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INTRODUCTION

The original part of this collection of Overton papers were inherited by Mrs. J. O. Murdock, of Washington, DC, from her ancestor, John M. Lea, a son-in-law of John Overton and were donated by her to the Tennessee Historical Society. The 1982 addition to the collection was given by Overton L. Murdock, of Bethesda, Maryland.

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This collection of papers of John Overton, numbering approximately 900 items, are composed of correspondence, two promissory notes, a Masonic document and a small diary of Nashville events listed yearly beginning in 1780, ending in 1851. The correspondence deals primarily with land cases of John Overton as lawyer and judge with some Tennessee politics intermingled. In a letter written to Willie Blount in 1827, marked confidential, Overton gives his opinion of Andrew Jackson’s chances of becoming president. A letter of George W. Campbell gives information about foreign affairs. Spanish affairs were more hopeful than relations with Great Britain, whose cruisers, he wrote, continued to impress American seamen. Several letters were written to Overton by Andrew Jackson while he was serving in Congress at Philadelphia in 1798.


The 1982 addition to the Murdock collection of Overton Papers comprise approximately 125 items and three volumes and pertain primarily to the land dealings of John Overton (1766-1833). Although most of the correspondence concerns the land interests of Judge Overton, there is also correspondence of a personal and political nature. Prominent among correspondents are General James Winchester, Albert Gallatin, Christopher Greenup, and Benjamin Hawkins. Also included is a copy of an 1822 letter by Andrew Jackson to John C. McLennan. Of note is a letter by John Overton to Samuel R. Overton concerning Overton’s influence in obtaining the 1824 presidential nomination for Andrew Jackson.

Material for Judge John M. Lea (1818-1903) includes account books, correspondence, eulogies, speeches, and tax records. Three 1869 letters by General Joseph E. Johnston concerning Johnston’s candidacy for the presidency of the University of Nashville are especially noteworthy.
BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

John Overton

1766, April 9  Born in Louisa County, Virginia, son of James and Mary Waller Overton
  Taught school for several years

1787  Emigrated to Kentucky for purposes of studying law

1789  Moved to Nashville to practice law where he met and became a close friend
  of Andrew Jackson

1790  Became a supervisor of Federal excise in Southwest Territory

1794  Became a land speculator and with Jackson purchased the rice tract upon
  which the town of Memphis was founded

1804-1810  Succeeded Jackson upon the bench of the Superior Court of Tennessee

1811-1816  Appointed a member of the Supreme Court of the State to succeed George
  Campbell which he held for five years

1813-1817  Published two volumes of Tennessee Reports which cover cases tried before
  the Court from 1791 to 1816

1794-1817  Became recognized authority on all matters relating to land legislation

1821  Joined with William B. Lewis and John H. Eaton to form an informal
  committee of close personal friends for the advancement of Jackson’s
  candidacy for the presidency

  Married Mary McConnell (White) May, daughter of General James White
  and sister of Hugh Lawson White

