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INTRODUCTION

The William L. McDonald Collection, 1780–1969, is centered around the history of Lauderdale County, Alabama. The collection is a gift of William L. McDonald, Florence, Lauderdale County, Alabama.

The materials in this finding aid measure .42 cubic feet of shelf space. There are approximately 30 items and 2 volumes included in this collection. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the William L. McDonald Collection may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The William L. McDonald Collection, containing approximately 30 items and 2 volumes, spans the period 1780 – 1969. The collection is composed of cemetery records, church records, clippings, correspondence, genealogy, maps, pamphlets and a volume on Lauderdale County history.

The contents of this collection are related to the history of Lauderdale County, Alabama, with a special emphasis on Florence, Lauderdale County, Alabama. Mr. McDonald's hobby was history, and this collection contains information compiled by him.

The cemetery records in this collection contain listings of graves in various Lauderdale County, Alabama, cemeteries that were re-interred by the Tennessee Valley Authority prior to the formation of Pickwick Lake.

The church records consist of a volume of minutes of the Russellville Presbyterian Church, Russellville, Alabama. These minutes begin with the formation of the church.

The correspondence is genealogical and general in nature and is noted in more detail on the Container List.

Also included in the collection is a genealogical listing of the John McDonald family.

The remainder of the collection contains maps of Alabama, pamphlets on various sites in Alabama, and a volume containing a historical sketch of Lauderdale County, Alabama.

The value of the William L. McDonald Collection resides in the wealth of information contained concerning Lauderdale County, Alabama.

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

1. Cemetery Records, 1797 - 1963
2. Church Records, 1822 - 1839
3. Clippings, 1818 - 1968
4. Correspondence – Genealogy – Gresham, Pool, Sullivan, and Young families, 1761-1969
5. Correspondence – General Jackson purchase of property, 1818, 1969
6. Correspondence – Naming of Natchez Trace bridge, 1963
7. Genealogy – John McDonald family, 1792 - 1896
8. Maps – Alabama, 1818 - 1866
9. Pamphlets, undated
10. Sketches – Places, History of Lauderdale County, Alabama, 1780 - 1960