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PAPERS, ADDITION, 1754-1992**

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INTRODUCTION

The Gerald Branch Howard Papers, Addition, 1754-1992, was a gift from the estate of Anne Craige. The collection consists of 955 items, 354 of which are photographs. The collection resides in nine manuscript boxes, arranged in alphabetical order by document type. There are no restrictions on this collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Gerald Branch Howard Addition 1754-1992, includes a Bible, a worship book, church records, correspondence, diplomas, ephemera, genealogical research, invitations, maps, newspaper clippings, personal papers, personal accounts of the Civil War, scrapbooks, wills, and photographs.

The collection holds two family religious books. The first is the Book of Common Prayer, which Mary Polk Branch gave to her son, Joseph G. Branch, on August 15, 1913. The second is The Holman New Self-Pronouncing Sunday School Teachers Bible, which was a Christmas gift to Gerald Branch Howard from his mother in 1904. A personal note from his mother appears on the opening page. There are several items in the collection pertaining to St. John's Church in Maury County, Tennessee, which was built by Bishop Leonidas Polk from 1839-1842. These items include marriage, baptism, and funeral records, as well as plat maps and articles on the church's history.

A large portion of the collection consists of correspondence, dating 1828-1972 from members of the Branch, Craige, Howard, and Polk families concerning family, friends, and community news. Of note are two letters from James A. Craig, dated 1862, in which he wrote his mother regarding his regiment's movement during the war. Also, of interest are twenty letters from Gerald Branch Howard to his family while he served in France during World War I. These letters describe his activities and daily life, along with family and friend news. There are also seven letters to and from Major General Lytle Brown (1872-1951), who was from Nashville, Tennessee, and served in the Spanish-American War and World War I. He retired from service in 1936. The letters written between dating 1941-1951, discuss deposits of iron ore, General Douglas MacArthur's military actions, minutes of the Tennessee Council for Defense on August 4, 1941, and the Tennessee State Guard.

The addition also holds several diplomas, certificates, commissions, and appointments for Gerald Branch Howard. There are three diplomas for Anne E. Craig, who graduated from George Peabody College for Teachers in 1925, Belmont College in 1951, and Stephens College in 1952. The genealogical research includes biographical and genealogical data for the Howard, Polk, Craige, and Young families. There are biographical sketches, handwritten notes with genealogical information, as well as birth, death, and marriage records. Typed copies of the history of the Craige family, the Erwins of Burke County, North Carolina, and the Young family of Cabarrus County, North Carolina, are also included. The collection contains numerous invitations, sixteen of which are hand-written invitations to Annie E. Craige dating from 1873 to 1877. These invitations were mostly for social activities, but also included requests from suitors to escort Craige to several of these events. Also included are additional invitations for weddings, graduations, balls, and social hops, dating from 1872-1962. Several newspaper articles, dating from 1921-1970, cover topics such as the Nashville flood of 1927, the Confederacy seal, obituaries for members of the Howard family, St. John's Church, and several society articles. Also contained within the addition are two boxes of original photographs.

Additionally, the collection holds several personal papers of Anne Craige Howard, Anne Elizabeth Craige Howard, Gerald Branch Howard, and John William Howard. Personal papers for Anne Craige Howard include her wedding certificate to James Hamilton Dill, birth certificate, passport, declaration of intention, vaccination certificates, baptism records, tax affidavits, and divorce papers from James Hamilton Dill. Personal papers for Anne Elizabeth Craige Howard include her obituary, birth record, and business correspondence. Personal papers for Gerald Branch Howard include military papers concerning special orders, his commission certificate, awarded medals, honorable discharge papers, and Tennessee State Guard application, as well as his marriage certificate, birth certificate, marriage invitation, and obituary. Personal papers for John William Howard include his marriage certificate to Lucia Branch, a stock certificate, and two letters confirming his marriage.

Of note are the two original handwritten accounts relating to the Civil War although the authors are unknown. These accounts include the Federal evacuation of Columbia, Tennessee on September 1, 1862, and a transcript of a personal experience during the battle of the Fall of Salisbury in April 1865. The collection also contains one photo album consisting of family pictures, portraits, animals, trains, houses, buildings, city views, postcards, and schools. Very few photographs are dated and identified, but they appear to depict the early 1900s. Also included is Gerald Branch Howard's scrapbook dating 1917-1942. It includes photographs, certificates, newspaper articles, correspondence, military rosters, and French currency. Many of these items relate to World War I and World War II. Last will and testaments for Gerald Branch Howard, Mary Erwin Young, Anne Craige Howard, Elizabeth Branch Craige, and Nathaniel Erwin dating 1771-1970 are also present.

In conclusion, this collection holds two boxes of original photographs relating to the Branch, Craige, Howard, and Young families. The majority of the photos are identified, but undated. There are five oversize photographs in Oversize Folder 3 at the end of the collection.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Gerald Branch Howard was born on December 29, 1889, at Columbia, Tennessee, the son of John William and Lucia (Branch) Howard. He was well-educated having attended Branham and Hughes School in Spring Hill, Tennessee, Columbia Military Academy from 1908-1909, Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania from 1909-1912, and ultimately graduating from Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1919. After college he engaged in civil engineering and construction work in Nashville and became the President of Rock City Construction Company from 1917-1919. During World War I, he served with the American Expeditionary Forces (A.E.F.) in France as a First Lieutenant with the 7th Army Engineering Corps. After the war, he owned and operated the Southern Engineering and Appraisal Company in Nashville. On June 15, 1930, he married Ann Elizabeth Craige, daughter of James Alexander and Mary (Williamson) Craige in Athens, Alabama. They had one daughter, Anne Craige Howard. From 1942-1944, Branch served as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Tennessee State Guard. Gerald Branch Howard died on December 24, 1973 in Nashville and was interred at St. John's Church Cemetery in Maury County, Tennessee.

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

1. Agreements, 1914, 1937
2. Biographical data, 1938-1992
3. Calendars, 1901-1902
4. Church records---St. John's at Ashwood (Maury County, Tenn.), 1842-1973
5. Coat of arms---Branch, