

Record Group 4
U.S. Food Administration
State and Local Food Administrators
Montgomery, Alabama

Correspondence of Richard M. Hobbie
Federal Food Administrator for Alabama
1917-1919
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This series consists of letters and telegrams sent and received by the Alabama State Food Administration relating to the organization and operation of U.S. Food Administration programs in the state. The series includes reports, printed rules and regulations, press releases and announcements issued by the U.S. Food Administration headquarters, appointment papers, staff rosters, mailing lists of organizations and professional groups, newspaper articles and advertisements, posters, photographs, pledge cards, license applications and reports, statistical reports submitted by various types of businesses and farmers, fair price schedules, circulars, bulletins, and notices. The correspondence includes letters to and from private citizens and local businesses explaining the mechanics of the food-related programs of the U.S. Food Administration, letters relating to violations of rationing and fair price regulations, and correspondence with other Food Administration officials. The records also document enforcement investigations of and actions against individuals and businesses that violated regulations.

Box 1

1. Sugar Distribution Certificates
2. 101A-C1 K-Ref - Check out Card
3. 201-1-100 Sale and Purchase of Flour, Jan-March 1918
4. 201-101-200, Guidelines for Sale of Flour and Substitutes, Jan-March, 1918
5. 201-201-300, Sale and Purchase of Flour, April-May, 1918
6. 201-301-400, Sale and Purchase of Flour, June-July, 1918
7. 201-401-500, Sale and Purchase of Flour, June-September, 1918
8. 201-501-600, Sale and Purchase of Flour, June-November, 1918

Box 2

1. 201/601-623, Victory Mixed Flour, Flour Substitutes
2. 202/1-100, Buying and Selling Sugar for various purposes.
3. 202/101-200, Buying and Selling Sugar for various purposes.
4. 202/201-300, Buying and Selling Sugar, Requests for Increased Allotments
5. 202/301-400, Selling Sugar

Box 3

1. 203/101-200, Sale and Purchase of Corn, May-November, 1918

2. 204/1-100, Sale and Purchase of Flour and Cereal, Jan-Feb, 1918
3. 204/101-200, Sale and Purchase of Flour and Cereal, Feb-March, 1918
4. 204/201-300, Sale and Purchase of Flour and Cereal, Jan-March 1918

Box 4

1. 204/301-400, Sale and Purchase of Flour and Cereal, Jan-Aug, 1918
2. 204/401-500, Sale and Purchase of Flour and Cereal Substitutes, July-Nov, 1918
3. 204/501-600, Sale and Purchase of Flour and Cereal Substitutes, Nov-Dec, 1918
4. 205/1-100, Buying Cottonseed and Cottonseed Meal, Jan-April, 1918
5. 205/101-200, Buying Cottonseed and Cottonseed Meal, Feb-Oct, 1918

Box 5

1. 205/201-300, Sale and Purchase of Cottonseed and Cottonseed Meal, Aug-Oct, 1918.
2. 205/301-400, Sale and Purchase of Cottonseed and Cottonseed Meal, Aug-Oct, 1918.
3. 205/401-500, Sale and Purchase of Cottonseed, Oct-Nov, 1918.
4. 205/501-604, Sale and Purchase of Cottonseed, Oct 1918-Jan 1919.
5. 206, Sale and Purchase of Peanut Cake and Meal.

Box 6

1. 207, B215, Requests for Government Publications, Jan 1917-March 1918
2. Using and Selling Dairy Products-Milk, Butter, and Cheese.
3. 208, Buying and Selling Seafood.
4. 209, Buying and Selling Poultry and Eggs.
5. 210/1-100, Buying and Selling Produce.
6. 210/101-225, Buying and Selling Produce, etc.
7. 211, Buying and Selling controlled Livestock and Poultry Feeds.

