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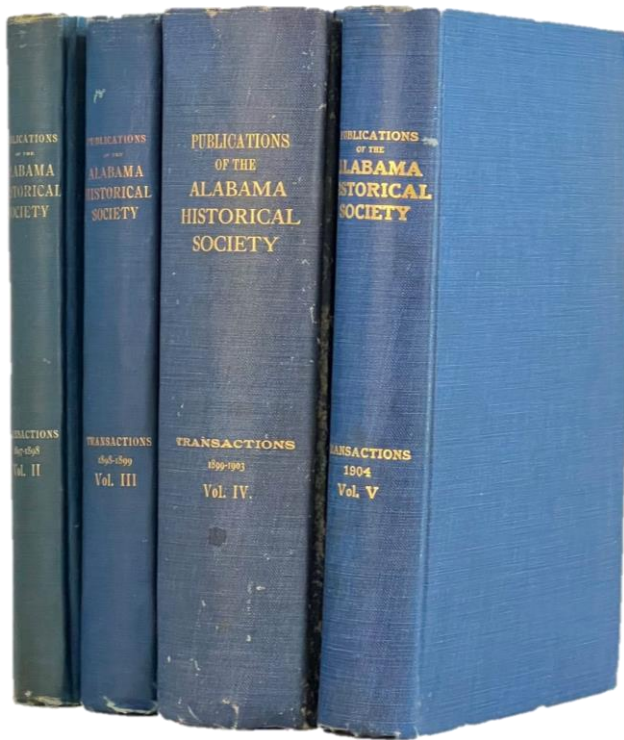
1) Alabama Historical Society. *COLLECTION OF ALABAMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY EPHEMERA: Annual Address Before the Historical Society of Alabama, at Tuscaloosa, July 13th, 1858* by N. L. Whitfield (Tuscaloosa: J. F. Warren, 1858); *Alabama Historical Reporter* (22 issues); and *Administrative Circulars* (10 Circulars). Tuscaloosa, AL: 1858-1905. Octavos. Pagination varies. Original self-wrappers. Varying degrees of wear. Most with creases from folding. But generally, in very good condition.



The society was organized in 1850. It's constitution clearly outlines its goals: "The object of the society is to discover, procure, preserve, and diffuse whatever may relate to the natural, civil, literary, and ecclesiastical history of the State of Alabama, and of the States in connection with her." And in this it was fairly successful until all activities were suspended during the Civil War. The society continued, punctuated by moments of enthusiasm and productivity into the first decade of the 20th century when it ceased in 1905.

Included in this collection are the following: "Annual Address Before the Historical Society of Alabama, at Tuscaloosa, July 13th, 1858," by N. L. Whitfield (Tuscaloosa: J. F. Warren, 1858), here with a presentation inscription by Thomas M. Owen, Alabama archivist and bibliographer. A nearly complete run of the *Alabama Historical Reporter*, which was issued from 1879 to 1885. Present here include Vol. 1, Nos. 1, 2, 8, 10; Vol. 2, Nos. 2-12 (with some duplicates), Vol. 3, Nos. 1-7 (complete, with some duplication). Lacking only six issues of Volume 1 and the first issue of Volume 2. Each issue is between 4 and 8 pages, composed of both administrative material and addresses related to Alabama history including early exploration and Native American history in the Southeast. And 10 "Administrative Circulars" (1898-1905), Nos. 1, 2, 4-8, & 10-12, that offer a glimpse of the final years of the Society as well as No. 2 being a Prospectus for *Transactions of the Alabama Historical Society, 1850-1897*. A work that according to Goodspeed was to be the first of several volumes, but this first volume was never published. Owen identifies it as "In Press" at the time his bibliography was issued. OCLC corroborates Goodspeed in that it was never published (Goodspeed 544-001). Rare group of papers and ephemera that span most of the Society's existence. Owen p. 1243-48.

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2) Alabama Historical Society. Owen, Thomas McAdory (editor). *TRANSACTIONS OF THE ALABAMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 1897-1904 (Volumes II-V, All Published)*. Tuscaloosa, AL: Alabama Historical Society, 1898-1906. Octavos. 204; 251; 639; 282 pp., frontis. In publisher's cloth. Generally, minor shelfwear, but all volumes with a minor silverfishing to the binding, moderate to heavy to Volume IV; contents are clean and bindings are solid.

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These volumes of Transactions are among the final endeavors of the Society and contain an abundance of material on a myriad of aspects of Alabama history. While a first volume projected to range from 1850-1897, it was never published. Nevertheless, what was published in these 1,300+ pages constitutes a wealth of material including papers and addresses related colonial and territorial history, Native American history of the region, the Civil War, as well as the political, commercial, religious, and educational history of Alabama. A remarkable publication and remarkably scarce in commerce. Owen 1243-48; Goodspeed 544-001.

