

**ISRAEL L. ADAMS FAMILY PAPERS**  
**Mss. 3637**

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## SUMMARY

<b>Size.</b>	1 linear ft., 1 v.
<b>Geographic locations.</b>	Adams County, Miss., Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, Indiana.
<b>Inclusive dates.</b>	1813-1879, 1890, undated.
<b>Bulk dates.</b>	1852-1866.
<b>Language.</b>	English, German.
<b>Summary.</b>	Correspondence, financial papers, legal documents and printed material relate to the Adams and related Zingline and Shupan families planters and merchants of Adams County, Miss. and Louisiana.
<b>Organization.</b>	Arranged chronologically.
<b>Restrictions.</b>	Copies must be made from microfilm.
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<b>Stack locations.</b>	Y:83; OS:A; Mf. 5735, Series B, reel 1; Mss. Mf.:A (1 reel)

**Note: Some items retained by family and are available only on microfilm, Mss. Mf.:A. Materials dated 1813-1858 and 1868-1890 were omitted from Mf. 5735.**

**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Israel Leonard Adams was born on March 2, 1801, to William Adams and Orpha Leonard of Pennsylvania. William Adams moved his family from Pennsylvania to Mississippi where he worked as a steamboat captain out of Natchez. Israel Adams became a merchant and planter near Natchez; several other Adams and related family members resided in Mississippi and Louisiana. Israel married Elizabeth Zingline, and they had six children: Harriet Catharine, Mary Eliza, Franklin (Frank) Oliver, Orlander Percival, Marcy Ann and Laura Olivia. Frank O. Adams and his cousins, James and Theodore, fought in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. Israel Adams died Jan. 23, 1860. Both he and his wife are buried in Washington Cemetery in Adams Co., Miss.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Papers pertain to the Adams and related Zingline and Shupan families. They consist of family genealogy, correspondence, financial papers, printed items, invitations, legal documents, and a cashbook, which also contains notations regarding the estate of Israel L. Adams. Papers also pertain to slavery, plantation life, financial and business affairs, the Civil War, local news, family matters and health.

The early papers contain an immigration document in which Christopher Zingline swears to renounce his allegiance to the German Empire and become an American citizen (Aug. 31, 1813). Inkdrawn maps depict part of New Jersey (Dec. 21, 1820) and the Atlantic coast from Maryland to the Gulf of St. Lawrence (April 7, 1823). Among the early correspondence, Johann Zanglein (Zingline) writes [in German] from Cambridge, Ind., to his children in Washington, Miss. (March 20, 1840), Orlando P. Adams describes student life at Mississippi College (Jan. 3, 8, 1855), Janet Campbell discusses Harriet Adams's rescue from the steamboat *Princess* (Mar. 4, 1859), and a "Lettie" describes Little Rock, Ark. and its inhabitants to Kate Adams (Oct. 31, 1859). Orlando Adams's report card (Jan.-Feb., 1856) is also included. Other antebellum items consist of a health certificate for a mulatto woman in the Adams household (Jan. 1856), a physician's statement on care administered to a female slave, who died of consumption (March 1, 1856), and sales receipts for slaves acquired by Israel L. Adams and Elizabeth L. Adams (Jan. 7, Dec. 24, 27, 1856; Jan. 1, 1857; Feb. 13, May 2, 1860). Kate mentions in a letter to her brother that an African American minister (March 2, 1856) married "Robert and Matilda", and there is a funeral notice, I. L. Adams' burial, at Locust Ridge, Jan. 24, 1860.

Papers of the Civil War period include letters from Frank Adams to family members describing military life at Camp Minden, La. (Sept. 11, Oct. 20, Nov. 9, 1863), Camp Oakridge (Feb. 14, Apr. 17, June 22, July 21, 1864) and Camp Marshall, Tex., (Jan. 13, 19, 1865). His mother responds that he does not live as well as their slaves (March 26, 1865). A letter to Kate Adams reports on the battles at Brandy Station and Vicksburg (July 9, 1863). James (d. 1865) serving in the Mississippi 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment, remarks on battle of Bakers Creek [Champion Hill] (Dec. 22, 1863) and the Battle of Atlanta (Sept. 16, 1864). Theodore, serving in the Arkansas 126<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment at Camp New Camden, Ark., expresses his distress over the reports of illness and death at home (July 27, 1864). Additionally, there are original Valentine's Day poems (Feb. 14, 1860; Feb. 14, 1861; Feb. 14, 1862), \$1000 Confederate States of America Bond (Jan. 8, 1863), Lewis Zingline's amnesty oath (Sept. 11, 1865), and a letter, in which Kate details latest women's fashions in New Orleans, La. (Sept. 26, 1866).

Post-war material consists of a funeral notice for Theo and Ruth Shupan's infant son, Willie, (May 24, 1868) and a letter describing Theo's grief and financial failure (June 15, 1868). William Shupan writes of his sister's death from a bilious disorder and her deathbed conversion to Methodism (July 26, Oct. 31, 1870). Kate writes of events in Lettsworth, La., primarily the illnesses, deaths and childbirth of individuals in the area.

She details the mental disease of one victim and mentions the death of another, possibly due to malaria (Aug. 14, 1872). Orville Whitaker, a Confederate who immigrated to Brazil, refers to the cost of slaves in Brazil (Nov. 11, 1874; Sept. 14, 1875; June 12, 1876), and he discusses the construction of a railroad and the cultivation and marketing of cotton, coffee and tobacco. Papers also contain home medical remedies (undated), an ink drawing of the Hamburg, Germany, skyline (undated), formal invitations, visiting cards, genealogical information for the Adams and related families (undated), a biographical sketch of an unidentified girl (undated) and a carte-de-visite of two unidentified men (undated).

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<b>OS:A</b>		1	Map of New Jersey, Dec. 21, 1820, Confederate bonds (Jan. 8, 1863); oversized financial papers, 1836-1856.
<b>Mf 5735, Series B</b>		reel 1	Microfilm, 1813-1890, undated.