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**Sloan family papers**

**Title:** Sloan family papers

**Collection No:** MSS.245

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**Inclusive Dates:** 1820-1943

**Abstract:** The collection comprises mostly genealogical research notes compiled by Myrtle Kyle Lockhart Sloan (1874-1943) and some materials related to patriotic organizations she belonged to in Arkansas and Tennessee.

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## Biographical information

Myrtle Kyle Lockhart was born in Bluff City, Sullivan County, Tennessee, on July 20, 1874 to Zedekiah Newton Lockhart (1848-1895) and Katherine Kyle Lockhart (1847-1928). She had two sisters: Anna Meade (1882-1943) and Mayme (1885-1965). Myrtle married Homer Fergus Sloan (1872-1952) in 1895. Homer was the son of William Comfort Sloan (1833-1902) and his second wife, Elizabeth Jane Cravens Sloan (1847-1897) of Smithville, Arkansas. Captain W. C. Sloan served in the 30th and later the 25th Arkansas Regiments during the Civil War from March 1862 and later served in the 45th Arkansas Mounted Infantry. W.C. Sloan was a successful businessman having started the Sloan-Mercantile Company in Imboden in 1884 with O.C. James and W.M. Childress. The Sloan-Mercantile was later re-named Sloan-Wilson Company after Childress sold his share of the store and W.J. Wilson was brought in. Sloan was reputedly the richest man in Lawrence County and he supported the establishment of Sloan-Hendrix Academy in Imboden in 1899. Homer and Myrtle had two children: Elizabeth Kyle (1896-1976) and William Comfort (1897-1984). Homer owned Willbeth Plantation near Marked Tree, Arkansas. Myrtle was involved with various patriotic organizations such as the Daughters of the American Revolution, becoming Arkansas state regent, and the United Daughters of the Confederacy, becoming president of the Arkansas Division. Elizabeth Sloan attended school in Memphis, Tennessee, and the family had a house on Peabody Avenue. Myrtle Sloan died in Memphis on January 30, 1943.

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## Scope and contents

The collection comprises mostly Myrtle Sloan's genealogical research into her family and the family of her husband. There are some materials related to her involvement with various patriotic organizations and scattered items related to members of the family.

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## Subject terms

Sloan, Homer Fergus, 1872-1952.

Sloan, Myrtle Kyle Lockhart, 1874-1943.

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## Inventory

### Box 1

Folder

#### Sloan family: Myrtle Kyle Lockhart Sloan:

1 Correspondence: Myrtle Sloan, Sweetwater, Tenn. to Homer F. Sloan, Smithville, Ark.,

1895 May 8.

2 Correspondence, 1900-1942.

3 United Daughters of the Confederacy, Arkansas, 1905-1935. Includes: Correspondence: Charles McKee, Subscription Committee, Confederate Veterans Reunion, Little Rock, Ark. (May 16-18, 1911) to Mrs. Homer F. Sloan, Pres., Arkansas Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Batesville, Arkansas, 1911 February 17. re: Flag Day; Program: W C Sloan Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, 1905-1906; Program: United Daughters of the Confederacy, W. C. Sloan Chapter No. 871, Imboden, Arkansas, 1906-1907; Program: United Daughters of the Confederacy meeting, undated; "A Toast. 'The State Officers U.D.C. of 1908-09.'"; Program: 17th Annual Convention, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Arkansas Division, Pine Bluff, October 22-25, 1912; Card promoting Mrs. W.F. Massey for President-General, UDC, 1933; Program, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Forty-Second Annual Convention, Hot Springs, Ark., November 19-22, 1935.

4 United Daughters of the Confederacy, Arkansas. Includes: Invitation to 1911 unveiling of monument at Shiloh, rough draft with names of committee members; typescript copy of *Commercial Appeal* article, on Arkansas monument, November 7, 1910.

