DUDNEY FAMILY PAPERS
1862-1991

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INTRODUCTION

The Dudney Family Papers (1862-1991) are centered around the Dudney and Stowers families. The Dudney Family Papers are a gift of Adelle and Katherine Dudney, Nashville, Tennessee.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Dudney Family Papers containing approximately 300 items, span the period 1862-1991. The collection is composed of accounts, applications, cards, certificates, clippings, correspondence, diplomas, epitaphs, fraternity papers, genealogical data, licenses, photographs, poetry, programs, publications, school records, sketches, and writings.

The bulk of this collection is composed of photographs of members of the Dudney family. The majority of the photographs center on Adelle and Katherine Dudney, twin daughters of Clyde A. Dudney and George Emma (Stowers) Dudney. There are several photographs of John Turner Stowers (1839-1925). Mr. Stowers enlisted on May 10, 1861, and served under General George W. Gordon as a member of Company B, Eleventh Tennessee Infantry. He was so seriously wounded in the battle of Atlanta, July 28, 1864, that he was retired. Mr. Stowers was a charter member of the Frank Cheatham Bivouac of the Veterans of the Confederacy and was active in the organization. He lived in West Nashville thirty-two years. He is buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Tennessee.

The genealogical data is centered around the Dudney, Stowers, Tilford, and their related families. The Stowers family data contains information on Thomas J. Stowers, Union Army veteran, who was with General Grant during the Civil War. From 1865 to 1868, he was in service in Louisiana and in 1873 was transferred to Fort Lincoln, Nebraska. Mr. Stowers went with General Custer into Montana in 1876. He escaped being killed with General Custer because he had sent to the guard house a day or two before for riding out of line to fasten a stirrup leather on his saddle. With a few other men, he was four miles from the shooting when the Sioux Indians made an attack on General Custer and his men while scouting on Little Big Horn River, Montana, June 25, 1876. Following the Sioux War, he was present at the capture of Chief Jospeh.

Other items include school records for Adelle and Katherine Dudney. They attended Clemons and Read Elementary, Ward-Belmont Intermediate School, and Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Adelle Dudney

1911       June 23, born in Saint Louis, Missouri, the daughter of Clyde Almond &
            George Emma (Stowers) Dudney

1917-1923  Attended public schools in Nashville, Tennessee

1923-1928  Attended Ward-Belmont School

1931       Graduated from Watkins Free Night School

1931       Attended Vanderbilt University

            Employed by Belmont Methodist Church, Nashville, Tennessee

1941-1952  Employed by Avco Corporation, Nashville, Tennessee

1953-1954  Employed by Hoover Motor, Nashville, Tennessee

1955-1963  Employed by Hermitage Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee

1963-1977  Employed by State of Tennessee Health Department
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Amos Jordan Dudney

1852 September, born at Gainesboro, Jackson County, Tennessee, son of Sidney Shelby and Nancy Stafford

1882 Married Nannie Craig Draper

1884 Clyde Almon Dudney, son, born at Cookeville, Putnam County, Tennessee

1886 Frank Sidney Dudney, son, born at Cookeville, Putnam County, Tennessee

1888 Cora Dudney, daughter, born at Cookeville, Putnam County, Tennessee

1892 November, Amos Draper Dudney and Anna Dudney, twins, born at Cookeville, Putnam County, Tennessee

1894 Mary Dudney, daughter born, Cookeville, Putnam County, Tennessee

1897 Howard Dudney, son born at Cookeville, Putnam County, Tennessee

1932 August, Amos Jordan died at Cookeville, Putnam County, Tennessee
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Sidney Shelby Dudney

1817 Born, Lincoln County, Tennessee, son of Andrew and Ann (Darwin) Dudney

1843 Married Nancy Stafford (1825-1877), daughter of Michael Stafford

1844 July 30, son James D. Dudney born

1846 February 5, son John Bell Dudney born in Gainesboro, Jackson County, Tennessee

1848 May __, son William Henry Harrison born

1848 December 23, son Frank Kenner Dudney born, Gainesboro, Jackson County, Tennessee

1850 April __, son Jonas G. Dudney born

1852 September __, son Amos Jordan Dudney born

1854 March 19, son Sidney Stanton born, Gainesboro, Jackson County, Tennessee

1860 March 27, son George Ann Dudney born, Gainesboro, Jackson County, Tennessee

1862 April 15, daughter Nancy A. Dudney born, Gainesboro, Jackson County, Tennessee

1864 March 20, daughter Myrtle A. Dudney born, Gainesboro, Jackson County, Tennessee

1868 June 8, son Robert E. Lee Dudney born, Gainesboro, Jackson County, Tennessee

1869 Moved to Hill House, Mississippi. Bought 5,200 acres of land

1880 Moved to Free State, Jackson County, Tennessee

1893 Abraham Dudney died in Tennessee
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Andrew Dudney

1789  Born in North Carolina, son of Abraham and Ann (Shelby) Dudney
      Married Ann Darwin (3-1-1776-3-20-1843)

1808  William Dudney, son, born in Lincoln County, Tennessee
      Pierce Dudney, son, born in Fayetteville, Lincoln County, Tennessee

----  Patrick N., son, born. No other information

1817  Sidney Shelby, son born in Lincoln County, Tennessee

1819  Andrew Dudney died. Andrew drowned in Roaring River. Body never found.

1819  Elihu Dudney, son, born in Gainesboro, Jackson County, Tennessee
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<td>Born in Maryland, the son of Abraham and Mary Dudney</td>
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<td>1786</td>
<td>Married Ann Shelby, daughter of Isaac Shelby</td>
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<td>Isaac Shelby Dudney, son, born (place of birth not known)</td>
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<td>1798</td>
<td>James M. (Big Jim) Dudney, son, born in Fayetteville, Tennessee. James Dudney was seven feet eleven inches tall and weighted over 350 pounds. During the Civil War, he wanted to join the Tennessee Mountain boys, but he was too old and too big. They could not fit him in clothes. James became a stone mason building forts. He furnished his own clothes.</td>
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<td>1801</td>
<td>Elizabeth Dudney, daughter, born in Fayetteville, Tennessee</td>
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<td>1811</td>
<td>Ann Shelby Dudney moves to Fort Blount, Jackson County, Tennessee</td>
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<td>May 27 – Abraham Dudney ordered by Lincoln Court to mark off road around the plantation of Amos Small on the road leading from Fayetteville to Joseph Green’s</td>
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<td>1812</td>
<td>Abraham Dudney made Captain under Major William Woodfolk</td>
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