

Collection: MACON, NATHANIEL, Papers  
Washington, D. C. and Warren County, N. C.

P.C.10.1-10.2

1773, 1804-1848

**Physical Description:** 117 items; Correspondence, deed, marriage licenses, receipts, promissory note, and miscellaneous items.

**Acquisition:** From Biennial Report: 1912-1914, Macon-Eaton Papers, 74 letters to or from Nathaniel Macon, Weldon Edwards, and William Eaton; gift of Miss Laura Eaton Alston, Warrenton; 1916-1918, 3 items; 1920-1922, addition, "one to a dozen pieces."

From accession records: October 30, 1948, gift of George Gordon Battle, The Racing Calendar Abridged, Vol. I. Letter (1806), gift of Philip M. Hamer, National Archives, Washington, D.C.

**Description:** Nathaniel Macon (December 17, 1758-June 29, 1837) was born in Edgecombe County, served in the Revolution, in the state Senate (1781, 1782, 1784) and House of Commons (1790); in the United States House of Representatives (1790-1815; speaker, 1801-1807) and United States Senate (1815-1828); president of the North Carolina Constitutional Convention of 1835; retired to Buck Spring plantation, Warren County. For additional biographical information see: Samuel A. Ashe and others (eds.), Biographical History of North Carolina, IV, 291-306; Biographical Directory of the American Congress, 1774-1790, 1490; Dictionary of American Biography, XII, 157-159; William E. Dodd, The Life of Nathaniel Macon (Raleigh: Edwards and Broughton, 1903). Copies of these volumes are available in the Search Room.

Correspondence consists of letters to and from Macon and a few addressed to other individuals. Macon's letters (1826-1830) to Weldon N. Edwards in Warren County contain comments on political personalities and parties, activities of Congress - excessive public spending, the United States Bank, the tariff, etc. - presidential elections, work on the Capitol and grounds, and references to John Randolph of Virginia. Macon writes Van Buren acknowledging resolutions, reports, a picture, and birthday message, and introducing his kinsman Joseph Seawell Jones. In a letter to Archibald Debow Murphey, he explains his reluctance to have his letters or other papers published but praises Murphey's projected history of North Carolina. Letters to Macon are from Thomas Jefferson writing on states' rights and the national debt; John Branch expressing his admiration for Macon and giving his political views; W[illiam] Jones, president of the Bank of the United States, promising to submit an application for a branch bank; William Eaton regarding plantation affairs; and Joseph Seawell Jones verifying information obtained from Macon. Other correspondence includes letters from Mrs. Signiora Eaton to her sons in Chapel Hill and copies of letters between John Quincy Adams and William H. Crawford relative to the latter's remaining in office as Secretary of the Treasury.

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Included in miscellaneous items are: Manuscript extract concerning a history of Carolina from History of the British Dominions in North America from the first discovery of that vast continent by Sebastian Cabot in 1497, to its present glorious establishment as confirmed by the late treaty of peace in 1763 (London: W. Strahan and T. Becket & Co., 1773); Constitution of the United States of America (Washington: Gales and Seaton, 1820); The Racing Calendar Abridged, Vol. I (London: Printed for Charles Weatherby, 1829); a petition (July 16, 1828) from citizens of Putnam County, Georgia, relative to the tariff; a discourse on origin of coats of arms from "an old friend and some time fellow-labourer, J[ohn] R[andolph] of Roanoke"; marriage licenses (1823, 1836) for Isaac N. Faulcon and Martha W. Falkoner, Warren County, and George Lyne and Harriet L. Jones, Warren County; a deed (1813) from William Verser, Warren County, to Macon; and receipts for taxes, subscriptions, and postage.

Arrangement of Papers:

- P.C. 10.1 Papers in mounted volume, 1773, 1804-1843
- P.C. 10.2 Miscellaneous items
  - Constitution of the United States (1820)
  - The Racing Calendar, Abridged (1829)

Finding Aids:

- Main Entry Card
- Geographic Card
- Date Card
  - 1820-1830
- Autograph Cards
  - Adams, John Quincy *BRANCH, JOHN*
  - Crawford, William H.
  - Eaton, William
  - Jefferson, Thomas
  - Jones, Joseph Seawell
  - Jones, W[illiam]
  - Potter, Rob[ert]
  - Van Buren, Martin
- Subject Cards
  - Bank of United States, references to, 1820-1830
  - Colonial period, description and history of Carolina, 1497-1763
  - Congress, reference to, 1808-1830
  - Constitution of the United States of America, copy of (1820)
  - Falkoner, Martha W., Warren County, marriage license (1823)
  - Faulcon, Isaac N., Warren County, marriage license (1823)
  - Jones, Harriet L., Warren County, marriage license (1836)
  - Lyne, George, Warren County, marriage license (1836)

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Finding Aids (cont'd):

Subject Cards (cont'd):

Murphey, Archibald D., references to proposed history of North Carolina  
Racing calendar, 1709-1750, copy of  
Randolph, John, Roanoke, Virginia, references to  
Tariff; 1820-1830, reactions to  
Senate, United States, rules of (1820)

Finding Aid completed by Beth G. Crabtree, July 13, 1966