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Lemuel Russell Campbell Papers,  
1857-1905  

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Creator:  
Campbell, Lemuel Russell, 1859-1942  

Inclusive Dates:  
1857-1905, bulk 1881-1905  

Scope & Content:  
The Lemuel Russell Campbell Papers consist of correspondence, legal documents, scrapbooks, notebooks, and an accounting journal. The papers were previously split into two collections, but due to their identical subjects they have been merged into one. The accounting journal shows transactions from sundries to cash and vice versa, taking place from 1886 to 1887. Unfortunately, most of the pages that were used have been torn out of the journal. Much of the correspondence is addressed to Lemuel Campbell in his capacity as attorney from 1887 to 1905, and all of it is legal in nature. The late 19th century legal documents pertain to two of his Davidson County Chancery Court cases. They are primarily interrogatories and depositions, but other court filings are present. The three notebooks contain lecture notes from Theodore W. Dwight’s municipal law class at Columbia College Law School (now Columbia University Law School).

The first scrapbook is a copy of the February 1893 issue of *The American Bank Reporter* that has clippings relating to farming (crops and livestock) glued to the pages. The second scrapbook contains clippings glued to the pages of *The Report of the Commissioner of Agriculture* from 1865. These clippings appear to be unrelated. Included are tips for raising children, accumulating a library, Charles Darwin’s obituary, poetry, descriptions of travel, and articles regarding women and love. The third is in a designated scrapbook containing poetry, short stories, articles about marriage, and select Christmas Addresses of local newspapers from 1857 to 1878. A few clippings regarding poetry, one obituary, a few floral advertisements, and one article about the organization of the army comprise the
fourth scrapbook. The fifth contains a copy of *The American Drawing-Book: A Manual for the Amateur*, black and white and color prints, poetry, and a scientific article.

**Physical Description/Extent:**
1.5 cubic feet

**Accession/Record Group Number:**
90-260, 92-061

**Language:**
English

**Permanent Location:**
XIV-J-6

**Repository:**
Tennessee State Library and Archives, 403 Seventh Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee, 37243-0312

**Administrative/Biographical History**
Lemuel Russell Campbell, the youngest child of Tennessee Governor William Bowen Campbell, was born on April 20, 1859, in Lebanon, Tennessee. He graduated with a B.A from Cumberland University, a B.A. and M.A. from Vanderbilt University, and a law degree from Columbia University. Campbell returned to Nashville and began practicing law in 1886. He partnered with James S. Pilcher, his brother-in-law, and their office was located in the American Bank Building for a period of time. In November 1893, he married Johnnie Marshall and had three children: William Bowen, in 1894; Matthew McClung, in 1897; and Francis Russell Campbell, in 1900. Lemuel later served as trustee of the Tennessee School for the Blind. He died on November 3, 1942, and is buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Nashville.

**Organization/Arrangement of Materials**
The collection is arranged alphabetically by document type.

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**Index Terms**

**Personal Names:**
- Campbell, Lemuel Russell, 1859-1942
- Dwight, Theodore William, 1822-1892

**Corporate Names:**
- Columbia University

**Subjects:**
- Agriculture
- Law -- Study and teaching -- United States
- Practice of law

**Geographic Names:**
- Nashville (Tenn.) -- Practice of law
- New York (N.Y.) -- Law -- Study and teaching
- Tennessee -- Practice of law

**Document Types:**
- Account books
- Correspondence
- Legal documents
- Notebooks
- Scrapbooks

**Acquisition and Appraisal**

**Provenance and Acquisition:**
This collection was donated to the Tennessee State Library and Archives by the Campbell family.
Processing and Administrative Information

Preferred Citation:
Lemuel Russell Campbell Papers, 1857-1905, Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee

Processing Information:

Related Archival Materials:
Campbell Family Papers, 1731-1969, Duke University
## DETAILED COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

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