FERGUSSON FAMILY PAPERS
1784-1927

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INTRODUCTION

The Fergusson Family Papers (1784-1927) were deposited at Tennessee State Library and Archives by Mrs. Sadie D. Fergusson, Arlington, Virginia. Members of the Fergusson family represented in this collection include Adam (1796-1862); his brothers, Patrick and Alexander; his wife, Hester Ann (Hazard) Fergusson; his sons, Charles and William Wallace (1831-1922); his daughter, Kate (Fergusson) Stovall; and William Wallace Fergusson’s wife, Medora (Kerby) Fergusson and his children, Sterling Price, Willard, Frank, Ruskin, Charles, Linton, Maurine, and Nina.

Miss Nina Fergusson, Nashville, Tennessee, gave typescript copies of about 32 items (originally in the Confederate Collection) of Adam and William W. Fergusson. See Box 26, f. 9. These items were given through the agency of Mrs. William A. Reed, Chattanooga, Tennessee, on behalf of United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The materials in this finding aid measure 10.92 linear feet. There are no restrictions on the materials. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Fergusson Family Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.
SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Fergusson Family Papers, covering the period of 1784-1927 and numbering approximately 7000 items, contain correspondence; diaries; speeches; newspaper clippings; land records (warrants, indentures, mortgages, etc.); photographs; legal documents (estate papers, wills, court cases, marriage licenses, divorce cases, petitions, agreement, powers-of-attorney, etc.); military records (orders, battle maps, discharges, muster rolls, and pension records for the Civil War, Mexican War, and the Revolutionary War); genealogical data; weather observations; meteorological experiments; accounts; school records; maps (Nashville, 1804, and Riddleton, Tennessee); writings; and memorabilia. The members of the family principally represented in the collection are Adam Fergusson; his wife, Hester Ann (Hazard) Fergusson; his children, William Wallace, Charles, and Kate (Fergusson) Stovall; his grandchildren (children of William Wallace and Medora Fergusson), Sterling Price, Willard, Frank, Ruskin, Linton, Charles, Maurine (Fergusson) McGahey, and Nina.

Adam Fergusson (1796-1862) born in North Carolina of Scottish parentage moved to Tennessee when he was eight years of age. He became an attorney and was appointed pension agent for Tennessee. A great deal of his correspondence concerns applications for pensions. Several business trips were made to Washington in the 1850s on behalf of claims and in some of his letter he wrote of pension frauds. In letters written to his wife while on these trips he described the towns of Charleston, Wilmington, Richmond, and Washington. In 1836, Adam purchased a farm in Mississippi, near Holley Springs, from a Choctaw Indian Chief and moved there for about two years. On one of his trips to the farm, he wrote (October 14, 1836) of the encampment of Creek Indians waiting to cross the Mississippi to their new homes west of the River. Other letters to his wife told of the cholera epidemic in 1849, and the convention of 1850 in Nashville. There are forty-eight letters written by Adam to his two sons, Charles and William, while they were in school in Lebanon and Clarksville and later while they were serving in the Confederate Army. He wrote of river traffic in the 1850s; Tennessee’s vote on secession; election of Isham G. Harris; troops in the Carthage area; exploits of Morgan’s men; England and France’s position on belligerent rights; war time conditions in Carthage; the Trent affair; and other war news. In letters to his Scottish cousin, Robert McNab, he describes Tennessee, the Cumberland River, slave treatment, and the port of New Orleans. Adam Fergusson was a man of considerable political influence prior to the Civil War. Among his correspondents were notable Tennessee leaders including William B. Campbell, Robert L. Caruthers, Andrew Ewing, Daniel Graham, Jo Conn Guild, Walter B. Stokes, and others.

The papers of William Wallace Fergusson (1831-1922), son of Adam, make up the largest portion of these family papers. There are approximately 300 of his letters written to various members of his family and to several of his lady friends, some of which have been copied into letterbooks. The ladies to whom he wrote most are Abbie Dyson, Sallie J. Routt, and Lucie G. Southgate. In addition to the large number of letters, there are several diaries in which William W. Fergusson wrote freely of his experiences and
opinions. He was a great lover of music and played both piano and violin. There are accounts of his schooling in Lebanon and Clarksville in the 1840s. In 1851, he wrote in one little diary of his trip to New Orleans to a Jenny Lind concert. Another diary contains an account of the Democratic National Convention in Cincinnati, in 1856, which he attended as an alternate delegate. He told of the trip by steamboat to Cincinnati; the various passengers; the use of the boat as a hotel; and of the happenings at the convention; of Thomas Hart Benton’s forcing his way into one of the session.

