Guide to the Ephraim B. Bishop Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 585

**CREATOR:** Bishop, Ephraim B.

**TITLE:** Ephraim B. Bishop papers

**DATES:** 1832–1887

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Business correspondence, legal papers, receipts, notes and bills concerning the sale of cattle, goods and slaves from South Carolina to Texas. Included also are Confederate States’ exchange certificates. Bishop held a patent for river dredging machinery and a segment of the papers concerns his marketing of this equipment after the Civil War.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

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Scope and Contents
The papers of Ephraim B. Bishop relate to various aspects of commerce in the southern United States from 1832 to 1887. Included are business correspondence, contracts and agreements, receipts, notes, bills, Confederate States exchange certificates, and other papers dealing with the collection of debts and the sale of cattle, goods, and slaves from South Carolina to Texas. Bishop held a patent for river dredging machinery, and a segment of the paper concerns his marketing of this equipment after the Civil War. Also in the papers are Bishop’s post-war loyalty oaths and voter registration.

These papers were purchased from Anna A. Prince in 1968.
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Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library’s online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

**Subjects**
- Business
- Businessmen
- Dredging -- Southern States
- Slavery -- United States

**Geographic Names**
- Confederate States of America -- Commerce
- Southern States -- Commerce

**Names**
- Bishop, Ephraim B.