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### **Scope and Contents**

Papers of Frank Archibald Critz (1846-1922), lawyer, judge, and state legislator of Mississippi. Correspondence, journals, ledgers, speeches, legal briefs, business papers, and clippings, relating to family affairs, Mississippi politics, railroad tax cases, and attempts by H.D. Money and others to have Critz appointed to the Mississippi Supreme Court; and correspondence, clippings, and documents of Walter Burr Barker (1846-1905), brother of Critz's wife, Elizabeth Barker Critz, relating to his service as U.S. Consul in Cuba (1893-1898) and as an army officer in Cuba, the Philippine Islands and Nagasaki, Japan. Correspondents include Leonard Wood and U.S. Senators Albert J. Beveridge, Henry Cabot Lodge, O.H. Platt, and Redfield Proctor.

## Biographical Data

Full name of person about whom biographical data is needed:

Frank A. Critz

Date and place of birth:

6-19-1846 Talladega County, Alabama

Date and place of death:

8-2-1922 West Point, Mississippi

Names of parents, wife or husband, children, or other family relationships:

Father: Archelaus Hughes Critz

Mother: Lavinia Stovall Penn

Wife (1): Lizzie B. Barker

Wife (2): Neva Carothers

Children: Josie Evans Critz (Watkins); Bessie Beall Critz; Walter Barker Critz; Frank A. Critz, Jr.

His occupation, activities, and place or places where he flourished:

Reared in Oktibbeha County, Mississippi. B.A. from University of Miss. (1869). Taught in Starkville Male Academy (1869-70), studying law while teaching. Obtained law license 1870. Practiced law first in Starkville, then Lagrange, Choctaw Co., Miss., then West Point, Miss. Associated with law firm, Critz and Beckett, noted by railroad tax cases, then Critz and Kimbrough. Chancellor of Sixth judicial district of Miss., 1880-1888; member of State Senate, 1894-96; House, 1896-1900; ran unsuccessfully for governor 1899 and 1903.

Titles of books or other sources where further information can be found:

Rowland, Dunbar, Mississippi. Vol.3. pp. 164-166.

Daily Times Leader, Centennial Edition. July 11, 1958, p.16. In collection. Critz family genealogy, MSS.183.

Name and address of person supplying data (and relation to biographee):

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Arrangement

Series 1. Law Practice, 1888-1902

Series 2. Family and Business Papers, 1880-1915

a. Family correspondence, 1895-1915

b. Captain Walter Barker correspondence, 1893-1905

c. Frank A. Critz, Jr. correspondence, 1903-1905

d. Statements of account, receipts, other, 1880-1915

Series 3. Miscellaneous items, 1900, 1937 and undated.

Series 4. Ledgers, books.

## Subject Tracings

### SUBJECTS:

Books- Unusual; business papers- records; family letters and papers; Indians; Mississippi Press Association; Mississippi Supreme Court; patents; photographs- old; railroads; U.S. Army; Works Progress Administration (WPA)

### NAMES:

Barker, Captain W.B. (West Point); Barry, F.G.; Bates, C.L. (Yazoo City); Boone, J.M. (Corinth); Bradshaw, L.F. (West Point); Buchanan, J.H. (Memphis, Tennessee); Burge, Jno. D. (Corinth); Burge, M.R. (Starkville); Butler, M.R. (Starkville); Campbell, T.H. (Yazoo City); Candler, E.S. Jr.; Carroll, T.B.; Cayce, Newman (Itawamba); Chiles, J.T. (Starkville); Clark, J.E. (Webster); Clayton and Anderson, Attorneys (Tupelo); Collins, Thos. H. (Indianola); Cooke, Sam L. (Webster County); Critz Family; Critz, Frank A.; Cutrer, J.W. (Clarksdale); Davis, G.M.C. (Carthage); Dennis, John J. (Starkville); Dillard, G.G. (Macon); Drake, E.S.; Ellis, W.B. (Tishomingo); Fort, Jennie; Fort, L.A. (Starkville); Gore, Tom L. (Webster County); Green, J.H. (Corinth); Guice, Dr. N.L. (Natchez); Harrison, James L. (Lowndes); Hill, N.C. (Ellisville); Kirksey, E.B. (Lowndes County); Landrum, Linton B.; Leigh, J.E. (Columbus); Lenerett, J.M. (Webster County); Lodge, Henry Cabot; McLaurin, A.J.; McLean, Wm. C. (Grenada); Money, H.D.; Montgomery, F.A., Jr. (Tunica); O'Neill, Thos. J. (Macon); Orr, J.A. (Lowndes); Peebles, P.W. (Jackson); Perry, Oliver H. (Washington County); Reynolds, G.W. (Corinth); Rich, C.W. (Hattiesburg); Richardson, George (Louisville); Rives, Joel E. (Macon); Roane, W.A. (Oxford); Scott, Chas. (Rosedale); Shields, Walter (Walter County); Stone, Governor John M.; Strickland, Wm. M. (Holly Springs); Sykes, E.T. (Columbus); Taylor, R.H. (Sardis); Ward, B.F. (Winona); Whitney, J.J. (Fayette); Williamson, C.M. (Raymond); Wood, C.H. (Moss Point); Wood, Thos. J. (Starkville); Yerger, Rucks (Friars' Point)

### GEOGRAPHICAL:

Clay County; Cuba; Philippines

## Inventory

The material in each series has been arranged chronologically where possible. A calendar was made for the law practice series only because of possible importance of correspondents.

### Law Practice, 1888-1902. 75 items

#### Folder 1. 1888-1891 Jan. 16 items

1888	April 27	J. H. Buchanan, Memphis, Tenn., to Judge F. A. Critz, West Point, Miss.
1889	Aug. 27	Petition to Gov. Lowry recommending Critz to Supreme Court. Signed by George Richardson, E. V. Hughston, William Price, W. B. Shumaker, A. H. Foster.
	Aug. 28	George Richardson, Louisville, Miss., to Critz.
	Dec. 28	E. S. Candler, Iuka, Miss., to Critz.
1890	July 22	F. G. Barry, Aberdeen, Miss., to "Dear Governor".
1891	Jan. 21	J. E. Leigh, Columbus, Miss., to Capt. W. B. Barker, West Point, Miss.
	Jan. 22	Linton D. Landrum, Columbus, Miss., to Gov. John M. Stone.
	Jan. 23	E. T. Sykes, Columbus, Miss., to Critz.
	Jan. 24	Joel E. Rives, Macon, Miss., to Walter B. Barker.
	Jan. 24	Members of West Point Bar to Gov. Stone.
	Jan. 27	H. D. Money, Washington, D. C., to Gov. Stone.
	Jan. 29	Clayton and Anderson, Attys., Tupelo, Miss., to Critz.
	Jan. 30	L. A. Fort, Starkville, Miss., to Gov. Stone.
	Jan. 31	Barry /F. G. Barry/, West Point, Miss., to Gov. Stone.
	Jan. 31	N. C. Hill, Ellisville, Miss., to W. B. Barker.
	Jan.	Newman Cayce, Itawamba County, Miss., to Gov. Stone. Petition.

Folder 2. 1891 Feb. 2-12. 17 items

1891	Feb. 2	Thos. J. O'Neill, Macon, Miss., to Gov. Stone.
	Feb. 2	R. H. Taylor, Sardis, Miss., to Barker.
	Feb. 3	C. H. Wood, Moss Point, Miss., to Barker.
	Feb. 3	Chas. Scott, Rosedale, Miss., to Barker.
	Feb. 3	C. H. Wood to Critz.
	Feb. 4	F. A. Montgomery, Jr., Tunica, Miss., to Barker.
	Feb. 4	Rucks Yerger, Friars Point, Miss., to Barker.
	Feb. 5	J. J. Whitney, Fayette, Miss., to Barker.
	Feb. 6	J. W. Cutrer, Clarksdale, Miss., to Critz.
	Feb. 6	Wm. C. McLean, Grenada, Miss., to Critz.
	Feb. 6	Verger and Percy, Greenville, Miss., to Critz.
	Feb. 6	P. W. Peeples, The Jackson Bank, Jackson, Miss., to Gov. of Miss. Very fragile, only a fragment.
	Feb. 10	G. M. C. Davis, Carthage, Miss., to Critz.
	Feb. 10	M. R. Butler, Starkville, Miss., to Gov. Stone.
	Feb. 10	E. S. Drake, Port Gibson, Miss., to Critz.
	Feb. 11	J. T. Chiles, Thos. J. Wood, John J. Dennis, T. B. Carroll, Starkville, Miss., to Gov. Stone.
	Feb. 12	T. H. Campbell, Yazoo City, Miss., to Critz.

Folder 3. 1891 Feb. 16-July 28, 1892, 1902 (scattered). 20 items

1891	Feb. 16	L. F. Bradshaw, West Point, Miss., to Gov. Stone.
	Feb. 17	G. G. Dillard, Macon, Miss., to Walter [Barker].
	Feb. 18	W. A. Roane, Oxford, Miss., to Gov. Stone.

