

James Lister Skinner III papers
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Biographical or Historical Note

James Lister Skinner III was a professor of English at Presbyterian College. He researched and produced two volumes of collected primary documents, Death of a Confederate and The Autobiography of Henry Merrell. Death of a Confederate collects the letters of the Archibald Smith family from 1864-1956. Skinner inherited the local historic home Smith Plantation in 1981, prompting his research using the Smith family letters. The Smith and Merrell families are intermarried and distant relatives of James Lister Skinner III through his mother's aunt.

Scope and Content

The collection contains research conducted by James Lister Skinner III while writing his two books, Death of a Confederate and The Autobiography of Henry Merrell. This includes photocopies of primary documents, correspondence with historical societies and researchers, notes written by Skinner, and excerpts from relevant articles and books.

Organization Note

The James Lister Skinner III papers are kept in the original order they were received with their original file folder names.

The collection is split into two series:

- (1) Smith-Magill family research
- (2) *The Autobiography of Henry Merrell* research

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