1833, April 17  Died in Nashville
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Hickman, Thomas to Colonel Martin Armstrong, 1789, re: Hickman states he is ready to enter into business with Armstrong; Armstrong is unable to survey Hickman’s land at present, 4-14
Hill, William, 1817, re: sending copies as requested, 2-13
Hill, William to John Overton, 1818, re: states unable to buy warrants; encloses list of surveyors and chain carriers as requested, 4-14
Hillsman, John, 1809, re: purchase of land, 2-14
Houston, R., 1799, re: sending money to be given to sheriff of Sumner County to pay taxes on lands of Col. Hogg, 2-15
Houston, R. to John Overton, Esq., 1799, re: payment of taxes for Dougherty’s land has been achieved, 4-14
Howard, M. H., 1846, re: letter disclosing financial business; report on account between Doak and M. H. Howard, 4-14
Humphreys, P. W. (2), 1808, re: illness of Overton; attendance at Circuit Court in Jonesboro, 2-16
Jackson, Andrew (14), 1798-1831, re: debts; raising salary; payment of David Allison’s debt; debt of Mr. Sweetman; Cochran note; debt of Major Resque; injury; communication from War Department; Dickenson affair; slanderous rumors concerning Overton’s deceased brother; news from Washington; conduct of Mr. Calhoun, 2-17—2-30
Jackson, Andrew to Thomas Overton, 1798, re: David Allison debt; British treaty, 2-31
Jackson, Andrew to John C. McLemore, 1822, re: compromise proposed by Jackson on partition of lands owned by P. Darby, James, Jackson, Jenkins, Whitesides, and Andrew Jackson on the Obion River, 4-15
Johnston, J. E. to John M. Lea (3), 1869, re: Johnston regretfully declines Lea’s offer of the presidency of the University of Nashville, 4-15
Kennedy, John (2), 1806-1810, re: requests his presence in Knoxville before legislature convenes so that Overton can assist in obtaining place to manage land business; report that Swann killed General Jackson; introducing John Duncan, 2-32
Lea, John M. to Overton Lea, 1898, re: birthday greeting praising his son for being such a good person, 4-16
Lea, John M. to Elizabeth Lea Murdock, 1900, re: letter to granddaughter; describes weather, admonishes her not to be lonely and sad in New York, 4-16
Lea, John M. to Overton Lea, 1902, re: praises Overton Lea for being a good son and citizen, 4-16
Lea, Luke, 1808, re: suit in federal court, 2-33
Lea, Overton, Jr., to Luke Lea, 1888, re: describes work on “Auntie’s” house, 4-16
Lea, Overton, Jr., to John M. Lea, 1903, re: expresses admiration and affection for his father on his father’s birthday, 4-16
Lewis, Joel, 1816, re: settling dispute with Capt. Crockett, 2-34
Lewis, Seth to John Overton, Esq., 1802, re: asks Overton to transmit papers to Judge McNairy to clear Lewis of scandalous charges and to have them printed in the Nashville paper, 4-16
Lewis, W. B., 1816, re: requesting written opinion, 2-35
Lindsay, P. N. to son A. V. S. Lindsley (2), 1832-1833, re: admonitions on self-education and instruction in school work; cholera in Nashville; Lawrence going to West Point, 2-36
Littlefield, William to M. H. Howard (2), 1843-1846, re: acknowledging receipt of rent; authorizes Howard to sell land; asks for explanation of tardiness of taxes, 1844-1845, 4-16
MacLean, Ephraim, 1809, re: answering questions concerning survey, 2-37
Maclin, William (6), 1798-1806, re: Mr. Terrell’s business; payment for services as commissioner for state of Kentucky; business with Mr. Dillon; raising a company of men to go to Natchez; land on Station Camp (includes proclamation signed by John Sevier, 1806), 2-38
McClung, Charles (2), 1820, re: requesting certificate for 476 acres; handling land transactions, 2-39
McCorry, Thomas, 1817, re: power of attorney, 2-40
McIver, John, 1804, re: judgment against Minnick, estate of Mr. Watson, 2-41
McKee, John, 1801, re: Indians meeting with Spaniards in New Orleans, 2-42
McLemore, John C. (2), 1820, re: purchase of some land, 2-43
McMinn, Joseph (2), 1815, re: sending horse and gig to take Overton from Nashville to Knoxville, 2-44
McNairy, A. to General Martin Armstrong, (undated) re: General Armstrong to receive warrants upon application, 4-17
McNairy, John, 1801, re: recommending John Dickinson for position as clerk, 2-45
McNairy, John to General Martin Armstrong—James Adams, 1806, re: appoints Duncan Stewart, James McCarrol, and Bright Herrin, mediators, in land suits upon request by General Martin Armstrong and James Adams, 4-17
Martin, f. X., 1807, re: requests a favor, 2-46
Maury, Abram (5), 1814-1815, re: suit for lands on Stones River; selling Mr. Goodwin’s warrant; illness; death of Mr. Strother and filling his position, 2-47
Meigs, Return J. (2), 1802, re: beliefs and rights of Indians assuming bail for Stone; a Cherokee man, 2-48
Miller, Pleasant M. (2), 1799-1820, re: position of revenue collector; advice; legislature, 2-49
Miller, Pleasant M., 1800, re: Miller states fowler is willing to put 10,000 acres in Hawkins County as security to settle suit against him, 4-17
Miller, William to John Overton, Esq., 1803, re: Miller asks that copies of D. Henly’s bill be sent to Washington since original destroyed by fire at the War Office, 4-17
Minor, H. to John Overton, 1820, re: secures $200.00 more for Mr. Lawrence; congratulates Overton on the “late important event in your life,” 4-17
Minor, Henry (3), 1812-1820, re: Humphreys County business; James C. Brown making survey; delivery of Manuscript Reports; money of Milan and Mr. Lawrence; sending Harriet home, 2-50
Minor, Thomas, Jr., 1803, re: land interests of Thomas Minor, Jr.’s, brother, William Minor, who died and left land to Thomas Minor, Jr., and sisters, 4-17
Minor, Thomas, Jr., 1805, re: selling land; death of John Minor in 1802 and death of William Minor in 1794, 2-51
Mulherin, James to John Overton, 1802, re: the bearer of letter, Bobb, is seeking someone to buy him; land dispute of William Molloy, 4-17
Mulherin, James, 1814, re: bank note; thanks for returning Harry, a Negro, 2-52
Newman, J. (3), 1811-1814, re: prescription for ailment; renting house, 2-53
Nye, Shadrack, 1809, re: wedding of Overton’s niece and David Patton, 2-54
Overton, Archibald W. (6), 1813-1815, re: paying money to Mr. Porter; Capt. John Lyon has Negroes for sale; a loan; business; tight money; resigning judgeship; marriage, 3-1
Overton, Harriet F., 1815, re: hope for a visit, 3-2
Overton, James, Jr. (5), 1812-1815, re: appointment of general Winchester as commander of Western armies and requesting position as aide-de-camp and later captain; legal matter; Kentucky troops for War; movement of Indians and taking over fort at Chicago; introducing Dr. Preston Brown, 3-3
Overton, Jane, 1802, re: family news, 3-4
Overton, John (23), 1803-1833, 3-59:
1.) to William Dickson, February 3, 1803, re: settlement of land claims between the state of North Carolina and Tennessee
2.) to John Walker, March 4, 1803, re: encloses note addressed to Elisha Rice
3.) to William Dickson, December 30, 1803, re: settlement of dispute between the United States and State of Tennessee over surplus lands
4.) to William Dickson, January 24, 1804, re: negotiation with representatives from North Carolina on the land dispute with Tennessee
5.) to John Sevier, February 3, 1804, re: encloses copy of letter drafted to members of the Tennessee legislature concerning the land negotiations with North Carolina, suggests that the Governor call the General Assembly into session in April
6.) to John Sevier, February 13, 1804, re: continues with work of copying land warrants in Carter’s office at Raleigh, expects to have report ready for General Assembly by end of March
7.) to William Dickson, February 18, 1804, re: Dr. Wharton to send horse and chair to Dickson, terms of agreement on land dispute
8.) to William Dickson, February 24, 1804, re: enumeration of present members of congress from North Carolina who were in favor of the land cession in 1784, urges close attention to Senator Franklin
9.) to James Turner, Governor of North Carolina, June 10, 1804, re: Governor Sevier to call session of Tennessee General Assembly to act on the amendment to the Constitution (US) and the ratification of the act of the North Carolina legislature
10.) to W. White, Secretary of North Carolina, March 30, 1804, re: checking agency records, authorization for drawing on Overton for expense of copying records
11.) to Governor James Turner of North Carolina, August 6, 1804, re: resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee regarding the perfection of titles to land in Tennessee and an act ratifying a similar act of the General Assembly of North Carolina dated August 4, 1804, and a separate resolution by the Tennessee General Assembly concerning the transfer of all books and papers from the office of the Secretary of North Carolina concerning lands in Tennessee
12.) to W. White, Secretary of North Carolina, March 25, 1805, re: sends gold in amount of $300.76 by Walter Aloes.

13.) to Samuel Goodwin, Comptroller of Treasury, North Carolina, December 4, 1814, re: information received from Major Abram Maury for purchase of the claim of Absalom Tatum for 4,500 acres in Stones River in the Congressional reservation.

14.) to Andrew Jackson, March 29, 1822, re: division of 4,000 acres at Chickasaw Bluff (Memphis), claim to Carter lands on Obion river and possible compromise between Wharton and Erwin, disposition of Nashville lot purchased from Col. William Cage.

15.) to Andrew Jackson, April 5, 1822, re: suggests means for settlement of suits involving the estate of David Allison and the Carter lands, judgment against Allison in Philadelphia, Jackson’s suit with Erwin, two-thirds of Carter grant to be conveyed by Overton to Jackson.

16.) to H. L. White, February 11, 1823, re: comments on personal philosophy, self-government, hopes for continued friendship between White and Jackson.

17.) to General James Winchester, November 1, 1823, re: appointment of commissioners by General Assembly to locate courthouse in Shelby County, suggests that (James) Fentress, Abram Maury, and (William) Hall be selected.

18.) to Andrew Jackson, June 23, 1827, re: Jackson’s position on tariff issue.

19.) to ________, August 15, 1828, re: Burr conspiracy (letter by Nathaniel W. Williams, June 26, 1828 attached).

20.) to Elizabeth Claybrooke, September 13, 1830, re: John Claybrooke visiting at Travellers Rest, severe drought cuts cotton crop to two-thirds.

21.) to Andrew Jackson, February 30 (?), 1831, re: Crawford’s letter to Calhoun on Seminole affair, suggests that Jackson not become involved, Monroe should tell the truth.

22.) to M. B. Winchester, February 1, 1833, re: settlement of ferry business, land deal with McLemore.

23.) to M. B. Winchester, February 13, 1833, re: pleas for arranging a compromise on land title with the corporation of Memphis, looks to Winchester as agent rather than Miller and McLemore.

Overton, John (3), 1800, re: thanks for attention to Capt. John Fowler’s business; disbanding of the army; relating that Miss C. is still single; death of Mrs. Warfield, 3-5.

Overton, John to Samuel R. Overton, 1824, re: General Jackson’s rising power in the South; reflects on how he started movement to get Jackson elected President; J. Overton approached William Miller, Grundy; John Overton wrote of speech William Miller gave to legislature to get endorsement of Jackson; speech denounced caucussing [sic]; J. Overton never consulted Jackson on Overton’s endeavors to get Jackson elected, 4-18.

Overton, John to H. L. White (4), 1828-1829, re: has not received material to counterattack Burr conspiracy charges against Jackson; Overton states he never met Burr; Overton seeks revenge against Colonel Anderson for allegations Anderson was making; asks White to give little notice of Anderson’s allegations in the Knoxville Enquirer; Overton asks White to inform President Jackson candidly that split in party ranks brewing over Jackson support of Grundy for Eaton’s seat, 4-18.
Overton, John W., 1815, re: copying the opinion of Judge White; illness, 3-6
Overton, Martha, 1814, re: illness; desires a visit, 3-7
Overton, Mary G., 1814, re: requests a riding dress to be made, 3-8
Overton, Samuel (11), 1801-1802, re: illness of Prince Frederick Harris; family news; purchase of Negroes; conveying land to John Mann; death of sister, Elizabeth; selling some land; an overseer named William Dickinson; illness and going to Sulphur Springs; borrowing money; girlfriend, Polly Minor; contracting with William Johnson for land in Sumner County; bond from George Michie to Richard Overton, 3-9
Overton, Samuel, 1812, re: acquiring the services of a “Cooper”; destruction of the theater in Richmond, 3-10
Overton, Samuel R. (3), 1813-1815, re: family news; Andrew Jackson and the war; position of surveyor in the newly acquired lands of the Creek Nation; views on the fall of Napoleon; position of Register in land office, 3-11
Overton, Thomas (16), 1797-1815, re: introducing Capt. Thomas Kensan; family news; birth of son named John and other children; desire to move to western country; land dealings; sending Negroes; renting land to William Farrer; paying taxes, 3-12
Overton, Thomas J. (2), 1812, re: wanted a visit to Kentucky relatives; war and what will be gained; views of general Winchester and John Pope; Kentucky news, 3-13
Overton, W. H., 1814, re: sending deed; dissatisfaction with position (John Overton’s reply on reverse), 3-14
Overton, Waller (5), 1801-1813, re: family news; illness; deed and transcription of letter from Massie; filling prescription; recommending Stapleton Birch and Benjamin Miller, 3-15
Parson, P., 1813, re: sending note and collecting money, 3-16
Peyton, Balie to John C. McLemore, 1832, re: report on debate between Balie Peyton and General Desha over support of Eaton or Grundy by the Sumner County legislative delegation, 4-19
Peyton, John (3), 1808-1812, re: trip to Stones River; running land of Robert Barnett; illness in family, 3-17
Polk, Will (3), 1805-1815, re: judgment against Gabriel Holmes; Negroes stolen from the estate of Andrew Alexander in Mecklenburg County; views concerning Mr. Haywood as attorney and possible promotion to the bench, 3-18
Powell, S. (2), 1810-1811, re: closing circuit court session; court system; candidates for next legislature, 3-19
Preston, Robert, 1809, re: Mr. Whiteside taking deposition in suit between George W. McGanghey and Walter Preston, 3-20
Purdy, Robert, 1808, re: returning Negro named Sam, 3-21
Quarles, James, 1800, re: land purchased by son, Thomas, from Major Abram Maury, 3-22
Quarles, Thomas (2), 1800, re: obtaining title to land sold by Major Abram Maury, 3-23
Ramsey, Francis A., 1811, re: difficulty concerning land in Greene County which entails a suit, 3-24
Ramsey, J. G. M. to John M. lea (3), 1880, re: discussing centennial celebration of King’s Mountain; need to build a cenopath for Robertson, Sevier, Rutherford; biography of General Rutherford’s service; regrets missing unveiling of Jackson equestrian statue; asks lea to write biography of Judge Haywood, 4-19

