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Summary Information

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Title	W. C. Rodgers papers
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Biographical/Historical Note

William Champ Rodgers, born in Grand Saline, Texas, was the son of Benjamin K. and Sarah Adams Rodgers. The family moved to West Point, White County, Arkansas, in 1865, before finally settling in Howard County in 1886. W.C. Rodgers established the Feazel and Rodgers Law Firm in Nashville, Arkansas. Rodgers was elected mayor of Nashville and was a charter member of the Arkansas Bar Association. He became a state senator in 1911 and served two terms. Rodgers married Cora Virginia Williamson, born in Sardis, Mississippi. Both the Rodgers and Williamson families fought for the Confederacy in the Civil War. Benjamin K. Rodgers was in charge of the Confederate Salt Works at Grand Saline, Texas, during the war.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes correspondence, financial records, and newsclippings pertaining to the Rodgers and Williamson families. There are publications by the United Daughters of the Confederacy as well as advertisements, pamphlets, and articles about diamond mining in Arkansas.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Arkansas State Archives 11/30/2011

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Jamie McDonnell, Nashville, Arkansas, 1971.

Related Materials

Separated Materials

Photograph of N.A. Rodgers transferred to the photograph collection.

Correspondence

Collection Inventory

Correspondence		Box
1. 1839 January 1: Julia, Glen Moore, to Maria [?]		1
2. 1851 December 22: Bettie Heath, Marshall F. Institute, C.M.A. Bailey		
3. 1859 December 4: "Dolly," Bailey Springs, Alabama, to S.Z. Williamson		
4. 1860 April 8: Jince, Bailey Springs, Alabama, to "Darling Lizzie"		
5. 1861 May 31: S.Z. Williamson, Camp Barksdale near Union City, to "Sister Mollie"		
6. 1862 May 5: Florence, Little Rock, Arkansas, to Lieutenant J.C. Williamson, 12th Mississippi Regiment, Richmond, Virginia		
7. 1862 August 7: Lea Williamson, to Lieutenant J.C. Williamson, 12th Mississippi Regiment, Richmond, Virginia		
8. 1863 May 6: W.C. West, West Point, White County, Arkansas, to Benjamin K. Rodgers		
9. 1864 July 26: William Lanigan, Paris, Texas, to Benjamin K. Rodgers, Jordans Saline, Van Zandt County, Texas		

Correspondence

10. 1864 August 2: "Jennie," "Home", to "Darling Sister"

11. 1864 September 9: Major William Lanigan, to Colonel Benjamin K. Rodgers, Jordans Saline, Texas

12. 1864 December 31: Captain G.G. Gregg, Marshall, Texas, to Colonel Benjamin K. Rodgers, Jordans Saline, Texas

13. 1865 February 28: W.L. Williamson, camp near Petersburg, Virginia, to "My Dear Brother"

14. 1865 April 28: Captain John U. [?], to Colonel Benjamin K. Rodgers

15. 1865 May 2: Henry F. Cartine, Marshall, Texas, to Colonel Benjamin K. Rodgers, Jordans Saline, Texas

16. 1865 May 9: Major J.K.P. Campbell, Paris, Texas, to Benjamin K. Rodgers, Jordans Saline, Texas

17. 1872 September 15: M.H. Williamson, Sardis, Mississippi, to his wife

18. 1880 September 5: Cora, Columbia, Tennessee, to Mrs. M.H. Williamson

19. 1880 October 10: Mattie Lee and Mary, Sardis, Mississippi, to "My Dear Sister"

20. 1880 October 11: "Your Mama," Sardis, Mississippi, to "My Dear Child"

21. 1880 December 11: [?], Sardis, Mississippi, to "My Dear Sister"

22. 1882 April 20: Letter, "Your Mama," Sardis, Mississippi, to "My Darling Child"

Correspondence

23. 1882 April 30: "Ella," Sardis, Mississippi, to "Dear Sister"

24. 1882 May 21: "Your Mama," Sardis, Mississippi, to "My Darling Child"

25. 1882 June 25: "Mama," Sardis, Mississippi, to "My Dear Children"

26. 1903 February 16: Fred A. Reutze of B.F. Johnson Publishing Company, Fort Smith, Arkansas, to Fay Tullis

27. 1904 August 2: "Cora" to "Papa"

28. 1904 October 31: Hewlett McReynolds, to "My Darling Mama"

29. 1904 November 6: Hewlett McReynolds, to "My Darling Mama"

30. 1904: S.Z. Williamson, Sardis, Mississippi, to "Dear Wife"

31. 1905 March 30: Mrs. W.C. Rodgers, to "Editor, Gazette"

32. 1906 June 18: H.A. Moody, Florence, Alabama, to Colonel S.Z. Williamson

33. 1906 November 1: Mrs. J.D. Hall, Covington, Tennessee, to "My Dear Annie"

34. 1909 October 19: Mrs. J.D. Hall, Covington, Tennessee, to "My Dear Annie"

