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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Arkansas State Archives
<b>Title</b>	Harley family papers
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1839-1930
<b>Extent</b>	0.25 Cubic feet 1 folder
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Language of Materials</b>	Materials entirely in English.

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## **Biographical/Historical Note**

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James Harley of Virginia had three children; William R., Basil C. and Louisa. Basil C. married a Mary Thompson. Basil moved to Mississippi shortly after his marriage where he served as Lieutenant Governor of that state. Harley then moved about fifteen years later to Princeton, Dallas County, Arkansas. Basil Harley would serve as an Arkansas State Senator in 1852 and 1854 and was president of the State Senate. Basil and Mary Thompson Harley had nine children including a son, William Reese Harley who was born July 7, 1846. At the early age of fifteen he enlisted in Company C, Sixth Arkansas Volunteer Infantry, and Confederate States Army. William Reese Harley was badly wounded at the battle of Shiloh, and was taken to the field hospital and afterward to Corinth, Mississippi and discharged on account of his injuries. A year later he enlisted in Shelby's Brigade, Company D, Sixth Missouri Cavalry, Confederate States Army.

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## **Scope and Contents**

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This collection contains letters and other papers belonging to James Harley and family of Virginia and later of Arkansas and are dated between 1839 and 1930.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

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**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Albert B. Hunt, Clarksville, Arkansas, Unknown.

## Collection Inventory

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**Reel**

1839 February 24: James Harley, Marion, Virginia, to William R. and Basil C. Harley,  
Holly Springs, Mississippi

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Circa 1849: Part of a memorial address delivered by James W. Sheffey before the Magistrate's Court of  
either Smyth or Washington County Virginia, following the death of Henry Bowen Thompson

1849 June 2: Will of Colonel Henry b. Thompson, filed at Richmond, Virginia

1861 August 22: William H. H. Harley, Camp Bee, Virginia to Mary Ann Harley

1861 November 7: Susan B. Haller, Abingdin, Virginia to her nephew

1864 July 7: "Cousin D," Camp on White River, Arkansas to "Cousin Maggie," Princeton, Dallas  
County, Arkansas

1930 May 4: "Willie Went to War," Arkansas Gazette