

## Guide to the John S. Sledge Papers

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### **Descriptive Summary:**

Creator: John S. Sledge, 1957-

Title: John S. Sledge Papers

Dates: 1580-2022

Quantity: 7 linear feet

Abstract: These papers are the documents of John S. Sledge that were used to conduct the writing for many of his published works.

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### **Biographical Note:**

John Sturdivant Sledge is an Alabama writer and author who researches and writes about the areas in and around the Gulf of Mexico. He was born in Gainesville, Florida, in 1957 and moved with his family in 1962 to Montevallo, Alabama, where he grew up. He currently lives in Fairhope, Alabama, with his wife. Mr. Sledge has had a successful career as a journalist and author. He graduated from Auburn University with a bachelor's degree in history and Spanish. He achieved his master's degree in historic preservation from Middle Tennessee State University. Mr. Sledge is a senior architectural historian for the Mobile, Alabama Historic Development Commission. He began working for the Commission in 1985. He was a newspaper Book Page editor for the *Mobile Press-Register*, writing over eight hundred articles during his career there. He has published journal articles, is a National Book Critics Circle member, and has published books about the Gulf Coast region and its history.

**Scope and Content:**



defense, obstructions for protection, the battles of Spanish Fort/Blakey, the battle of Daphne, the capture of Mobile, the River Fleet, General Rousseau's Raids, the steamboat Heroine, and the aftermath of the Civil War in Alabama.

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Daniel Geary Papers – Civil War – (93-09-278)

Mobile Historic Development Commission (90-04-210; 91-09-237; 92-18-251; 09-030489)

Mobile Press-Register & Mobile Bay Monthly

Mobile Bar Pilots Associations (94-09-284)

Sledge, John (96-09-310; 523-2010; 633-2012)

WHIL/Eugene Walter (04-09-422)

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## **Content List:**

### **Box 1:**

Project: The Mobile River (1580-2021). 1 linear foot.

1. Contract & Correspondence (2011-2021)
2. Contract & Correspondence (2014-2018)
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8. 4 Territorial Transition (1812-2005)
9. 5 Cotton City (1836-2019)
10. 5 Cotton City (1822-2002)
11. 5 Cotton City (1826-2014)
12. 6 Last Slave Ship Clotilda (1808-2019)
13. 7 The War (1862-2008)
14. 8 Jubilo! (1871-1968)
15. Hunting Pirates (2010-2014)
16. *Southern Bound* Press (2013-2014)
17. *The Gulf of Mexico: A Maritime History* Draft
18. Loose Material

**Box 6:**

Project: *The Gulf of Mexico: A Maritime History* 1769-2019 (.5 linear foot)

Project: Article Projects 1699-2020 (.25 linear foot)

Project: Eugene Walter 1921-2002 (.25 linear foot)

1. *The Gulf of Mexico* Draft (2019)
2. *The Gulf of Mexico* Draft of Illustrations & References
3. Mobile Press Articles (1998-2008)
4. Information on U.S.S. Hartford (1902-1956)
5. American Sea 8 (1887-2021)
6. American Sea 8 (1880-2016)
7. Illustrations (1769-2005)
8. Vigo Bay (1719-2020)
9. Ivanhoe (2018-2019)
10. Blowout 9 (1869-2016)
11. Color (1699-1927)
12. Johnny Andrews (1975-1992)
13. Eugene (1921-2001)
14. Eugene Walter (1921-2002)
15. Loose Material
16. Loose Material

**Box 7:**