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3) Alabama Industrial and Scientific Society. *PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALABAMA INDUSTRIAL AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY, Volumes 1-9, 1891-1899 [with] CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS... Adopted at the Annual Meeting, Birmingham, Jan. 28, 1891 [All Published]*. Tuscaloosa and Atlanta: Alabama Industrial and Scientific Society | various printers, 1891-1900. Octavo. First edition. All are as issued, in printed wrappers. Various paginated; a few volumes with plates, one folding; volumes I, IV, VI, VII, IX are in two parts, all other volumes are in a single-issues. Generally, in remarkably nice condition, though both Nos. of Volume I are worn at the spine; rear wrapper and attached folding plate and final leaf are detached together, the plate might be nearly inaccessible but for this separation; some rippling to the top of Vol III, perhaps from moisture

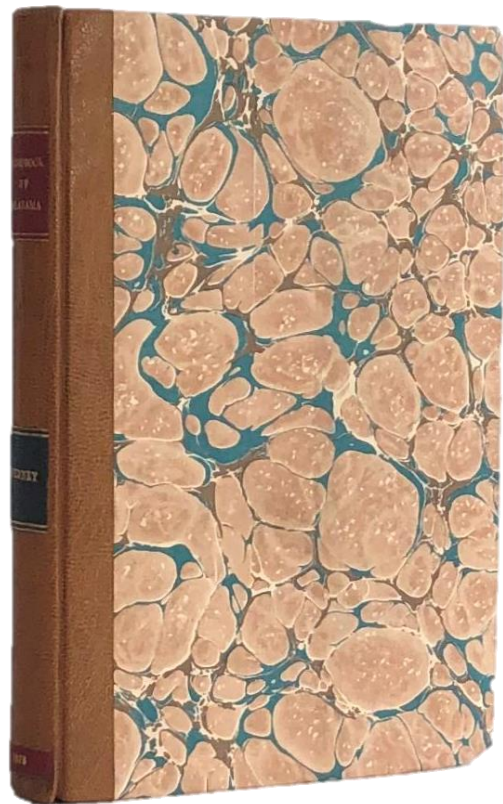
exposure; both Nos. of Volume VII are similarly worn at the spine but to a much lesser degree, with the exception of these Nos. generally in Very Good or better condition.

Alabama Industrial and Scientific Society was founded in December of 1890 at the University of Alabama and was an organization of "civil and mining engineers, mine and furnace owners and managers, chemists, metallurgists, geologists, and all others interested in the material progress of the State into a society for the promotion of the scientific examination and discussion of practical, every day affairs" (vol 1.1 p. 3). These *Proceedings* contain minutes of the meetings as well as scientific papers presented. These nine volumes constitute the entire run of publications from 1891-1899. While there is no note that the Society was dissolved, the final issue does note a dramatically diminished attendance at the 1899 meeting and finally a canceled meeting in which no quorum could be gathered. It seems the society fizzled despite being founded by some notables like the industrialist Erskine Ramsey and geologist Eugene Allen Smith. Scarce with only five copies of this complete run of *Proceedings* and *Constitution & By-Laws* located in institutional holdings according to OCLC (#4240454).

\$450

4) Berney, Saffold. [HAND BOOK OF ALABAMA: A COMPLETE INDEX TO THE STATE; WITH A GEOLOGICAL MAP, AND AN APPENDIX OF USEFUL TABLES.](#) Mobile: Mobile Register Print, 1878. Octavo. xl, 338 pp., folding map. First edition. Backed in modern morocco with marbled paper over boards. An attractive copy in modern binding that reuses the original boards, though covered over in new marbled paper; bottom corner of the front board is rounded; original pastedowns are present preserving an inscription to Major General Quincy Adams Gillmore by the Mobile Board of Trade (?), dated 1880.

Gillmore was a Union general in the Civil War. Contents are clean with very little foxing; Eugene A. Smith's "Geological Map of Alabama" is in remarkably sharp condition, no misfolding; very minor closed tear at the intersection of the folds. An uncommon book to find complete with the map. Accompanying this copy is Eugene A. Smith's "Geological Survey of Alabama. Report of Progress for 1876" (Montgomery, AL: W. W. Screws, 1876), with a printed "compliments of the author" label tipped in before the title page. Marcou & Marcou 602.

