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**COFFEE-PERKINS FAMILY  
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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Coffee-Perkins Family Papers, 1783-1828, consists of items related to early pioneer families of Middle Tennessee. The donor of this collection is unknown.

The materials in this finding aid measures .42 linear feet. There are no restrictions on the materials.

Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Coffee-Perkins Family Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The Coffee-Perkins Family Papers, containing approximately two hundred fifty items, span the period 1783-1828, with several undated items. The collection is composed of accounts, correspondence, diaries, financial documents, land records, legal documents, lists, and tax records.

The accounts provide a view of materials being consumed in the last part of the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. They provide, as well, a list of purchasers that may be of some help to genealogists. One important name found in the accounts is a bill owed by Andrew Jackson to the Clifford brothers in Philadelphia.

The correspondence is mainly legal in nature, although there is an early letter written from Mansker's Station (now Goodlettsville, Tenn.) in 1783. The legal documents include court cases, depositions, power of attorney agreements and two wills.

The land records include deeds, mortgages and land surveys. One of the most important parts of the collection are the surveys of Davidson County, Tenn. The surveys provide the names of some of the earliest settlers of Middle Tennessee, including John Overton, John Donelson, and Frederick Stump.

This collection provides an important source for the early history of the Cumberland River area. It provides valuable material for the genealogist (especially in the land surveys) as well as the social historian.

## CONTAINER LIST

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28. Financial Documents – Promissory note – McLean, L., 1809.
29. Financial Documents – Promissory note – Trimble, James, 1815.
30. Land Records – Deeds – Barton, Samuel, 1792-1797.
31. Land Records – Deeds – Coleman, Thomas, 1810.
32. Land Records – Deeds – Robertson, James, 1783.
33. Land Records – Mortgage – Hinds, John, 1801.
34. Land Records – Mortgage – Jackson, Samuel, 1814.
35. Land Records – Surveys – Davidson County, Tenn., 1783-1796.
36. Legal Documents – Court Cases – Bell v. Wheaton heirs, 1800.
37. Legal Documents – Court Cases – State v. Hill, 1824.
38. Legal Documents – Court Cases – Hunt v. Carson, 1809.
39. Legal Documents – Court Cases – Stump v. Fry, 1796.
40. Legal Documents – Court Cases – Wilson v. Ament, 1823

41. Legal Documents – Depositions – Cherry, Daniel, 1823.
42. Legal Documents – Power of Attorney – Hudnall, Ezekiel, n.d.
43. Legal Documents –Triplett, Phillip, 1828.
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45. Legal Documents – Will – Harris, Robert Wilson, 1812.
46. Lists – heirs of Edmund Cooper, 1939.
47. Tax Records – Stump, Frederick, 1801.

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This is a name index of the correspondence only in the Coffee-Perkins Family Papers, together with the dates of the letters and information regarding their contents. The last numbers refer to the box and folder in which the material is to be found.

- Hamilton, John to \_\_\_\_\_, n.d., re: instructions to \_\_\_\_\_ to summons several persons to court, 1-12.
- Harris, Charles to Thomas Campbell, 1816, re: land in Williamson County, Tenn. claimed by George Calhoon, 1-13.
- Harris, Charles to James Trimble, n.d., re: lawsuit over land, 1-14.
- Hunt, William H. to John C. McLemore, n.d., re: heirs of Jephtha Rice in Sumner County, Tenn. desiring to obtain Rice's land warrant; also mentions Rice's will, 1-15.
- Kane, John to Mr. Dunham, 1783, re: obtaining writs for James Kane, Isaac Bledsoe and James Lyn and taking out summons for others, 1-16.
- Neill and Henley to John Dickinson, 1815, re: requests for an attorney to aid in the collection of a debt, 1-17.
- Postmaster (Gainesboro) to Armond Lake, 1824, re: mail carriers, 1-18.
- Postmaster (Gainesboro) to Sam Smith, 1824, re: seeks Armond Lake's address, 1-19.
- Summerall, John to King, Carson and King, 1808, re: sale of cotton, 1-20.
- Trimble, James to Charles Johnson, 1815, re: settlement of the Oliver Johnson estate, 1-21.