

# Finding Aid

**Title:** Z. Cartter Patten and Albert S. Lenoir papers  
**Dates:** 1831-1921



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**Creator:** Patten, Zeboim Cartter, 1840-1925  
**Extent:** 1.75 linear feet in 4 boxes  
**Collection number:** Acc. 34  
**Language:** English  
**Repository:** Chattanooga Public Library. Chattanooga, Tennessee.

**Biographical note:** Zeboim Cartter Patten (1840-1925) was a Chattanooga industrialist who organized the Chattanooga Medicine Company and the Volunteer State Life Insurance Company, and owned the *Chattanooga Times*. He married Sarah Avery Key, granddaughter of Albert Sobieski Lenoir (1803-1861). Lenoir was a Federal issuing agent to the Cherokee at New Echota and Camp Clanewaugh prior to the forced Cherokee removal.

**Scope and content:** Collection consists of papers and records created by Z. Cartter Patten and his grandfather-in-law, Albert S. Lenoir. Patten's papers include correspondence, receipts, diaries, and business papers. Records of Albert S. Lenoir include ration books he created as a Federal issuing agent during Cherokee removal. The handwritten ration books record the names of Cherokee and Creek individuals held at the camps from 1836-1838, along with the volume of various rations they were allotted each week. Lenoir papers also include family and land records, and a list of people who were enslaved by Lenoir with birth and death dates.

**Arrangement:** Collection is divided into two series: Z. Cartter Patten papers and Albert S. Lenoir papers.

**Provenance:** Gift of Mrs. Zeboim Cartter Patten and Mrs. Z. Cartter Patten, circa 1939 and 1946.

**Access information:** Collection is open for access. For access to ration books, photocopies are preferred.

**Use information:** Copyright is retained by the authors of items in these papers, or their descendants, as stipulated by United States copyright law. Copying or scanning of materials to be performed by staff.

**Alternative form available:** Black and white digital scans of a portion of the ration books are available on request.

**Preferred citation:** [Identification of item], Z. Cartter Patten and Albert S. Lenoir papers (Acc. 34). Chattanooga Public Library.

**Processing note:** Collection has been rehoused in archival folders and boxes.

**Subject headings:** Cherokee Indians -- Genealogy  
 Creek Indians -- Genealogy  
 Lenoir, Albert S., 1803-1861  
 Patten, Zeboim Cartter, 1840-1925  
 Indian agents -- Tennessee  
 Indians of North America -- Government relations

**Related materials:** A subset of these ration books have been published by Jim Douthat in *Cherokee ration books, 1836, 1837, 1838: New Echota* (1999) and *Creek ration book: records taken in June 1838 at Camp Clanewaugh, near Ross' Landing in Tennessee* (1999).

Series	Container #	Title/description	Start date	End date
Z. Cartter Patten Papers	Box 1	Correspondence, receipts, and other business papers.	1899	1904
Z. Cartter Patten Papers	Box 2	Diary of Z. Cartter Patten. 4 volumes.	1860-04-27	1863-06-17
Albert S. Lenoir papers	Box 2	Cherokee and Creek ration books, 1836-1838; miscellaneous deeds; account books; Chambers family data; ration list at Camp Cummings, Tenn., 1861; will of William B. Lenoir (typescript copy); land entries of Lenoir family in Morgan County, survey and field notes.	1836	1861
Albert S. Lenoir papers	Box 3	Town Board Minutes of Flintstone, Georgia, 1896-1912; Land Book of William B. Lenoir (includes taxable property of Lenoir's; a list of people who were enslaved by Lenoir with birth and death dates. Most of the material in this book relates to Roane and Morgan Counties, Tenn., circa late 1700's to early 1850's.)	late 1700s	1896