DYAS COLLECTION – JOHN COFFEE PAPERS
1770-1917

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INTRODUCTION

The Dyas Collection centers around John Coffee (1772-1833), Clerk of the County Court of Rutherford County, Tennessee; General in the War of 1812; Commissioner to treat with the Chickasaw and Choctaw Indian Tribes; and Surveyor-General of the Mississippi Territory and Alabama lands.

The John Coffee Papers were given to the Tennessee Historical Society by Robert Dyas of Florence, Alabama.

The materials in this collection measure 10.08 linear feet. There are no restrictions on the materials.

Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Dyas Collection – John Coffee Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Dyas Collection of John Coffee Papers for the period 1770-1917, containing approximately 6,000 items, is composed of accounts (bills, notes, receipts); correspondence; military papers (payrolls, muster rolls, appointments, orders, quartermasters accounts); legal documents (court case briefs, depositions, indictments, judgments, and summonses); biographical and genealogical data; Cypress Land Company records; clippings; sketches; diary extracts; Indian treaties; wills; estate papers; land records (surveys, grants, warrants, deeds, indentures); Andrew Jackson papers (accounts, correspondence, land documents, etc.); Joshua Coffee papers (accounts, land records, legal documents, military records, etc.); Martin family papers; Donelson family papers; Hutchings papers; school records; writings; and some miscellaneous items.

This collection is composed primarily of correspondence for the families of Coffee, Donelson, Dyas, Hutchings, Jackson, Martin, and other miscellaneous correspondence. Approximately 1,000 items make up the correspondence of John Coffee, bulk of which is incoming and includes 185 letters written to John Coffee by Andrew Jackson. The correspondence deals with the following subjects: military matters; Battle of New Orleans, 1815; Indian treaties with the Cherokees, Chickasaws, Choctaws, and Creeks; surveying Indian lands; land speculation; Cypress Land Company; Cotton Port lands; national politics with special reference to John Quincy Adams, John C. Calhoun, Henry Clay, William H. Crawford, and Andrew Jackson; the Eaton affair; James Jackson’s accusations; Tennessee politics with special reference to John Bell, William Carroll, Felix Grundy, and James Winchester; portrait painter Ralph E.W. Earl; National Portrait Gallery; Alabama lands; cotton crops; Colbert’s lands; salt speculation; Lafayette’s visit; University of Nashville; the town of Florence, Alabama; murder of Patton Anderson; Burr conspiracy; and others.
John Coffee’s outgoing correspondence is largely to members of his family. Eleven letters written to his son John Donelson Coffee are concerned with his son’s school work at the University of Nashville and make references to Dr. John Berrien Lindley, Gerard Troost, and others. In one letter from Washington, D.C., he wrote his son concerning the speeches of John C. Calhoun and Daniel Webster. Eighty letters to his wife contain information about troop movements in the War of 1812; burning Indian towns; General Winchester’s defeat; Jackson’s maneuvers; East Tennessee troops and General Cocke; death of his wife’s brother; building of Fort Strother; General Hall’s brigade; description of the battle of New Orleans; Indian treaties; the Colberts’; friendly Indians; General Pinkney; land speculation; nullification; Calhoun and Webster’s speeches; surveys; and family matters. Coffee wrote Andrew Jackson Donelson about his Indian dealings; candidates for office in Alabama; Eaton affairs; Duff Green’s opposition to Jackson, etc.


Other members of the Coffee family whose correspondence is represented in the collection are Alexander Donelson Coffee and John Donelson Coffee, sons of General John Coffee, and his wife, Mary (Donelson) Coffee. The family of Thomas Coffee, brother of the General, who lived in Pulaski, is represented by about thirty items written by his two daughters Mary (Coffee) Mays and Messaniah (Coffee) Wells-Moseley and several letters written to his son Joshua.

Approximately fifty items compose the correspondence of Alexander D. Coffee, son of General John Coffee. Letters written to him are primarily concerned with land, surveying, and other business matters. There is some mention of politics. The principal correspondents are Stockly Donelson, A.V.S. Lindsley, and Andrew J. McLemore.

There are about forty items addressed to John D. Coffee. Seven of the letters were written by Andrew Jackson and contain personal references about his dear friend General John Coffee and expressions of affection for the Coffee family. Other letters contain comments about politics and the candidates for office. Five letters were written by John D. Coffee to his father concerning his schooling at the University of Nashville; politics; the tariff; and the proposed land bill. In addition to the sixty-five letters written to Mary Donelson Coffee (Mrs. John) by her husband, there are twenty-three other letters written to her by various persons concerning the death of her husband, the schooling of her children and other family news. A few letters by Mrs. Coffee have been preserved.

