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Biographical/Historical Note

Henry Massie Rector, Sr., the sixth governor of Arkansas, was born May 1, 1816, at Fountain's Ferry, Kentucky. The son of Elias and Fanny B. Thurston Rector, Henry was their only child to reach adulthood. Elias Rector was a land surveyor and speculator, who had acquired land in Arkansas. Elias died in 1822, leaving Henry a New Madrid land claim, designating property located in Hot Springs, Arkansas, as belonging to Rector.

In 1833, Henry went to school in Louisville, Kentucky. By 1835, he had moved to Arkansas to attempt to take possession of the Hot Springs land claimed by his father, but reserved by the federal government. Rector began to study law and established a law practice. He married Jane Elizabeth Field in 1838, and they had eight children: Frank, William Field, Henry Massie, Jr., Elias William, Ann Baylor, Julia Sevier, Fanny Thurston, and Ada E. After Jane Rector's death in 1857, Henry Rector married Ernestine Flora Linde of Memphis, Tennessee, in 1859. They had one daughter, Ernestine Flora Rector.

Rector's political career began in 1838 with his appointment as teller of the Arkansas State Bank. In 1842, he was appointed acting United States Marshal for the district of Arkansas. He also served in the Arkansas Senate from 1848-1852, and on the Arkansas Supreme Court in 1859, before being elected Governor of Arkansas in 1860. Rector's term of office was shortened in 1861, when Arkansas seceded from the Union and a new state constitution was adopted. Governor Rector's term ended in 1862.

At the end of the Civil War, Rector returned to Little Rock and his private law practice with John M. Harrell. He continued his legal battle to attain ownership of the lands he claimed in Hot Springs, Arkansas. His legal consultants included Sanborn and King, A.H. Garland, Robert W. Johnson, and Albert Pike. The United States Supreme Court denied his claim in 1876. Rector died August 12, 1899, and was buried in Mount Holly Cemetery in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains letters, wills, claims, deeds, contracts, financial statements, invoices, receipts, and memorabilia belonging to Henry Massie Rector, his children and grandchildren.

Administrative Information

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703. 1890 August-December

704. 1891

705. 1892 September

706. 1892 October

707. 1893

708. 1894-1901

Certificates

709. 1876-1887

Rector descendants

710. 1876-1888

711. 1881-1890

712. 1888: Petitions to the city of Hot Springs

713. 1889: Central Avenue [Hot Springs, Arkansas] property owners committee

714. 1904-1908: Last will and testament

Financial documents

Account records

715. 1876-1891: Hot Springs National Bank

716. 1892-1899

Hot Springs Valley Bank

717. 1881-1892: Statements

718. 1882-1884: Statements

719. 1884-1891: Statements

720. 1885-1889: Bank accounts

Rector descendants

721. 1890: Customer drafts [checks]

722. 1890-1891: Bank accounts

723. 1891-1892: Deposit slips

724. 1892: Bank accounts

725. 1892: Records

726. 1893-1895: Legal records

727. Undated: Statements

Invoices

728. 1872-1876

729. 1875: Invoices from W.A. Moore

730. 1877-1878

731. 1879

732. 1880

733. 1881 January-August

Rector descendants

734. 1881 September-December

735. 1882

736. 1883

737. 1884

738. 1885

739. 1886-1887

740. 1888-1892

741. 1893-1894

742. 1895-1896

743. 1897-1898

744. 1899 and undated

Promissory notes

745. 1870-1879

746. 1880-1895

Rector descendants

747. 1892 March: City of Hot Springs, payroll for police

Receipts

748. 1873-1879

749. 1880-1891

750. 1892-1900

Tax Receipts

751. 1870: Internal Revenue

752. 1870-1872: Hot Spring County

753. 1874-1919: Garland County

754. 1878-1886: Pulaski County

755. 1880: City of Hot Springs

756. 1889-1890: Montgomery County

Cancelled checks

757. 1874-1881

Rector descendants

758. 1882 January-June

759. 1882 July-September

760. 1882 October-December

761. 1883 January-May

762. 1883 June-December

763. 1884

764. 1885-1887

765. 1888

766. 1889-1892

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767. 1893-1904 and undated

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Miscellaneous

768. 1872: "Proceedings of the Little Rock and Pulaski County Medical Society"

769. 1874-1881: St. Louis Type Foundry account

Rector descendants

770. 1875-1895: Hot Springs tenants, includes names and income

771. 1878-1880: "Hot Springs Daily Telegraph"

772. 1882-1883: The "Hot Springs Bathhouse Association"

773. 1891: Hot Springs Valley Ice Company

774. 1892-1893: Hot Springs Valley Ice Company

775. 1895-1896: "Medical Mirror" and "United States Health Reports"

776. 1896-1899 and undated: Hot Springs tenants, includes names and income

777. 1897: "Hot Springs Sanitarium"

