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INTRODUCTION

These papers of William Hicks Jackson (1835-1903), Confederate general and horse breeder of Belle Meade Plantation, near Nashville, Tennessee, and those of his son, William Harding Jackson, also of Belle Meade and his grandson, William Harding Jackson (1901-1971), lawyer of New York, New York, span the years 1766-1978. The William Hicks Jackson Papers were placed on deposit by the Nashville Chapter, Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities on February 28, 1979.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The William Hicks Jackson Papers, containing approximately three hundred items and four volumes, and spanning the years 1766-1978, are concentrated in the years of the American Civil War, 1861-1865. The collection is composed of accounts and account books, an almanac, clippings, constitutions, correspondence, court records, estate papers, farm records, genealogical data, land records, legal documents, medical records, military records, notes, pictures, poems, programs, receipts, resolutions, sketches, speeches, wills, and a few miscellaneous items.

Accounts are for General William Hicks Jackson, 1902; William Harding Jackson (1874-1903); Vincent Murphy (1792-1856) of Hinds County, Mississippi, 1847-1856; and for Anne Davis (Richardson) Jackson Stevenson (fl. 1897-1950), 1903-1942.

The account books are for thoroughbred horses at Belle Meade Plantation for 1901-1904. Volume I consists of annual and dispersal sales for 1901-1903 and includes name of colt or description, date foaled, name of dam and sire, name and address of purchaser, and price paid. Volume II is for 1903-1904 and consists of accounts and an inventory of thoroughbred stocks which includes name of the stallion or mare, brand number, color, names of sire and dam, name of dam’s sire, date foaled, and age of horse.

An almanac for the state of Virginia for the year 1785 is among the oldest items in the collection. Included is a calendar for the year 1785; a list of the meeting dates for county courts in Virginia; names of government officers; a list of the members of the Senate and House of Delegates and delegates who represent Virginia in the Continental Congress.


Included in the family correspondence are twenty-six letters of Dr. Alexander Jackson (1805-1879), physician and planter of Jackson, Tennessee, who represented Madison County in the Tennessee General Assembly in 1849-1853. Dr. Jackson’s letters, which span the years 1861-1876, are addressed primarily to his son, William Hicks “Billy” Jackson, general in the Confederate army, and concern such matters as news from home, prospects for General Jackson’s promotion, and news from the prison at Alton, Illinois, where Dr. Jackson was held as a Confederate prisoner. Six letters by William Hicks Jackson for the years 1861-1887 are included. Among these is a letter to his step-mother from the Confederate camp at Columbus, Kentucky, dated September 18, 1861; an undated letter to President Andrew Johnson applying for amnesty; and a letter to his father-in-law, William Giles Harding, September 15, 1874, announcing the birth of his son, William Harding Jackson. Also included are eleven letters by William Harding Jackson (1901-1971), New York lawyer, addressed to his mother, Anne Davis (Richardson) Jackson Stevenson, and dated 1937-1949.

Genealogical data spanning the years 1480-1903 are for members of the Ball, Giles, Harding, Jackson, McGavock, and Rogers families of England, Ireland, Delaware, Tennessee, and Virginia.

Military records for the years 1858-1888 are concentrated in the years of the American Civil War and consist of a commission, court martial, oath of allegiance, orders, parole, passes, quartermaster accounts, and a roster, most of which concern William Hicks Jackson and fellow officers in the Confederate Army.

Pictures are for the Belle Meade Plantation and for members of the Harding and Jackson families which include William Giles Harding, William Hicks Jackson, Mary Elizabeth Harding Jackson, Mary Harding Buckner, and “Uncle Bob” Greene, groom and hostler at Belle Meade. Other pictures are for thoroughbred horses at Belle Meade including “The Commoner”, “Donna Bella”, “Huron”, “Imp Loyalist”, “Imp Madison”, “Inspector B”, “Luke Blackburn”, “Tenny Belle”, and “Tithonus”.

Sketches included are for “Belle Meade,” “Uncle Bob” Greene, John Harding, William Giles Harding, William Hicks Jackson, and Selena Harding Jackson.