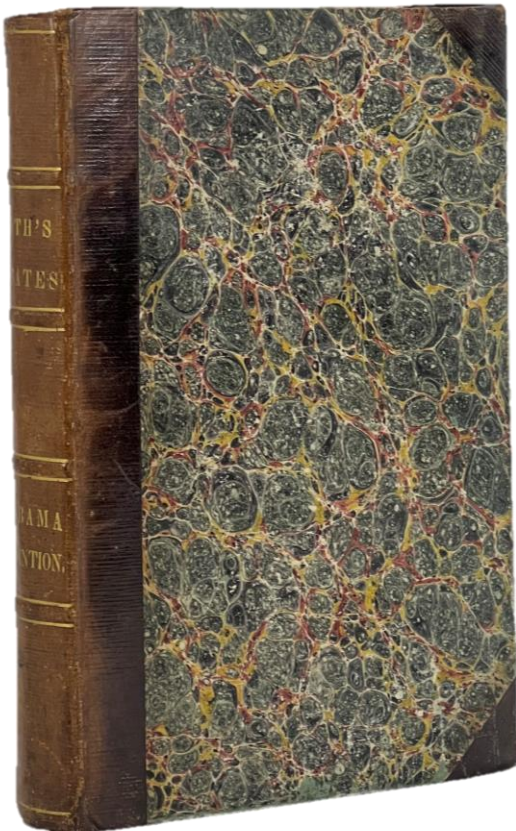


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5) Black, B. A. (Principal). [THE HUNTSVILLE SCHOOL OF VOCAL ART, Huntsville, Alabama. Term of 1897-1898.](#) [Huntsville?]: [1897]. 16mo. 9, [1] pp. As issued, stapled in printed wrappers. Wrappers are detached but present with only light chipping to the corners and a bit of toning; but for the detached wrappers, in very good condition.

A promotional piece largely comprised of an address on the value of singing and the correct way at developing this ability, a way in which Prof. Black was implicitly qualified. As for B. A. Black, largely he has eluded our investigations. Neither he nor his school are noted in the *Huntsville City Directory 1896-97*. This pamphlet tells us that his school was in central Huntsville on the third floor of the Southern Building & Loan Association which was at the "corner of Eustis St., and east side of square." This appears to be the Schiffman Building in Huntsville, still standing and occupied and on the National Register of Historic Places. Despite Professor Black elusiveness, he is credited in Louise E. Moore's educational background for having been her private instructor at some point. This is noted in the 1912 *Oracle*, the annual for the Athens State University and Athens Female College where Moore was on the faculty as an "Instructor of Voice" and ultimately "Director of Voice" from 1910 through 1915; at which time she was still affiliated offering private studio work through 1916. We've located no record of her beyond that year. While seemingly this piece offers more dead ends than open doors, it is nevertheless, remarkably rare and unrecorded, with no copies of any year in OCLC. A forgotten piece of Huntsville history.

\$150



6) [Civil War] Smith, William R. [THE HISTORY AND DEBATES OF THE CONVENTION OF THE PEOPLE OF ALABAMA, Begun and Held in the City of Montgomery, on the Seventh Day of January, 1861; in which is Preserved the Speeches of the Secret Sessions, and many Valuable State Papers.](#) Montgomery, AL: White, Pfister & Co. | printed by Wood, Hanleiter, Rice & Co, Atlanta, 1861. Octavo. v, [3], xii (index) [9]-464 pp. First edition. In contemporary half sheep with marbled paper over boards. Binding is solid with limited wear; contents are foxed throughout. A remarkably nice copy.

Smith in his preface writes, "Of the Conventions of the People that have recently been held in the seceding States on the great question of dissolving the Union, there does not seem to have been any serious effort made, in any except Alabama, to preserve the Debates. It is, therefore, my agreeable fortune, not only to be able to set an example of diligence to the sister States but to combine, in an authentic record for future ages, both the acts of the Patriots of

Alabama, and the fervent words by which they were mutually animated in the discharge of their great duties" (p. iii). Indeed, Howes calls this the "[p]rincipal authority on the momentous secession convention" Howes S-722 "aa." And Nevins concurs, "... this remains the best single source for what was said at Alabama's secession convention" CWB II, 239. This copy with extraordinary provenance as it belonged to Walter Henry Crenshaw (1817-1878) with his signature on the front pastedown. Crenshaw was a lawyer and planter and active in Alabama government. He spent many years in the Alabama General Assembly and was Speaker of the House throughout the war including when this convention took place. Parrish & Willingham 5864; Confederate Hundred 82; Sabin 84877.

