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### **Scope and Contents**

The collection consists primarily of the correspondence (1884-1921) of the Christopher Harris ("Kit") Williams family of Yazoo City, Mississippi. The majority of the letters were written by the seven Williams children while attending schools in Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. The principal subjects include family affairs, trips to New York City and Washington, D. C., and events at school. Several letters mention Senator John Sharp Williams, brother of C. H. Williams, and include a description of his House of Representatives campaign in 1894. Among the correspondents is Mrs. John Sharp Williams. The collection also contains school report cards and certificates (1904-1916), receipts and household accounts (1894-1926), and miscellany. Also included are six letters from Senator John C. Stennis to L. W. Brown, Jr. (1966-1967).

## Biographical Data

Full name of person about whom biographical data is needed:

Christopher ("Kit") Harris Williams

Date and place of birth:

1859, Tennessee

Date and place of death:

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

Wife: Sallie Shelby Cocks Williams, married May 8, 1884

Children: Jane Allison (Mrs. James Sessions Butler), Christopher Harris ("Kit"), Philip Cocks, John Sharp, Charles Dubuison, Duke, Robert Shelby

Parents: Christopher Harris and Anne Louise Sharp Williams

Brother: John Sharp Williams (U. S. Senator)

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

b. Tennessee; orphaned at age three when father died in Battle of Shiloh; lived thereafter with grandmother Sharp at Cedar Grove Plantation near Yazoo City, Mississippi.

Education: University of Virginia (classmate of Woodrow Wilson).

Lawyer, bank president, and mayor in Yazoo City. Active in Democratic politics

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

DeCell, Harriet and JoAnne Prichard. *Yazoo: Its Legends and Legacies*.

Osborn, George Coleman. *John Sharp Williams: Planter-Statesman of the Deep South*.

## Subject Tracings

### Names:

Butler, Jane Williams  
Davis, Thomas F.  
Stennis, Senator John C.  
Williams, Charles Dubuisson  
Williams, Christopher Harris  
Williams, Duke  
Williams, Jane Allison  
Williams, John Sharp  
Williams, Mrs. John Sharp  
Williams, Philip Cocks  
Williams, Robert Shelby  
Williams, Sallie Cocks

### Subjects:

Bingham (Asheville, N.C.)  
Chamberlain-Hunt Academy (Port Gibson, Miss.)  
Eastman College (Poughkeepsie, N.Y.)  
Episcopal High School (Alexandria, Va.)  
Gulf Coast Military Academy (Gulfport, Miss.)  
Mary Baldwin Seminary (Staunton, Va.)  
Sewanee (Tenn.)  
*The Times-Picayune* (New Orleans, La.)  
University of Mississippi  
University of Virginia  
Woodberry Forest (Orange County, Va.)  
Yazoo City (Miss.)

## Inventory

### Correspondence:

1. 1884-1885.
2. 1891.
3. 1894.
4. 1901.
5. 1902 January-September.
6. 1902 October-December.
7. 1903.
8. 1904.
9. 1905 January-June.
10. 1905 July-December.
11. 1906 January-June.
12. 1906(July-December.
13. 1907.
14. 1908.
15. 1909 January-June.
16. 1909 July-December.
17. 1910 January-May.
18. 1910 June-December.
19. 1911 January-July.
20. 1911 August-December.
21. 1912 January-June.
22. 1912 July-October.
23. 1912 November-December.
24. 1913 January-February.
25. 1913 March-July.
26. 1913 August-December.
27. 1914 January.
28. 1914 February.
29. 1914 March.
30. 1914 April-May.
31. 1914 June-July.
32. 1914 August-October.
33. 1914 November-December.
34. 1915 January-March.
35. 1915 April-May.
36. 1915 September-October.
37. 1915 November-December.
38. 1916 January.
39. 1916 February.
40. 1916 March.
41. 1916 April.
42. 1916 May.
43. 1916 June.

44. 1916 July-September.
45. 1916 October.
46. 1916 November.
47. 1916 December.
48. 1917
49. 1920-1921
50. General, undated.
51. Jane Allison Williams (Mrs. James Sessions Butler), undated.
52. Williams' sons, undated.
53. Partial letters-General
54. Partial letters-Jane Allison Williams (Mrs. James Sessions Butler)
55. Empty envelopes
56. Episcopal High School of Virginia Report Cards and Account Sheets, 1904-1906.  
(See also certificates in oversized folder)
57. Woodberry Forest School (Virginia)-Report Cards; Gulf Coast Military Academy  
(Mississippi) Report Cards, 1913-1916.
58. Receipts/Household Accounts, 1894-1926.
59. Receipts/Household Accounts, 1894-1926.
60. Receipts/Household Accounts, 1894-1926.
61. School notes, undated.
62. Miscellany: Photograph; Program for reunion of alumnae of Ursuline Convent School (Ohio),  
1915; Theater Program for "The Barretts of Wimpole Street"; Pamphlet *Manual of Interior  
Guard Duty, United States Army*, 1914-1917.
63. School Certificates, 1904-1906. (oversized)
64. Newspaper: *The Times-Picayune* (Headline: "Edward Poised to Go Into Exile Tonight"),  
1936 December 11. (oversized)
65. Correspondence-Senator John C. Stennis to L. W. Brown, Jr., 1966-1967.

## **Separation Sheet**

### Small Oversized Manuscripts Box 4

The following items have been routed to the above unit for appropriate disposition:

Correspondence: Letter, Robert to Mama, March 8, 1916.  
Diplomas, 1905-1906.

## **Separation Sheet**

### Oversized Newspapers

The following item has been routed to the above unit for appropriate disposition:

LOUISIANA: New Orleans: *The Times-Picayune*, 1936 December 11.