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Henry County, Tennessee, collection

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Abstract: The collection comprises mostly copies of legal documents, correspondence, newspaper articles, broadsides, bills, and publications related to the history of Henry County, Tennessee.

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Scope and contents

The collection comprises mostly copies of legal documents, correspondence, broadsides, bills, newspaper articles, and publications related to the history of Henry County, Tennessee. It includes an 1857 letter from future governor James D. Porter giving his opinion on the health of a slave woman named Rena, and a copy of his 1900 address at the dedication of the Confederate monument in Paris.

Subject terms

Apprentices--Tennessee.
Caldwell family.
Porter, James D. (James Davis), 1828-1912.
Promissory notes.
Henry County (Tenn.)
Schools--Tennessee--Henry County.
Thompson family.

Inventory

Box 1

Folder

- 1 Original documents: bankruptcy petition by T.A. Crawford, near Paris, Tenn., 1873; notification of bankruptcy of estate of Horace T. Blanton and John St. James, Shelby County, to Newton Young, Paris, Tenn., 1868; envelope addressed to H. Champion, Paris, Tenn., from T.B. Haynes & Co., cotton factors, Memphis, 18?? August 1.

Note: The following are all photocopies.

- 2 Clippings: Newspaper articles related to history of Henry County, 1933, 1952, 1972-1973.
- 3 Letter: James D. Porter, Sandy Hill, Henry County, Tenn., to unknown recipient, 1857 May 29. Replying to question by Mr. French on health of slave named Rena, says she has been sick but is expected to recover.
- 4 Publication: "An Address Delivered at the Unveiling of the Henry County Confederate Monument Paris, Tennessee, Saturday, October 13, 1900. by Ex-Governor James D. Porter.", 25p. Details participation by Henry County soldiers in Civil War.
- 5 Extract from unknown publication (8p.), circa 1904, "To the Old Soldiers of Henry

County”, on correspondence with the Paris *Post-Intelligencer*, suggesting political interests are influencing the work of the Tennessee State Board of Pension Examiners.

- 6 Broadside: “Big July 4th Celebration at the Old Sulpher Well”, Kentucky, circa 1935.
- 7 Robinson, Nell, “History of Buchanan United Methodist Church”, 1960. Updated by Joe Walker, 1987.
- 8 Tax lists, Third District, Henry County, 1853-1856.
- 9 Broadside: “To the Voters of Carroll, Madison, Gibson and Henry”, appeal by H.F. Cummins, Paris, Tenn., Whig candidate for Tennessee Legislature, for other Whig candidates to withdraw in his favor in coming election, 1853 July 7.
- 10 Circular: “To the Citizens of Henry County”, appeal for votes by W.D. Woodson, Manlyville, candidate for County Court Clerk, 1870 March 19.
- 11 Documents and correspondence related to the Caldwell family, 1831-circa 1914. Includes: Robert, Y.Q., Varner, R.D., A.D., E.A., and Dule Caldwell. Also includes the following: account of James H. King, jailor, 1832; bill of lading of Southern Express Company, W.F. Lenoir to W.T. Lenoir, Humboldt, Tenn., 1878; doctor’s bill, A.M. Wilson to Colonel William Sevor?, 1870; apprenticeship indenture for Eliza Smith with James P. King, 1848; account of T.C. McNeill re: stationery supplied to Henry County, 1874.
- 12 Commencement exercises, Odd Fellows’ Female Institute, Paris, Tenn., 1855, 1856; advertisement: Paris Female College, 1865.
- 13 Correspondence and documents related to Spring Hill Academy, 1851-1890. Includes lists of subscribers/shareholders and students, tuition accounts, recommendation letter for teacher.
- 14 Apprenticeship indenture for Stephen Dennis with Henry C. McNees, saddler, 1829.
- 15 Apprenticeship indenture for Elbert Watson with Archibald Davies, tailor, 1831.
- 16 Clippings, advertisements re: Crete Opera House, Paris, Tenn., 1900-1905 and undated. Includes photograph of Martin Fisk, Paris Male Academy, 1854.
- 17 Accounts, checks, other documents, 1842-1972. Includes: tour schedule for “Delta Queen”, Paris, Tenn., 1972; resolutions of respect for Walter C. Johnson, Jr., from Tyson & Co., 1926; appointment of C.I. Bradley as guardian of two children of C.I. Bradley and Judith M. Bradley , 1847; checks, receipts of following: Thompson to H. Fisk, Paris Academy, 1860, T.C McNeill, 1880, S. Hardwell, 1895, Shebb Loving, 1859; Mrs. H. Thompson, payment of debt of M.B. King, 1856; payment by Dr. S.H. Caldwell for Nobe Thompson’s casket , 1876; account for lumber by W. H. Thompson to James M. Dunn, 1858-1859; letter: H. Champion to Mrs. J.G. King, 1880; letter: Thomas Love, Paris, Tenn., to brother, 1842, re; death of sister-in-law Molly and sale of land; account of Julia King with T.C. McNeill, 1879-1880; judgment against H. Barksdale, Gibson County for W.H. Thompson, 1851; William E. Henry check, 1848; Promissory note for W.B. Jones, 1901; accounts for Henry County Jail, 1874, 1875; account of W. W. Thompson from Janes, Thompson & Co. for coal, 1877.
- 18 “Camp Tyson, The Barrage Balloon Training Center, The Second World War,

Construction completed March 14, 1942, This remembrance forty-two years after”, Henry County Historical Society et al, circa 1984.

Separated materials

The following materials have been separated from the collection and disposed of as follows:
Booklet: Inman, W.O., *Pen Sketches: Henry County, Tennessee*, Paris, Tenn.: Henry County Historical Society, 1976.

Transferred to Special Collections book collection.