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INTRODUCTION

The Darden Collection of family papers was given to Tennessee State Library and Archives by Mrs. John Hughes Darden, Clarksville, Tennessee, and Mrs. Wallace Carnahan, Sr., of San Antonio, Texas.

The materials in this finding aid measure 5.60 linear feet. There are no restrictions on the materials. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Darden Family Papers may be made for purposes of individual or scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Darden Family Collection of family papers, containing 500 items and 46 volumes (various sizes), 1832-1944, is composed primarily of genealogical data dealing with the families of Allensworth, Carter, Darden, Hughes, Liveley, Lockert, Mansfield, Oursler (Ouseley, Owsley), Peter, Skelton, Stansbury, and Whitehead. The data were collected by several members of these families. It contains correspondence, deeds and indentures, diaries, wills, and a large number of scrapbooks. Some of the indentures date back to 1832. The earliest letters are for 1844. There are ten Civil War letters from Andrew Jackson Allensworth, William R. Oursler, R.A. Oursler, E. Hewitt, and W.O. Judkin. The later correspondence deals largely with genealogical subjects.

The diaries (12 volumes) of Ellen Hughes Allensworth (Mrs. Andrew Jackson Allensworth) are for the dates 1879-1910. She was living in San Antonio, Texas, during the period covered by these diaries. They contain every day happenings and would be useful to students interested in social history and the early settlement of Texas.

In addition to the above mentioned items there are a large number of scrapbooks. They deal with music; writings of the humorist Edgar Wilson Nye; Cumberland Chapter of the D.A.R. 1932; Ward Belmont; some miscellaneous volumes; and trips within the United States, Mexico, Canada and the Bahamas, including numerous photographs.

A chart showing the relationship of the above named families has been attached to this register.

CONTAINER LIST

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Box 1

1. Accounts, 1875-1889
2. Correspondence – Early Letters, 1844-1860
3. Correspondence – Allensworth, Oursler, Hewitt (Civil War Letters), 1861-1879
4. Davidson County, Nashville and State of Tennessee – Notes
5. Genealogical Data – Allensworth and Carter Families
6. Genealogical Data – Clippings
7. Genealogical Data – Correspondence, 1881-1928
8. Genealogical Data – Correspondence, 1932-1944
9. Genealogical Data – Darden and Hughes – Slave Deeds etc.
10. Genealogical Data – Darden Family – Will – James Darden
11. Genealogical Data – Hughes, Allensworth, Darden, Peter, Oursler, Lockert, and Whitehead
12. Genealogical Data – Hughes – Deeds and Indentures, 1832-1852
13. Genealogical Data – Hughes – Peter, Lockert, Oursler, etc.
14. Genealogical Data – Hughes, Skelton, Stansbury, Liveley, Mansfield
15. Genealogical Data – Hughes – Will of Richard E. Hughes, 1855

Box 2

1. Genealogical Data – Lockert Family
2. Genealogical Data – Memorabilia
3. Genealogical Data – Miscellaneous Notes
4. Genealogical Data – Miscellaneous Notes
5. Genealogical Data – Oursler Family
6. Genealogical Data – Ouseley, Oursler, etc., and Hughes Families
7. Genealogical Data – Ouseley Family
8. Genealogical Data – Photographs, family
9. Genealogical Data – School Records – Emma Allensworth – Certificates, etc.

Box 3

1. Diary Material – (1) Darden J. Hughes; (2) Marie L. Hughes, Columbia Female College, 1857-1859
2. Journals – Ellen H. Allensworth, I, II,

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2. Journals – Ellen H. Allensworth, III, IV, V, 1879-1891
3. Journals – Ellen H. Allensworth, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII, 1892-1910

Box 4

1. Music History Scrapbook – Music Notebooks (3 handwritten)
2. Music Notebooks – Numbers I, II, III,

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2. Music Notebooks – Numbers IV, V. IV, VII.

Box 5**Scrapbooks**

1. D.A.R. Cumberland Chapter, 1932-1933
2. Miscellaneous Clippings pasted on Old Account Book, 1821-1828
3. Edgar Wilson Nye Scrapbook

Box 6**Scrapbooks – Photographs**

1. Photographs – 1902
2. Photographs – 1910-1923

Box 7**Scrapbooks**

1. Photographs, etc., Wedding Anniversaries, 1928

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2. Photographs – Molly Allensworth, 1927-1938

Box 8**Scrapbooks**

1. Photographs, etc., Virginia to Washington, 1928
2. Hughes and Emma Darden, 1931-1943

Box 9**Scrapbooks**

1. Photographs, etc., Florida, 1934
2. Photographs, etc., Texas, Louisiana, Natchez, April, 1934
3. Photographs, etc., Canada, Niagra, Chicago, July, 1934

Box 10**Scrapbooks**

1. Photographs, etc., Florida and Havana, 1935

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2. Photographs, etc., Charleston Magnolia Gardens, March, 1935
3. Photographs, etc., North Carolina, Red Boiling and Beersheba Springs, 1935

Box 11**Scrapbooks**

1. Photographs, etc., Florida and Bahamas, 1936
2. Photographs, etc., Texas, New Orleans, Mobile, 1936

Box 12**Scrapbooks**

1. Photographs, etc., Texas, Louisiana, Natchez, 1937

Microfilm Roll # 6

2. Photographs, etc., Florida, 1938
3. Photographs, etc., Georgia and South Carolina Gardens, 1938

Box 13**Scrapbooks**

1. Photographs, etc., Mexico, Florida, Alabama, 1940
2. Photographs, etc., Florida, Smoky Mountians, 1941
3. Photographs, etc., Mrs. J.H. Darden, 1946

Box 14**Scrapbooks**

1. Post Cards
2. Prints form National Art Gallery
3. Saturday Evening Post Covers
4. Ward Belmont Scrapbook – Winkler Studio, etc.