

BRANSFORD FAMILY PAPERS
1813-1928

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INTRODUCTION

The Bransford Family Papers containing items belonging to Anthony Wayne Johnson, Major John S. Bransford, and other members of the family including a great deal of genealogical data were given to the Manuscript Section-by Mr. John S. Bransford, Sr., Nashville, Tennessee.

The collection occupies approximately .42 linear feet of shelf space, consisting of approximately 50 items

and one (1) volume (423 pages)

Literary rights in the unpublished writings of the Johnson and Bransford families in the custody of the Tennessee State Library and Archives have been dedicated to the public. Single photocopies of unpublished writings may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Bransford Family Papers, containing approximately 50 items and one volume of photocopies (423 pages) are composed primarily of genealogical data giving in detail the family lines of the Bransfords, Johnsons, Sterling Smiths, Lees, Withers, Claibornes, Lewises, and other kindred families. The correspondence contains several Civil War letters, two of which are written in pencil on cloth. In one of these beautifully written cloth letters Captain Hampton Jo Cheney wrote his wife, June 13, 1862, "I would write you the news but have consumed all my cloth already so refer you to Capt. Bransford's letter to his sister...which being a yard in length would contain everything." A memoir written by Anthony Wayne Johnson gives some interesting details about old Nashville and some of its early residents. There are several deeds and indentures, a few photographs and memorabilia in the remainder of the collection. The papers were a gift of Mr. John S. Bransford.

CONTAINER LIST

Box Number 1

1. Certificates and compact of the Nashville Texas Emigrant Company, also Major J. S. Bransford's appointment as Quarter Master Major.
2. Correspondence - 1853-1874, seven (7) letters.
3. Memoir of Col. A. W. Johnson, 1874. Letter to A. W. Johnson and his wife from his father and mother, 1813.
4. Correspondence, 1909-1928 - containing genealogical data.
5. Deeds and Indentures, 1834-1904.
6. George Sterling Smith and Anthony Wayne Johnson - Genealogical chart of Bransford Ancestry.
7. Photos and memorabilia.
8. Large volume (423 pages) of Photostats of the Bransford ancestry.

Portfolio

The cloth letters have been flattened and placed between rag paper and card board for better preservation.