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WILLIAMS, SAMUEL MAY

PAPERS, 1819-1864; 5 ft., 5 in., MSS, with transcriptions.

Samuel May Williams, 1795-1858, was naval agent for the Republic of Texas, organizer and member of the executive committee of the Galveston City Company, partner in McKinney and Williams, a commission merchant firm which was founded in Brazoria in 1834 and relocated to Quintana and then to Galveston in 1838. The partnership continued in private banking after the mercantile interests were sold in 1842. At the end of 1847 the Commercial and Agricultural Bank opened with Williams as President and carried on extensive state and international business until after the death of Williams.

The holdings consist of letters and drafts of letters, bills and receipts, promissory notes, memoranda. Early papers are mainly business of the Texas Republic, later papers after 1847 concern banking interests and financial affairs. Personal papers are integrated throughout. An annotated calendar of these papers was published by the Rosenberg Library in 1956.