5 United Daughters of the Confederacy, Tennessee, 1924-1936. Includes: *The Mansion and the Cabin*, by Mary Y. Walworth, President, General Cheatham Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Pilcher Printing, Memphis, Tenn., undated; Program: West Tennessee District Conference, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Humboldt, Tenn., October 23, 1924; Invitation: The Tennessee and Mississippi State Directors for the Jefferson Davis Memorial Highway of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Dedication of the Memorial Marker to be placed on the Boundary of Tennessee and Mississippi, near Whitehaven, Tennessee, April 30, 1929. Directors: Mrs. W.H. Price, Mississippi Division; Mrs. Homer F. Sloan, Tennessee Division; Invitation: The Kentucky and Tennessee State Directors for the Jefferson Davis Memorial Highway of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Dedication of the Memorial Marker to be placed on the Boundary of Kentucky and Tennessee, in Fulton, Kentucky, June 14, 1930. Directors: Mrs. Gipp Watkins, Kentucky Division; Mrs. Homer F. Sloan, Tennessee Division; Jefferson Davis Highway Song by Mrs. John L Woodbury and Mrs. James Henry Parker, United Daughters of the Confederacy; Program, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Thirty-Ninth Annual Convention, Memphis, Tenn., November 14-19, 1932; United Daughters of the Confederacy and Children's Auxiliary, General A P Stewart Chapter No 81, Chattanooga, Tennessee, 1934; Program: United Daughters of the Confederacy, Annual Convention, Tennessee Division, Columbia, Tenn., October 9-12, 1934; Program: United Daughters of the Confederacy, Annual Convention, Tennessee Division, Memphis, Tenn., October 13-16, 1936.

6 Daughters of the American Revolution, Arkansas, 1913-1943. Includes: Program: Arkansas Fifth Annual State Conference, Daughters of the American Revolution, Helena, Ark., February 21-22, 1913; Memorial Program, Blytheville, Ark.,

October 24, 1934; Program: Twenty-seventh Annual State Conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution of Arkansas, Hotel Noble, Jonesboro, Ark., March 7-8, 1935; Newsletter, September 1936 from Myrtle Lockhart Sloan, Arkansas Regent, D.A.R. to Chapter Regents, Chairmen and Members; The Fourteenth Arkansas State Sunday at Valley Forge, under the Auspices of the Arkansas State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, Form of Service in the Washington Memorial Chapel, July 11, 1937; Invitation, program of the Twenty-ninth Annual State DAR Conference, Grim Hotel, Texarkana, Ark., February 22-24, 1937; Program of the Thirtieth Annual State Conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution of Arkansas, Hotel Pines, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, March 14-16, 1938; Invitation, Thirty-first Annual State Conference, D.A.R., Hot Springs, Ark., 23-25 February, 1939; Campaign card for Mrs. Homer Fergus Sloan for office of Vice-President General at the Forty-eighth Continental Congress, D.A.R., April 1939; Little Rock Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution Year Book, 1943-1944.

- 7 Daughters of the American Revolution, Arkansas. Good Citizenship Pilgrimage report, undated. Myrtle Sloan, chairman.
- 8 Daughters of the American Revolution, Arkansas. Report of the state regent, Myrtle Sloan, and other correspondence, 1937-1938.
- 9 Daughters of the American Revolution, 1936. Card promoting Mrs. William John Ward of New Jersey for Vice President General, 1936.
- 10 United States Daughters of 1812, Tennessee State Council, 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Session program, Hotel Gayoso, Memphis, 1930.
- OS1** Arkansas Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Life Member Certificate for Myrtle K. (Mrs. Homer F.) Sloan, January 1, 1910.
- 11 Huguenot Society of the Founders of Manakin, 1925-1935. Papers for membership to Tennessee and Arkansas branches.
- 12 "Character of Woman's Work During the War" by Myrtle K.L. Sloan, undated. Text of a talk on the Civil War possibly given at a UDC meeting.

**Sloan family: Homer F. Sloan:**

- 13 Hand bill published by H.F. Sloan, candidate for County and Probate Judge, countering claims by incumbent C.T. Sullivan, undated (1930s). Damaged. Original in **OS1** folder.
- 14 Letterhead: H.F. Sloan, Planter and Plantation Supplies, Shipping Point, Willbeth, Ark.

**Sloan family: Elizabeth Kyle Sloan:**

- 15 Correspondence: From Higbee School, Memphis, on progress of Elizabeth Sloan, 1912-1913.
- 16 St. Mary's School, Memphis, Report card of Elizabeth Sloan, 1914 December.

**Sloan family: Other:**

- 17 Letter: Unknown author (possibly W.C. Sloan), Smithville, Arkansas, to niece (Bettie), 1869 May 24. Incomplete. Refers to circus at Powhatan and family news.
- 18 Obituary: *The Mining Microcosm*, re: Captain W.C. Sloan, Smithville, Arkansas, 1902.
- 19 Sloan-Hendrix Academy, Imboden, Ark., 1908-1909, 1927. Includes commencement Programs, 1908 and 1909 and catalog for 1927-1928.

