Guide to the Daniel Williams family papers

Title: Daniel Williams family papers
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Abstract: The Daniel Williams family papers document the history of the family from 1823 to 1966, most notably Campbell “Cammie” Williams and his brother, Mims Williams. The papers consist of correspondence, Civil War tax documents, bills and account statements, contracts, newspaper clippings, genealogical material, essays, poetry, cards, and miscellany.

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Campbell “Cammie” Alexander Williams (1866-1940) and Mims Williams (1875-1939) were born in Dry Grove, Mississippi. Their parents were John Calvin Williams (1846-1878) and Virginia Josephine “Jennie” Banks (1848-1917), the daughter of Matthew Alexander Banks (1818-1886). Cammie became a cotton merchant in Dry Grove. Mims attended Millsaps College in the 1890s, working at the Davis-Ellis Co. in Magee during the summers he was a student; he later established himself in Magee, Mississippi. Among their cousins were Willie Hollingsworth, who worked in Chicago, and George H. Douglas, who practiced medicine in Morgan City, Louisiana. Cammie married Hattie Carmichael (1866-1935), the daughter of William Carmichael and a graduate of Whitworth Female College in Brookhaven, Mississippi. Their son, Daniel Williams, married Martha Hill, whose grandmother, Martha Louisa “Lulu” Starr, came from a family that lived in Georgia and South Carolina. The papers include an 1859 Canadian land grant certificate for a James Tighe; Tighe’s connection with the Williams family is not known.

Source:

Daniel Williams family papers.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Daniel Williams family papers document the history of the family from 1823 to 1966. The papers consist of correspondence, Civil War tax documents, bills and account statements, contracts, newspaper clippings, genealogical material, essays, poetry, cards, and miscellany. The bulk of the materials is dated from 1870 to 1914. Most of the correspondence in the collection consists of letters between the brothers, their friends, and other family members. The collection provides valuable insight into one family’s experience during the late nineteenth and early twentieth century in Mississippi, from the Civil War and a yellow fever epidemic to college life and politics.

Series 1 contains correspondence, including letters to and from M.A. Banks (1857-1872); letters from the Starr family (1860-1891); letters to Campbell Williams from Willie Hollingsworth (1879-1892), in Chicago, Illinois, with lengthy discussions of national politics; letters to Campbell Williams from his cousin, George H. Douglas (1880-1896), in Morgan City, Louisiana, mostly humorous in nature; letters to and school essays by Hattie Carmichael (1885-1894); letters from the Hill family in Punta Gorda, British Honduras (1889-1894); letters to Campbell Williams from his brother, Mims, attending Millsaps College (1891-1896), with references to a professor who left Ole Miss after being accused of homosexuality (1895); letters between Virginia Banks Williams, Mims Williams, and others regarding the will of Virginia’s cousin, Judge William Douglass, in Texas (1913-1914); and other assorted letters from friends and relatives.

Series 2 contains documents, including a postmaster certificate signed by President James Monroe (1823), a Canadian land grant certificate for James Tighe, Civil War-era tax documents,
parole of William Carmichael at Vicksburg (1863), an annual report of the Mississippi State
 Blind Institute (1872), a notebook diary kept by John C. Williams during the yellow fever
epidemic in Dry Grove (1878), an invitation to a ball in Dry Grove (1883), state senator
certificate for W. D. Carmichael (1890s), a cure for horse colic (1893), memorabilia from
Whitworth College in Brookhaven (1897 and undated), wedding invitations, sharecropping and
tenant farming contracts (1894-1901), land deeds, tax receipts (1880s-1900s), supply lists,
genealogy materials, newspaper clippings, poetry, holiday and greeting cards, church cards, and
other items.

ARRANGEMENT

I. Correspondence, 1849-1936
   and undated                         Box 1
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APPRAISAL AND DESTRUCTION INFORMATION

Newspaper clippings were photocopied on to acid-free paper and disposed of.