Box 7

1. 212, Regulations for Bakeries, Restaurants, Hotels, etc., Jan-Aug, 1918
2. 213, Regulations for Spoiled Produces, Meatless and Wheatless days, etc., Sept 1917-July 1918.
3. 214, Buying and Selling Corn Products, Dec 1917-May 1918.
4. 215, Requests for Government Publications, Jan 1917-March 1918.
5. 215, Requests for Government Publications, Jan 1917-March 1918.
6. 215, Requests for Government Publications, Jan 1917-March 1918.
7. 215, Requests for Government Publications, Jan 1917-March 1918.

Box 8

1. 215, Requests for Government Publications, Jan 1917-March 1918.

2. 215, Instructions for Grain Loading, June-Dec, 1918.
3. 216, Buying and Selling Flour, Sugar, Corn, Peas, Sorghum, etc., Jan-May 1918.
4. 216, Buying and Selling Wool, Cotton Oil, Hay, Peanuts, Hogs, etc.,
5. 217, Buying and Selling Cattle, Hogs, and Lamb, Feb 1917-Dec 1918.
6. 217, Buying Selling Green Coffee, Dec 1917-May 1918.

Box 9

1. 218, Completed Questionnaires sent to Merchants, June 1917-June 1918.
2. 218, Failure of Merchants and Dealers to Make Monthly Reports, June-July, 1918.
3. 218, Failure of Merchants and Dealers to Make Monthly Reports, July 1918.
4. 218, Failure of Merchants and Dealers to Make Monthly Reports, June-July, 1918.
5. 218, Failure of Merchants and Dealers to Make Monthly Reports, June-Nov, 1918.

Box 10

1. 219-220, Folder Empty
2. 221, Violation of Food Administration Rules.
3. 222, Violation of Food Administration Rules.
4. 223, Violation of Sugar Sales.
5. 224, Violation of Cottonseed, Sugar, and Flour Sales.
6. 225, Sale of Flour and Cornmeal.
7. 226, Sale of Various Products.
8. 227, Violation of Lumber Contract.
9. 228, Broker's License.
10. 229, Requirement for Wholesale License.
11. 230-231, Folder Empty.
12. 232, Profiteering.
13. 233, Folder Empty.
14. 234, Violations of Meatless and Wheatless days.
15. 235, Violations for Hoarding.
16. 236, Spoiled Food.

Box 11

1. 237/1-50, Letters dealing with Hoarding of Foodstuffs, Feb-April, 1918.
2. 237/51-100, Food Administration Violations, March-April, 1918.
3. 237/101-200, Food Administration Violations, Dec 1917-May, 1918.
4. 237/201-250, Food Administration Violations, March-May, 1918.
5. 237/201-250, Food Administration Violations, March-May, 1918.

Box 12

1. 237/301-350, Food Administration Violations.
2. 237/351-400, Food Administration Violations.
3. 237/401-483, Food Administration Violations.
4. 238, Purchase and Use of Fertilizers by Farmers.
5. 239/1-100, Price of Cottonseed, Profits of Mills and Ginners.
6. 239/101-205, Price for Ginning Cotton approved by Food Administration.

Box 13

1. 240, License Cards; Price for Southern Hogs.
2. 241, License Cards; License Requirements.
3. 242, License Requirements, License Violations, Violations on Sale of Sugar.
4. 243, License Requirements, License Requests.
5. 244 (1-100), License Applications and Requests.
6. 244 (101-200), License Applications and Requests.
7. 244 (201-300), License Applications and Requests.
8. 244 (301-400), License Applications and Requests.

Box 14

1. 244 (401-460), License Applications and Requests.
2. 245, Baker's License's
3. 246 (1-100), Miller's Licenses.
4. 246 (101-200), Miller's Licenses.
5. 246 (201-300), Miller's Licenses.
6. 246 (301-394), Miller's Licenses.
7. 247, License Applications for Storage and Milling of Velvet Beans.
8. 248, President Wilson's Proclamation requiring Licenses.