	Feb. 18	W. B. Stewart, Macon, Miss., to Gov. Stone.
	Feb. 23	Tho. H. Collins, Indianola, Miss., to Gov. Stone.
	Feb.	Members of the bar and Officers of Winston County, Miss., to Gov. Stone.
	Feb.	Madison County, Miss., bar to same.
	Feb.	W. B. Ellis, E. S. Candler, Tishomingo County, Miss., to Gov. Stone.
	Feb.	? Davis, Biloxi, Miss., to Gov. Stone.
	Feb.	Walter Shields, Oliver H. Perry, Washington County, Miss., to Gov. Stone.
	Feb.	A. J. McLaurin, Brandon, Miss., to Gov. Stone. Very fragile.
	Feb.	Wm. M. Strickland, C. L. Bates, Holly Springs, Miss., to Gov. Stone.
	Feb.	J. M. Boone, J. H. Green, G. W. Reynolds, Jno. D. Burge, E. S. Candler, Jr., Corinth, Miss., to Gov. Stone.
	Feb.	Sam L. Cooke, J. M. Lenerett, J. E. Clark, Tom M. Gore, Webster Co., Miss., to Gov. Stone.
	March 31	C. M. Williamson, Raymond, Miss., to Gov. Stone.
	May 1	Dr. N. L. Guice, Natchez, Miss., to Gov. Stone.
	July 28	Linton Landrum, E. B. Kirksey, James L. Harrison, J. A. Orr, 2 unreadable signatures, Lowndes Co., Miss., to Gov. Stone.
1892	June 11	J. M. Stone, Gov. of Miss., "To Whom it may concern".
	July 18	B. F. Ward, Winona, Miss., to Walter L [Barker].
1902	Sept. 26	C. W. Rich, Hattiesburg, Miss., to Critz.
	Folder 4. 9 items	
nd	nd	Briefs, mostly rough drafts.

Folder 5. 4 items

1899	Oct. term	Brief. Mississippi Tax Cases. Supreme Court of the United States, No. 318. Illinois Central Railroad Co. vs. Wirt Adams, State Revenue Agent.
1900	Oct. term	Brief. Mississippi Tax Cases. Supreme Court of the United States. No. 35. Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad Co. et al. vs. Wirt Adams, State Revenue Agent.
1901	Oct. term	Brief In the Supreme Court of Mississippi No. 9778. The Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad Company et al. vs. Wirt Adams, State Revenue Agent.
1901	Oct. term	Duplicate of above. Cover removed because of filth.

Folder 6. 8 items

nd	nd	Speeches and notes for speeches.
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**Family and Business Papers, 1880-1915.** 226 items

<u>Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>No. items</u>
1	Family correspondence, clippings mostly re death of Mrs. Ann Barker, Mrs. Jennie Fort, Capt. Walter Barker.	1895-1905	21
2	Family correspondence Letters <u>re</u> death of Walter Barker Critz.	1906	21
3	Family correspondence <u>re</u> death of Mrs. F4. A. Critz (1909); other.	1909-1912	22
4	Family correspondence	1913-1915, nd	20
5	Captain Walter Barker material. Certificate (1893) of Capt. Barker's appointment to Commercial Agent of U. S. at Sagua la Grande, Cuba; correspondence <u>re</u> Capt. Barker's work in Cuba. Includes letters signed by Henry	1893-1901	25



Cabot Lodge, Jan. 30, 1900

6	Barker material. Capt. Barker was reassigned to duty in Japan. This folder contains correspondence and other material <u>re</u> this tour and letters concerning his death (1905). See also Family correspondence, folder 1 for additional letters and clippings.	1902-1905, nd	21
7	Barker material. Clippings mostly	nd	31
8	F. A. Critz, Jr. material Correspondence, other from patent offices and attorneys, selling agencies, etc. re: Critz Shoe, invented by F. A. Critz, Jr.	1903-1908	18
9	Statements of account, etc.	1880-1908	14
10	Statements of account, etc.	1911-1913	33

**Miscellaneous, 1900, 1937 and undated.** 104 items

1	Misc. items including clippings, calling cards, Christmas cards, blue print, Eastern Star and other material.	1900, nd	circa 41 Envelopes not counted.
2	Misc. item. Manuscript?	nd	1
3	Misc, items. NYA material from Clay County.	1937	37
4	Misc, items. Photographs.	nd	25

**Ledgers, Books.**

1. Mrs. L. A. Fort Account Book, Starkville and Oktibbeha County, Miss. 1879-1893.  
Mrs. Fort, wife of L. A. Fort of Starkville and sister of Mrs. F. A. Critz. This is an account book kept by Mrs. Fort who boarded students, raised vegetables, cows, chickens.

2. F. A. Critz ledger, 1889.  
Many Indian names entered. References to buying hides and corn from Indians.
3. F. A. Critz Private Memorandum.  
Few entries. Law practice?
4. Journal of F. A. Critz, March 1904 to Feb. 7, 1906.  
Law practice.
5. Journal of F. A. Critz, Feb. 1906 to Dec. 1907.  
Law practice.

Farrar, John, LL.D. An Elementary Treatise on Arithmetic Taken Principally From The Arithmetic of S. F. Lacroix. . . Boston: Hilliard, Gray, and Company, 1834.

Thomas, W. L. Tabulated Reduction of Varas. . . Beaumont, Texas: Lamb and Son, Print, 1899.

Proceedings of Thirty-Sixth Annual Session of the Mississippi Press Association, Held in Pass Christian, Miss., May 21, 22, 23, 1901. Biloxi, Mississippi, Review Book and Job Printery, 1901.

OSN Daily Times Leader. West Point, Miss. Centennial Edition: '100 Years of Progress, West Point, Mississippi, 1858-1958'. July 11, 1958.