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**ROBINSON, WINGATE T.
FAMILY PAPERS
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INTRODUCTION

The Wingate T. Robinson Family Papers, 1855-1948, contain primarily the papers of Wingate T. Robinson (1832-1903), Lieutenant, Company K, 5th Regiment, Tennessee Cavalry, U.S.A., 1862-1865; Tennessee senator representing DeKalb and Wilson Counties, 1865-1867; and Tennessee representative from DeKalb County, 1867-1869. Some papers deal with business interests of Wingate's son, Beverly W. Robinson (1857-1924) and his grandson, Dr. Wayne Robinson. The papers were given to the Tennessee State Library and Archives by Dr. Fount B. Robinson, Oxford, Pennsylvania through the agency of Mr. Thomas G. Webb of Smithville, Tennessee.

The materials in this collection measure 1.2 linear feet. There are no restrictions on the materials.

Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Robinson Family Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Wingate T. Robinson Family Papers, 1855-1948, composed of approximately 400 items and 7 volumes, contain accounts (bills, notes and receipts), account books, clippings, correspondence, Civil War records (ordnance reports, special orders, furloughs, and muster rolls), election data, tax returns, legal documents (contracts, deeds, estate papers, guardianship papers, pension papers), memoranda, and some land surveys.

There are several items for the year 1855, the earliest date of the papers. Several account books are for the Kerr and Robinson Mercantile business, 1869-1894, two are for the mule business in which Dr. Wayne T. Robinson and his father, B.W. Robinson, seem to have been partners, 1908-1924. One volume contains the minutes of the Board of Directors and the Stockholders of the Bank of Liberty, DeKalb County, Tennessee, 1902-1924.

The Civil War records deal with the service of 1st Lieutenant Wingate T. Robinson. There are a number of Ordnance Reports for the year 1865, a few special orders and a muster roll for Company K, 5th Tennessee Cavalry, at the time W.T. Robinson was made 1st Lieutenant. The clippings are primarily political speeches made during reconstruction by William G. Brownlow, Horace Maynard, and John Baxter. The correspondence contains the names of William B. Stokes, W.B. Corley, A.J. Richey, R.C. Nesmith, Houston F. Stratton, and James H. Smith. The legal papers are composed of contracts, deeds, guardianship papers, estate papers, pension papers, etc. The remainder of the collection is made up of memoranda, a few surveys, and some personal records of Wingate T. Robinson.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Wingate Truitt Robinson

- 1832 Born at Dowelltown, DeKalb County, Tennessee, son of Edward and Margaret Truitt Robinson
- ca. 1856 Married Lucy Jane Callicott (1834-1901)
- 1862 January 1 – joined Company K, 5th Regiment, Tennessee Cavalry, United States Army
- 1865 January 1, promoted to 1st Lieutenant, Company K, 5th Regiment, Tennessee Cavalry
- 1865-1867 Member of Tennessee State Senate representing DeKalb and Wilson Counties
- 1867-1869 Elected to Tennessee House of Representatives for DeKalb County
- 1868 July 1 – Formed partnership with J.H. Kerr in mercantile business at Temperance Hall, DeKalb County, Tennessee
- 1880 August 6 – Licensed to practice law by order of the County Court of DeKalb County
- 1903 Died at Bairds Mill, Wilson County, Tennessee

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

1. Accounts – Bills, notes, receipts, 1855-1870
2. Accounts – Bills, notes, receipts, 1871-1875
3. Accounts – Bills, notes, receipts, 1876-1903
4. Account book – Wingate T. Robinson, 1865-1869
5. Account book – Kerr and Robinson, Book No. 1, 1869-1871
6. Account book – Kerr and Robinson, Book No. 2, 1876-1879
7. Account book – Kerr and Robinson, Book No. 3 & 4, 1892-1894

Box 2

1. Account Book – Mule business and professional services of Dr. Wayne T. Robinson, 1908-1916
2. Account Book – Mule and cattle business, 1919-1924 – Estate of Beverly W. Robinson
3. Bank of Liberty, Tennessee – Organization and minutes of Board of Directors and Stockholders, 1902-1924

Box 3

1. Civil War Records – Charges, Furloughs, Muster-In Rolls, etc, 1863-1869
2. Civil War Records – Ordnance Reports – 1st Quarter, January - March 1865
3. Civil War Records – Ordnance Reports – 2nd Quarter, April - June, 1865
4. Civil War Records – Ordnance Reports – 3rd and 4th Quarters, July - December, 1865, and April 1866
5. Civil War Records – Special Orders, 1864-1865
6. Clippings – Political speeches during Reconstruction
7. Correspondence, 1855-1948
8. Election Data, 1866-1867
9. Income Tax Returns – 1890, 1917, and Fire Insurance, 1869
10. Legal Documents – Agreements & Contracts, 1868-1903
11. Legal Documents – Bates, James, Estate 1866-1873
12. Legal Documents – (1) Complaint Suit, (2) Inquest, 1864, 1875
13. Legal Documents – Deeds, 1855-1882
14. Legal Documents – Deeds, 1883-1905
15. Legal Documents – Guardianship Papers, 1866-1874
16. Legal Documents – Miscellaneous, 1872-1895
17. Legal Documents – Pension papers, 1864-1899
18. Memoranda – Miscellaneous
19. Personal Records – Wingate T. Robinson, 1863-1890
20. Surveys

Portfolio

Muster Roll – Company K, 5th Regiment of Tennessee Cavalry Volunteers, United States Army – 1st Lieutenant W.T. Robinson, Colonel William B. Stokes; From December 31, 1864-February 28, 1865