 1798-1889
PAPERS, 1820-1888

No. 1131

Collection Overview

This collection consists of letters from the Reverend Dr. Robert Hall Morrison to his cousin the Reverend James Morrison, detailing personal matters, family activities, religious convictions, and Presbyterian Synod business; letters and receipts of Robert Hall Morrison from various agents managing his property in Tennessee and Arkansas; receipts and legal documents of Robert Hall Morrison for household and business expenses and payment of taxes in North Carolina, Tennessee, and Arkansas; and letters to and from other members of the Morrison family in Alabama and North Carolina, including two letters from a chaplain in the Army of Northern Virginia during the Civil War.

The arrangement scheme is as follows:

Series 1. Letters to the Reverend James Morrison, 1820-1859 (55 items).

Series 2. Financial Papers of the Reverend Dr. Robert Hall Morrison, 1853-1888 (276 items).

Series 3. Other Papers, 1820-1888 (13 items).

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series 1. Letters to the Reverend James Morrison

1820-1859. 55 items.
Arrangement: chronological.

Letters to the Reverend James Morrison from members of the Morrison family, particularly Robert Hall Morrison.

Two letters, dated 1820s, are from the Reverend Elam Johnston Morrison in Virginia and Maryland, regarding church matters and meetings, his travels and negative impressions of New York City, and the Presbyterian Church's friendship and rivalry with the Episcopal Church. A letter from the Reverend James Elijah Morrison in North Carolina discusses the evangelical movement in North Carolina in the 1830s, church business, and family matters.

The bulk of the correspondence is from the Reverend Dr. Robert Hall Morrison, 1820-1859. These letters detail Robert Hall Morrison's entry into the ministry, his religious beliefs, and his activities in the North Carolina Presbyterian Synod. He also discussed in detail the congregations of his churches in the Rocky River community and in Fayetteville, N.C., as well as the activities of other ministers in North Carolina.

In the 1820s, Robert Hall Morrison wrote of his abhorrence of slavery and support of the Colonization Society in Sierra Leone; his feelings on the Missouri Compromise; his opinions on education, his founding of the North Carolina Education Society in 1822, and his work to establish a "Western College" in North Carolina (later Davidson College); missionary work of the Presbyterian Church; the Presbyterian Church's rivalry with the Episcopal Church in North Carolina ("The West they cannot move. The East they will gain in a measure."); and anecdotes concerning local preachers and members of his congregations. Other topics mentioned in the letters were the deaths of James Morrison's mother and Robert Hall Morrison's father; a mysterious and ultimately unsuccessful romance arranged by James Morrison between Robert Hall Morrison and Martha Lyle of Rockbridge County, Va.; and the establishment of Ravenscroft Academy in Raleigh, N.C.

There is a large gap in the letters between 1823 and 1837, by which time Robert Hall Morrison was serving as president of Davidson College, had married Mary Graham, and had six children with her. He wrote mostly in the period between 1837 and 1840 of everyday life at Davidson College, including problems of discipline and punishment of the students; the low price of cotton and slaves and the poor economy; his attempts to establish a silk industry; and his advocacy of cotton and woolen mills in North Carolina as a replacement for the slave-based cotton industry. He also discussed in detail the problems Davidson College encountered in establishing its charter with the North Carolina legislature, including that body's criticisms of the Presbyterian Church and arguments against the school on the basis of the separation of church and state.

Following Robert Hall Morrison's resignation as president of Davidson College and his retirement to his Cottage Home Plantation in Lincoln County, N.C., he became more interested in agriculture and planting, asking James Morrison for advice on crop rotation, composting, and cover-crop planting. Regarding Davidson College, he wrote about Maxwell Chambers's legacy of $300,000 to the school, of new buildings and expansion, and of his continued troubles in trying to find competent administrators. He described finding a gold mine on his property and his attempts to mine it. He discussed his return to preaching at a new church in Lincoln County called Machpelah; his sentiments against Catholics, Mormons, and immigrants; and his anti-expansionist views against the Mexican War and the invasion of Cuba in 1851. He also commented on both United States and North Carolina elections and the handling of the Harpers Ferry incident. He was virulently anti-Secessionist and complained about the "Croakers" in the deep South calling for secession in the 1850s. He also frequently mentioned his son William W. Morrison, who worked for William Alexander Graham in the United States Department of the Navy, and his daughters Harriet, Anna, and Laura and their respective spouses James Patton Irwin, Thomas J. ("Stonewall") Jackson, and Daniel Harvey Hill, including Irwin's activities in Alabama and D. H. Hill's teaching career in Lexington, Va., and Charlotte, N.C.

There is a typed transcription of all materials in Series 1.

