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# **Guide to the William J. Minor Horse Racing Papers**

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 304

**CREATOR:** Minor, William J.

**TITLE:** William J. Minor horse racing papers

**DATES:** 1815-1866

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.8 linear feet (3 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Contains letters to Minor regarding horse racing and horse pedigrees, including letters from Cadwallader R. Colden and Sanders Dewees Bruce; notes on horse races and pedigrees; proceedings of the Natchez Jockey Club, of which Minor was secretary; manuscript articles about horses, possibly by Minor; and an obituary for Minor from "Turf, Field, and Farm."

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## Requesting Instructions

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

b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Mrs. David Wagstaff, 1951 and 1954.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Box 3: Restricted fragile material. Reference surrogates have been substituted in the main files. For further information consult the appropriate curator.

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## **Conditions Governing Use**

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## **Preferred Citation**

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## **Processing Information**

This finding aid was produced from a previously existing card set in the Manuscripts Catalog, or from another inventory. All pertinent bibliographical information has been retained. If the collection also contains unlisted or unsorted material, this has been noted in the box-and-folder list.

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## **Scope and Contents**

This finding aid encompasses accessions of materials pertaining to William J. Minor and horse racing.

## Collection Contents

### Series I: Correspondence

#### LETTERS TO WILLIAM J. MINOR

b. 1, f. 1	Alderson, Thomas	1848-53
b. 1, f. 2	<a href="#">Alexander, R. Aitcheson</a>	1856, 1859
b. 1, f. 3	<a href="#">Bruce, Sanders Dewees</a>	1858 Jun 23
b. 1, f. 4	Clay, John M.	1865 Mar 15
b. 1, f. 5	<a href="#">Colden, Cadwallader R.</a>	1833-36
b. 1, f. 6	Comptens, Henry	1852 Sep 17
b. 1, f. 7	Duncan, H. J.	1841 Nov 21
	Elliott, George <a href="#">See: G. B. Williams, Box 1, folder 26</a>	
b. 1, f. 8	Farris, H. W.	1863
b. 1, f. 9	Gray, D. L.	[18]56 Apr 10
b. 1, f. 10	Gross, Joseph R.	1857-60
b. 1, f. 11	Grunstead, James A.	1836-57
b. 1, f. 12	Hughes, J. J.	1844, 1848
b. 1, f. 13	Jackson, James	1839 May 17
	Lewis, Hickman <a href="#">See: G. B. Williams, Box 1, folder 26</a>	
b. 1, f. 14	McGehee, D. L.	1866 Apr 30
b. 1, f. 15	Minor, Henry C.	1863 Nov 23
b. 1, f. 16	Minor, Stephen	1864, n.d.
	Morgan, Rolley <a href="#">See: G. B. Williams, Box 1, folder 26</a>	
b. 1, f. 17	Odom, Eli	[1848] Aug 10
b. 1, f. 18	[Payors?], G. B.	[18]57 Mar 25
	Peck, Jeffrey <a href="#">See: G. B. Williams, Box 1, folder 26</a>	
b. 1, f. 19	Peirce, Grenville N.	[18]66 Apr 22

## LETTERS TO WILLIAM J. MINOR (continued)

Peters, A. G.

[See: Thomas T. Smith, Box 1, folder 22](#)

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b. 1, f. 20	<a href="#">Porter, W. J.</a>	1845 Jul 24
b. 1, f. 21	<a href="#">Richards, A. Keene</a>	1858 Jun 9
b. 1, f. 22	Smith, Thomas T. Also signed by A. G. Peters.	1859
b. 1, f. 23	Spencer, Joseph	1865
b. 1, f. 24	Tattersall, R.	1835-38
b. 1, f. 25	Thomas, George	1834 Oct 3
b. 1, f. 26	Williams, G. B.	1841-49

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## THIRD PARTY LETTERS

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b. 1, f. 27	Minor, L. to John Minor	1815 Dec 22
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**Series II: Notes and Notebooks, n.d.**

b. 1, f. 28	[Horses. Physical descriptions of], manuscript	n.d.
b. 1, f. 29	[Lists of blood stock], manuscript	n.d.
b. 1, f. 30	<a href="#">"Mem[oranda] of the Time Made by Various Horses Over Various Courses in the M[etairie] J[ockey Club]," holograph</a> Includes clippings pasted in.	1837-60
b. 1, f. 31	[Pedigree. Notes on], manuscript	1833-44, n.d.
b. 1, f. 32	"Private Trials," holograph	1830-44
b. 1, f. 33	<a href="#">"Private Trials," holograph</a>	1836-58
b. 1, f. 34	<a href="#">"Proprietors of Metairie Race Course Organizing a Club," manuscript</a>	1856 Apr 7
b. 1, f. 35	"Record of the Proceedings of the Natchez Jockey Club," holograph Minor was Secretary. Includes clipping pasted in.	1836-47
b. 2, f. 36	<a href="#">"Time of the Races Run at New Orleans and Elsewhere," holograph</a>	1835-49
b. 2, f. 37	"Vandyke," holograph Includes clippings pasted in.	1858-60
b. 2, f. 38	<a href="#">[Waterloo Track times], holograph</a>	1836-62

**Series III: Other, 1857 Jan 30**

b. 2, f. 39	Agreement, manuscript, signed by Minor, to train Mr. Peters' horse	1857 Jan 30
b. 2, f. 40-41	<a href="#">Articles, manuscript, regarding horses</a> Possibly written by Minor.	n.d.
b. 2, f. 42	Clipping (annotated) regarding horse race on 1859 Dec 16	n.d.
b. 2, f. 43	<a href="#">Obituary for Minor, typescript carbon</a> From <i>Turf, Field, and Farm</i> , 1869 Oct 22.	n.d.



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b. 3, f. 45	Box 1, folder 12
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b. 3, f. 46	Box 1, folder 13
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b. 3, f. 47	Box 1, folder 19
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b. 3, f. 48	Box 1, folder 28
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b. 3, f. 49	Box 1, folder 31
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b. 3, f. 50	Box 2, folder 40
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b. 3, f. 51	Box 2, folder 41
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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**

Horse racing -- Mississippi  
Horses -- Mississippi -- Pedigrees  
Race horses -- Mississippi

### **Geographic Names**

Natchez (Miss.)

### **Names**

Bruce, Sanders Dewees, 1825-1902  
Colden, Cadwallader R., 1774-1839  
Minor, William J.

### **Corporate Body**

Natchez Jockey Club