35. 1909 December 16: S.Z. Williamson, to Mrs. Carrie Knox

Williamson records

36. 1910 March 9: "Mattie," Como, Mississippi, to Mrs. W.C. Rodgers

37. 1910 August 19: E.W.L., Greenwood, Mississippi, to Mrs. W.C. Rodgers

38. 1910 November 15: Dr. Orta L. Williamson, Marianna, Arkansas, to "Dear Uncle Sam"

39. 1914 March 11: Ella Luca, Greenwood, Mississippi, to Mrs. W.C. Rodgers

40. 1923 July 6: [?], Knoxville, Tennessee, to "Dear Ella"

41. 1923 July 6: Ella Lucas, Greenwood, Mississippi, to Mrs. W.C. Rodgers

42. 1923 July 22: W.A. Love, Columbus, Mississippi, to Josie Williamson Boothe

43. 1926 October 6: Octa L. Williamson, Marianna, Arkansas, to "Cousin Cora"

44. 1932 January 8: Ella Lucas, Glenburn, Mississippi, to "My Dear Coar"

45. 1935 May 13: Ella Lucas, Leland, Mississippi, to "Dear Cora"

46. Undated: Lidney Williamson, to "Dear Buddie Free"

47. Undated: Virginia Ellis Hatcher, Mobile, Alabama, to "Aunt Mattie"

Williamson records

48. Undated: Williamson family record

Rodgers records

49. 1909;1913: Williamson history, obituaries for Samuel Z. and Mary H. Williamson

50. 1839 July 12: Proceedings of a celebration of Huck's defeat at Brattonville, York District, South Carolina Original document, two typed copies and one long-hand written copy

51. 1913-1914: Financial records of Samuel Z. Williamson

52. Undated: Miscellaneous Williamson materials

Rodgers records

53. 1852 May 20: Invitation to B.K. Rodgers, Masonic and Odd Fellows' Ball

54. 1860-1875: Deeds to B.K. Rodgers, White County, Arkansas

55. 1866-1891: Receipts to B.K. Rodgers

56. 1869-1890: Tax receipts of Benjamin K. Rodgers, White County and Howard County, Arkansas

57. Undated: Land survey in Jackson and White counties

58. 1911-1912: Newsclippings about W.C. Rodgers

59. 1904-1935: Postcards to Cora and W.C. Rodgers

60. 1915-1923: Military records (National Guard) for Samuel A. Rodgers

Diamond mining materials

61. 1862-1946: Miscellaneous

Diamond mining materials

Box

62. Circa 1911: "The Arkansas Diamond Field," by W.C. Rodgers

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63. Circa 1908: Leaflet, Arkansas Diamond Company

64. Circa 1908: Blank subscription, Arkansas Diamond Company

65. Circa 1908: Land survey of area in and around Murfreesboro diamond fields, Pike County, Arkansas

66. 1908 July: Survey of Township 8 South, plat of diamond field, Pike County, Arkansas

67. Circa 1910: Survey of Kimberly, the new diamond city, Pike County, Arkansas

68. Circa 1910: Survey of Kimberly, Pike County, Arkansas

69. 1909: Deed to M.M. Mauney land

70. 1909-1919: State and national newsclippings on Arkansas diamonds

71. 1908: "Diamonds in Arkansas; A Brief Account of the Discovery and Investigation and the Official Reports of Geologist and Mining Engineer on the Occurrence of Diamonds in Pike County, Arkansas," Arkansas Diamonds Company, Little Rock, Arkansas

United Daughters of the Confederacy material

72. Circa 1909: "Something About the Diamond Mine of the American Diamond Company, and the Circumstances Leading Up to the Formation of Said Company," by Reece Lamb, Texarkana, Arkansas

73. 1913: "New Areas of Diamond-Bearing Peridotite in Arkansas," Bulletin-U, Washington, District of Columbia, United States Geological Survey

74. 1909: "Production of Precious Stones in 1908," by Douglas B. Sterrett, Washington, District of Columbia, United States Geological Survey

75. 1916: "Gems and Precious Stones in 1915," by Waldeman T. Schaller, Washington, District of Columbia, United States Geological Survey 2 copies

United Daughters of the Confederacy material

76. 1899-1903: Form letters and related materials

77. 1899-1910: Arkansas state publications

78. 1899-1910: National publications

79. 1900: Receipts

Miscellaneous materials

80. Circa 1911: "A Day's Journey, A True Story," by Faith Lovett

81. Circa 1910: Newsclippings on Arkansas, Mississippi, and Tennessee

Arkansas diamond mining newsclippings

82. 1971: "Papers of William Champ Rodgers, Nashville, Howard County, Arkansas," by Jamie McDonnell 2 copies

Arkansas diamond mining newsclippings

Box

83. 1908 November 15: "Diamond Fields of Arkansas May Equal the Great Mines of South Africa," St. Louis Daily Globe-Democrat

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84. 1909 January: Advertisement, "Big Opening of Kimberley in the Arkansas Diamond Fields"

85. 1910 January 2: Article, "Arkansas to Supply America's Diamonds?" The North American, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

86. Circa 1912: "Diamond Mines of Arkansas," Nashville News

87. Undated: "First Photos of Diamond Mining in Arkansas"

88. 1912 August 7: "The Nashville News" newspaper

89. 1912 August 10: "The Nashville News" newspaper