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**Kinningham Family Papers,  
1851-1950**

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**COLLECTION SUMMARY**

**Creator:**

Kinningham Family

**Inclusive Dates:**

1851-1950

**Scope & Content:**

Includes diaries kept by members of the Kinningham family of Franklin County, Tennessee, as well as correspondence related to genealogy of the Edens and Cowan families, miscellaneous Edens family documents, and genealogy of the Kinningham family. The diaries primarily consist of daily brief entries on farm and household matters, weather, and community and family news.

**Physical Description/Extent:**

Reels microfilm; 16mm

**Accession/Record Group Number:**

Mf. 2034

**Language:**

English

**Permanent Location:**

Mf. 2034 (Available on microfilm only)

**Repository:**

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

## **Administrative/Biographical History**

Ira Kiningham (1796-1886) married Sally Cowan in 1804 and migrated to Tennessee. They had 8 children, two of whom are represented in this collection. Son Thomas F. Kiningham was born in 1833, married Mary Elizabeth Sargent in 1861, and died in 1898. Son Andrew Jackson Kiningham was born in 1844, married 1) Mary Ann Cowan, who died in 1870. A.J. Kiningham remarried in 1875, to Pattie Porter. He died in 1899.

A.J. Kiningham's daughter by his first wife, Nina Mary Kiningham, was born in 1870, and married Samuel Anderson Edens (1873-1953). Nina Edens died in 1952. She faithfully recorded her daily activities in daybooks included here from 1933 until 1950. Both she and her husband appear to have been avid genealogists and preserved or produced much of the contents of this collection.

## **Organization/Arrangement of Materials**

Series I: Diaries; Series 2: Loose Papers

## **Conditions of Access and Use**

### **Restrictions on Access:**

None

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## **Index Terms**

### **Personal/Family Names:**

Kiningham, Thomas F., 1833-1898  
Kiningham, Andrew Jackson, 1844-1899  
Edens, Nina Kiningham, 1870-1952  
Keiningham family  
Cowan family  
Eden family

**Geographic Names:**

Tennessee -- Franklin County -- Genealogy -- Sources  
Tennessee -- Franklin County -- History -- Sources

**Document Types:**

Diaries

**Acquisition and Appraisal****Provenance and Acquisition:**

Loaned through the agency of Frank E. Williams of Winchester, Tenn., original collection owned by members of the Kinningham family.

**Processing and Administrative Information****Preferred Citation:**

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**Existence and Location of Originals:**

Privately held.

**Electronic Location and Access:**

<http://www.tn.gov/tsla/history/manuscripts/findingaids/mf2034.pdf>

## DETAILED COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

### SERIES I. – DIARIES

**Series Scope and Content:** Diaries kept by Thomas F. Kiningham (1833-1898), his grandson Herman Cowan Kiningham (1898-1942), and Nina Mary Kiningham Edens (1870-1952), daughter of Thomas F. Kiningham's brother Andrew Jackson Kiningham and his 1<sup>st</sup> wife, Mary Ann Cowan.

**Series Arrangement:** Arranged by author and then chronologically.

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### CONTAINER LIST

Contents/Item Title	Date	Box	Folder
Thomas F. Kiningham, volume 1	1853-1859	1	1
Thomas F. Kiningham, volume 2	1870-1878	1	2
Loose items found at front of volume 2	1870-1878	1	3
Thomas F. Kiningham, volume 3	1878-1887	1	4
Thomas F. Kiningham, volume 4	1887-1893	1	5
H.C. (Herman Cowan) Kiningham, volume 1	1926-1927	1	6
H.C. (Herman Cowan) Kiningham, volume 2	1929-1935	1	7
H.C. (Herman Cowan) Kiningham, volume 3	1936-1946	1	8
Nina K. Edens, volume 1	1918-1930	1	9
Nina K. Edens, volume 2	1933	1	10
Nina K. Edens, volume 3	1934	1	11
Nina K. Edens, volume 4	1935	1	12
Nina K. Edens, volume 5	1936	1	13
Nina K. Edens, volume 6	1937	1	14
Nina K. Edens, volume 7	1938	1	15
Nina K. Edens, volume 8	1940	1	16
Nina K. Edens, volume 9	1941	1	17
Nina K. Edens, volume 10	1942	1	18
Nina K. Edens, volume 11	1943	1	19
Nina K. Edens, volume 12	1944	1	20
Nina K. Edens, volume 13	1945	1	21
Nina K. Edens, volume 14	1946	1	22
Nina K. Edens, volume 15	1947	1	23
Nina K. Edens, volume 16	1948	1	24
Nina K. Edens, volume 17	1949	1	25
Nina K. Edens, volume 18	1950	1	26

## **SERIES I. – LOOSE PAPERS**

**Series Scope and Content:** Correspondence, genealogical data, and other documents.

**Series Arrangement:** Arranged by document type, then chronologically.

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### **CONTAINER LIST**

<b>Contents/Item Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Correspondence, Genealogical -- Cowan Family	1921-1945	2	1
Correspondence, Genealogical -- Edens Family	1927-1944	2	2
Edens Family Documents	1851-1945	2	3
Genealogical data -- Kiningham Family	undated	2	4
Receipts – Miscellaneous	1875-1914	2	5