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Harding-Jackson Papers
Addition 2, 1809-1956

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Creator:

Harding family
Jackson family

Inclusive Dates:

1809-1956

Scope & Content:

Consists of correspondence related to the family of William Giles Harding (1808-1886), and his sons-in-law, the brothers Howell Edmunds Jackson (1832-1895) and William Hicks Jackson (1835-1903), of Belle Meade Plantation, six miles from Nashville, Tennessee. Howell E. Jackson married Harding's daughter, Mary. He was a lawyer, Senator, and an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. William H. Jackson married Harding's daughter, Selene. He became the owner and manager of Belle Meade Plantation. A broadside and a couple of newspaper clippings related to politics and the "Immigration to the South" as well as a family tree drawing and some legal documents (containing an article of agreement related to the horse trade) also appear. Items of note consist of a letter from Mrs. James K. Polk (f. 9), an invitation "To meet His Imperial Highness The Grand Duke Alexander of Russia" (f. 9), and a telegram from then future President W. H. Taft to William H. Jackson at the death of his brother, Howell E. Jackson (f. 11).

Physical Description/Extent:

.25 cubic feet

Accession/Record Group Number:

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English

Permanent Location:

THS I-A-3

Repository:

Tennessee State Library and Archives, 403 Seventh Avenue North, Nashville,
Tennessee, 37243-0312

Administrative/Biographical History

William Giles Harding

- 1808 Born September 15 in Nashville (Davidson County), Tennessee, son of John and Susannah Shute Harding.
- 1826 Attended the University of Nashville.
- 1827 Attended Middleton Military Academy, Middleton, Connecticut.
- 1828 Married Selene McNairy, had children (including their son John), and lived at his father's Stone's River Farm.
- 1839 Moved to "Belle Meade," raised cashmere goats and race horses.
- 1840 Married Elizabeth McGavock, had children (including their daughters Selene and Mary), and served as Brigadier General in the Tennessee Militia.
- 1862 Imprisoned at Fort Mackinac, Michigan, for refusing to take the loyalty oath.
- 1863 Released and returned to "Belle Meade" which would become famous as a thoroughbred horse nursery.
- 1886 Died December 15 at his home, "Belle Meade." Interment at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Nashville.

Howell Edmunds Jackson

- 1832 Born April 8 in Paris (Henry County), Tennessee, son of Dr. Alexander Jackson, a physician, and his wife, Mary Hurt Jackson.
- 1840 Moved to Jackson with his parents.
- 1849 Graduated from West Tennessee College.

- 1854 Graduated from the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, Virginia.
- 1856 Graduated from Law Department of Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee. Commenced practice in Jackson.
- 1859 Moved to Memphis where he practiced law. Married Sophia Malloy who died about 1872 or 1873.
- 1874 Married Mary E. Harding, daughter of William Giles Harding. Returned to Jackson and served on the court of arbitration for West Tennessee by appointment on two occasions.
- 1880 Member of the Tennessee House of Representatives.
- 1881-1886 Elected and served as Democrat in the United States Senate.
- 1886-1893 Served as Circuit Judge for the Sixth Federal Circuit.
- 1891 Became first presiding Judge of Circuit Court Appeals established in Cincinnati.
- 1893-1895 Appointed Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court to fill vacancy caused by the death of L.Q.C. Lamar.
- 1895 Died August 8 in Belle Meade, Tennessee. Interment at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Nashville.

Organization/Arrangement of Materials

Arrangement is alphabetical.

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Index Terms

Personal/Family Names:

Aleksandr Mikhaïlovich, Grand Duke of Russia, 1866-1933
Buckner, Elizabeth, 1876-1947
Calhoun, James C. (James Caldwell), 1782-1850
Ewing, Carrie Eliza, 1854-1937
Ewing, Randal Milton, 1829-1907
Harding, Elizabeth McGavock, 1819-1867
Harding, William Giles, 1808-1886
Jackson, Howell Edmunds, 1832-1895
Jackson, Mary Harding, 1850-1913
Jackson, Selene Harding, 1846-1892
Jackson, William Harrison, 1864-1938
McAlister, Hill, 1875-1959
Polk, Sarah Childress, 1803-1891
Sykes, William J.
Taft, William H. (William Howard), 1857-1930

Subjects:

Horse trading -- United States -- History

Geographic Names:

Belle Meade (Tenn.) -- History -- Sources
Belle Meade Plantation (Tenn.) -- History -- Sources
Fort Mackinac (Mackinac Island, Mich.) -- History -- 19th century
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

Document Types:

Broadsides (notices)
Clippings (information artifacts)
Correspondence
Genealogies (histories)
Legal documents
Manuscripts (documents)

Acquisition and Appraisal

Provenance and Acquisition:

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Ewing Family Papers, 1820-approximately 1935, Tennessee State Library and Archives

Harding-Jackson Papers, 1819-1911, Tennessee State Library and Archives

Harding-Jackson Papers, 1874-1891, Tennessee State Library and Archives

Harding-Jackson Papers Addition, 1944, Tennessee State Library and Archives

Howell Edmunds Jackson Family Papers, 1841-1942, Tennessee State Library and Archives

Howell Edmunds Jackson Family Papers Addition, 1884-1937, Tennessee State Library and Archives

Randal Milton Ewing Papers, 1835-1923, Tennessee State Library and Archives

DETAILED COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

CONTAINER LIST

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