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Title: Extent: Inclusive Dates:	G.B. Adamson collection 0.25 cubic feet 1864
Abstract:	The collection comprises reporters' dispatches and telegrams sent to Dr. Greenberry Adamson in Jackson, Tennessee, with news of Civil War battles and other stories from June to November 1864.
Processed by: Access: Language: Preferred Citation:	Robert D. Bohanan, 1978; Gerald Chaudron, 2023 Open to all researchers. English G.B. Adamson collection, Special Collections Department, University Libraries, University of Memphis

Publication date: 2023 June

Biographical information

Dr. Greenberry Adamson's drug store in Jackson, Tennessee, was the local headquarters for dispatches and news reporting battles during the Civil War. During this period, Jackson was a major trading and commercial center for the mainly agricultural West Tennessee region.

Adamson was born in Montgomery County, Maryland, on June 22, 1807. He married Elizabeth Larkins (1811-1875) in 1831 and moved to Jackson in 1835 where he remained until his death on January 31, 1876. He was mayor of Jackson from 1863 to 1865.

Scope and contents

The collection comprises reporters' dispatches and telegrams sent to Adamson in Jackson, Tennessee, with news of Civil War battles and other stories from June to November 1864. They were sent mainly by Jack Stephens and John B. Morris, coming from as far away as Richmond, Virginia, and Georgia

Subject terms

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Journalists.

Processing information

This collection was acquired by the West Tennessee Historical Society which received a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission for processing.

Inventory

Box 1

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1	Explanation of material by Annie Lee McCutchen Applegate (1873-1962), granddaughter of Adamson.
2	Dispatches from Georgia, 1864. Month and author unknown.
3	Dispatch from various places, June 24-30, 1864.
4	Dispatch from Richmond, Virginia, July 5, 1864.
5	Dispatch from N.T. Cherry, July 10, 1864.
6	Dispatch from Macon, Ga., July 29, 1864.
7	Dispatches from John B. Morris, June-November, 1864.
8	Dispatches from Jack Stephens, July 7, 8, 26; November 11, 12, 1864.
9	Dispatches from Corinth, Miss., November 14, 15, 1864.
10	Clippings: Daily Chattanooga Rebel, Griffin, Ga., July 25, 1864.