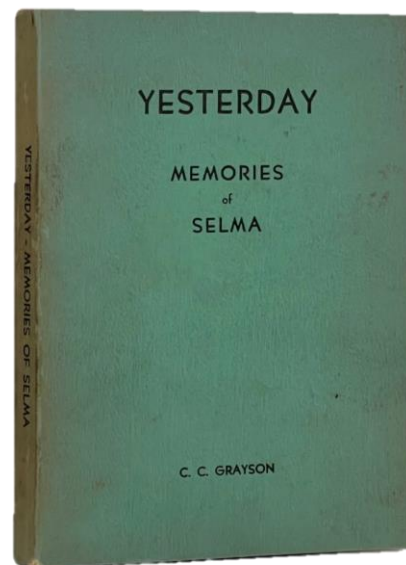
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7) Geological Survey of Alabama. Smith, Eugene A., et al. [GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF ALABAMA. Reports, Special Reports, Bulletins, Circulars, Monographs, Museum Papers, etc... 1876-1997.](#) A massive collection of publications from the Geological Survey of Alabama ranging from 1876 to 1997, with the bulk of the collection from the 1920s to the 1960s. 132 titles in total which include: 5 Reports printed between 1876 and 1909; 53 Bulletins between No. 4 and No. 166 (1892-1997); 10 Special Reports between No. 11 and No. 24 (1920-1959); 31 Circulars between No. 5 and No. 122 (1923-1989); 5 County Reports between, No. 1 and No. 11 (1923-1963); 3 Monographs, No. 8, 12, and 13 (1913, 1972, and 1977); 14 Museum Papers between No. 9 and No. 36 (1930-1960); 11 additional publications by the U.S. Geological Survey and other entities related to geology of Alabama and the Southeast. Many of the bulletins and circulars are accompanied by portfolios with maps and plate, many more have folding maps and plates inserted. 4 of the Special Reports are in cloth, otherwise, all are in original wrappers. Only a relatively few of the items are ex-library. Condition ranges from Good to Near Fine, but generally in Very Good condition.

Contents are varied and include papers, reports, and surveys related to gas and petroleum; surface and ground water; mineral resources including gold, iron, talc, sandstone, limestone, clay, marbles, etc.; gems; fossils; wildlife; etc. A remarkable accumulation of rarely seen in this quantity in commerce.

\$300

8) [Local History] Grayson, C. C. [YESTERDAY: MEMORIES OF SELMA AND ITS PEOPLE.](#) c. 1940. 12mo. 155 pp. First edition. In original printed wrappers. Light toning/foxing to the covers; contents are generally clean. A nice copy of a very uncommon local history.



This appears to be an early edition of Grayson's work by a slightly different title, Yesterday and Today: Memories of Selma and its People (New Orleans: Pelican Press, 1948; see Brannen 2474). While the pagination of both books is the same, the title of this copy comports with (OCLC: 3693701) which speculates a Selma imprint and dates it at 1940. Both are scarce in commerce.

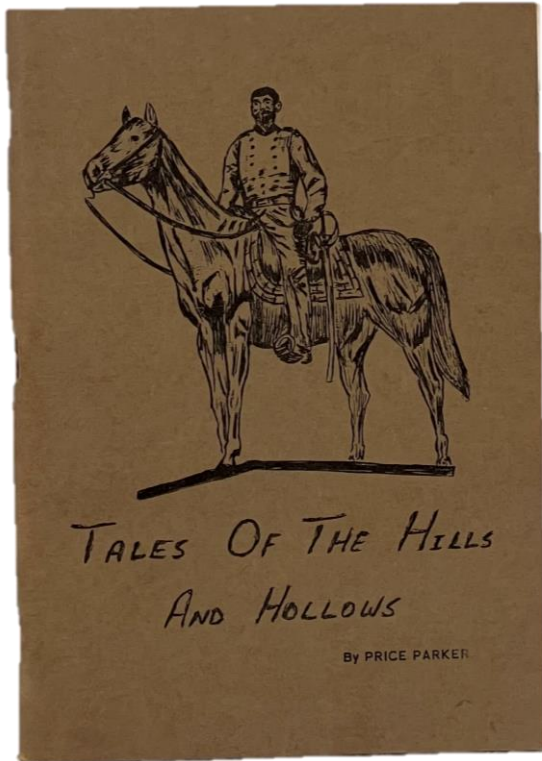
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9) [Local History] Kennamer, Sr., John Robert. [THE STORY OF WOODVILLE AND COMMUNITY ALBUM](#). Lanett, AL: East Alabama Publishing Co., 1950. Octavo. [9], 210 pp., frontis, illus. First edition. Signed and inscribed by Kennamer on the front free endpaper. In publisher's cloth with title in gilt on the front cover. Light soiling to the front cover otherwise generally a clean, solid copy of this uncommon local history of the Jackson County, Alabama town. Illustrated throughout with portraits and homes. Brannen 2575.

