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INTRODUCTION

This finding aid focuses on the legal papers of James Harrison Campbell, attorney, of Franklin, Tennessee. The papers are primarily office files and are largely concentrated in the 1930s and 1940s. In the late 1920s, Campbell joined into a law partnership with E.W. Eggleston, which continued until Campbell was appointed as attorney for the Harpeth National Bank in 1950. The bulk of the collection is composed of the legal cases handled by the law firm.

The Campbell Papers are composed of approximately 27 cubic feet of material. The collection is arranged according to series, including account books, correspondence, legal records and subject files. The collection was presented to the Tennessee State Library and Archives by Boardman Stewart, Franklin, Tennessee, in 1959. There are no restrictions on the use of the material. Single photocopies of unpublished materials in the Campbell Papers may be made for individual or scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The James Harrison Campbell Papers, containing approximately 27 cubic feet of material, span the period 1924 through 1951, although much of the collection is concentrated between 1930-1950. The collection includes account books, correspondence, legal records and subject files.

In 1927, James Harrison Campbell formed a law partnership with Edmond W. Eggleston in Franklin, Tennessee. From 1927 through 1950, the law firm handled many hundreds of cases of citizens in Williamson, and other surrounding counties. These legal records of court cases comprise the bulk of the collection. The law firm dealt with civil law, therefore there are few criminal cases. As a result, the legal records in the collection are concerned primarily with estate settlements, land disputes, divorces and personal injury cases. Eggleston handled much of the casework, while Campbell researched property holdings, and wrote deeds and title abstracts.

Each court case is filed alphabetically by the defendant. The file may contain information relating to the case. Estate settlement cases may provide property inventories, lists of heirs and correspondence between the litigants. Property disputes and settlement cases may include a deed history of that property, as well as plats of the land in question. Each file contains a carbon copy of the court records, and may include correspondence, notes, state inheritance forms, and receipts. Since most legal work was done person-to-person or in the courtroom, much of the supporting file material is business in nature. Although some of the more detailed legal disputes may be of interest to the genealogist and local historian, the researcher will probably gain as much information by consulting the original records found in the county courts.

The correspondence is general in nature and comprises only a small portion of the collection. Topics of interest in the correspondence include Eggleston's work in the Gordon Browning gubernatorial campaign, and his work on the National Defense Committee. There is a small amount of correspondence from two former governors, Prentice Cooper and Jim McCord.

The James Harrison Campbell Papers represent a complete collection of the records of a law firm in a small Southern town in the 1930s and 1940s. Although the researcher will inevitably consult the county records first, he should consult the case files in the collection to gain a fuller knowledge of the individual case. This supplemental information, sporadic as it may be, will be the greatest benefit of this collection.

Box 55 contains various tax records, correspondence, and meeting minute records from the First Presbyterian Church. Other church records include a 1910 Minute Book of Deacons from Franklin, Tennessee and Nashville Presbytery Records from 1952-1953. There is also correspondence from Oliver E. Mount and the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, C. E. Eggleston's financial records, lists of C. Browning campaign supporters, and short stories. The writer of the stories is unknown. Oversize box 1 contains Tax Records from the Franklin Oil & Gas Company from 1924-1947. In the oversize folder, there is a panoramic photograph of the 1925 Dedication Class of Freemasonry. These two boxes and folder were added later and therefore are not included in the microfilm.

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

1. Account Book -- Campbell-Eggleston Law Firm, 1924-1929
2. Account Book -- Campbell-Eggleston Law Firm, 1930-1935
3. Account Book -- New Account and Rent Book (J.C. Eggleston), 1922-1928
4. Account Book -- Record of Cost of Improvement and Rents, 1951

Box 2

1. Correspondence -- Army Commissions, 1941
2. Correspondence -- Browning Gubernatorial Campaign, 1948
3. Correspondence -- Browning Gubernatorial Campaign, 1948
4. Correspondence -- Browning Gubernatorial Campaign, 1948
5. Correspondence -- Browning Gubernatorial Campaign, 1948
6. Correspondence -- Browning Gubernatorial Campaign, 1948
7. Correspondence -- Clouse, Catheryne W., 1944
8. Correspondence -- Collection Letters, 1924-1925
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18. Correspondence -- Collection Letters, 1926-1927
19. Correspondence -- Collection Letters, 1927
20. Correspondence -- Collection Letters, 1930
21. Correspondence -- Collection Letters, 1930
22. Correspondence -- Collection Letters, 1930
23. Correspondence -- Collection Letters, Committee on Legal, Education and Admission to the Bar, 1940

