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**ENGLISH FAMILY PAPERS,  
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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Library and Archives purchased the English Family Papers, 1842-1893, from Tennessee Books and Autographs of Rogersville, Tennessee. This collection consists of 61 items, mostly correspondence. The collection appears in alphabetical and chronological order. There are no restrictions on this collection.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The English Family Papers, 1842-1893, consist of 61 items, mostly of incoming correspondence to John Goodson English (1807-1887) concerning business matters. However, there is also correspondence from his first wife, Mary, as well as several letters from various family and friends. Also included is a biographical sketch of John Goodson English and his family entitled "The Book of Kings" by V. N. (Bud) Phillips. The collection also contains several documents dealing with financial matters including a bankruptcy notice for James Sanders & Sons, two financial newspapers, a bill for trees, and sale of goods account for John English. The collection also includes one newspaper clipping entitled "A Modern Thomas Newcome."

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Col. John Goodson English (1807-1887) was a social and civic leader. He married his first wife, Mary Elizabeth Mosely (1818-1841), and they had two children before she died on February 11, 1841. He then married Margaret King (1820-1899) in 1846, and they had eight children. Margaret was the daughter of Rev. James King, who was a prominent member of one of the most famous families in the Upper East Tennessee area. John Goodson English was the director of the Bank of Aberdeen and had extensive land holdings in Baldwin County, Alabama, and in Mississippi. In March of 1887, John English fell ill and died on Tuesday, March 8, 1887.

## CONTAINER LIST

### **Box 1**

1. Biographical sketch -- "The Book of Kings" by V. N. (Bud) Phillips, undated
2. Correspondence -- English, John Goodson, 1853-1856
3. Correspondence -- English, John Goodson -- Business, 1846-1871
4. Correspondence -- English, Mary, 1851-1853
5. Correspondence -- Family and friends, 1840-1893
6. Financial documents, 1821-1874
7. Newspaper clipping -- "A Modern Thomas Newcomb," undated