\$100

10) [Local History] Neely, E. O. (owner and editor). [THE GUNTERVILLE DEMOCRAT, Vol. XV, No. 46 \(November 14, 1895\)](#). c. 1972. Octavo. 64 pp., illus. Souvenir edition; facsimile. In publisher's cloth. Light soiling to the covers, but generally a very bright copy of this facsimile of the fifteenth year of the *Gunterville Democrat*. Uncommon, even in this finely produced, 20th century souvenir edition. A glimpse into late-19th century Guntersville.

\$50



11) [Local History] Parker, Price. [TALES OF THE HILLS AND HOLLOWES](#). Athens, AL: Price Parker, [1969]. Octavo. 84 pp., illus. First edition. As issued, stapled into stiff, printed wrappers; printed in two columns with several in-text illustrations. A very nice copy with little in the way of shelfwear. As noted in the Preface, this "is composed of a series of feature stories written by Price Parker, Sports Editor for the Athens, Ala. News Courier. Included in this book are many historic stories concerning individual foot troops who fought in the great conflict now know to history as the Civil War. Others concern boom towns and more than half a century ago which now are an important part of American folk lore" (p. 1). Remarkably uncommon piece of regional history. OCLC: 4138905

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12) [Local History] Porter, Elizabeth. [A HISTORY OF WETUMPKA](#). Alexander City, AL: Wetumpka Chamber of Commerce, printed by the Outlook Publishing Company, 1957.

Octavo. [8], 197, [3] pp., illus. First edition. Signed by Porter on the front free endpaper. As issued, in publisher's cloth. Only very light shelfwear; contents are a bit toned/foxed throughout, but generally a very nice copy of this uncommon local history, particularly in the publisher's boards.

\$95

13) McMillan, Malcolm Cook. [CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN ALABAMA, 1798-1901: A Study in Politics, the Negro, and Sectionalism](#). Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina,

1955. Octavo. viii, [2], 412 pp. First edition. Signed and inscribed by McMillan on the front pastedown. Only light rubbing to the binding; spine a bit sunned and with a small abrasion; generally, a solid copy, clean throughout of an uncommon book.

Rucker Agee, in his *Twenty Alabama Books*, writes, "Constitutions are drafted in response to desires, pressures, and conflicts of interest, both from within and from without. In this comprehensive review and analysis, Professor McMillan presents the struggle of these forces, and the character of the principal figures engaged in the compromises inevitably necessary to produce easy constitution" Agee, 18 (p. 95-8).

\$95

14) [Mobile]. [12 FILE PHOTOGRAPHS LARGELY OF MOBILE, ALABAMA](#). 1926-1954. A group of 12 file photographs of Mobile, including a couple of Mardi Gras in Mobile. An interesting group of images. Conditions vary, but generally Good. Stamped and manuscript dates range from 1926 to 1954, though most are in the early 1940s. Sizes range, but generally 8 x10s.

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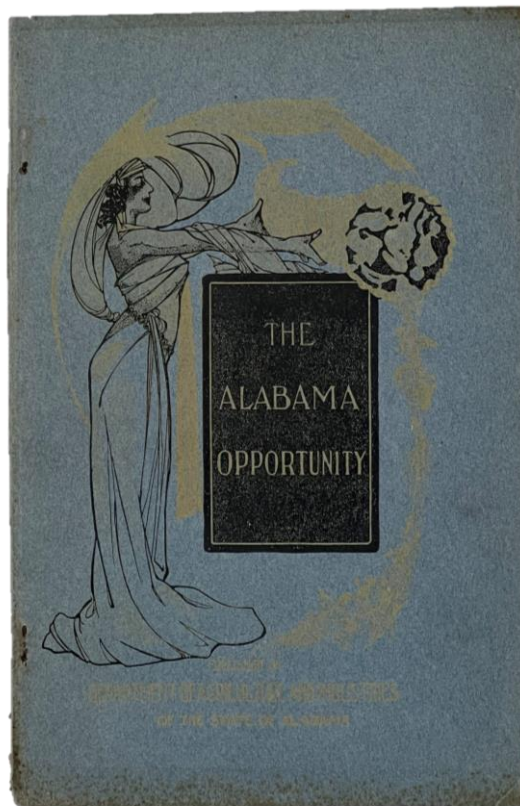
15) Poole, Robert Ransom. Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries. [THE ALABAMA OPPORTUNITY; OBSERVATIONS UPON AND DESCRIPTIONS OF THE RAPID COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND AGRICULTURAL ADVANCEMENT OF ALABAMA IN RECENT YEARS](#). [Montgomery]: Department of Agriculture and Industries, (1906). Octavo. 199, [1] pp., illus. First edition. As issued, stapled and in printed wrappers. A remarkably bright copy with only light shelfwear and some minor staining to the cover; contents clean and binding is tight. A very uncommon promotional piece from the State of Alabama outlining the agricultural opportunities in that state. OCLC identifies just 20 institutions holding copies. OCLC 4609323.