Box 3

1. Correspondence -- Cooper, Prentice, 1944
2. Correspondence -- Courtney, Wirt, 1941
3. Correspondence -- Eggleston, Edmond W., 1922-1923
4. Correspondence -- Eggleston, Edmond W., 1922-1923

5. Correspondence -- Eggleston, Edmond W., 1922-1923
6. Correspondence -- Eggleston, Edmond W., 1922-1923
7. Correspondence -- Eggleston, Edmond W., 1922-1923
8. Correspondence -- Eggleston, Edmond W., 1923-1924
9. Correspondence -- Eggleston, Edmond W., 1924
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15. Correspondence -- Eggleston, Edmond W., 1925
16. Correspondence -- Eggleston, Edmond W., 1927
17. Correspondence -- Eggleston, Edmond W., (recommendations), 1924
18. Correspondence -- Eggleston Automobile Damages, 1944
19. Correspondence -- Eggleston Candidacy, 1926
20. Correspondence -- Eggleston Candidacy, 1926
21. Correspondence -- First Presbyterian Church, 1946
22. Correspondence -- Flood, Eunice B., 1942
23. Correspondence -- Franklin, Tennessee (parking meters), 1945-1946
24. Correspondence -- Hayse, Joseph M., 1937-1938
25. Correspondence -- Howlett, K.S., 1938
26. Correspondence -- Johnson, D.B., 1943
27. Correspondence -- Jordan Dry Goods Store, Franklin, Tennessee, 1925
28. Correspondence -- Kinnard, John P., 1948
29. Correspondence -- Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company (appointments), 1941

Box 4

1. Correspondence -- McCord, Jim, 1947
2. Correspondence -- Morton, Jack, 1936
3. Correspondence -- Mount, Oliver E., 1944-1950
4. Correspondence -- Mount, Oliver E., 1944-1950
5. Correspondence -- Naff, Mrs. W.T., 1945
6. Correspondence -- National Defense Committee, 1941
7. Correspondence -- National Defense Committee, 1941-1942
8. Correspondence -- National Defense Committee, 1941-1942
9. Correspondence -- National Defense Committee, 1941-1942
10. Correspondence -- National Defense Committee, 1941-1942
11. Correspondence -- National Defense Committee, 1941-1942
12. Correspondence -- National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, 1941-1948
13. Correspondence -- National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, 1941-1948
14. Correspondence -- Nelson, Montgomery and Robertson (attorney firm), 1949
15. Correspondence -- Opinions (titles), 1936-1948
16. Correspondence -- Opinions (titles), 1936-1948

17. Correspondence -- Opinions (titles), 1936-1948
18. Correspondence -- Opinions (titles), 1936-1948
19. Correspondence -- Pointer, Tom, 1938
20. Correspondence -- Rice, Tandy, 1946
21. Correspondence -- Roth, William F., 1943-1952
22. Correspondence -- Ruth, Henrietta L. (Mrs. George W.), 1948
23. Correspondence -- Selective Service, Williamson, County, 1941
24. Correspondence -- Smith, W.J., 1939
25. Correspondence -- Tippens, A.C., 1924
26. Correspondence -- Union Joint Stock Land Bank, 1923
27. Correspondence -- War Rationing Board, 1942-1943
28. Correspondence -- Wiggs, Andrew H., n.d.
29. Correspondence -- Wingeback, Charlie, 1942

Box 5

Legal Records -- Abernathy-Anderson, Annie Kate

Box 6

Legal Records -- Anderson, Dave- Battle Ground Academy

Box 7

Legal Records -- Battle Ground Academy-Bolton

Box 8

Legal Records -- Bond- Brown, Robert P.

Box 9

Legal Records -- Brown, Robert P.- Cannon

Box 10

Legal Records -- Cannon, W.P.- Colon

Box 11

Legal Records -- Commerce Union Bank- Creedon

Box 12

Legal Records -- Creswell- Dortch Property

Box 13

Legal Records -- Dortch Stove Works- Eggleston, E.W.

