

**Mississippi State University Library
Special Collections Department
Manuscripts Division**

P.O. Box 5408,
Mississippi State, MS 39762 - 5408
Phone: (662) 325 – 7679
E-mail: sp_coll@library.msstate.edu

Guide to the Daniel Williams family papers

- Title:** Daniel Williams family papers
- Accession Number:** 20
- Creator:** Williams family
- Extent:** .66 cubic feet
- Inclusive Dates:** 1823-1966 (Bulk Dates: 1870-1914)
- 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.
- Provenance:** The papers were donated by Daniel Williams and Martha Hill Williams.
- Processed by:** DeeDee Baldwin, April 2008; Finding aid edited Jennifer McGillan 2018.
- Preferred Citation:** Daniel Williams family papers, Special Collections Department, Mississippi State University Library.
- Access:** Open to all researchers.
- Copyright Statement:** Any requests for permission to publish, quote, or reproduce materials from this collection must be submitted in writing to the Manuscripts Librarian for Special Collections. Permission for publication is given on behalf of Mississippi State University as the owner of the physical items and is not intended to include or imply permission of the copyright holder, which must also be obtained.
- Language:** English

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
Small Oversize Manuscripts Box 41 |
| II. | Documents, 1823-1957
and undated | Box 2
Small Oversize Manuscripts Box 41
Oversize Manuscripts Box 13 |

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.
Confederate States of America. Army. Mississippi Cavalry.
Cotton.
Diaries.
Education--Mississippi--History.
Farmers' Alliance (Miss.)
Farm tenancy--Mississippi--History.
Homosexuality--Mississippi--History.
Medicine--Formulae, 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:

Bailey, Joseph W. (Joseph Weldon), 1863-1929.
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.
McLaurin, Anselm Joseph, 1848-1909.
Monroe, James, 1758-1831.
Rowland, Dunbar, 1864-1937.
Stevenson, Adlai E. (Adlai Ewing), 1835-1914.
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

Folders

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.
- 4 Letters to Campbell Williams from George H. Douglas, 1880-1896.
- 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.
- 13 Letters to Mims Williams, 1928-1936 and undated.
- 14 Miscellaneous correspondence, 1874-1913 and undated.

Box 2

Assorted documents, 1823-1957 and undated:

- 15 Antebellum and Civil War-era documents, 1823-1869.
 - Canadian land grant for James Tighe, 1859.
 - Tax on naval stores (2), 1863-1864.
 - Articles of taxation, 1863.
- 16 Yellow Fever epidemic of 1878.
- 17 Tax receipts, 1887-1906.
- 18 Bills and account statements, 1874-1896.
 - Davis-Ellis Co. bills (4), 1893-1894.
- 19 Sharecropper and tenant contracts, 1894-1901.
- 20 Poetry, 1846-1895 and undated.
- 21 Newspaper clippings, 1862-1894 and undated.
- 22 Calling cards, holiday cards, church cards, 1881-1892 and undated.
- 23 Genealogical materials, undated.
- 24 Miscellaneous, 1871-1883 and undated.
- 25 Miscellaneous, 1890-1897 and undated.
 - State senator certificate, 1891.
- 26 Miscellaneous, 1900-1957 and undated.

SMO 41

- Letter from George Swann, 1849.
- Copy of William Douglass will, 1911.
- Certificate signed by James Monroe, 1823.
- McClelland bill, 1886.
- Untitled poem, undated.
- Postmaster certificate, 1890.

OS 13

Facsimile of secession ordinance, undated.