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Folder 6	1846-1851
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Folder 8	1852
Folder 9	1853-1859
Folder 10	Typed transcription of Series 1. (Letters from Elam Johnston Morrison and James Elijah Morrison are placed at the beginning of the transcription, out of chronological order. The last letter in the transcription, dated 1888, is in Series 3, Folder 23).

<u>Series 2.</u> <u>Financial Papers of Robert Hall Morrison, 1853-1888</u>
1853-1888. 276 items.
Arrangement: chronological.

Letters from various agents who managed property belonging to Robert Hall Morrison in Tipton County, Tenn., and Lafayette and Sevier counties, Ark., as well as financial and legal documents and receipts for household expenses and taxes in North Carolina, Tennessee, and Arkansas.

From 1853 to 1860, Morrison's agent in Tennessee was J. M.

Maclin of Oak Hill. Maclin's letters are concerned with tax payments and problems with tenants on the land; news of the new Memphis and Ohio Railroad being built in the county; local church news and religious sentiment in Tennessee; and local crops, weather, and illnesses. Other items mentioned include the exodus of many Tennessee planters to Mississippi in search of better land for cotton planting; Maclin's involvement in the establishment of a Synodical College at La Grange, Tenn., and the election of Daniel Harvey Hill to a chair of mathematics at the College in 1857. In 1860, Maclin died, and Morrison used a series of agents in his place: W. G. Kimbrough, Berry H. Ligor, J. W. Maclin, and C. E. Seay. Letters from these agents deal with problems with renters and taxes; the legal and financial complications of the changes between the Confederate States of America and the United States; the poor market in cotton and land prices during the Civil War; and some description of attitudes towards secession, the Civil War, and Reconstruction in Tennessee.

In 1858, Morrison purchased land in Lafayette County, and later Sevier County, Ark., and employed Cornelius J. Duffee to be his agent in that state. Duffee's letters are primarily concerned with land prices, taxes, and some local news, including the burning of Camden, Ark., by arsonists and the regulations and structure of Arkansas' "Swampland Department" and its involvement with the construction of railroads in the state. Duffee wrote extensively about the 1860 election in Arkansas and pro-Unionist sentiment in that state. He also mentioned the take-over of the United States Arsenal in Little Rock by state troops on 9 February 1861; the Arkansas legislature's discussions of secession in 1860-1861; Arkansas's fear of invasion by federal troops in Missouri; and the problems of conducting business during secession and the Civil War. Duffee died in 1862. Morrison then employed W. W. Andrews, J. M. Montgomery, Henry G. Rind (who resigned his post to live and teach in the Choctaw Indian Nation in Polk County, Ark.), H. H. Cleary, B. C. Kinsworthy, and Henry Moore as his agents in Lafayette and Sevier counties, Ark. These agents' letters are primarily concerned with Morrison's problems with taxes, the construction of the Cairo and Fulton Railroad through Morrison's land, soft land prices, and increases in taxes due to reconstruction and the Radical Party in Arkansas.

There are also receipts for this period for Morrison's household expenses in North Carolina, several financial and legal documents, and records for payment of his taxes in North Carolina, Arkansas, and Tennessee.

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Series 3. Other Papers
1820-1888. 12 items.
Arrangement: chronological.

This series consists of legal documents and letters from James McEwen Morrison in Selma, Dallas County, Ala., to his brother-in-law and attorney, Andrew Walker in Concord, Cabarrus County, N.C., between 1820 and 1834. The letters discuss family matters; news of crops, illnesses, and weather; the avarice of the Presbyterian Church; the buying and selling of slaves; and the settling of Morrison's mother's estate in North Carolina. There is also one letter dated 1829 from Ziza Morrison in Shelbyville, Tenn., to his cousin Andrew Walker in North Carolina, informing him of Morrison's marriage and family news; and two letters from Hugh McEwen Morrison (son of James McEwen Morrison), a chaplain in the 19th Regiment, Mississippi Volunteers, Army of Northern Virginia, to his aunt Sally Walker and uncle Cyrus Alexander in 1864, in which he discussed his war experiences ("I have seen seven battles and I have seen men mowed down like wheat and scattered life chaff yet I have not been hurt") and news of his cousins William Morrison, Joseph Morrison, and Anna Morrison Jackson. The last letter in the series, dated 1882, is from Robert Hall Morrison to an unknown individual, answering a query about his mother's family, the McEwens of North Carolina.