Reid, John, 1815, re: writing biography of General Jackson, 3-25

Rhea, John (9), 1804-1810, re: bill in legislature for North Carolina to allow Tennessee to issue grants for land; news from Washington; capture of U. S. ship in Mediterranean Sea; obtaining position for Overton’s nephews, 3-26

Roane, Archibald (7), 1801-1802, re: views of Dr. Barry; meeting of legislature; appointment as commissioner from Tennessee to Kentucky (includes copy of letter sent to governor of Kentucky); road to Georgia, 3-27

Robards, Jesse, (not dated), re: clear title to land, 3-28

Robards, Lewis, 1803, re: Negroes have been poisoned; requesting place, 3-29

Robertson, Felix to N. Cross, 1844, re: introduces (Lyman) Draper, collector of materials on Indian wars of the West; requests that draper be given access to the papers of Robertson’s father (General James Robertson), 4-19

Robertson, James to General Martin Armstrong, 1795, re: grants recorded in correct name; trouble with Indians; road from South West Point to Mero District, 3-30

Roulstone, G., 1801, re: happenings in Legislature; meeting in Knoxville, 3-31

Scovell, Henry, 1806, re: appreciation for work done on behalf of representatives of James Hinton; Colonel Cocke’s suit, 3-32

Sevier, G. W., 1817, re: sending abstract; requests an examination of grants, 3-33

Sevier, John (11), 1797-1814, re: relations with France; charges against Senator; legal business; needing money; Judiciary Bill; illness; death of General Robertson; filling position; capture of Pensacola was unauthorized, 3-34

Sharp, Solomon, P., 1815, re: conflict over claim to land, 3-35

Shelby, John, 1800, re: suit against the heirs of Evan Shelby, 3-36

Simmons, William to John Overton, 1806, re: requests information on bill drawn by Colonel Meigs in favor of John Overton, 4-20

Strother, John (2), 1810, re: land of Major Rogers purchased by Mr. Sellers and views on leases on barren lands; legal problems and a suit, 3-37

Stuart, Thomas, 1810, re: will act as judge in certain cases at next court, 3-38

Summerville, John, 1813, re: resigning seat as Clerk to the supreme Court of Errors and Appeals to become candidate for clerkship of Davidson County, 3-39

Swann, Thomas, 1811, re: whether impeachment proceedings should be filed against Judge Cocke; the vacancy to be filled by either Mr. Humphreys or Overton, 3-40

Tatum, Howell, 1800, re: direct tax on land, agent for John Whittaker, 3-41

Taylor, Waller, 1805, re: desiring news from War Department concerning a commission, 3-42