Wills included are for Sarah Harding, Goochland, Virginia, 1779; Sarah D. McGavock, Williamson County, Tennessee, 1846 and 1849; William Harding, Goochland County, Virginia, William Giles Harding, Davidson County, Tennessee, 1883; James McGavock, Wythe County, Virginia; William Hicks Jackson, Davidson County, Tennessee, 1901; and Mary McGavock Southall, Williamson County, Tennessee, 1854.
BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

William Hicks Jackson

1835 Born October 1, Paris, Tennessee, son of Dr. Alexander Jackson and Mary W. Hurt Jackson

1840 Moved with parents to Jackson, Madison County, Tennessee
Attended West Tennessee College

1852 Appointed to U.S. Military Academy

1856 Graduated from U.S. Military Academy

1857-1861 Served as second lieutenant with Mounted Riflemen in Texas and New Mexico

1861 May 16 – Resigned commission in U.S. Army
Tendered services to Confederate States of America; commissioned as captain of artillery
November 7 – Wounded at Battle of Belmont, Missouri

1862 April 1 – Appointed colonel of First Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, CSA

1863 Commanded cavalry division in Tennessee and Mississippi; served under Pemberton and J.E. Johnston at Vicksburg

1864 Commanded left wing of J.E. Johnston’s army in defense of Atlanta; with Forrest’s corps in covering retreat of Forrest from Tennessee campaign

1865 February – Commanded all Tennessee cavalry and Texas Brigade; at end of war was Confederate commissioner for parole of troops in Alabama and Mississippi

1865-1868 Managed father’s plantations near Jackson, Tennessee

1868 December 15 – Married Selene Harding, daughter of General William Giles Harding of Belle Meade Plantation near Nashville, Tennessee; joined General Harding in the management and further development of Belle Meade as a thoroughbred horse nursery
1868-1886 Active in both state and national agricultural matters; president of Tennessee Farmers’ Association; president of Tennessee Bureau of Agriculture; organizer and president of National Agricultural Congress; chairman of executive committee for agricultural journal, *Rural Sun*

1872 February 5 – Appointed Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of Tennessee for Middle Tennessee

1903 March 30 – Died at Belle Meade; interment in the family vault at Belle Meade
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Lee, Fitzhugh to T.P. Weakly, 1903, re: condolences to T.P. Weekly on death of General W.H. Jackson, 2-6

Lee, Regina L. (Harrison) to W.H. Jackson, n.d., re: invitation for General Jackson and members of staff to attend dance [at Columbus, Mississippi], 2-6

Lee, S.D. (8) to W.H. Jackson, 1863-1867, re: orders to report to General Johnston; Colonel Logan to remain under orders to General Jackson; General Johnston directs the arming of two Jackson regiments as cavalry; ordnance officers to be furnished with copy of communications; regiments to have same caliber of arms; recommends appointment of Colonel Ross to brigadier general and commander at Texas Brigade; supports Mason for colonel of 4th Mississippi Regiment; congratulations on saving Canton; requests Jackson to be one of attendants at wedding; at Old Major Blewett’s place at Brooksville, Mississippi; meets Longstreet in Macon and old Governor Sharkey in Jackson; advises marriage; inquires about treasurer of Shiloh Burial Association; Mrs. Lee in Louisville; relative of Miss Harding questions about morals of Jackson; cotton crop a failure but corn good; Mrs. Todd (Mary McGavock) makes inquiry about Jackson’s morals; Longstreet staying at Brooksville several days; Longstreet is a Republican for reasons of policy and expediency – expects to be president of Pacific Railroad; poor crops in Mississippi and half of farmers are bankrupt; good news from Northern elections, 2-6

Lee, S.D. to James Seddon, 1863, re: recommends promotion of W.H. Jackson to major general, 2-6