Box 15

1. 249 (1-39), Government Control of Prices.
2. 250 (1-21), Farmer's Union.
3. 251 (3-100), Inquiries about License Requirements.
4. 251 (101-200), Inquiries about License Requirements.
5. 251 (201-300), Inquiries about License Requirements.
6. 251 (301-369), Inquiries about License Requirements.
7. 260-263 Pledge Cards, Canned Goods, Appointments to Food Administration.

Box 16

1. 264, Letters concerning African-American support.
2. 265, Price Guidelines, Statistical Reports.
3. 266, Farm Labor.

4. 267 (1-100), Publicity.
5. 267 (1-100 (2)), Publicity
6. 268, Purchases.
7. 269, Purchases and Applications.
8. 272 (1-100), Food Hoarding, etc.

Box 17

1. 272 (101-200), Guidelines and Organization.
2. 272 (201-300), Guidelines and Organization.
3. 272 (301-400), Guidelines and Organization.
4. 272 (401-500), Guidelines and Organization.
5. 272 (501-600), Guidelines and Organization.
6. 272 (601-700), Guidelines and Organization.

Box 18

1. 272 (701-800), Guidelines and Organization.
2. 272 (801-900), Guidelines and Organization.
3. 272 (901-1000), Guidelines and Organization.
4. 272 (1001-1100), Guidelines and Organization.
5. 272 (1101-1210), Guidelines and Organization.
6. 281, Appointments to Alabama Food Administration Positions.

Box 19

1. 282 (1-110), Vouchers
2. 282 (111-166), Payroll Checks
3. 283, Travel Vouchers.
4. 284, Organization.
5. 285-289, Missing
6. 290 (1-114), Misc. Correspondence.
7. 290 (115-239), Misc. Correspondence.

Box 20

1. Aroostock Feed Mill Co.
2. Ashport Feed Mill Co.
3. A.C. Allen – Not a Registered Miller
4. Aliceville Mercantile Co., Aliceville, AL.
5. Air Nitrate Corporation v. Orr, Jackson & Co.
6. J.W. Batson v. Clark Milling Co.
7. Beason Brothers v. Smith Grain & Grocery Co., Whitney, AL.
8. J.R. Burgess, Florence, AL – Hoarding Flour and Sugar.
9. Harry Block, Troy, AL – Selling Excessive Flour.
10. Frank E. Block Co., Atlanta, GA – Refusing to Accept Shipment of Crackers.

11. J.M. Blanton, Haleyville, AL – Flour Violations.
12. Bently, Black & Duke, Athens, AL – Flour Violations.
13. G.M. Black v. J.M. Brown & Dr. E.S. Meigs.
14. W.H. Barnes, Heflin, AL – Illicit Distilling.
15. Bailey Brothers, Jena, AL – Selling Flour at Excessive Profits.
16. Joseph Chalona Company v. Charles G. Ibach.
17. W.T. Clay Mercantile Company, Athens, AL – Selling Flour for Excessive Profits.
18. Coleman and Lavender, Whatley, AL – Overcharges on Flour.
19. Cannon and Shepperd, Tuscaloosa, AL - Report.
20. The Calumette Mining Company, Jasper, AL – Flour in Excess of Allowance.
21. A.C. Carlton, Carlton, AL – Overcharge for Sugar.
22. Carter-Reed Co., Russellville, AL – Food Administration Violations.
23. C.E. Combs, Brewton, AL – Flour Violations.
24. W.A. Cook, Calumet, AL – Flour Violations.
25. Cotton
26. W.A. Dole, Camden, AL – Overcharge for Sugar.
27. Pat M. Donnelly, Camden, AL – Excess Profits on Sugar and Flour.
28. M.B. Dewey, Loxley, AL – Excess Profits on Sugar.
29. James Deckert, Tuscumbia, AL – Excess Profits on Sugar and Flour.
30. Hoover Letters.
31. Undisposed of Reports.
32. Home Card Campaign – World Relief.
33. Mailing lists.