Treasury Department of the United States (7), 1803-1805, re: accounts; drafts by R. J. Meigs in the names of Thomas brown and E. Williams, 3-43

Trimble, James (2), 1815, re: legal business; purchase of property from Overton, 3-44
Waller, E., 1807, re: land sold in Sumner County for taxes; illness of mother, 3-45
Ward, Edward (not dated), re: hiring of blacksmith named Henry, 3-46
Weakley, R. (2), 1792-1810, re: surveying; settlement with Mr. Searcy; recommending Thomas J. Overton to the Secretary of War; reducing the army and navy; relations with France and England; renewing charter of the Bank of the United States, 3-47
Wharton, J. (5), 1814-1815, re: court session; death of General Robertson and his replacement; relations with England, duty on whiskey; national bank, 3-48
White, Hugh L. (9), 1798-1828, re: appointing Mr. Jackson in the place of Judge Tatum; Emmerson taking over Hood’s paper in Knoxville; legal matters; will not take Mr. Anderson’s place; marriage of Enoch Parsons to Kitty Cain, resignation from court and going to the Creek Nation; Cooke’s report; court system; illness; Jackson and a duel, 3-49
White, Hugh L. to Benjamin Johns, 1810, re: unable to act as attorney, 3-49
White, James (5), 1797-1820, re: congratulations on appointment; change in government for Tennessee; legislature meeting in Philadelphia and issues discussed; relations with France and England, 3-50
White, James to John Overton (not dated), re: asks that he be remembered to White’s wife and family, 4-20
White, Will (3), 1805-1810, re: sending copy of survey of John Searcy’s heirs; land belonging to Sampson Williams; price for gold; incorrect form for warrant in the name of Raybourn Gibbs, 3-51
Whiteside, Jenkin (13), 1806-1812, re: purchase of property; need for money; jailing of Mr. Jones; land in Bedford County; emancipating slave named Fanny; resolution concerning Jackson; drafting men in preparation for war with England; declaration to be filed with Robert Searcy concerning land on Duck River; relations with England and France, renting property to Mr. Senter, 3-52
Williams, John (7), 1805-1811, re: news of legislature; memorial of the legislature of Tennessee; election of legislators; establishing a Masonic lodge in Rogersville; North Carolina legislature voting that Tennessee cannot make title to land; Negro for sale; selling lands in Tennessee, 3-53
Williams, Robert (5), 1805-1813, re: North Carolina and the sovereignty of Tennessee; representative to go to North Carolina, either Overton or John Williams; contract for land between Williams’ father and Colonel Martin Armstrong; court case between heirs of William Dry and the heirs of James Roper; difference in grant of North Carolina and Tennessee; establishing Grand Lodge of Masons in Tennessee, 3-54
Williams, Robert, Jr., to General Martin Armstrong, 1799, re: Robert Williams states has recommendation of General Davie and will be ready and able to represent the interests and people in Tennessee in the Court of Patents in North Carolina; asks for General Armstrong’s assistance in establishing practice, 4-20
Williams, S. (4), 1805-1809, re: trip to Cedar Lick Creek; happenings in Washington; Squire Anderson running for office; illness; helping friend Mr. Black; searching for grants on the books in Sumner County; upcoming election and candidates; Samuel Sanford grant in Sumner County, writing friend James Feland in Kentucky, 3-55
Williams, T. H. to John Overton, 1797, re: attachment on Davidson County land obtained in suit against Thomas Dillon, 4-20
Winchester, J. (6), 1804-1819, re: court case involving Sampson Williams and D. Allison; title to bluff lands (Memphis), marking off Indian land, 3-56
Winchester, General James to John Overton, Esq., 1814, re: describes his conditions of captivity by the Canadians; glad to hear of Jackson’s victories in the Creek nation, 4-20
Winchester, Marcus, 1819, re: laying off land on Wolf River; views of Irving; visit with Judge Foy and Rice land; questioning Patrick Meghan about Rice land, 3-57
Winchester, William O., 1815, re: General Jackson placing General Gaines in command; case against General Jackson by federal district court in new Orleans; leaving for Richmond, Virginia, 3-58