Forty letters of the Donelson family are in the collection. They are written primarily to Andrew Jackson Donelson and Captain John Donelson, Sr., father of Mrs. Coffee, by various members of the Donelson family and a few others. They contain information about a land lottery; Sam Houston and his Texas schemes; Eaton affair; nullification; turnpikes; navigation; improvements; land speculation; Andrew J. Hutchings’ suspension from college; Felix Grundy; Reverend Edgar; growth of Nashville; Mr. Lapsley; and family news.

The Martin family is represented by forty-five letters, primarily the correspondence of James G. Martin, who married Catherine Donelson, a sister of Mrs. Coffee. The letters
contain information about the University of Virginia; trip to Germany in 1846; land grants; military affairs; land speculation; “Van Buren Jubilee”; politics; Whigs; Rhea County lands; Mexican War; description of Mexico; election of 1844; and family news.

There are ninety letters in the correspondence of Andrew Jackson Hutchings of which over half were written by Andrew Jackson. Hutchings was the ward of Andrew Jackson and many of the letters are in regard to his schooling and his father’s estate. Other subjects discussed are the debts of Andrew Jackson, Jr.; death of Ralph E.W. Earl; sale of Hunter’s Hill; Democracy in Alabama, Kentucky and Indiana; results of support of banks; and Eaton’s return to the Whig Party. Five letters were written by John Donelson, an uncle of Hutchings’ wife, Mary (Coffee) Hutchings, concerning Andrew Jackson; cotton crop; land prices; and family news. A few letters from John C. McLemore contain information about Texas lands and the opportunities there; and Memphis. Leonidas Polk wrote six letters to Andrew Jackson Hutchings during the years 1838-1840 concerning the manufacture and sale of bagging and rope. Other letters concern the Chickasaw lands and the Texas fever which was running high.

There are eighty-three letters listed in the miscellaneous correspondence. They are written by various persons to a number of different people concerning such subjects as Hardeman Academy; land sales; Chickasaw treaty; Cypress Land Company; the War of 1812 in North and South; and a number of other subjects. The Dyas correspondence is for the dates 1914-1916 and is primarily concerned with this collection of Coffee papers and arrangements for placing them in the collection of the Tennessee Historical Society.

In addition to the correspondence there are some papers of General John Coffee’s father, Joshua Coffee. They include bills, notes, and receipts for the years 1770-1800; and records – grants, indentures, surveys; legal documents – court records, estate papers, promissory notes; military records – payroll and lists of soldiers, 1780; and bills of sale for slaves.

The Andrew Jackson Papers in the collection comprise approximately 100 items which have been separated because they do not deal with the Coffee family. There are a number of bills, notes, receipts, legal documents concerning the guardianship of Andrew Jackson Hutchings; land records; military records; sketches; seventeen letters, five of which were outgoing; and copies of correspondence between Jackson and Winfield Scott in regard to a controversial order of Jackson.

John Coffee was appointed Surveyor-General for the Mississippi Territory and the public lands of Alabama, as well as commissioner to lay down the boundary lines between Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee. A large number of surveys, surveyor’s books, warrants, transfers, grants, etc., for the dates 1783-1808 are in the collection. The land records contain material about land speculation and there are records for the Cypress Land Company in which Coffee was a large stockholder. He had a number of land dealings with W.P. Anderson for which there are records. Approximately five hundred items are concerned with land dealings in addition to a large portion of the correspondence.

Much of the correspondence and other items deal with the Cherokee, Chickasaw, and Choctaw treaties. Coffee was sent as a commissioner to the Indians, having as his main objective to gain possession of their lands. In 1816, John Rhea and John McKee were appointed with him to treat with the Choctaws; in 1826, General Clark and General Hinds were his associates in treating with the Chickasaws and Choctaws; and in 1830 and 1831,
John H. Eaton was appointed to serve with him in treating with the Chickasaws and Choctaws. He was very successful in all of his negotiations with the Indians, and finally in 1832, he was able to make a treaty with the Chickasaws for all of their lands east of the Mississippi River.


