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INTRODUCTION

This collection which is centered around Campbell Brown (1840-1893) and Richard Stoddert Ewell (1817-1872), major and general respectively in the Confederacy, contains information on the Civil War; educational and vocational aspirations of Campbell Brown; farming operations in Tennessee and Mississippi; and family data. These papers were given to the Manuscript Division of the Tennessee State Library and Archives by Colonel Campbell Brown of Williamson County, Tennessee, and his sister, Mrs. C. Hughes Lyon of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, grandchildren of the original owner of these papers.

The collection consists of 9.24 linear feet of shelf space, and numbers 3,900 items and 17 volumes. Literary rights to the papers in this collection have been dedicated to the public. Single photocopies of unpublished writings may be made for purposes of scholarly research. For additional information, see also the Campbell Brown & Richard S. Ewell Papers, 1852-1883.
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Campbell Brown and Richard Stoddert Ewell Papers, containing approximately 3,900 items and 17 volumes, are concentrated primarily in the years 1865 through 1872. The collection is composed of correspondence, accounts (bills, notes, receipts, express tickets, and shipment costs), maps and surveys of land (mostly in Maury County, Tennessee), land transactions, estate papers, historical and genealogical data, newspapers and other printed material, and a scrapbook probably begun by Richard Stoddert Ewell and completed by Campbell Brown, plus other material.

The correspondence of Richard Stoddert Ewell concerned his release from Fort Warren Prison, Boston, Massachusetts; farm business in Maury County, Tennessee, and Bolivar County, Mississippi; cotton and wheat crops; investments; a possible move from Tennessee to Virginia or Missouri; and family. Much of this correspondence was directed to Lizinka, his wife, and Campbell Brown, his stepson.

Campbell Brown wrote much of his correspondence to his mother, Lizinka (Campbell) Brown Ewell, and his wife, Susan Rebecca (Polk) Brown. The correspondence to his mother involved college life at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia; financial affairs and investments; legal affairs (estate matters of George Washington Campbell, contracts for land, and court records); farm operations; and family. The early letters of Campbell Brown to his wife were love letters. Later, he wrote of business matters, farm affairs, and family.

Correspondents wrote to Campbell Brown about his schooling at the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, his marriage to Susan Rebecca Polk, his law profession, legal affairs which he administered, and farm matters in Tennessee and Mississippi. During the late 1860s and early 1870s, Campbell Brown farmed a plantation in Bolivar County, Mississippi. "Melrose", a part of the larger plantation, "Woodstock", was farmed for cotton. Later, he centered his farming in Maury County, Tennessee, where he owned a good deal of land and experimented with the latest farming methods. He also purchased thoroughbred horses.

Correspondents wrote to Richard Stoddert Ewell concerning his Civil War career, business dealings, and farm matters in Tennessee and Mississippi. In the late 1860s and early 1870s, General Ewell attempted to farm a part of the "Woodstock" plantation called "Tarpley". Discussions of difficulties with farm hands, broken levees, and bad weather make up a good portion of his correspondence during this period. In Tennessee, General Ewell farmed the land which had been left by his wife's father. He also purchased additional land around Maury County for farming and raising cattle. He improved breeds of cattle and sheep in the area.
Another important individual in this collection is Lizinka (Campbell) Brown Ewell, mother of Campbell Brown and wife of Richard Stoddert Ewell. Lizinka wrote to her son (two boxes of correspondence), her husband, and other relatives, as well as to other individuals concerning legal matters, her land, and farming. Correspondents wrote to her concerning farm conditions, business, and legal affairs. Perhaps the most interesting correspondent was Thomas Tasker Gantt, a cousin, from St. Louis, Missouri. His long letters contain comments on practically every subject of importance during this period, such as slavery, abolition, politics, education, and business matters, as well as literary comments about Shakespeare and Fanny Kemble's readings, ideas on the evils of too much money, and advice on life.

Susan Rebecca (Polk) Brown, wife of Campbell Brown, also received correspondence in this collection. Family news (Polk and Brown families) was prominent in the letters which she wrote and those which she received. There are several letters from her sister and her twin brother, George Washington Polk.

There are also letters to and from other members of the families (Polk, Brown, Ewell, Gantt, Campbell, etc.).

The scrapbook, probably begun by Richard Stoddert Ewell and completed by Campbell Brown, contains genealogical information (Lowndes, Ewell, Stoddert, Bladen, Tasker, and Campbell families); items on the political scene, both state and national; the latest farm methods; statistics on races and thoroughbred horses; a history of Devon cattle in America; a speech given in 1872 by the Honorable H. C. Brockmeyer; information on the Aztec Club; obituaries, and some poetry. Most of the material in the scrapbook is newspaper clippings.