20 First Methodist Church, Memphis, Tenn. *First Methodist Church Bulletin*, Vol. 98, No. 2, February 2, 1930. Contains photographs of Dr. Clovis Chappell and John R. Pepper. Card about Dr. Jennie Miller, missionary, 1930.

21 State Historical Materials and Museum, WPA Project for Arkansas. Outline, undated.

22 Miscellaneous.

**Genealogical research:**

23 Slave Bills of Sale, Lawrence County, Ark., 1835-1848. Typescript and handwritten copies of bills of sale for slaves owned by James Cravens and Fergus Sloan.

24 Daughters of the American Revolution/Child of the American Revolution/ United Daughters of the Confederacy papers, 1929-1935 and undated. Papers for membership.

25 Genealogical correspondence and notes. Pertaining to Sloan, Hargrove, Cravens families. Short note on Science Hill School, Shelby County, Ky.

26 Deeds (copies), receipts, 1820-1841.

27 Katie L. Griffin (Myrtle Sloan's mother) will, November 6, 1917, North Carolina. W.C. Sloan will, July 1902, Arkansas. Copy of William Kyle will, Virginia, 1833.

28 Genealogical correspondence. Letters from Adjutant General's Office, War Department, on Revolutionary War service of William Sloane, 1907; James Lockhart, 1934.

29 Notes on books, re: genealogy.

30 Note on the founding of Second Presbyterian Church, Memphis, Tenn.

31 Correspondence, 1915, 1931-1941, re: genealogy.

32 Genealogical notes on Sloan and Lockhart families.

33 Genealogical notes on Sloan and Lockhart families.

34 Genealogical notes on Sloan and Lockhart families.

35 Genealogical notes on Sloan and Lockhart families, including newspaper clippings.

36 Genealogical notes.

37 Genealogical notes. Includes notes on Baldwin family.

38 Genealogical notes on Lockhart family.

39 Genealogical notes.

40 Genealogical notes on Lockhart family and others.

41 Genealogical notes on Shanklin family and others.

42 Genealogical notes on Shanklin family. Includes copy of letter from Caroline Rayburn Elliott with genealogical information, undated. Original in **OS1** folder.

43 Genealogical notes. Includes contract, Montgomery County, Virginia, 1818 (copy), to repair Fork Meeting House and School. Signatories include Samuel Shanklin, William Pepper and William W. Reyburn.

44 James Rayburn and other genealogical notes.

45 Genealogical notes. Will of Henry Rayburn (transcript), Robert Shanklin will, notes on Gordon family of Virginia.

46 Genealogical notes on Gambill family and others.

47 Genealogical notes on Crowell and other families.

48 Genealogical notes.

49 Genealogical notes. Gregg and Cravens families in Arkansas.

50 Genealogical notes. Henderson family.

- 51 Genealogical notes. Ruggles, Stevenson and other families.
- 52 Genealogical notes. Alexander Sloan.
- 53 Samuel Crockett will, 1750 (typescript). Incomplete, 1 page only.
- 54 Documents (transcriptions) relating to Cravens' land transfers.
- 55 Genealogical notes on Anderson family, Craighead County; Kyle descendants.
- 56 Genealogical notes. Imboden Cemetery, Lawrence County, Ark., and others.
- 57 Genealogical notes. Hopewell Grave Yard, Lawrence County, Ark.
- 58 Genealogical notes on Lewis family.
- 59 Genealogical notes. Gregg, Gambill and other families.
- 60 Genealogical notes. Kyle, Gregg, Gambill families.
- 61 Genealogical notebook.
- 62 Genealogical notebook.
- 63 Genealogical notebook.
- 64 Notebook containing addresses and genealogical notes.
- 65 Genealogical notes. Sloan family.
- 66 Genealogical materials re: Sloan family. Includes: Letters: J.B. Judkins, Black Rock, Ark., to Mrs. H.F. Sloan, Imboden, Ark., 1911 October 7, 14. Judkins, an orderly sergeant who served with Captain William Comfort Sloan of the 30th and later 25th Arkansas Regiments, furnishes information on Sloan's Civil War service from enlistment in March 1862 to Sloan's daughter-in-law. Sloan later served in the 45th Arkansas Mounted Infantry; Robert and William Sloan Descendents Association membership roll, 1918; *The Arkansas Pioneers*, Fall 1916, re: Sloan family; Clipping: *The Blade*, Lawrence County, Arkansas, circa 1911 June 21. Re: Clay Sloan.