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16) Sellers, James Benson. [THE PROHIBITION MOVEMENT IN ALABAMA, 1702 TO 1943](#).

Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1943. Octavo. [10], 325 pp. First edition. Signed and inscribed by Sellers on the front free endpaper. In publisher's cloth with dust jacket. A very nice copy, though the spine seems to have been lacquered as it has a shine; contents clean; dust jacket is a bit sunned at the spine with minor edgewear; price intact. An uncommon book, all the more so with an inscription by Sellers and the dust jacket.

\$125



17) [Tuskegee Institute] Carver, George Washington, Margaret J. Washington, Edwin Mims, M. Ashbie Jones, James Hardy Dillard, Osburn Zuber. [A GROUP OF ELEVEN BULLETINS, FOUNDER'S DAY ADDRESSES, PROGRAMS, AND PROMOTIONAL LITERATURE \(1920s to early 1930s\)](#). An uncommon collection of promotional material from Tuskegee Institute. Contents include:

1. Tuskegee Institute, 1881-1931 | Souvenir Program, Exercises in Celebration of Founder's Day and the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Establishment of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute by Booker T. Washington, April 12-14, 1931 (Robert Russa Moton, Principal). Tuskegee Institute Press, 1931. Quarto. [24] pp., illus. In printed, patterned wrappers. Light shelfwear, only. Many full-page photographs of the campus. (OCLC 298254312)

2. Zuber, Osburn. [cover title] Negro Scientist Shows 'Way Out' for Southern Farmers: A Story of George Washington Carver of Tuskegee. np/nd. Octavo. 21, [3 (blank)] pp., Pagination includes wrappers. As issued, stapled into printed wrapper. Light wear including a clipped inner bottom corner; previous owner name (Emily Bush) on the top of the front cover; stapled rusted by holding. (OCLC 11745628)

3. Dillard, James Hardy. Booker T. Washington, A Christian Philosopher (Founder's Day Address, 1925). Printed by the Students in the Printing Division of the Tuskegee Institute, [1925]. Octavo. 12 pp. Stapled into printed wrappers. Light shelfwear, only. (OCLC 3647639)

4. Programme and Addresses in Connection with Unveiling Exercises for the Booker T. Washington Memorial held at Tuskegee Institute, Ala, April 5, 1922. np, [1922]. Octavo. 68 pp., ports, plates. As issued in printed wrappers. Light shelfwear; some evidence of rusting staples just starting to show through the front wrapper. 9 photograph plates. (OCLC 19547850)