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MORRISON, ROBERT HALL, 1798-1889
PAPERS, 1820-1888

No. 1131

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Rev. James Elijah Morrison, was son of Samuel Morrison, and Rev. Elam Johnston Morrison, was a son of James Morrison, Jr.& Rev. James Morrison, was a son of John Morrison, all three of these ministers being grandsons of James Morrison from [1814] Scotland,- Rev. James Morrison graduated from UNC in 1815, and after being a tutor there for several years settled in Rockbridge Co., Va., where he preached and conducted schools for many years. He had a large family. (1795- 1870) AB 1814 AB 1819

Rev. Robert Hall Morrison, D.D., founder of Davidson College, was a son of William Morrison, and a grandson of Robert Morrison from Scotland, who was a brother of James Morrison above. Rev. Hall was therefore a third cousin of the other three ministers, Rev. Elijah, Rev. Elam, and Rev. James, who were first cousins. Rev. Robt. Hall had an only brother, James McEwen who moved to Alabama in 1816, and to Miss. in 1834. (1798-1889) AB 1818

James Morrison was born in Scotland in 1726, and Robert in 1728, they together with a third brother, John, emigrated to Pennsylvania in or about the year 1750, and thence to the Rocky River community, of what was then Mecklenburg, but now Cabarrus Co. N.C., in 1764. (ver.)

All of the above ministers were prepared for college under the Rev. John McKamie Willson, pastor of Rocky River church who sent tweaty five of his pupils to the ministry.

Rev. Robert Hall Morrison, and his cousin Rev. Elam Johnston Morrison went together to Chapel Hill in July 1815 and graduated in 1818, being Classmates of President James K. Polk, and of the noted Bishop Green of Miss. it has been said that Hall Morrison and James Polk tied for first honors in their class, (1800-1825) AB 1818

Rev. Elam J. Morrison preached for a time at Leesburg, Va., and also at Winchester, Va.. He died at the age of 26 of Tuberculosis as the result of having been thrown from a horse and having his chest crushed. Rev. J. Elijah Morrison preached at Wadesboro, N.C., and other places in that section for a number of years. Rev. R. Hall Morrison, resigned from Davidson Coll[illegible] in 1840 due to ill health, He settled in Lincoln Co. N.C., recovered his health and preached there for the next forty years. He died in 1889 at the age of 90 yrs. & 8 mos.

[R. H. and James were 3rd cousins. James, E. J. and J.E. were first cousins.]

Rev. Dr. Robert Hall Morrison, D.D. born in the Rocky River Church community, ten miles from Concord, N.C., graduated from the University of North Carolina in the Class of 1818. Two years prior to that date his eldest and only brother , James McEwen Morrison, with seven other families from Rocky River moved to Dallas Co. Ala. There they established old Valley Creek Church, and McEwen Morrison was one of the original elders. He was sherriff of Dallas Co. for 12 years. In 1835 he with others moved to Water Valley, Miss. where he, his children, and others established Octocolaffa Church, where he was an original elder. These letters were written by J. McEwen Morrison to his eldest sister, Mrs. Sarah Morrison Walker, and her husband, Andrew Walkes. There are also two letters from his son, Rev. Hugh McEwen Morrison, written during the Civil War, to his aunt Sarah Walker, and to Dr. Cyrus Alexander who had married his father's youngest sister Erixine Morrison. J. McEwen Morrison's second sister Margaret Morrison, Married John Kimmons, and went with the others to Ala, and later to Miss. Their son, Dr. Harvey Kimmons, attended Davidson College while his uncle Rev. Dr. R.H. Morrison was president there.

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June 3, 1954.

Robert Hall Morrison, II

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June 1954

ROBERT HALL
MORRISON North Carolina
PAPERS, 1820-82. #1131
15 folders and 1 pkge. of bills (A & B)
& receipts.

The Robert Hall Morrison papers include the 56 items (four folders) received in July 1946, consisting largely of letters from Robert Hall Morrison, D.D. (1798-1889) to the Reverend James Morrison (1795-1870), and the group received in June 1954, which consist chiefly of papers of Dr. Robert Hall Morrison, Lincoln County, North Carolina, relating to his property in Tennessee and Arkansas, being handled by various agents, and also letters, 1820-34, from members of the Morrison family in Dallas County, Alabama.

There is a bound typed copy of the 56 items which were received in July 1946, and a three-page survey of the contents.

All the manuscripts have now been merged in one chronological series.

The papers are the gift of Mr. Robert Hall Morrison, II, 1821 Beverly Drive, Charlotte 7, North Carolina

DESCRIPTION

1820-34 (2 folders)
Letters from James McEwen Morrison, of Rocky River community about ten miles from Concord, North Carolina, who had moved with seven other families to Dallas County, Alabama, written to his sister Sarah and her husband Andrew Walker. James was an older brother of Robert Hall Morrison (1798-1889). The letters contain chiefly family news. There are also some receipts, power-of-attorney, and Walker items.
The papers of the Rev. James E. Morrison for this period consist of letters from his cousin Robert Hall Morrison and two letters from the Rev. Elam J. Morrison.

