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Summary Information

Repository	Arkansas State Archives
Title	Dewoody family papers
Date [inclusive]	1858-1944
Extent	1.5 Cubic feet 3 boxes
Language	English
Language of Materials	Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical/Historical Note

W.L. (William Lawrence) was born December 30, 1847, in Athens, Alabama, the son of Samuel N. and Louisa Ann Coman Dewoody. His family moved to Eastport, Mississippi, and in 1862, to Iuka, Tishomingo County, Mississippi. During the Civil War, Will Dewoody joined the Confederate Army and served as a courier and scout for Henderson's Scouts, under General Nathan Bedford Forrest. W.L.'s brothers, James and Samuel, both joined the Confederate Army; James was killed in the war. W.L. Dewoody had studied as a druggist and started a partnership with his sister Marion's husband, John Nelson. In 1870, W.L. and his brother-in-law, John Nelson, opened a drug store, which they named Nelson, Dewoody and Company, in Pine Bluff, Jefferson County, Arkansas, later W.L. Dewoody and Company. A dean of Arkansas druggists, he was honorary president of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

W.L. married Mary Sorrells, of Warren, Arkansas, on May 5, 1875. Mary was born June 6, 1854, the daughter of Judge Theodric F. and Rebecca Mark Sorrells. She was a graduate of Hamilton Female College in Lexington, Kentucky. W.L. and Mary had thirteen children, and eight grew to adulthood: Marion Louise Dewoody (Mrs. C.W.) Pettigrew, Rebecca Dewoody (Mrs. Earl W.) Phillips, Martha Alma Dewoody Brightwell, Emma Virginia Dewoody Sloss, Florence Antoinette Dewoody (Mrs. J.W.) Briley, William Lawrence Dewoody, Jr., T. Sorrells Dewoody, and Margaret Coman Dewoody (Mrs. Harry) Miller. W.L. Dewoody died June 30, 1918. Mary Sorrells Dewoody died November 20, 1934. The Dewoodys are buried in the Bellwood Cemetery, Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Scope and Contents

The collection contains correspondence of the W.L. (William Lawrence) Dewoody family of Pine Bluff, Jefferson County, Arkansas, including his wife, Mary Sorrells (Dewoody); their son Willie, who joined the American Expeditionary Force in 1916; and family friend, Frank "Patch" Lieberman, who served in the AEF in 1916-1918. Other materials include a scrapbook, legal documents, deeds, and trusts.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Marian Miller LeMay, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, 1996 and 1999.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials

W.L. and Mary Dewoody papers, A2017.0021 MS 000790, 1.5 cubic feet.

I. Correspondence

Collection Inventory

I. Correspondence	Box
1. 1864	1
2. 1858-1865	
3. 1866-1867	
4. 1868 January-July	
5. 1869 March-November	
6. 1870-1872	
7. 1874 March-December	
8. 1875 January-December	
9. 1877 March-November	
10. 1887-1889	
11. 1890 September	

II. Letters, Frank Lieberman to Margaret DeWoody

12. 1892-1894

13. 1895-1899

14. 1900

15. 1901

16. 1902-1903

17. 1905-1907

18. 1910-1934

19. Undated

II. Letters, Frank Lieberman to Margaret Dewoody

Box

2

Box

1. 1916-1918 July

2

2. 1918 August 1-August 24

3. 1918 November-December

4. 1919 February-April

5. 1919 June-July

III. Miscellaneous

6. 1919 August-November

7. 1920 January-circa 1927

8. Circa 1931-1944 February 7

III. Miscellaneous

9. Hamilton Female College, Lexington, Kentucky

10. 1927, 1937, and undated newspaper articles

11. Circa 1899, United Confederate Veteran button

12. 1968 May 21, Hudson family newsletter

13. 1848-1918, memory book, William Lawrence Dewoody

IV. Legal documents

Box

3

Box

1. 1903-1934, W.L. and Mary S. Dewoody

3

2. 1917-1934, W.L. and Mary S. Dewoody

3. 1875-1894, W.L. and Mary S. Dewoody

IV. Legal documents

4. 1853-1897, Sorrells

5. 1866-1868, LeMay

6. 1872-1879, LeMay

7. 1886-1899, LeMay

8. 1900-1901, LeMay

9. 1919 May 2, Newspaper, "The Repairman," Neufchateau, France