Also in the collection, there can be found a diary (1868) and daily journal (1880) of Campbell Brown and several account books of Campbell Brown and Richard Stoddert Ewell. Several boxes are also made up of accounts incurred by Campbell Brown, Richard Stoddert Ewell, and various other individuals working in some capacity for the above; and also various miscellaneous accounts, such as farm and workers' accounts. There are also tax receipts (railroad, state, county, etc.) in the names of various individuals.

Land records in the collection include surveys of land (mostly in Maury County), agreements, sales and deeds, indentures and a blueprint of the Ewell Farm in 1919. There are also contracts and schedules of property. Other legal records include estate papers (wills, settlements, and court cases).

The remainder of the collection consists of photographs, speeches, invitations, advertisements, memorial requisitions, biographical material, newspapers [mostly 1872 with obituaries for Richard Stoddert Ewell and Lizinka (Campbell) Brown Ewell] and a map of the Gettysburg Battlefield, 1863.
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Richard Stoddert Ewell

1817, February 8  Born at the home of Benjamin Stoddert, first Secretary of the Navy, in Washington, D.C. Son of Dr. Thomas and Elizabeth Stoddert Ewell.

ca. 1820  Family moved to "Stony Lonesome," a six-hundred acre farm in Prince William County, Virginia.

1836  Entered West Point.


1845  Promoted to First Lieutenant.

1846-1847  Mexican War.

1849-1850  Promoted to Captain.

1857  Fought Apaches in New Mexico.

1861, Apr. 24  Resigned his commission although a strong Union man and joined the Virginia forces. Appointed Colonel in the Confederate Army and given a Cavalry Camp at Ashland.

1861, May  Commissioned Lieutenant Colonel of Cavalry in the Virginia forces.

1861, June 17  Made a Brigadier General.

1861, Oct.  Made Major General and led a division -under Stonewall Jackson in the Shenandoah Valley Campaign defeating Banks at Winchester and Fremont at Cross Keys.

1862, Aug. 28  Battle of Groveton. Lost his right leg. Recovered at "Dunblane," home of cousin, Dr. Jesse Ewell, near Bull Run Mountain, Prince William County, Virginia. Removed to Richmond, Virginia.

1863, May 23  Appointed Lieutenant General in command of the late General Jackson's Corps, Army of Northern Virginia.

1863, May 24-1865  Married childhood sweetheart, Lizinka McKay (Campbell) Brown at St. Paul's Church, Virginia and moved to his farm in Maury County, Tennessee. Liqzinka Campbell Brown was the widow of James Percy Brown and daughter of Harriet Stoddert, his mother’s sister, and George Washington Campbell of Tennessee’--Judge and one-time minister to Russia. Became a gentleman farmer.

President of Maury County Agricultural Society.

President of Board of Trustees of Columbia Female Institute.
1863 Injured again at Kelley's Ford.
1865 Captured at Sailors Creek and imprisoned four months at Fort Warren Prison, Boston, Massachusetts.
   Released and returned to "Stony Lonesome" for a few weeks.
1864, May 19 His horse was shot from under him and he received a fall which incapacitated him for further field service.
1865, Apr. 2 Collected troops in the Richmond garrison.
1872 Died of pneumonia at Springhill in Maury County, Tennessee. It is said he changed -under Jackson's influence and became a man of genuine piety and religious devotion.

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

**(George) Campbell Brown**

1840, Nov. 27 Born in Davidson County, Tennessee, son of Lizinka Campbell and James Percy Brown.
1859 Attended University of Nashville.
1861, July 1 Captain and Assistant Adjutant General to General Joseph Eggleston Johnston.
1862, May-Mar. 1863 Captain and Assistant Adjutant General to Major-general Richard Stoddert Ewell in Second Corp, Army of Northern Virginia.
1862, June Aide de Camp to Major-general Richard Stoddert Ewell.
   Wounded at Cross Keys, Virginia.
1863, June Major, Assistant Adjutant General to Lieutenant-general Richard Stoddert Ewell.
1865, Apr. 6 Captured at Sailor's Creek, Virginia.
   Imprisoned at Fort Warren Prison, Boston, Massachusetts.
1865, July 19 Paroled.
1865 Attended Georgetown College.
1866 Attended University of Virginia - studied law.
1866, Sept. 11 Married Susan Rebecca Polk.
   Became a farmer and stock breeder in Maury County, Tennessee.
1877-1879 Member of the Tennessee House of Representatives.
1881 Trustee of Spring Hill Male College.
1892 Trustee of the University of Tennessee.
1893, Aug. 30 Died in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Buried at St. John's Church, Ashwood, Maury County, Tennessee.
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8. Brown, Susan R. (Polk)
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10. Cooper – Dunlap
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12. Eustis – Ewing
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14. Ewell, Richard Stoddert

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3. Reynolds, Hugh W.
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7. Stratton – Timberlake
8. Toof – Williams
9. Wood & Simpson – Yeatman

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