

**SIMPSON, WILLIAM  
PAPERS  
1918-1925**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The William Simpson Papers, 1918-1925, are centered around the operation of a Plantation owned by William Simpson in Florence, Alabama. The William Simpson papers are given through the estate of Mrs. William Simpson, Nashville, Tennessee.

The collection occupies .42 cubic feet of shelf space, and numbers approximately 800 items. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the William Simpson papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The William Simpson Papers span the period 1918-1925, though the bulk of the collection is concentrated in the years 1923-1924. The collection consists of accounts, cards, correspondence, financial records, printed materials, and school records.

The collection is centered around the operation of a plantation owned by William Simpson in Florence, Alabama, known as the Fair View Farm. William Simpson hired a manager, who in turn hired laborers to work the farm. The farm concentrated on dairy, chicken, and cotton production, although all aspects of the farm are discussed in the letters. William Simpson was employed by the U.S. Post Office, Nashville, Tennessee.

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This is a Name Index of correspondence in the William Simpson Papers, together with the dates of the letters and information regarding their contents. The figures in parentheses denote the number of letters, if more than one. The last number refers to the folder in which the material may be found.

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Coffee, Camille to Willie, ----, re: write you about the gravel, may get it if it is not near the spring and will not damage tillable land, likes location of new road, 3

Collins, L.B. to William Simpson, 1924, re: do not understand affidavit for feed bill, you haven't paid a feed bill, Mr. Hunter was negative about taking cattle, Mr. Hunter gave a check for \$20.00 for cows, will sign a new affidavit; response included, 3

Elting, N.C. to William Simpson, 1924, re: we have changed account at your request, we have instructed Mr. Hunter to draw checks as you indicated, 3

Glenn, Walter H. (2) to William Simpson, 1924, re: Mr. Hunter owes \$15.00 on bond, please get behind Mr. Hunter and make him pay it, thanks for assistance; acknowledge receipt; response included, 3



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- Hackworth, O.K. (4) to W.M. Simpson 1924, re: initial deposit, thank you for patronage; acknowledges receipt of letter on duplicate deposit slips, explains purpose of copy of letter to Mr. Hunter; Mr. Hunter has not yet paid note, carries over to February; \$2000 note of Fair View Farm due December 1 is still past due, new note has not been received; responses included, 3
- Hackworth, O.K. to John A. Hunter, 1924, re: forced to return check made to Alabama Seed Company, 3
- Hunter, John A. (19) to William Simpson, 1923-1924, re: news on operation of the farm; responses included, 4
- Hunter, Mrs. John A. (33) to William Simpson, 1924, re: news on operation of the farm; news on family; responses included, 5
- Johnson, J. Fred (10) to William Simpson, 1918-1924, re: have paid taxes; sold cotton; closed on rent due from Mr. Walker; sold remainder of cotton; had it out with tax adjuster, got assessment back to \$21,000; received check to Westmoreland, can avoid contract if he fails to get a bond; report on activities of the farm, 6
- Lewellen, Lelo to Wm. Simpson, 1924, re: sending a draft to American National Bank for amount of account that the Acme Lumber and Mfg. Company holds against you; response included, 6
- McGriff, Lee (2) to W.M. Simpson, 1924, re: have received application from John A. Hunter for a bond, please return statement; acknowledge receipt of reply; response included, 6
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- Simpson, Janet C. to Will, 1924, re: preparing for a conference on Troy, arrangements to get furniture; response included, 8
- Simpson, R.T. (4) to Wm. Simpson, 1924, re: sorry to hear of critical condition of Cousin Nannie, do not waive required bond; renting out the farm to Mr. Huckaby for 5 years; Mr. Huckaby needs an answer right away; you will have to look at contract to see whether or not at this late date you can terminate the same with Mr. Hunter; response included, 9
- Simpson, William to H.H. Armistead, 1924, re: move to California, 10
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- \_\_\_\_\_ to H.B. Bliss, 1924, re: check I wrote to you has not been cashed, 10
- \_\_\_\_\_ to Miss Bulah Chambliss, 1923, re: Hampshire Gilt that I bought from you, have not received papers; response included, 10
- \_\_\_\_\_ to L.B. Collins, 1924, re: please sign and return enclosed receipt, 10
- \_\_\_\_\_ (2) to Darby-King Hardware Co., 1924, re: check is enclosed; check is enclosed, errors on bill, 10
- \_\_\_\_\_ to N.C. Elting, 1924, re: ownership of account, request to the bank, 10

\_\_\_\_\_ (2) to W.C. Estes, 1923-1924, re: Christmas trip, selling of Japanese bonds; news about "Virginia", 10

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- \_\_\_\_\_ (5) to O.K. Hackworth, 1924, re: need duplicate deposit slips; questions about a returned check; enclosed is note for \$2000, I want the cotton sold and note taken up; have not received statement; have not received the old note, 10
- \_\_\_\_\_ (56) to John A. Hunter, 1924, re: operation of farm; getting a bond; various purchases for the farm; I have sent Sunday School lessons for the quarter, 10
- \_\_\_\_\_ (12) to Mrs. John A. Hunter, 1924, re: operation of farm; hope baby is feeling better; some responses included, 10
- \_\_\_\_\_ to Mrs. Frank Irvine, 1924, re: order of magazines, 10
- \_\_\_\_\_ (5) to J. Fred Johnson, 1924, re: you and Jim go down and look at the place, advise on request to borrow \$1200; advice concerning selling or renting the house; check is enclosed to renew Mr. Hunter's bond; questions knowledge of United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company; some responses included, 10
- \_\_\_\_\_ to R.T.S. Johnson, 1924, re: comments on Mr. Hunter making notes; comments concerning Mr. Hunter, 10
- \_\_\_\_\_ to Hon. Kenneth McKellar, 1924, re: comments on advice to not fight case; Postmaster did not instigate charges; thank you for all the trouble you have taken on my behalf, 10
- \_\_\_\_\_ to S.A. Marabold, 1924, re: inquiring about bond for Mr. Hunter; response included, 10
- \_\_\_\_\_ to R.M. Martin, 1924, re: We are building a house and some outhouses and going into the chicken and dairy business; will be putting more responsibility on Mr. Hunter handling funds; asks for help with arrangements, 10
- \_\_\_\_\_ to Edw. O'Neal, 1924, re: Mr. Hunter will pay bill, 10
- \_\_\_\_\_ (3) to Mrs. George Overton, 1923-1924, re: receipt of rent, 10
- \_\_\_\_\_ to Dr. P.L. Pitt, 1923, re: have not received registration papers on Hampshire sow; response with certificate included, 10
- \_\_\_\_\_ (3) to Post and Flagg, 1923-1924, re: enclosed is a check to cover Tokyo bonds; have not received check from bonds sold, 10
- \_\_\_\_\_ (3) to James Simpson, 1923-1924, re: show Mr. Hunter where to build fence; make inventory; statement of stuff turned over to Mr. Hunter is enclosed; comments on drilling well; Mr. Hunter is not careful enough with estimates; family news, 10
- \_\_\_\_\_ to R.T. Simpson, 1924, re: conversation with Mr. Huckaby about buying place; family news, 10
- \_\_\_\_\_ to Tennessee Valley Bank, 1924, re: \$1000 deposit to Fair View Farm account, 10
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