778. 1897-1898 and undated: Health remedies

779. Undated: Newspaper clippings

780. Undated: "Senate Bill No. 244"

781. Undated: "Roster of the Arkansas House Members"

782. Undated: Hot Springs and Fort Smith railroad proposal

Hebe Gower (Mrs. H.M. Jr.) Rector

Rector descendants

Correspondence

783. 1879

784. 1880

785. 1881-1884

786. 1885

787. 1886

788. 1887-1910

789. 1911-1937

Miscellaneous

790. 1865: Seminary report

791. 1881-1916: Account books

792. 1906-1908: Legal documents

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793. 1917-1918: Financial documents

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Rector descendants

794. 1919: Financial documents

H.M. "Juba" Rector, III

Correspondence

795. 1892-1897

796. 1898 January-March

797. 1898 April-June

798. 1898 July-August

799. 1898 September-December

800. 1899 January-April

801. 1899 May-August

802. 1899 September-December

803. 1900 January

804. 1900 February 1-14

805. 1900 February 15-29

Rector descendants

806. 1900 March-April

807. 1900 May

808. 1900 June 1-16

809. 1900 June 17-30

810. 1900 July-December and undated

811. 1901-1909

812. 1910 January-April

813. 1910 May 1-9

814. 1910 May 10-31

815. 1910 June-July

816. 1910 August-December

817. 1911-1919

818. 1920

819. 1921 January-August

Rector descendants

820. 1921 September-December

821. Undated

822. 1922-1932

Legal documents

Contracts and Deeds

823. 1908-1910

824. 1911-1912

825. 1913-1916

826. 1917-1920

827. 1921

828. 1920-1922: Election and appointment certificate

Financial documents

829. 1895-1903

830. 1900-1918: Tax receipts for Faulkner and Pulaski counties, Arkansas

Rector descendants

831. 1904

832. 1905

833. 1906-1909

834. 1910 January-May

835. 1910 June-December

836. 1911-1919

837. 1920

838. 1920-1921: Cotton gin

839. 1921 January-April

840. 1921 May-December

841. Undated

Rector companies and plantation

842. 1909: Rector Mercantile

843. 1910: Rector Lumber and Shingles

Rector descendants

844. 1919-1920: Rector Planting Company

845. 1920-1924: Rector Planting Company

Ledgers, Rector Plantation, day books

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846. 1898

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847. 1899

848. 1900

849. 1903-1906

850. 1906

851. 1906-1910

852. 1909-1910

853. 1911-1921

854. 1917-1918

855. Undated

Rector descendants

Maps and drawings

856. 1909: Plat, Rector plantation

857. 1913: Rector plantation township 3 range 13 west

858. 1920 November 21: Newspaper, "St. Louis Dispatch"

859. Undated: Rector plantation

860. Undated: Drawings, unidentified building

861. Undated: Diagrams, sawmill for Rector Lumber Company

862. Undated: Insurance policies

Miscellaneous

863. 1889-1904: Printed materials

864. 1892: Commencement program and newspaper clipping

865. Circa 1897: Notes law school

866. 1897-1914: Life insurance programs

867. 1899-1921: Calling cards

Rector descendants

868. 1912-1921: Printed materials

869. Undated: Notes miscellaneous

870. Undated: Printed materials

871. Undated: Wallet

Correspondence: Nancy Mooney (Mrs. H.M) Rector III

Other children and grandchildren

Reel

872. History and genealogy of the Henry Massie Rector, Sr., family, undated

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Children

873. Circa 1862: William Field Rector, military orders

874. 1893-1899: Ann "Nan" Baylor Rector Matheny

Elias William Rector

875. 1857-1872

876. 1873-1879

Rector descendants

877. 1880-1883

878. 1884

879. 1885

880. 1886 January-July

881. 1886 August-December

882. 1887

883. 1888-1889

884. 1890-1891

885. 1892-1896

886. 1897

887. 1898-1899

888. 1899-1910

889. Undated

Fannie Thurston Rector Mitchell

Rector descendants

890. 1870-1884: Fannie Thurston Rector Mitchell

891. 1885-1899: Fannie Thurston Rector Mitchell

Ernestine Flora Rector Foreman Williams

892. 1875-1889

893. 1890-1894

894. 1895-1897

895. 1898-1899

Grandchildren

Grace Rector Fry

896. 1891-1920

897. 1921-1931 and undated

Willie G. Rector

898. Undated: Handwriting notebooks

Other grandchildren

Rector descendants

899. 1899-1920

900. 1921-1975

Miscellaneous

901. 1876: Elias W. Rector, bond for deed to William Fulton

902. 1878: H.M. Rector, Jr., insurance policy

903. 1885: Elias W. Rector and H.M. Rector, Jr., insurance policy

904. Circa 1920: James Gower Rector, real estate