John Coffee’s accounts are composed of bills, notes, receipts for lands, cotton, salt, food supplies, tuition, cotton factories, construction and building supplies for Florence Female Academy and the Florence Presbyterian Church, slave bills for sale, and accounts for the Coffee and Company mercantile business. In addition to John Coffee’s accounts, there are records for Elizabeth Coffee, 1830-1832; Mary Coffee, 1824-1854; and F. Kemper, 1773-1797.

Some excerpts from the diary of John Coffee for the dates 1816-1826; information on the Nashville Female Academy and the Western Military Academy; sketches on several subjects; turnpike records; the wills of Joshua Cason and Charles Dickinson; pictures; clippings; horse pedigrees; and a copy of the unpublished dissertation by Gordon T. Chappell, entitled, “The Life and Activities of John Coffee,” make up the remainder of the collection.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

**John Coffee**

1772 June 22, born in Prince Edward County, Virginia, the son of a farmer, Joshua and Elizabeth Graves Coffee

1775 Moved to Granville County, North Carolina, with his parents and then to Rockingham County, North Carolina

1798 Moved to Davidson County, Tennessee with his mother

1802-1807 Engaged in partnership with Andrew Jackson in mercantile business which later became insolvent
1806 Fought a duel with N.A. McNairy

1807 Appointed a surveyor of public lands on the Elk and Duck Rivers

1809 October 3 – married Mary Donelson, daughter of John Donelson and niece of Rachel (Donelson) Jackson (Mrs. Andrew Jackson)

Moved to Rutherford County, Tennessee, to a farm given to his wife by her Father

ca. 1810 Elected a Clerk of Rutherford County Court and held that position until the Creek War

1812 Raised a cavalry of six hundred volunteers, of which he was elected Colonel, and went under the command of General Andrew Jackson

Helped raise many volunteers for the Creek War

1813 September, commanded a regiment of cavalry under General Jackson in the Creek War

Promoted to Brigadier-General

Fought in the Battle of Tallaseehatches and many other important battles in the Creek War

1815 Promoted to Major-General

October 4, appointed a commissioner by President Madison for running Indian boundaries of the Treaty of Fort Jackson under the Act of March 3, 1815

1816 May 6, appointed commissioner with John Rhea and John McKee to treat with the Choctaws

1817 March 3, made Surveyor-General of the Mississippi Territory and moved to Huntsville

1818 April 20, appointed by President James Madison Surveyor-General of the public lands of Alabama

1819 Moved to Florence, Alabama

Member of the Cypress Land Company which laid out the town of Florence
Helped survey and lay down the boundary line between Tennessee and Alabama, and Alabama and Mississippi

1826 May 24, appointed with General Clark and General Hinds to treat with the Choctaw Indians

1827 January 10, re-appointed Surveyor-General of public lands in Alabama for four years by President Adams

1830 Appointed with General Eaton to treat with the Chickasaw Indians at Franklin and the Choctaw Indians at Dancing Rabbit; succeeded in obtaining a large tract of country from Choctaw nation

1831 July 9, re-appointed again as Surveyor-General of public lands in Alabama by President Jackson

1831 October 19, appointed with General Eaton to treat with the Chicksaw and Choctaw Indians

1832 January 12, authorized to treat with the Chickasaw Indians for their country. Held a treaty with them in October and November and succeeded in obtaining all their land

1833 July 7, died at Florence, Alabama; buried in the family cemetery at Florence

The children General John Coffee are: Mrs. Mary Hutchings, John Donelson Coffee, Elizabeth Coffee, Andrew Jackson Coffee, Alexander Donelson Coffee, Mrs. Rachel Jackson Dyas, Emily Coffee, Catherine Coffee, William Donelson Coffee, Joshua Coffee

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This is a name index of only the correspondence in the Dyas Collection of the John Coffee Papers, together with the dates of the letters and information regarding their contents. Information regarding names which are incomplete on the letters are supplied, if known, and will be shown in brackets. All names of recipients are listed in full, as they are found on the letter, with the exception of those to John Coffee which are listed as JC. 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.

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McLemore, John C[hristmas] (4), 1835 – 1840, to cousin Andre J. Hutchings, re: going into business; sale of Fort Pickering; ladies; beauty of Hermitage in 1835; fine farm of Hutchings; mother’s death; Texas land and opportunities; Memphis; White Creek Springs; Beersheba Springs, 16-52

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Martin, Emily D., 1846, to cousin Mary E. Donelson, re: beaus; trip to Berlin as daughter of A. J. Donelson, minister to Prussia, 17-1

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