Loring, W.W. (2) to General W.H. Jackson, 1863, re: explains note to which Jackson took exception regarding the supply of ammunition to Jackson’s cavalry near Canton, Mississippi; seeks assistance for Miss Mary Williamson, daughter of Dr. Williamson on staff of General Ferguson; requests permission to pass through lines to Vicksburg with five bales of cotton to get necessities for family, 2-7

Lundberg, Lucille to Mrs. Maxwell Stevenson, 1937, re: encloses bill for cleaning and restoring six horse paintings, 2-7

McAlister, Louise to Mrs. Maxwell (?) Stevenson, re: inquires about furniture from Belle Meade, 2-7

MacKale, W.W. to W.H. Jackson, 1864, re: transmits orders from General Johnston; Jackson to keep connection with Hardee and attack if enemy advances, 2-7

McKee, I. Cooper to General W.H. Jackson, 1887, re: recalls days as army recruit at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania; buffalo hunt near Ft. Riley, Kansas; parting with Jackson at Ft. Fillmore, New Mexico, in 1861; visits with Averill in New York, 2-7
McNairy, F.H. to W.H. Jackson, 1866, re: plans to stay in New Orleans with friends, old
town is becoming too much Yankee; to return to Tennessee in summer to take mother
and close out business, 2-7
McNeill, H.C. to Jack [son], 1861, re: note received at Ft. Fillmore, N.M.; if money
needed ask Judge H., 2-7
McNeill, J. to W.H. Jackson, 1861, re: receipt of letter; to leave Hatch’s Ranch, New
Mexico, with army command for Stanton; expects no success by Border State
convention; division of country inevitable; to resign from army; Tennessee expected
to join Southern Confederacy, 2-7
______, Margaret to Miss Richardson, 1897, re: telegraph greeting, 2-7
Martin, J.H. to W.H. Jackson, 1867, re: requests Jackson to met with General Starke at
Memphis to help compile a history of the operations of Jackson’s division during the
war with special attention to Jackson’s fight with McPherson’s command near
Livingston, Mississippi; disposition of General Starke’s sword left with “Joe” to put in
Jackson’s wagon at Columbus, Mississippi, 2-7
Mason, R.M. to W.H. Jackson, 1865, re: ambulance turned over to General Jackson by
General Dennis at time of surrender of General Forrest’s command was earlier used
by General Van Dorn, 2-8
Moorman, George (2) to W.H. Jackson, 1864-1866, re: encloses letter for Major Steede;
congratulates on promotion; requests deposition of General Jackson in case at Canton,
Mississippi, in which Peter B. Parker of Holmes County seeks damages from General
Wirt Adams for false arrest; Parker among those arrested for stealing cotton in 1864,
2-8
Morgan, John to E.T. Sykes, n.d., re: reports scarce forage for cavalry brigade near
Tallapoosa, Alabama; requests means to provide for shoeing horses of 4th Georgia
Regiment; suggest that the command be properly brigaded at once so that efficiency of
the regiment is not destroyed, 2-8
Murphy, M.Q. to Tom Murphy, 1868, re: receipt of letter with that of John Harding
enclosed; case involving Davis and Mahone; negro killed by Ed Mahone, 2-8
Nash, Wiley N. to W.H. Jackson, 1885, re: enclose sketch of Scout Company and picture
of Capt. H. _____, 2-8
Neely, R.P. to W. Jackson, 1861, re: receipt of Jackson’s note requesting ambulance;
arangements with Yandell for getting Jackson off, 2-9
Newsom, John F. to A.M. Northington, n.d., re: reports men of 19th Tennessee Cavalry
are half armed, 2-9
Norris, George D. to William H. Jackson, 1888, re: message of condolence on death of
General William G. Harding from old classmate at A. and L.S.&M. Academy in
Middletown, Connecticut, 2-9
O’Brien, Luke H. to Anne Davis Stevenson, 1942, re: encloses copy of statement for
summer meeting of the Empire City Racing Association of New York, 2-9
O’Brien, Shanty to William H. Jackson, 1904, re: greeting from friend in Nashville to
Jackson’s in Atlantic City, New Jersey, 2-9
Patterson, Mrs. C.B. to John E. Hilboldt, 1978, re: genealogical data for Harding family, 2-9
