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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 ___________________
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.

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<td>Includes letter to J. J. Henry from T.C. Lowry of Blue Mountain, Mississippi quoting Bilbo's infamous remarks re Mr. Henry; broadside entitled Bilbo Insults Ladies enclosed. (Signed by T.C. Lowry) Also includes letter to Henry from A. H. Longino of Jackson re Bilbo affair.</td>
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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)

10 Miscellaneous articles
Handwritten history of the Double Springs School House by Miss Marion Henry.
Typewritten report re Henry School House Memorial. 10/5/1941.
Typewritten copy of the Bonnie Blue Flag.
Typewritten article entitled Poets of the South.
Constitution Week copy of address delivered by Ernst W. Graves at Nahoula Chapter of DAR in Laurel, Mississippi, September 15, 1959
Printed copy of Stonewall Jackson (A War Song) by M. M. Greene.

11 Newspapers, Clippings, July 30, 1926
The Rise and Fall of the Hash u qua Cotton Factory by Hon. W. J. Hubbard, from the Winston County Journal. (An article re early cotton factory in Noxubee County. See also Xerox copy in Vertical file under Noxubee County.)

12 Newspapers, Clippings
The Times, Starkville, Mississippi (1 page) 1909.
OSN The Issue, Jackson, Mississippi January 21, April 20, 1915
Unidentified publication, 1916

[Note: Items in Folder 12 very fragile.]

13 Newspapers, Clippings
Pertaining mostly to U. S. and Confederate History.

14 Newspapers, Clippings
Pertaining mostly to U. S and Confederate History.

15 Newspapers, Clippings
Pertaining mostly to Oktibbeha County and Mississippi.
Includes tribute to J. J. Henry by I. B. Tigrett of G. M. & N. Railroad

16 Publications (Miscellaneous)
Leaflets and booklets, programs

17 Publications (Magazines)
Literary Digest, 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.


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


Vicksburg's Carnival of the Confederacy, 1947.


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.

Separation Sheet

Oversized Manuscripts Box 2

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