In October 1860, William Fergusson went to Pomaria, Georgia (Clay County), where he conducted a school for Mr. Robert Ricks, a plantation owner. Letters to his family from Georgia contain much information about that part of the country; political views of the people; secession sentiment; duck and fox hunts; descriptions of the country; dress and customs; schools; Christmas in southeast Georgia and other items of interest. Several letters refer to Eufaula, Alabama, which is near Pomaria.

By May 1861, William was back in Tennessee, and on May 9th, he joined the Second Tennessee Regiment called Sumner Grays with Captain Bate. He was sent to Richmond, Virginia, and while on the way he mustered into Confederate service at Lynchburg, Virginia, May 14, 1861. His war service has been carefully recorded in his little volume called “War Memories”. He served with the engineers and was in Virginia at both the Battles of Manassas. He was sent back to Tennessee and saw service at Shiloh. His unit remained in Mississippi for several months, during which time he went home on sick leave. He served at Chattanooga and wrote of an interview with Braxton Bragg regarding the defense of Lookout Mountain. He was with Johnston and Hood during the Atlanta Campaign. He returned to Tennessee with Hood and was finally paroled in North Carolina.

After the War, William W. Fergusson opened a school at Riddleton called Blackgnat Academy, which ran until the 1890s. He also engaged in the practice of law and continued the work with pensions begun by his father. The correspondents of William W. Fergusson include William B. Bate, W. C. Boze, Joseph Bryan, Joseph Byrns, Daniel Claiborne, William H. Dewitt, Edwin L. Drake, Isham G. Harris, Alfred E. Howell, Cordell Hull, Lewis Jesunofsky, Benton McMillian, Robert L. Newman, Horace H. Pope, Robert G. Ricks, H.Y. Riddle, G.P. Thurston, and Robert G. Tomlin. Subjects discussed in the correspondence of William W. Fergusson include Tennessee and National politics, Texas, Civil War battles, conditions during the War in various places, weather observations, Mexican boundary survey, Spanish-American War, tariff, reconstruction, Mississippi Negroes, and others.

In 1866, William W. Fergusson married Medora Kerby. This couple had six boys and two girls, all of whom were musical and each one of them played at least one instrument. They were not interested in the profession of law as their father and grandfather had been. According to William’s statement, all of his boys were interested in the development of power from steam and electricity or in scientific investigations of various kinds. A weather observatory was established at Riddleton in the latter part of the nineteenth century. Several of the Fergusson boys served as observers and reported their findings to the Tennessee Weather Service, Nashville, Tennessee.
Sterling Price Fergusson, the eldest son of William W. and Medora (Kerby) Fergusson began his career as a meteorologist, observing weather at Riddleton, Tennessee, from 1885-1886. In 1887, he was appointed weather observer at Blue Hills Observatory on the top of Mount Washington, near Readville, Massachusetts. His work as research assistant with Charles F. Brooks, Director of the Observatory, resulted in the invention of a device for measuring the velocity of super-hurricane winds. The major portion of the correspondence of Sterling Price, with the exception of his letters to his family, was with Henry Helm Clayton, who was in charge of the Blue Hills Observatory from 1886-1908. There are fifty-one letters of Clayton from 1891-1925, which contain much valuable information on the subject of meteorology. In 1917, Clayton emigrated to Argentina where he was meteorologist for that country until he returned to the United States in 1922. His letters discuss technically some of his experiments. He wrote in 1921 from Buenos Aires that he felt he had done the best research of his life during the past eight years. Experiments with kites are discussed in the correspondence. Other correspondents of Sterling Price Fergusson include Lewis Jesunofsky, Benton McMillan, and A.J. McWhirter. The letters of Sterling Price Fergusson to his family contain information about Blue Hills Observatory, meteorological information, prohibition, religion, music, and other subjects. In 1911, he became Assistant Professor of Physics at the University of Nevada where he continued his research with kites. In 1916, he accepted a position in the instrument division of the Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C.

