Guide to the Dellet -Torrey Collection

Descriptive Summary : Creator: Multiple Title: Dellet - TorreCollection Dates: 1582 - 1996 [Bulk 1830 - 1920] Quantity: 152 books, .5 linear feet photographs, .5 linear feet papers. Abstract: This collection represents the lives, business activities, and public careers of the Dellet - Gibbons - Torrey - Henshaw - Toulmin Families of Mobile and Claiborne, Alabama, interconnected by marriage over the course of multiple generations, focusing mainly on the 1830s to early 20th centur y. The collection includes: atlases, correspondence, family histories, manuscripts, memoirs, news clippings, photographs, prints, publications, and rare books.

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Biographical Note

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James Dellet (1788 - 1848), a patriarch of the family , was an influential planter, lawyer, and politician. Born in New Jersey, he brought his family to Claiborne, Alabama in 1818 where he was a highly effective lawyer and public figure for many years. He became Alabama's first Speaker of the House, winning election to the Legislature in 1819 and serving four term s until 1832. He also represented Alabama in the United States Congress from 1838 to 1845. In addition to practicing law, Dellet built a large plantation home , Dellet Park, am@rovements. Dellet was married twice, first to Harriet Willison. They had four children.

After her death in 1841, he married her cousin, Mary Woodward Wormley.

Lyman Gibbons(1808 - 1879), born in New York, was a Claiborne, Alabama planter,lawyer, Circuit Judge, and Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court. In 1 853 , he marriedJames Dellet's daughter, Emma Dellet. They were the parents of Helen Dellet Gibbons, whomarried Charles John Torrey, son of Rufus Campbell Torrey.

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Arrangement :

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- 1. Genealogy (alphabetically arranged by family name)
 - I. Andrews
 - II. Bowles
 - III. Brinton
 - IV. Dellet
 - V. English
 - VI. Gibbons
 - VII. Gray

VIII. Henshaw - Contains a n ethical will by David Henshaw to his children .

- IX. Pillans
- X. Simmons
- XI. Torrey

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