

# James Knight and Walter C. White Papers

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## Collection Summary

Title: James Knight and Walter C. White Papers

Span Dates: 1825-1867

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1831-1846)

ID No.: MSS84818

Creator: Knight, James, 1787-1858

Extent: 70 items; 1 container plus 1 oversize; 2.2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English and Spanish

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: "Old Three Hundred" colonists and land grantees from Stephen F. Austin's colony in Texas. Correspondence, financial, legal, and real estate papers, and a hand-drawn map of Fort Bend County, Texas.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### People

Austin, Stephen F. (Stephen Fuller), 1793-1836.

Knight, James, 1787-1858.

White, Walter C., d. 1837. James Knight and Walter C. White papers. 1825-1867.

### Subjects

Landowners--Texas--Fort Bend County--Maps.

Pioneers--Texas--Fort Bend County.

Real property--Texas--Fort Bend County--Maps.

Real property--Texas--Fort Bend County.

### Places

Fort Bend County (Tex.)--Commerce.

Fort Bend County (Tex.)--History.

Fort Bend County (Tex.)--Maps.

Texas--Commerce.

Texas--History--To 1846.

### Occupations

Colonists.

## Administrative Information

### Provenance

The papers of James Knight and Walter C. White, "Old Three Hundred" colonists in Texas, were purchased by the Library of Congress in 2001.

### Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of James Knight and Walter C. White is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of James Knight and Walter C. White are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, James Knight and Walter C. White Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of James Knight (1787-1858) and Walter C. White (d.1837) span the years 1825-1867, with the bulk of the material dating from 1831 to 1846. The papers are primarily in English with one land deed from 1825 in Spanish. Knight and White went to Texas with the James Long expedition in 1821 and later enrolled with Stephen F. Austin's colony as one of the "Old Three Hundred" families. In Austin's colony, land grants were given to families rather than individuals. Single men could be paired to qualify for a land grant. Knight and White, both single at the time, were paired and received the land grant together in present-day Fort Bend County where they also operated a store, trading post, and a ferry. White died in 1837, and many of the papers concern his estate and Knight's legal matters related to their real estate and business partnership. Also in the collection is a hand drawn map of Fort Bend County showing plots of land with names of the owners.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically and therein chronologically.

# Container List

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BOX 1	Knight, James
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BOX 1	Legal papers, 1831-1855 <i><u>See also Oversize</u></i>
BOX 1	Map of Fort Bend County, Texas, undated <i><u>See Oversize</u></i>
BOX 1	White, Walter C.
BOX 1	Correspondence, 1836-1837 <i><u>See also Oversize</u></i>
BOX 1	Estate papers, 1825, 1837-1843, undated <i><u>See also Oversize</u></i>
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