Samuel Dawson family papers
.5 linear feet; 1 half-manuscript box
1783, 1836-1920, bulk 1861-1868

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Creator: Samuel Dawson and his descendants

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Related Materials: Gunby Family papers, 1995.012
Robert Savage Civil War collection, 1990.006
**Biographical History:** Captain Samuel Dawson (1790-1845) served as a patriot during the War of 1812 and was married to Sarah Anne Bayne (1804-1867) who was born in Onancock, Virginia.

**Scope and Content Note:** The Samuel Dawson family papers document the activities of Dawson of Virginia and his descendants before, during and after the Civil War from 1783-1920 with the bulk of the material dating from 1861-1868. Materials include legal judgment and the estate inventory of Samuel Dawson, a receipt for horses sold to the Confederacy by Samuel A. Dawson, a diary written by Charles G. Dawson documenting his experience in the Gettysburg campaign, a record of family slaves, a handwritten cookbook and a travel account from Philadelphia to Fauquier, Va. by Henrietta Horner Wyeth during the 1860s as well as Dawson and Cooper family histories. Also included is a handwritten constitution for the Society of the Cincinnati and an abstracts of correspondence from General Thomas Jesup from his campaigns in Florida during the Seminole Wars.

**Arrangement Statement:** Folders are listed by their location in each box; any given subject may be dispersed throughout the entirety of the collection.
Subject Terms:

**General Terms**
- Civil War
- Confederate Soldiers
- Fauquier County, Va.
- Gettysburg Campaign, 1863
- Military History
- Seminole Wars
- Slavery
- War of 1812

**Corporate Names**
- Confederate States of America
- Green and Lock
- Potomac Bridge Company
- Society of Cincinnati

**Personal Names**
- Cooper, Samuel Mason
- Dawson, Arthur
- Dawson, Charles G.
- Dawson, Martha K.
- Dawson, Nicholas
- Dawson, Roger T.
- Dawson, Captain Samuel
- Dawson, Samuel A.
- Dawson, Sarah Anne
- Gassaway, Henrietta
- Jesup, General Thomas
- Johnson, Thomas
- Luckett, S.C.
- Wyeth, Henrietta Horner
Box 1

1. Correspondence, From Samuel Dawson to Thomas Johnson, 1843 September 1
2. Legal Judgment, Samuel Dawson vs. Thomas Johnson, 1848 February 19
3. Estate Inventory, Samuel Dawson, 1846 March 13
5. Correspondence, From Green and Lock to Samuel and Sarah Dawson, 1866
6. Estate Disbursement, From Sarah Dawson to N. and Arthur Dawson, 1868 March 24
7. Receipt, Horses Sold to Confederacy, Samuel Dawson, 1861 June 19
8. Diary, Charles G. Dawson, Gettysburg Campaign, 1863
9. Transcription, Charles G. Dawson Gettysburg Campaign Diary, 2013
10. Correspondence, From Nicholas Dawson, 1869 May 13
11. Estate Inventory, Nicholas Dawson, undated
13. Correspondence, From Various Associates to Roger T. Dawson, 1888-1906
14. Resolution Minute, Death of Roger T. Dawson, undated
15. Cookbook, Martha K. Dawson, circa 1916-1920
16. Family Record, Slaves, 1844-1863
17. Will, Henrietta Gassaway, 1860 August 17
18. Family History, Dawson Family, undated
19. Family History, Order of First Families of Virginia, [photocopy], 1951 March
20. Diary, Henrietta Horner Wyeth, 1861
21. Military Permission Pass, Baltimore to Leesburg, Va., Henrietta Horner Wyeth, 1863
22. Account, Travel from Philadelphia to Fauquier County, Va., 1861-1863, Henrietta Horner Wyeth, 1895
23. Transcription, General Samuel Cooper, Military and Family History, 1940s
24. Coat of Arms, Cooper Family, undated
25. Research Notes, Samuel Mason Cooper, undated
26. Constitution, Society of the Cincinnati, 1783 February 10
27. Abstracts of Correspondence, General Thomas Jesup, Florida, 1836-1837