Box 21

1. Publicity. Miscellaneous – Hoover Kitchen
2. Weekly Press.
3. Press and Bulletins.
4. Western Newspaper Unions.

Box 22

1. Educational Division.
2. Circular Letters
3. Circular Letters – Washington, DC
4. Deferments for Food Administration Workers.
5. Fairs.

**Correspondence of Richard M. Hobbie
With County Food Agents, Alabama Agricultural Agencies, Federal Agencies,
Individuals, Businesses, and Colleges.
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Box 1

1. Treasury Department, Wheat Campaign.
2. Purchase of Alabama Agricultural Products by the Army.
3. Empty Folder.
4. Appointment of District Director of Home Economics.
5. Cotton Oil Mills Production.
6. Empty Folder.
7. Coal Production. Coal Strike.
8. Empty Folder.
9. Food Survey Act.
10. Request to Operate Shoe Shine Stand at Camp Sheridan.
11. Hotel and Restaurant Committee.
12. War Income Tax.
13. County Newspapers.
14. Sweet Feed Manufacturer's Association.
15. Library War Council for Alabama.
16. Land Due to Mrs. Sadler Abercrombie and Mrs. Annie Vandiver.
17. Deferments for Food Administration Employees.
18. Empty Folder.
19. Job Requests.
20. Appointment of Richard M Hobbie as Federal Food Administrator for Alabama.
21. Woman's Committee of Council for National Defense of Alabama.
22. Four Minute Men Movement.
23. Food Preparedness Bureau of Birmingham.
24. The Council of Defense.
25. U.S. Public Service Reserve.

26. Fire Prevention Rules.
27. Discontinued Train Service.
28. Trapping Buzzards.
29. County Farmer Organizations.
30. Request of Speakers for the Montgomery Fair.
31. Midwestern States Crop Report.
32. Canning and Drying of Fish.
33. Surplus Cans.
34. Import and Export of Alabama Agriculture Products.
35. Funding for Jackson Highway.
36. Telegraph and Mail Rates.
37. Chevy Chase Conference Report, July 1917.

Box 2

1. Job Applications.
2. Appointments to Food Administration.
3. Averaging Cost of Goods.
4. Bids on Printing.
5. Bakeries – Regulations for Pie Bakers.
6. Mr. Bragg.
7. Brokerages.
8. Bulletins.
9. Campaign Manager for Alabama.
10. Campaign Managers for Counties.
11. Cans
12. Canned Goods.
13. Cards Placed in homes of Enlisted Men.
- 14-21. Demonstration Agents.
22. Corn
23. Cotton Seed
24. Council of National Defense
25. County Organization Lists
26. County Chairmen and Assistants

Box 3

1. Cooperation of Chamber of Commerce
2. County Chairmen and Assistants
3. Distillation of Food Stuffs into Alcohol
4. Dry Goods
5. Executive Committee Appointments
6. Equipment and Supplies
7. Expense Vouchers
8. Farmers
9. Field Representatives

10. Farm Labor
11. Food Pledge Week
12. Fertilizer
13. Fuel
14. Game and Fish
15. Government Control of Food Prices
16. Grain Trade Hearings
17. H.M. Hobbie Grocery Co.
18. R.M. Hobbie (Personal)
19. Hogs
20. Hotel Work
21. Legal Department
22. League to Enforce Peace
23. Liberty Loan Campaign
24. Library Publicity – Director for Alabama
25. Library War Council
26. Literature to be sent to County Chairmen
27. Magazine Publicity
28. Mailing List
29. Marketing of Food Stuffs
30. Medicinal Herbs
31. Meetings
32. Miscellaneous
33. J.H. Montgomery
34. Motion Picture Industry
35. Newspaper Publicity
36. Oats
37. Oil Mills
38. Organizations for Alabama
39. Organizations for Mississippi
40. Packing Houses
41. Peanut Cake
42. Perishable Food