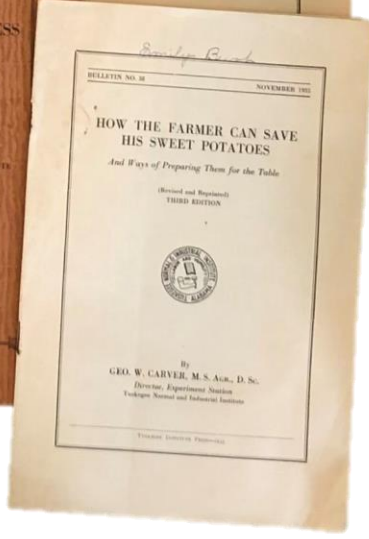
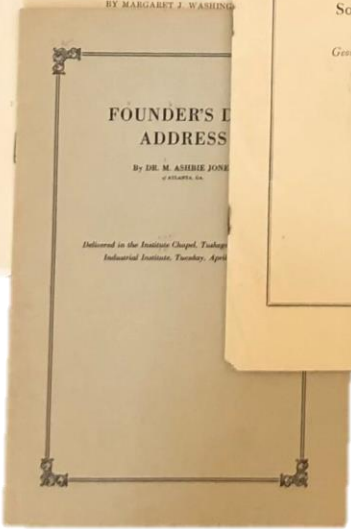
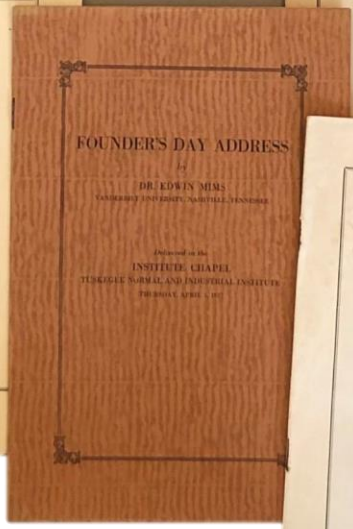
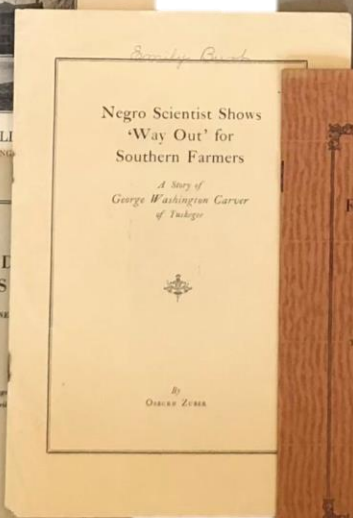
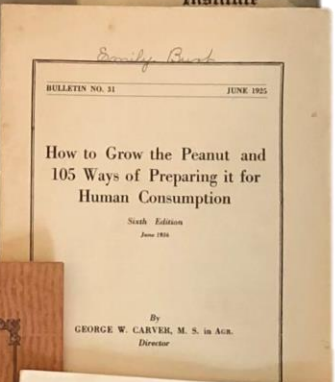
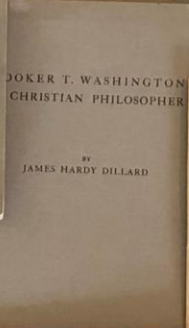
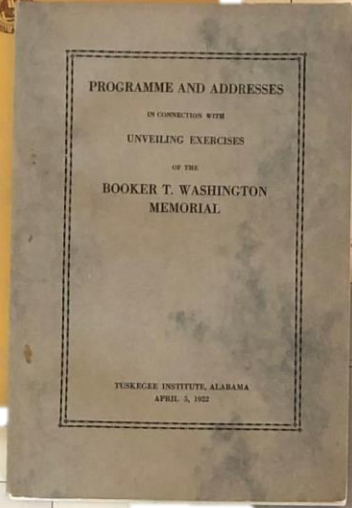
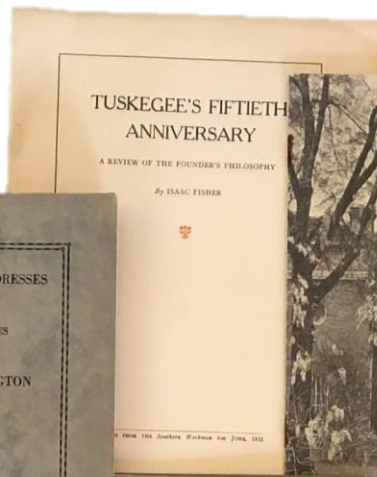
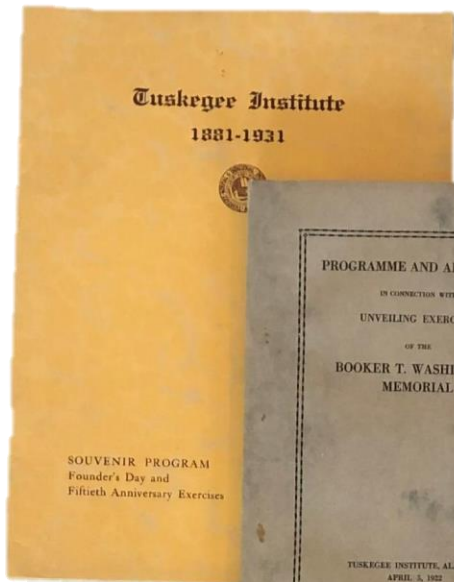
5. Tuskegee Institute [Promotional Pamphlet]. np, c. 1929. Octavo. [20] pp. As issued, stapled into self-wrappers. Short history on the verso of the front cover (p. 2), profusely illustrated with photographs of the campus, faculty, student body.

6. Fisher, Isaac. Tuskegee's Fiftieth Anniversary: A Review of the Founder's Philosophy. Reprinted from the Southern Workman for June, 1931. Np, [1931]. Octavo. 14, [2 (blank)] pp., frontis. Stapled into printed wrappers.

7. Washington, Margaret J. [Cover Title] Dorothy Hall. Np/nd. Octavo. 7, [1 (blank)] pp., illus. In self-wrappers. Illustrated in-text with photographs of students.

