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Biographical Note

Francis P. Corbin (1801-1876) was a businessman of Philadelphia and Paris, and a planter who had interests in property in Georgia and Louisiana. Interested in politics, Corbin was conversant with contemporary affairs in the United States and Europe. Benjamin Moran (1820-1886) in his journal, written while he served as secretary of the United States legation in London and published much later, described Corbin's appearance as "decidedly that of a man of learning, wealth, and cultivated tastes". James Hamilton (d.ca.1828), who is also represented in the collection, was the father of Corbin's wife Agnes. He was co-owner of the Hopeton Plantation in Glynn County, Georgia, first with John Couper and then with his son James Hamilton Couper (1794-1866), who was well-known in his day for his agricultural innovations.

Scope and Content

The papers comprise Correspondence (1809-1884), Financial Papers (1789-1899), Legal Papers and Memoranda, and Printed Matter. The Correspondence includes letters between Corbin and planters, business associates, and friends in Chicago, New Orleans, Philadelphia, Paris and other cities. The letters include descriptions of movements and events of the pre-Civil War, Civil War, and Reconstruction periods, such as the abolitionist movement, secession, the Confederacy, and various battles of the war. One letter, written to Corbin on April 11, 1861, records how Major Anderson refused to surrender Fort Sumter. Other references are to contemporary and historical events, political parties, prominent people of the United States and Europe, and also to horses and horse-racing. There are several letters about plantation management and the condition of slaves, especially between Corbin and James Hamilton Couper. Correspondents include other members of the Couper family, members

of the Cadwalader family, George Woodruff, H.C. Cammack, C(harles?) Macalester, and Edward Rawle. There are also family letters between Corbin and his wife, his three children Isabella, Elizabeth, and Richard, and his brothers including Lygon Corbin.

The Financial Papers contain correspondence, most of which is between Corbin and his bankers and business associates, and receipts, accounts, and other financial memoranda. Early papers in this series pertain to property interests of James Hamilton and John Couper. Legal Papers and Memoranda include a 1716 indenture document, papers regarding the estate of James Hamilton, and various household memoranda. One folder of Printed Matter is mostly clippings.

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FRANCIS P. CORBIN

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