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GALE, W. DUDLEY
FAMILY PAPERS
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INTRODUCTION

The W. Dudley Gale Family Papers, primarily composed of World War I letters, were given to the State Library and Archives by J. R. Jackson, 3817 Harding Place, Nashville, Tennessee. Other papers of W. Dudley Gale, of which the State Library and Archives has microfilm copies, were bequeathed to the University of the South.

The materials in this finding aid measures .42 linear feet. There are no restrictions on the materials. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the W. Dudley Gale Family Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The W. Dudley Gale Papers composed of approximately 125 items (Xerox and typed copies) contain World War I correspondence, photographs, clippings, a letter and a biographical sketch of Leonidas Polk (the Confederate General), and some genealogical data. The World War I letters were written by Dudley Gale to his mother and father during the period of his service in World War I. They contain detailed accounts of experiences in camps in the United States and combat experiences overseas, primarily in France. The copy of the letter written by General Leonidas Polk was dated at Shelbyville, Tennessee, February 16, 1863. These papers were given to the Manuscripts Section by Mr. J. R. Jackson, the nearest living relative of Mr. Dudley Gale.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

W. Dudley Gale

- 1898 Born in Nashville, son of W. Dudley Gale II and Meta Orr Jackson Gale
- 1905-1916 Attended Nashville Public Schools, Wallace University School and
Columbus Military Academy
- 1920 Graduated from University of the South
- 1917-1919 Lieutenant in field artillery in World War I. Saw action at Chateau Thierry,
San Mihiel, the Meuse, and Meuse-Argonne
- 1920-1959 Became a member of the Gale-Smith Insurance Agency and Secretary and
Treasurer during the later years
- 1932 Married Evelyn Byrd Douglas
- 1941 Chairman of the Davidson County Community Chest
Served as Vice President of the Nashville Museum of Art, Trustee of the
Nashville Public Library and member of the Board of Directors of YMCA
and Children's Museum
- 1948 President of Nashville Chamber of Commerce
- 1963 January 21, died in Nashville

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

1. Clippings, 1944-1959
2. Correspondence – Polk, Leonidas, 1863
3. Correspondence – Gale, W. Dudley, 1917
4. Correspondence – Gale, W. Dudley, 1918
5. Correspondence – Gale, W. Dudley, 1919 and undated
6. Correspondence (original) – Gale, W. Dudley, 1918
7. Biographical data – Gale, Meta Orr Jackson
8. Photographs – World War I
9. Biographical data – Polk, Leonidas