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SYMONDS FAMILY PAPERS
1820-1945

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INTRODUCTION

The Symonds Family Papers, 1820-1945, are centered on Francis Campbell Symonds (1894-1988), a Presbyterian minister and genealogist of Jackson, Tennessee. The Symonds Family Papers are a gift of Patricia Symonds of Tenafly, New Jersey, daughter-in-law of Francis Campbell Symonds.

Materials in this collection occupy 1.26 cubic feet of shelf space.

Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Symonds Family Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Symonds Family Papers, containing approximately 1,200 items, span the period 1820-1945. The collection is comprised of associations, institutions, etc.; church records; clippings; Confederate currency and bank notes; correspondence; a diary; estate papers; genealogical data; invitations; program, etc.; legal records; newspapers; photographs; drawings, etc.; and poetry.

Applications for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution are found under associations, institutions, etc.

Clippings are mostly notices of deaths, publicity of the First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Tennessee, wedding notices, and activities of Francis Campbell Symonds (1894-1988), a Presbyterian minister.

Included in the collection are Confederate currency and bank notes.

Correspondence relates largely to family matters and genealogical data. However, there are two interesting letters written by Francis Watkins Campbell, Jr. (1834-1908) who served in the Confederate army during the Civil War (see box 1, folder 8).

Genealogical data is of the Campbell, Farrar, Hancock, Hansford, Streetor, Hodge, Murdoch, Neely, and Symonds families.

The balance of the material consists of wills, the *Jackson Protestant* and the *Jackson Blade* newspapers, and photographs of members of the Symonds family.

Two copies of *Murdocks of Buckhorn* by G. Gordon Maby, Jr. and *Alice's Adventure in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll were transferred to the Tennessee State Library.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Francis Campbell Symonds

- 1894 Born in Cairo, Illinois, the son of Charles Randolph and Elizabeth Womack (Campbell) Symonds
- 1915 Graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Union University in Jackson, Tennessee
- 1918 Graduated with a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Union theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia
- 1918 Appointed pastor of First Church in Huntsville, Texas
- 1920 Appointed pastor of First Church in Thomasville, Georgia
- 1920 Married Millard Murdock
- 1926 Appointed pastor of First Church in Fayetteville, North Carolina
- 1926 Served as Director of Young People's Conferences, Lake Wacamaw and Whitelake, North Carolina
- 1928 Traveled in Europe, Asia, and Africa
- 1928 Directed the erection of a church in Phisien, China
- 1930 Directed the erection of a church in Fructal, Brazil
- 1931-1937 Served as Commissioner of the General Assembly
- 1931 Appointed pastor of First Church in Lynchburg, Virginia
- 1932 Directed the erection of a church in Mart, Texas
- 1933 Awarded a degree of Doctor of Divinity from Washington and Lee University
- 1934 Authored *The Leger, Lenud, Theus Campbell Families* and *The Murdoch Family*
- 1935 Served as Moderator of Montgomery, Virginia Presbytery

- 1936 Authored *The Farrar Barnett Families* and *The Hatcher Family*
- 1936 Established the broom manufacturing department in the Texas Mexican Industrial Institute in Kingsville, Texas
- 1937 Served as Moderator of Buckhorn, Kentucky Presbytery
- 1938 Appointed pastor of Central Church in Hyder, Kentucky
- 1938 Awarded Certificate of Merit for genealogical publications
- 1938 Elected a Fellow of Institute of American Genealogy
- 1940 Served as Chairman of Kentucky State Round Table Discussion Group
- 1988 Died in New Jersey

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

1. Associations, institutions, etc. – Daughters of American Revolution – Applications – Elizabeth Campbell Symonds, n.d.
2. Associations, institutions, etc. – Daughters of American Revolution – Application – Millard Murdock Symonds, n.d.
3. Associations, institutions, etc. – Daughters of the Confederacy – Certificate – Elizabeth Campbell Symonds, 1925
4. Church records – First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Tennessee, 1945
5. Clippings -- Miscellaneous
6. Currency, bank notes, etc. – Confederate, n. d.
7. Currency, bank notes, etc., – Confederate bonds, 1863
8. Correspondence – Author unknown - Carver
9. Correspondence – Frazier - Wisdom
10. Diaries, memoirs, etc. – Author unknown, 1858-1864
11. Estate papers – Campbell, Francis L., 1832-1853
12. Estate papers – Campbell, John P., 1874-1875

Box 2

Genealogical Data

1. Campbell, Francis Watkins, 1809-1844
2. Farrar, Hancock, Hansford and Streator families, 1437-1963
3. Hodge, William, ---- - 1723
4. Murdoch, John, 1791-1857
5. Neely and related families
6. Symonds, John Mauger, ca. 1815-1877

Box 3

1. Genealogical data, – Symonds, John Mauger, ca. 1815-1877 and related families 1809-1844
2. Genealogical data – Womack, Abner, 1769-ca. 1855
3. Invitations, programs, etc. – Funeral – Edward C. Theus, 1846
4. Invitations, programs, etc. – Commencement exercises – Francis Campbell Symonds, 1915
5. Invitations, programs, etc. – Wedding – Charles R. Symonds to Lizzie Campbell, 1889
6. Legal records – Wills – Baugh, William, 1824 (copy)
7. Legal records – Wills – Carver, Henry, 1813 (copy)
8. Legal records – Wills – Dickenson, Charles, 1858 (copy)
9. Legal records – Wills – Minor, Lancelot, 1884 (copy)
10. Legal records – Wills – Winston, John Hastings, 1853, (copy)

11. Newspapers – *The Jackson Blade*, May 15, 1859
12. Newspapers – *Jackson Protestant*, January 20, 1846
13. Photographs, drawings, etc. – Francis Campbell Symonds family
14. Photographs, drawings, etc. – Miscellaneous
15. Poetry – author unknown, n.d.
16. Poetry – Annie Neilson Symonds – *Memories*
17. Writings – Author unknown, n. d.