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**HOWELL, ISABEL**  
**(1900-1976)**  
**PAPERS**  
**1848-1870**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Isabel Howell Papers (1848-1970) are centered around Isabel Howell (1900-1976), librarian at Vanderbilt University, Tennessee State Library and Archives, and the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee. The donor is Alfred Bartles, Cookeville, Tennessee.

The materials in this finding aid measure 2.52 cubic feet. There are no restrictions on the materials. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Isabel Howell Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The Isabel Howell Papers, containing approximately 440 items, span the period 1848-1970. The collection consists of announcements, associations, institutions, etc., cards, clippings, correspondence, estate papers, genealogical data, legal documents, photographs, drawings, etc., poetry, publications, school records, sketches, writings, and several miscellaneous items.

The bulk of the collection is genealogical data concerning the Adams, Bartles, Elliott, Hand, Howell, Purefoy, Tabb, Thompson, Trabue, West, and Wood families. The Hands were related to the Cornelius Vanderbilt (1794-1887) family through marriage.

Among the correspondence are letters written between the children of the Howell family. There is also a copy of a letter written by The Rev. R.B.C. Howell (1801-1868) to President Andrew Johnson giving his refusal to take the U.S. Civil War oath in 1862 (box 5, folder 4).

Within the photographs are two of the display windows of the Thompson and Co. Store in Nashville, Tennessee, featuring women's fashions of 1858-1862.

There are poetry contributions by various Howell family members.

The historical value of the collection resides in the extensive genealogical information provided for the several Tennessee families cited above.

## CONTAINER LIST

### Microfilm Roll #1

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#### Box 1

1. Accounts – Bills, notes, receipts – Howell, Alfred, 1886-87
2. Accounts – Bills, notes, receipts – Howell, Isabel, 1950-1963
3. Accounts – Bills, notes, receipts – Thompson, George T., 1886, 1889
4. Announcements – Birth of Alfred Howell Bartles, 1930
5. Announcements – Funeral – Mrs. Dr. Howell, et al., 1871
6. Appraisal – The Town and Country Club urn, 1965
7. Associations, institutions, etc. – Tennessee Historical Society – Isabel Howell
8. Birthday book – Alfred Howell, 1904
9. Cards – Calling – Miscellaneous
10. Cards – Greeting – Miscellaneous
11. Certificates – Marriage – Morton B. Howell and Isabella H. Elliott, 1858
12. Clippings – Vanderbilt family
13. Clippings – Miscellaneous
14. Correspondence – Adams – Franklin County Nursing Home
15. Correspondence – Howell, Alfred E.
16. Correspondence – Howell, Isabel
17. Correspondence – Howell, Martha
18. Correspondence – Howell, Morton
19. Correspondence – Hoyt – MacLeod
20. Correspondence – Martin, Willie E.
21. Correspondence – Mains – Rhea
22. Correspondence – Thompson – Youngton
23. Correspondence – Miscellaneous (children's)

#### Box 2

1. Diaries, memoirs, etc. – Mary Woods
2. Estate papers – Eakin, J. Hill, 1907
3. Estate papers – Evans, Louise P., 1900
4. Estate papers – Hill, Phoebe, 1886
5. Estate papers – Howell, Alfred Elliott, 1920 (copy)
6. Estate papers – Howell, Jennie R., 1931
7. Estate papers – Howell, Louise, 1947
8. Estate papers – Howell, Morton B., 1948
9. Estate papers – Porter, Minnie R., 1905
10. Estate papers – Thompson, Fanny, n.d.
11. Estate papers – Thompson, Mattie, 1915
12. Eulogies – R.B.C. Howell, 1934
13. Eulogies – Thompson, Martha, 1901

14. Eulogies – Trabue, Agnes G., 1849
15. Family club papers – Speeches and writings
16. Genealogical data – Adams family
17. Genealogical data – Andrews family

### **Box 3**

1. Genealogical data – Bartles family
2. Genealogical data – Elliott family
3. Genealogical data – Hand family
4. Genealogical data – Howell family
5. Genealogical data – Jennings family
6. Genealogical data – Purefoy family
7. Genealogical data – Tabb family
8. Genealogical data – Thompson family
9. Genealogical data – Trabue family
10. Genealogical data – West family
11. Genealogical data – Woods family

### **Box 4**

1. Heraldry – Woods coat-of-arms
2. House plans
3. Humor, caricatures, etc.
4. Insurance records – A.E. Howell, 1911
5. Inventory – Household
6. Invitations, programs, etc. – Isabel Howell, University of the South
7. Land records – Abstract of Title – C.A.R. Thompson's Addition, Nashville, Tennessee, 1902
8. Land records – Deed – Isaac T. Rhea to Jennie R. Howell, 1888
9. Land records – Deed – Peter Field Jefferson to James Laurason, 1834
10. Legal documents – Legal opinion – re: will of John Hill Eakin, n.d.
11. Legal documents – Will – Nathaniel Hand, 1778 (copy)
12. Lists – Christmas
13. Lists – Household
14. Lists – Wedding – H. Bartles
15. Lists – Miscellaneous
16. Maps – City of New York
17. Memorabilia

### **Box 5**

1. Memoriams – Mrs. Martha Howell Bartles, 1968
2. Memoriams – Mrs. John M. Hill, George T. Thompson, Agnes G. Trabue
3. Notes – Isabel Howell – Drama production

4. Oaths – U.S. – Rev. R.B.C. Howell, 1862
5. Obituaries – Elliott, George Bailey, 1841 – n.d.
6. Obituaries – Howell, Alfred E., 1931
7. Obituaries – Howell, Morton B., 1909
8. Photographs, drawings, etc. – Frances Cleveland
9. Photographs, drawings, etc. – John Hill Eakin home and garden, Nashville
10. Photographs, drawings, etc. – Howell and Thompson families
11. Photographs, drawings, etc. – Nashville scenes (9), 1957
12. Photographs, drawings, etc. – Thompson and Co., Nashville, Tenn.
13. Photographs, drawings, etc. – Michael Woods, Mary Campbell Woods
14. Photographs, drawings, etc. – Unknown
15. Poetry – “The Fugitives”
16. Poetry – Jennie Thompson
17. Poetry – Tribute to Rupert Brooke
18. Poetry – Miscellaneous
19. Prayers – Miscellaneous
20. Publications – Booklet – “Pickwick Pictures”
21. Publications – Newsletter – Church, 1943
22. Publications – Reprint – “Private Flight to the Boston Meeting”
23. Publications – Miscellaneous

#### **Box 6**

1. Resolutions – John Hill Eakin, 1904
2. Resolutions – Alfred E. Howell, 1931
3. Resolutions – Marie Harwell Howell, 1959
4. School records – Bartles, Martha, 1898
5. School records – Howell, A.E., 1881
6. School records – Howell, Morton B., 1898-1899
7. School records – Johnson, Fran, n.d.
8. School records – Unknown
9. Sketches – Biographical – Hand, Chas. W. and Daniel
10. Sketches – Biographical – Trustees – Davidson Academy; Cumberland College; University of Nashville
11. Speeches, addresses, etc. – Alfred E. Howell
12. Tributes – Howell, Morton B.
13. Tributes – Moldenke, Dr. Richard
14. Writings – Frances Howell – “Day Dreams”
15. Writings – Jennie Howell – [“The Hermitage”]

#### **OVERSIZE MATERIALS**

1. Associations, institutions, etc. – Tennessee Historical Society – Membership – Alfred E. Howell, 1913
2. Genealogical data – Eaken, Hill, Thompson and Wright families
3. Heraldry – Hand