8. Jones, Dr. M. Ashbie. Founder's Day Address, Delivered in the Institute Chapel, Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, Tuesday, April 12, 1921. Np, [1921]. Octavo. 11, [1 (blank)] pp. Stapled into printed wrappers. (OCLC 7879661)

9. Mims, Dr. Edwin. Founder's Day Address, Delivered in the Institute Chapel, Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, Tuesday, April 5, 1927. Tuskegee Institute Press, 1928. Octavo. 11, [1 (blank)] pp. Stapled into printed wrappers. (OCLC 47117200)



Human Consumption (Bulletin No. 31; June 1925). Tuskegee Institute, 1936. Octavo. 29, [3 (blank)] pp. Pagination includes wrappers. Sixth edition. Stapled into self-wrappers. Light soiling and toning; previous owner name on the top of the front wrapper. (this edition not in OCLC)

11. Carver, Geo. W. [cover title] How the Farmer Can Save his Sweet Potatoes and Ways of Preparing Them for the Table (Bulletin No. 38, November 1935). Tuskegee Institute Press, 1935. Octavo. 21, [3 (blank)] pp. Pagination includes wrappers. Third edition, revised and reprinted. Stapled into self-wrappers. Light soiling and toning; previous owner name on the top of the front wrapper. (OCLC 953720195).

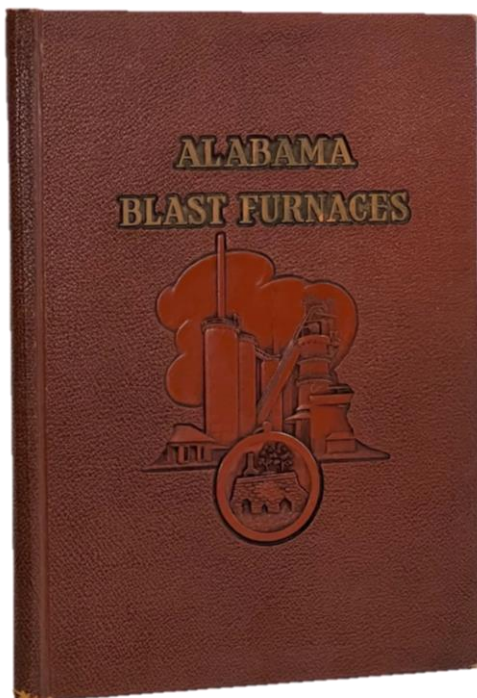
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18) Wilmer, Richard H. [THE DUTY AND RELATION OF THE CHURCH TO THE COLORED POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES. A Part of the Annual Address of the Bishop to the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama. Published by Request of the Convention of Diocese of Alabama, 1884.](#) Octavo. 16 pp. First edition. As issued, in printed wrappers. Wrappers are moderately soiled but only lightly worn; vertical crease the entire pamphlet where it was folded; contents show light and occasional spotting otherwise clean.

Wilmer was born in Alexandria, VA. He graduated from Yale University in 1836 and then Union Theological Seminary in Richmond a few years later. He was ordained in Richmond and served throughout rural Virginia. In the midst of the Civil War, Wilmer was ordained Episcopal Bishop of Alabama. This present address is interesting in that it tangles with the racial complexity of Jim Crow south. On one hand Wilmer espouses "the genius of the mission of this out Church . . . to

bind together in a common faith and discipline all races, orders, and conditions of men" (p. 2) with entrenched racial hierarchy of society, showing the condescension in descriptions like this: "Ethiopia is at our doors, in our homes, and stretches out her hands to us, and by her very ignorance, helplessness and low estate appeals to our hearts" (p. 2). An interesting glimpse into the post-Reconstruction Era South. This address is genuinely scarce with only a relatively few copies in institutional hands according to OCLC (11278994). *Oxford American National Biography*.

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19) Woodward Iron Company | Foreword by H. A. Berg. [ALABAMA BLAST FURNACES.](#) Woodward, AL: Woodward Iron Company, 1940. Quarto. 162, [7 (index)] pp., illus. First edition. In publisher's embossed leatherette over boards. Light rubbing to the covers, but generally a very nice and solid copy.

This work offers a brief history of the manufacture of pig iron in Alabama, which Berg calls the "most important industry in the State [and] a vital factor in the prosperity and welfare of its people" p. 7. But the

really value is this histories and records of several dozen blast furnaces built and operated in Alabama, illustrated by photographs throughout. Sufficiently important that the University of Alabama Press issued a reprint of this in its "Library of Alabama Classics" series. Quite scarce in commerce; even the reprint is fairly uncommon. Brannen 4986.

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