INTRODUCTION

This collection of papers includes correspondence, family accounts, inscriptions from cemeteries around Pleasant Grove, Tennessee, deeds, wills, and other genealogical material on the D’Heur and allied Ballanfant, Brown, Evans, Hughes, McCallie, Matthews, Turner, and Webb families. It also includes a sketch (published in Southwestern Monthly, 1852) by Col. Joseph Brown on his captivity and on the history of the old Southwest, a Revolutionary War claim (1832) and service record of James Turner, an autobiographical sketch of Rev. T.H. McCallie of Chattanooga, a genealogy of the McCallie family by Katharine McCallie Johnson and James Park McCallie, and records of the Pleasant Grove Academy.

The materials in this finding aid measure .42 linear feet. There are no restrictions on the materials. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the D’Heur Collections may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The D’Heur Collection numbering approximately 300 items and one volume contains family accounts, inscriptions and lists of cemeteries in the vicinity of Pleasant Grove, Tennessee, genealogical data, family correspondence, deeds, wills, and records dating from 1780 through 1935.

The bulk of the material is genealogical in nature. There are some original letters of the Ballanfant family and many copies of correspondence in regard to the families of Ballanfant, Brown, Turner and Webb. Included in the collection is a copy of the sketch written by Col. Joseph Brown and published in the Southwestern Monthly, Nashville, Tennessee, 1852, by Wales and Roberts which recounts his captivity and early history of the Southwest. The colonial records comprise a list of Captain Williams’ Company of Orange Militia and a copy of the Revolutionary War Claim of James Turner dated June 7, 1832, with his service record attached. A notebook contains an autobiographical sketch and a genealogy of the McCallie family prepared by Katherine McCallie Johnson and James Park McCallie one of the co-founders of the McCallie School in Chattanooga.
CONTAINER LIST

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1. Accounts – 1780-1886
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2. Cemetery Records
3. Colonial Records – 1776-1832
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4a. Correspondence – 1832-1916
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6. Legal Documents – Deeds
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10. Pleasant Grove Academy – Records
11. Pleasant Grove Post Office Reports – 1834-1851
12. Military Records – Capt. Benjamin Burton Ballanfant, 1918
This is a name index of the correspondence in the D’Heur Collection, together with the dates of the letters. The figures in parentheses denote the number of letters, if more than one. The last numbers refer to the box and folder in which the material is to be found.

Ballanfant, J. to Joseph Ballanfant, 1840, re: requesting money that is due, 4a
Frierson, S.W. to John Ballanfant, 1862, re: appointment of Ballanfant as enrolling officer in the 6th Civil District of Maury County under order # 10 of Governor Isham G. Harris for legislature for Maury County under Order # 10 of Governor Isham G. Harris, 4a
Hooker, Mary Turner to sister Eliza E. Ballanfant, n.d., re: her wedding; family news, 4a
Johnson, John D. to uncle, Joseph Ballanfant, 1832, re: receipt of potatoes and sale of the same, 4a
Russwurm, John S. to Joseph Ballanfant, 1835, re: recommending Colonel Williamson Smith for legislature from Maury County, 4a
Turner, Josiah to Joseph Ballanfant, 1842, re: take care of some Negroes which he is sending; news from home, 4a
Scales, N.F. to Joseph Ballanfant, 1844, re: death of John Jordan’s wife; measles among children, 4a
Tulloss, Thomas R. to Joe Ballanfant, 1916, re: requesting the names of men who served with them from Co. F who joined Morton’s Battery, 4a
Webb, James to uncle, Joseph Ballanfant (2), 1837-1838, re: death of Reverend Thomas D. Porter of yellow fever in Texas; payment of note; camp meeting, 4a
Webb, J.S. to Joseph Ballanfant, 1846, re: requests bill for boarding Victoria; death of young lawyer named Mr. Rogers, 4a
Webb, W.S. to Joseph Ballanfant (6), 1826-1845, re: family news; business dealings; smallpox; old age, 4a
Webb, W.S. to Charles Ready, 1844, re: introducing his nephew John Ballanfant, 4a
Winn, George W. to John Ballanfant, 1841, re: a sermon the writer preached, 4a