Paul, W.P. to W.H. Jackson, 1863, re: request from quartermaster to remain at Canton, Mississippi, to receive division stores; Major Mims agreed to furnish one million dollars to pay for goods when delivered; expect to receive goods within few days from parolee from Mississippi River, 2-9
Pinson, R.A. to W.H. Jackson, 1864, re: renews request for leave of absence from command of the First Mississippi Cavalry Regiment, 2-9
Polk, L. to J.A. Seddon, 1864, re: approves the nomination of Brigadier General W.H. Jackson as major general, 2-9
Pryor, J.P. to W.H. Jackson, 1868, re: returns Jackson’s papers used in writing history of Forrest’s Cavalry; book written with General Thomas Jordan expected to displease a great many friends who assisted with notes and memoranda, 2-9
Reynolds, Mrs. to General Jackson, 1865, re: loans pair of husband’s gloves for wedding at Columbus, Mississippi, 2-10
Richardson, J.B. to William H. Jackson, 1906, re: urges William to come home to Lockeland from Rhode Island; pleased with dogs but will let Mr. Baugh go because he does not want to milk the cows, 2-10
Richardson, J.B. (2) to Anne D. Jackson, 1903, 1908, re: sympathy to daughter on death of husband; trip to New York to look into General Jackson’s business with two New York banks, locating primary school teacher for William; Sallie visiting with Augusta and Annie Lou; public schools to open in Nashville on September 10, 2-10
Ricks, Fannie to W.H. Jackson, n.d., re: requests pass for three ladies in wagon into Yazoo City; will accept ambulance from General Lee to convey three ladies and a few bales of cotton into Vicksburg via Yazoo City, 2-10
Ricks, Fannie to S.D. Lee, n.d., regret departure of General Jackson, to defer visit until passes received, 2-10
Ricks, Mrs. B.L. to W.H. Jackson, n.d., re: thanks General Jackson for assistance; to defer trip to Canton, Mississippi, until ambulance is returned, 2-10
Roosevelt, Franklin D. to Maxwell Stevenson, 1936, re: unable to accept invitation to join Intercollegiate Rowing Association at Poughkeepsie, New York, 2-10
Ross, L.S. (8) to W.H. Jackson, 1863-1865, re: sends courier with account of operations in the Valley; General Sherman’s command advanced on railroad toward Chattanooga at Cherokee, Alabama; General Lee begins to destroy railroad; Ross’ Brigade bears brunt of fight with Sherman’s infantry; General Lee recommended promotion for Ross contingent on transfer of General Whitfield; thanks for interest in procuring promotion of Ross to brigadier general; receipt of confidential orders; to move troops for Goodman, Mississippi; provost marshal in Yazoo City to examine Yankee goods; four transports passed on Mississippi River loaded with troops – expected to be heading for Tennessee River; Sherman going up Ouachite or Red River with forces; scouts report four transports and one gunboat at mouth of Little Sunflower River; sends horse to General Jackson; Negro just out of enemy lines says all the Negroes are leaving; Yankees said to be coming with 2,000 Negro and white troops; responds to charges
against Colonel Wharton and officers of the brigade; explains the circumstances under which the orders of General Jackson concerning Colonel Wharton were not carried out; opposition from men in the regiment lead to resignation of Colonel Wharton; orders arrest of Col. Wharton for not assuming command of his regiment; Major Ross to find the guilty and cause their arrest, moving to vicinity of Prichard’s Cross Roads; starting for Canton by way of Columbus; Captain Smith unable to pay whole command because of not enough money; dissatisfaction of men and much talk of desertion; forwards application for leave of absence to visit home, 2-11

Sherman, W.T. to W.H. Jackson, 1883, re: U.S. Army unable to furnish tents requested by General Jackson, suggests that men be bivouacked in fairgrounds or adjacent buildings in Nashville, 2-12