SUBJECT TERMS

SUBJECTS:
African Americans--Mississippi--Social conditions--19th century.
Agriculture--Mississippi--History.
Banks and banking--Mississippi--History.
Bills of sale--United States--Forms.
Blind--Education--History--19th century.
Business--Mississippi--History.
College students--Mississippi--History.
Cotton.
Diaries.
Education--Mississippi--History.
Farmers’ Alliance (Miss.)
Farm tenancy--Mississippi--History.
Homosexuality--Mississippi--History.
Medicine--Formulæ, receipts, prescriptions--History.
Poetry.
Postmasters--Mississippi.
Sharecropping--Mississippi.
Speeches, addresses, etc.--American--Women authors.
State Blind Institute (Jackson, Miss.)
Taxation--Confederate States of America.
Taxation--Law and legislation.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
Universities and colleges--Mississippi.
Whitworth Female College (Brookhaven, Miss.)
Wills.
Women--Education--Mississippi.
Yellow fever--Mississippi.

NAMES:
Banks, Matthew Alexander, 1818-1886.
Barksdale, E. (Ethelbert), 1824-1893.
Carmichael, William Daniel, 1836-1918.
Cleveland, Grover, 1837-1908.
Douglas, George H.
Foster, Murphy J. (Murphy James), 1849-1921.
Galloway, Charles B. (Charles Betts), 1849-1909.
Harrison, Benjamin, 1833-1901.
Harrison, Pat, 1881-1941.
Harrison, William Henry, 1773-1841.
Hayes, Rutherford Birchard, 1822-1893.
Hill, David B. (David Bennett), 1843-1910.
Hollingsworth, William H.
Maxwell, Thomas S.
Monroe, James, 1758-1831.
Rowland, Dunbar, 1864-1937.
Taylor, Robt. L. (Robert Love), 1850-1912.
Taylor, Zachary, 1784-1850.
Tilden, Samuel J. (Samuel Jones), 1814-1886.
Voorhees, Daniel W. (Daniel Wolsey), 1827-1897.
Wanamaker, John, 1838-1922.
Weaver, James B. (James Baird), 1833-1912.
Willard, Frances E. (Frances Elizabeth), 1839-1898.
Williams, Campbell Alexander, 1866-1940.
Williams, Hattie Carmichael, 1866-1935.
Williams, John Calvin, 1846-1878.
Williams, Mims, 1875-1939.
Williams, Virginia Banks, 1848-1917.
**CONTAINER LIST**

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**Box 1**

**Correspondence, 1849-1936 and undated:**
1. Letters to M. A. Banks, 1857-1872.
2. Letters from the Starr family, 1860-1891.
3. Letters to Campbell Williams from Willie Hollingsworth, 1879-1892.
5. Letters to Campbell Williams, 1882-1903 and undated.
6. Letters to and school essays by Hattie Carmichael, 1885-1894 and undated.
7. Letters from the Hill family in Honduras, 1889-1894 and undated.
8. Letters to Campbell Williams from Mims Williams at Millsaps, 1891-1896.
9. Letters from Mims Williams to Virginia Williams, 1900-1914.
10. Letters regarding the will of William Douglass, 1911-1914 and undated.
11. Letters between Campbell Williams and Mims Williams, 1913-1919.
12. Letters between Mims Williams and Mote Williams, 1913.
14. Miscellaneous correspondence, 1874-1913 and undated.

**Box 2**

**Assorted documents, 1823-1957 and undated:**
    - Canadian land grant for James Tighe, 1859.
    - Tax on naval stores (2), 1863-1864.
    - Articles of taxation, 1863.
17. Tax receipts, 1887-1906.
18. Bills and account statements, 1874-1896.
    - Davis-Ellis Co. bills (4), 1893-1894.
20. Poetry, 1846-1895 and undated.
22. Calling cards, holiday cards, church cards, 1881-1892 and undated.
24. Miscellaneous, 1871-1883 and undated.
25. Miscellaneous, 1890-1897 and undated.
    - State senator certificate, 1891.

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- Letter from George Swann, 1849.
- Copy of William Douglass will, 1911.
- McClelland bill, 1886.
- Untitled poem, undated.
- Postmaster certificate, 1890.
OS 13 Facsimile of secession ordinance, undated.