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## **Marion Henry collection MSS.33**

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### **Scope and Contents**

Materials collected by Marion Henry, daughter of John Justus Henry of Starkville, general agent of the Gulf, Mobile and Northern Railroad Company. Correspondence, including letters relating to the John J. Henry-Theodore G. Bilbo 1911 affair and other letters from prominent Mississippians; and broadside, newspaper clippings, and other papers concerning Oktibbeha County, Mississippi, the state of Mississippi, and U.S. and Confederate history. Correspondents include William Crump, A.H. Longino, T.C. Lowry, W.W. Magruder, and John Sharp Williams.

## Biographical Data

Full name of person about whom biographical data is needed:

John Justus Henry

Date and place of birth:

10/19/1864 Oktibbeha County, Mississippi

Date and place of death:

7/06/1951 – Oktibbeha County, Mississippi, buried Odd Fellows Cemetery

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

Father: Justus Reynolds Henry

Mother: Mary Rosie Lee Henry

Wife: Lelia Ruffin, 06/07/1868-01/07/1952

Children: Clara Cecile Henry

Justus Ruffin Henry

Marion Henry

John Frederick Henry

Lelia Gottseelig (Mrs.

Thomas Terry)

James Oliver Henry

Jarmon Parchman Henry

Hettie Divine Henry

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

Attended A & M College, Starkville, Mississippi, was town Marshall of Starkville; Superintendent of Parchman, 1900-1906; worked for Southern Railroad 1906-1923; general executive agent for G. M. & N. Railroad 1923-

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

The Man Bilbo by Wigfall Green

History of Mississippi the Heart of the South by Dunbar Rowland. Vol. iv, pp. 571-572.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Inventory

The correspondence has been arranged chronologically within each folder, and chronological order has been observed in folder sequence. Envelopes have been kept with the collection but not counted.

Folder	Subject	Date	No. items
1	Correspondence Includes letter to J. J. Henry from John Sharp. Williams. (7/24/05) requesting Henry's support in next election.	1905 & 1909	2
2	Correspondence Includes letter to J. J. Henry from T.C. <u>Lowry</u> of Blue Mountain, Mississippi quoting Bilbo's infamous remarks re Mr. Henry; broadside entitled <u>Bilbo Insults Ladies</u> enclosed. (Signed by T.C. Lowry) Also includes letter to Henry from A. H. <u>Longino</u> of Jackson re Bilbo affair.	1911 (April)	4
3	Correspondence Includes letter to Henry from A. H. <u>Longino</u> of Jackson, Mississippi. Also includes 14 telegrams to Henry supporting him in Bilbo affair. See also folders 5 and 6 for additional letters dated July 6 and 7, 1911.	1911 (July 6-7)	23
4	Correspondence Includes letters to Henry from W, W. <u>Magruder</u> of Starkville and <u>William Crump</u> of Jackson. See also folders 5, 7 and 8 for additional letters dated July 8-30, 1911.	1911 (July 8-30)	21
5	Correspondence Letters from various people to J. J. Henry attached to copies of Mr. Henry's replies.	1911 (Aug. 2-8)	18
6	Correspondence Letters from various people to J. J. Henry attached to copies of Mr. Henry's replies.	1911 (Aug. 8)	15
7	Correspondence Letters from various people to J. J. Henry attached to copies of Mr. Henry's replies.	1911 (Aug. 8)	22
8	Correspondence Letters from various people to J. J. Henry attached to copies of Mr. Henry's replies.	1911 (Aug. 9)	4
9	Broadsides		5

Mississippi As a Planter Has Made Great Success 1904  
 Public Speaking at Sturgis by Sen. Theodore G. Bilbo, 7/6/1911.  
 Public Speaking in Neshoba County, W. P. Kimball will represent Sen. Theo.  
 G. Bilbo, 7/14/1911  
 Senator Percy, Barbecue. Maben, Miss., 7/13/1911  
 President G. R. Hightower, A & M College, Answering Bilbo Charges, July, 1915. (2)

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| 10 | Miscellaneous articles  | 6  |
|    | Handwritten history of the Double Springs School House by Miss Marion Henry.<br>Typewritten report re Henry School House Memorial. 10/5/1941.<br>Typewritten copy of the <u>Bonnie Blue Flag</u> .<br>Typewritten article entitled Poets of the South.<br><u>Constitution Week</u> copy of address delivered by Ernst W. Graves at Nahoula<br>Chapter of DAR in Laurel, Mississippi, September 15, 1959<br>Printed copy of <u>Stonewall Jackson</u> (A War Song) by M. M. Greene. |    |
| 11 | Newspapers, Clippings, July 30, 1926  | 1  |
|    | <u>The Rise and Fall of the Hash u qua Cotton Factory</u> by Hon. W. J.<br>Hubbard, from the Winston County Journal. (An article re early cotton<br>factory in Noxubee County. See also Xerox copy in Vertical file under<br>Noxubee County.)   |    |
| 12 | Newspapers, Clippings   | 4  |
|    | The <u>Times</u> , Starkville, Mississippi (1 page) 1909.<br>OSN <u>The Issue</u> , Jackson, Mississippi January 21, April 20, 1915<br>Unidentified publication, 1916   |    |
|    | [Note: Items in Folder 12 very fragile.]  |    |
| 13 | Newspapers, Clippings   | 23 |
|    | Pertaining mostly to U. S. and Confederate History.   |    |
| 14 | Newspapers, Clippings   | 10 |
|    | Pertaining mostly to U. S and Confederate History..   |    |
| 15 | Newspapers, Clippings   | 18 |
|    | Pertaining mostly to Oktibbeha County and Mississippi.<br>Includes tribute to J. J. Henry by I. B. Tigrett of G. M. & N. Railroad   |    |
| 16 | Publications (Miscellaneous)  | 9  |
|    | Leaflets and booklets, programs   |    |
| 17 | Publications (Magazines)  | 13 |
|    | <u>Literary Digest</u> , 12/24/1910.  |    |

Red Cross Magazine, January, 1918.

Proceedings of a Reunion of the Surviving Members of the  
Constitutional Convention of 1890, held November 1, 1927.

The Campaign Guide, Election of 1928.

G. M. & N. News (1924), 2 copies.

Vital Speeches of the Day, April 1937.

Confederate Veterans Reunion (3) 1934, 1937, 1949.

Vicksburg's Carnival of the Confederacy, 1947.

Dixie-Magazine section of Times-Picayune, 2 copies, 1/23/1966 and 2/11/1968.

This Week Magazine, 1/19/64.

## **Separation Sheet**

### Oversized Newspapers

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

*Chattanooga Daily Times*, Chattanooga, Tenn., June 6, 1934.

*The Issue*, Jackson, Miss., January 21, April 29, 1915.

*The Starkville News*, Starkville, Miss., September 5, 1947.

## **Separation Sheet**

### Oversized Manuscripts Box 2

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

“Gov. Brewer’s Great Speech at Morton”, 1916.