Box 14

Legal Records -- Eggleston, E.W., Fourth and First National Bank

Box 15

Legal Records -- Fourth and First National Bank- Gordon

Box 16

Legal Records -- Gosey- Hardison

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Legal Records -- Hargrove- Harpeth Valley Chemical Company

Box 18

Legal Records -- Harpeth Valley Chemical Company- Herron

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Legal Records -- Hickman Brothers- Houk, James S.

Box 20

Legal Records -- House- J.B. Seaberry Incorporated

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Legal Records -- Jacobs- Jordan

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Legal Records -- Joyce- Lawrence, J.P.

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Legal Records -- Paschall- Patton

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Legal Records -- Reese- Robinson, Mrs. G.H.

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Legal Records -- Selective Service Cases- Smith, Dan

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Legal Records -- Smith, Earl- Sparkman, Nannie

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Legal Records -- Speakman- Stubblefield, George H.

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Legal Records -- Stubblefield, George H.- Swanson

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Legal Records -- Sweeney- State of Tennessee

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Legal Records -- State of Tennessee- Thomas, H.E.

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Legal Records -- Thomas, William M.- Todd

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Legal Records -- Todd, Jake L.- Truett, John H.

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Legal Records -- Ursery- Walters

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Legal Records -- Walters, T.P.- West, G.W.

Box 49

Legal Records -- West, Lorena- Whitfield

Box 50

Legal Records -- Whitfield, Sarah- Williams

Box 51

Legal Records -- Williamson County- Williamson County Banking and Trust Company

Box 52

Legal Records -- Williamson County Banking and Trust Company- Wilson

Box 53

Legal Records -- Windrow- Zoning Ordinance

Box 54

1. Subject Files -- Attorney General Pro Tem (cases), 1933-1941
2. Subject Files -- Automobile Accident, (Eggleston), 1938
3. Subject Files -- Browning Gubernatorial Campaign, 1948
4. Subject Files -- Browning Gubernatorial Campaign, 1948
5. Subject Files -- Browning Gubernatorial Campaign, 1948
6. Subject Files -- Browning Gubernatorial Campaign, 1948
7. Subject Files -- College Grove Telephone Company Petition, 1948
8. Subject Files -- "Franklin Colored School," 1948
9. Subject Files -- Local Selective Service Board Action Reports, Williamson County, 1942
10. Subject Files -- Local Selective Service Board Action Reports, Williamson County, 1942

11. Subject Files -- Local Selective Service Board Action Reports, Williamson County, 1944
12. Subject Files -- Opinion, "Eligibility to Hold Office while Serving in Military," 1942
13. Subject Files -- Property Loss (Eggleston), 1944
14. Subject Files -- Rules of Practice in the Circuit Court, Williamson County, 1940
15. Subject Files -- Selective Service Board, Williamson County, 1941-1942
16. Subject Files -- Southwestern at Memphis, 1945-1950
17. Subject Files -- Synod of Tennessee, Presbyterian Educational Report, 1944
18. Subject Files -- Tennessee Bar Association, 1945-1946
19. Subject Files -- War Memorial Association, 1946
20. Subject Files -- Williamson County Bar Association, 1945-1951
21. Subject Files -- Williamson County Road Commission, 1935

Box 55

1. Booklet -- Tennessee Directory and Official Vote 1916
2. Certificates -- Notary Public Certificate -- Eggleston, E. W., 1922
3. Church Records -- First Presbyterian Church of Franklin, Tennessee, 1952-1953
4. Church Records -- Minute Book of Deacons -- Presbyterian Church -- Franklin, TN, 1910
5. Church Records -- Nashville Presbytery, 1950-1953
6. Correspondence -- First Presbyterian Church, 1942-1951
7. Correspondence -- Mount, Oliver E., 1944-1950
8. Correspondence -- National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, 1941-1948
9. Financial Records -- Tax Return -- C. E. Eggleston, 1925
10. Lists -- C. Browning Campaign Supporters, 1948
11. Writings -- Short Stories, undated

Oversize box 1

1. Financial Records -- Tax Returns -- Franklin Oil & Gas Company, 1924-1947

Oversize folder 1

1. Panoramic Photograph -- Freemasonry Dedication Class, 1925