1837-52 (2 folders)
The letters for this period are almost entirely from Robert Hall Morrison at Cottage Home, Lincoln County, N. C., to the Rev. James Morrison at Brownsburg, Virginia, and were included in the group that were copied in 1948-49.

Beginning in 1853 and continuing until his death in 1860, J. B. Maclin, at Oak Hill, Wesley, Tennessee, wrote steadily to R. H. Morrison at Cottage Home in regard to Morrison's Tennessee property which was being managed by Maclin. These letters are concerned with renting lands, buying and selling, collecting notes due to Morrison, and with general economic and agricultural conditions in Tennessee. After Maclin's death, other agents kept Morrison informed about his affairs in Tennessee. Maclin kept Morrison informed also of the progress of the building of railroad tracks in the neighborhood and of Presbyterian church matters and news of LaGrange college.
From about 1855 onwards, there are some itemized bills and receipts among the papers for each year. There is also a package of unarranged bills and receipts at the end of the series (after folder #15).
From 1858 onwards, there are letters to R. M. Morrison from agents in Arkansas, who were locating Morrison's land warrants, paying his Arkansas taxes, and caring for his interests especially in Hempstead and Lafayette counties.
The correspondence between James Morrison and R. H. Morrison continues through all the years and has been merged with the Tenn. and Ark. business papers.

ROBERT HALL #1131

MORRISON PAPERS

(Chronological analysis, 1853-82)

1853-54. 1 folder.

Letters from J. B. Maclin, Tipton County, Tenn., R. H. Morrison, Lincoln County, N. C., and bills and receipts. Possibility of railroad coming through Morrison's Tennessee property. Morrison's comments on the "Go Ahead" mania and excessive speed in America. The locating of the Synodical college at Lagrange, Tenn. Progress of the railroad building.

1855-56. 1 folder

Maclin and R. H. Morrison letters continued: Morrison mentions Maxwell Chambers's 300,000 legacy to Davidson college, comments on wars in Europe and disease at home, plans for Davidson college campus and work done on his own house. Maclin writes of business matters, college at Lagrange and Presbyterian pulpits.

1857. 1 folder.

8 letters from J. B. Maclin mostly about selling property for Morrison and financial arrangements. 1 letter from R. H. Morrison to James Morrison--news of family and friends, comments on President's message and British colonial policy. Bills and accounts.

1858. 1 folder.

7 letters from Maclin about Tipton County, Tenn., business. A few other business papers including items from C. J. Duffee, agent, Camden, Arkansas, about locating land warrants for R. H. Morrison. Bills and accounts. One letter from R. H. Morrison to James Morrison, mentioning Anna and Major [Thos. J.] Jackson.

1859. 1 folder.

Letters from Duffee in Arkansas and Maclin in Tennessee, continued. Prices of Tennessee land and comments on fortunes of those moving to the Mississippi River bottom lands. R. H. Morrison to James at Christiansburg, comments on Board of Trustees meeting and on Maj. Hill's school in Charlotte, the Harpers Ferry affair, etc.

1860. 1 folder.

Macklin and Duffee business letters continued. Two letters from W. G. Kimbrough, Haywood County, Tenn., Morrison's new agent, after Maclin died leaving a wife and ten children.

1861. 1 folder.

Arkansas letters (C. J. Duffee) concerning Lafayette and Sevier county properties, addressed to R. H. Morrison and also to his son Wm. W. Morrison at the Navy Dept. in Washington. Nov. 30, Letter commenting on war conditions at Washington, Arkansas. Dec. 25, Benj. H. Ligon agrees to be Morrison's agent in Tipton County, Tenn.

1862-68. 1 folder.

Scattered letters and related business papers and tax receipts from Morrison's Tennessee and Arkansas agents. Feb. 1864, Two letters from H. M. Morrison [son of James McEwen Morrison], with the 19th Miss. Vols. at Orange Court House, Va., to his uncle and aunt, thanking them for food, telling them he is now a chaplain, and mentioning members of the Morrison family.

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MORRISON PAHERS

1869-76. 2 folders.
Papers relating to R. H. Morrison's property in Tennessee and Arkansas. Problem of getting taxes paid; a variety of agents involved. Morrison's post office bills.

1877-82. 1 folder.
Scattered papers, 1877, 1878, 1880, 1881, addressed to R. H. Morrison at Lowesville, N. C., chiefly concerning his(Mason) Tennessee business. March 14, 1882, R. H. Morrison to Rev. and Dear Brother about his McEwen family connection.

1 package containing unarranged bills and beceipts.