There are a large number of letters from Willard and Frank Fergusson to their father and mother. Willard worked with his brother at Blue Hills Observatory a number of years. Frank’s letters were written primarily while he was a student at West Point, 1892-1896. Other family letters include those of Medora Fergusson to her husband and her sons; sons, Ruskin, Linton, Charles, and cousins, Daniel Claiborne; and Robert McNab.

W. W. Fergusson kept diaries, more or less complete for the years, 1851-1876, the most valuable ones have already been noted. One notebook kept by Adam Fergusson contains an account of a speech by John Randolph made in Congress in 1824. Willard Fergusson kept an account of his trip to Nova Scotia in 1894. It contains a description of his transportation to the country, its people, the crops raised, and other items of interest. A few clippings contain reminiscences of J. H. McNeil, Joseph Short, and S. M. Young.

There are estate papers for Alexander Fergusson, David Stanford (1878); wills of Sarah P. Mickum (1891) and James D. Searcy (1853); speeches; writings; school records of Frank Fergusson at the United States Military Academy; photographs of Nashville; sketches of the Tennessee meteorologists, Matthew Fontaine Maury, William Ferrel, Henry Helm Clayton, and Sterling Price Fergusson. Other sketches include Aaron Burr, Samuel Houston, Andrew Johnson, Lucius Q. C. Lamar, and James Jones (Lean Jimmie); clippings on the Revolutionary, Mexican, and Civil Wars; family photographs; and some miscellaneous writings make up the remainder of the collection.
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

William W. Fergusson

1831 December 14, born in Carthage, Smith County, Tennessee, son of Adam and Hester Ann (Hazard) Fergusson. The Hazards moved to Smith County from North Carolina in 1827.

1847-1848 Attended Cumberland College where he studied law

1849 Attended school in Clarksville, Tennessee

1851 Went to New Orleans to hear Jenny Lind

1853 Canvassed the counties of Smith, Sumner, and Macon for the legislature but was defeated

1856 Elected as alternate to attend the National Democratic Convention

1860 Accepted the position of assistant editor of the Lebanon Democrat for six months, May to November

November, went to Pomaria, Georgia, to teach in a country school for Mr. Robert Ricks

1861-1865 May 9, 1861, joined the 2nd Tennessee Regiment called Sumner Grays with Captain Humphrey Bate. Sent to Richmond, Virginia, via Lynchburg and Bristol. May 14, 1861, mustered into Confederate Service at Lynchburg. A great lover of music and could play the piano and violin.

1865 Came home from War with only 85 cents in his pocket; Yankees had stolen all means of support

1866 Began teaching school; has 70 students; school named Blackgnat Academy, ran until 1890s

April 8, married Miss Medora Kerby daughter of Frank Kerby of Smith County, Tennessee; Reverend Leroy Cage, minister of M. E. Church presided

1868-1914 Took oath of allegiance to U. S. and began practice of law in all courts; successful claims agent and made many trips to Washington; active in Bradley Bivouac of Veterans
1898  Moved to Nashville, Tennessee
1908  May 24, wrote that his eight children had not all been home in 20 years; all were musical; moved to Madison, near Nashville, and lived with his daughter; offices at 570 Cole Building
1913  Tells of two incidents which had made him an invalid practically
1922  March 4, died

**Sterling Price Fergusson**

Ca. 1867  Born in Riddleton, Tennessee, the son of William W. and Medora (Kerby) Fergusson
          Educated in schools of Smith County, Tennessee
1886  Weather observer at Riddleton, Tennessee
1887-1911  Appointed as weather observer at Blue Hills Observatory, Readville, Massachusetts
Ca. 1902  Married Carrie Tucker
1911-1917  Professor of Physics at Nevada State College
1917-  Washington, D. C., Weather Bureau

**Adam Fergusson**

1796  January 11, born in Duplin County, North Carolina; father, Duncan Fergusson, immigrated from Scotland; father was born in 1751 and his mother, Isabel F., was born in 1754
1804  Moved with father and mother to Tennessee in June from Wayne County, North Carolina; father kept a school in North Carolina where Adam learned to read and write
182?  Became an attorney at Carthage, counselor at law
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<td>Married Hester Ann Hazard daughter of Lot Hazard, a native of North Carolina who emigrated to Tennessee in 1827</td>
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<td>1829-1862</td>
<td>In charge of pension office in Tennessee</td>
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<td>1835-1837</td>
<td>Purchased land from Choctaw chief and moved to Holley Springs, Mississippi</td>
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