Box 4

1. Pennsylvania Handbook
2. Photographs
3. Printing
4. Publicity Man for Alabama, Robert H. Mangum
5. Proclamations (Governor's and others)
6. Public Speakers
7. Public Speakers
8. Railroad Car Service
9. Railroad Car Service
10. Reports

11. Reports of Food Pledge Cards
12. Reports on Goods
13. Registration Work (Colored)
14. Retail Merchants
15. Rice
16. Signed Pledge Cards
17. Soil Survey Maps
18. Stenographers
19. Stock
20. Stock Yards and Stock Raising
21. Telegrams
22. Typewriters
23. Sugar
24. Sweet Potatoes
25. Telegraph of Frank
26. Tomatoes
27. Transportation
28. U.S. Voucher for Traveling Expenses
29. Velvet Beans
30. War Bread – Recipe for
31. War Mothers
32. War Savings Committee
33. Waste in Army Camps
34. Wheat and Flour
35. Wholesale Grocers

Correspondence of Richard M. Hobbie With Other Food Administration Agencies, Secret Service, County Agents, Individuals offering their services and Individual Food Businesses.

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Box 5

1. Hotels
2. Secret Service
3. Sugar
4. Child Labor Law
5. Stenographers
6. County Chairmen
7. Missing
8. Bakeries
9. Corn
10. Wheat
11. Equipment and Supplies
12. Public Speakers
13. Transportation Requests

14. Soft Drinks
15. Meetings
16. Sweet Potatoes
17. Hogs
18. Cotton Seed
19. Velvet Beans
20. Distillation of Grain and Food Stuffs
21. Applications
22. Reconsignment of Meats
23. Bulletins
24. Marketing of Food Stuffs
25. Government Control of Prices
26. Cooperation of Churches
27. Cooperation of Colleges
28. Waste of Farmlands
29. Signing of Pledge Cards
30. Farmers
31. Freight Rates
32. Auditor
33. Oil Mills
34. War Time Cooking School
35. Butter
36. Brokerages
37. Livestock
38. War Saving Certificates and Bonds
39. Statistical Reporting
40. Express Accounts
41. Flour
42. Sales of Commodities
43. Appointments
44. Publicity Directors
45. Mailing Lists
46. Hay
47. Waste in Army Camps
48. Salt
49. Newspaper Publicity
50. Tea
51. Rice
52. Office Expenses
53. Car Loading
54. Syrup
55. Fuel Administrator
56. Retail Merchants
57. Colored Organization
58. Home Economics
59. Grocers

60. Peanuts
61. Transportation
62. Combination Sales
63. Reports
64. Food Survey Reports
65. Nitrates
66. Hoarding
67. Price Fixing Committee
68. Violation of Food Laws

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Box 6

1. Cotton Seed
2. Cotton Oil
3. Cotton Seed
4. Wholesale Grocers
5. Miscellaneous
6. Correspondence (Alphabetical by Person)

Box 7

1. Cotton Ginning (Folder Destroyed)
2. Cotton Ginning and Pricing (Folder Ripped)

Box 8

1. General Correspondence (Chronological)
February 1918-December 1918
2. General Correspondence (Chronological)
June 1918-September 1918
3. General Correspondence (Chronological)
August 1918-January 1919
4. General Correspondence (Chronological)
January 1919-February 1919

**Correspondence Regarding Licenses – 1917-1918
National Archives Identifier 6037169**

This series consists of letters sent and received by the Alabama State Food Administrator relating to the granting of permits and licenses, and the interpretation of U.S. Food Administration rules and regulations.

Box 1

1. 1-A – Guidelines, Requests, Laws
2. 1-B – Licenses for Production, Manufacture, Sale of Commodities

**Education Division Correspondence – 1917-1919
National Archives Identifier 6037171**

This series consists of correspondence regarding the distribution of material throughout the state of Alabama. Also included are the mailing lists of farmers in Alabama.

Box 1

1. General Correspondence
2. General Correspondence
3. General Correspondence
4. Mailing Lists (Lists of 20 Farmers for Each County)
5. Mailing Lists
6. Reports