Simmons, J.F. to W.H. Jackson, 1864, re: receives telegram and awaits further orders; Major Cooke has no funds but expects $300,000 from Richmond for depository at Columbus, Mississippi; hopes Jackson not permanently attached to General Johnston’s army; sends letter by special messenger carrying field glasses to General Polk, 2-12

Sloan, A.P. to W.H. Jackson, 1868, re: Captain Hull and Sloan look for opportunity to meet with Jackson’s “staff”; Captain Hull sends “pup” by train, 2-12

Sneed, J.M. to W.H. Jackson, 1866, re: encloses notice from Memphis newspaper indicating General W.H. Jackson has accepted commission as brigadier general in the Fenian army; Sneed and others indicate interest in joining Fenians; Jackson’s marriage plans, 2-12

Starke, P.B. (2) to W.H. Jackson, 1864-1865, re: suggestions on cleaning and inspection of arms of brigade carried out; importance of having reliable men at rear of enemy; sends ambulance requested; black horse arrives in good condition; pleased to let General Jackson have horse as soon as other horses in line; expects government to do justice to Jackson so long deferred, 2-12

Sykes, E.T. to W.H. Jackson, 1866, re: Jackson’s letter requesting the desk with official papers received; believes Tom Sykes took desk to home in Monroe; to send all general orders and dispatches together with biography of Ad Harvey; expects to make 100 bales of cotton on 350 acres; father expects to make 500 bales on his place; death of mother, 2-12


Todhunter, R. to W.H. Jackson, 1863, re: pedigree of General Jackson’s brown horse, “Drennon”, 2-13

“Tooker” (2) to W.H. Jackson, 1904-1906, re: family news from “Lockeland”, 2-13

Totten, A.W.O. to W.H. Jackson, 1865, re: effects of the war on people of the South; wishes seat of government had been at Knoxville instead of Richmond; people in Coahoma County, Mississippi ruined in their affairs; Negroes not taken by enemy are hired out, 2-13

Van Dorn, Earl to Jefferson Davis, 1863, re: gratified to be in good graces of Davis, recommends appointment of Major Edward Dillion of Virginia as general, 2-13
Watts, A.B. to E.J. Harvey, 1863, re: requests passes for Robert Quinn and sister into Vickburg, 2-14
Welch, L. to W. Jackson, n.d., re: requests that Horace Pease be notified that package of clothing has been left for him at headquarters of General W.H. Jackson, 2-14
Whitfield, James to Alexander Jackson, 1861, re: reports that the adjutant general’s office in Richmond has no application for commission for W.H. Jackson, 2-14
Willkie, Wendell L. to Ann Davis Stevenson, 1940, re: message conveys good will and faith in principles for which I stand, 2-14
Winder, M.G. to Randall Southall, 1859, re: telegram from New Orleans; Henry cannot stay on this place, 2-14
Winnelbrun, J.I. to W.H. Jackson, 1861, re: sends setter puppy, seven chickens and box from Ft. Stanton to Ft. Union; Indian attacks on soldiers and sheep; learns of secession of six states; expects border states to redress all southern grievances; Duvall left for Fillmore with volunteer company, White Mountain Rangers, 2-14
Wright, Alex to W.H. Jackson, 1865, re: Nashville much changed since the war; keeping bar for James Sloan; friends inquire about General Jackson, 2-13
Wright, James M. to W.H. Jackson, 1863, re: brother enlists in service of CSA to go with General Jackson of Tennessee; requests General Jackson to provide guidance for brother, 2-13
Wright, John V. to W.H. Jackson, 1865, re: requests assistance for Mrs. James S, Judge of Sebastopol, Alabama, whose mules were impressed for government service, 2-15
Wright, M.H. to W.H. Jackson, 1861, re: General Harding buys Jackson’s horse, requests how to send him, 2-15
Wright, Marcus J. to W.H. Jackson, 1885, re: returns letters to General Jackson; Darden to be applicant for collector, 2-15
Wyeth, John A. to William Jackson, 1898, re: requests information on file of General Forrest and Wilson raid on Selma in 1865 for book, 2-15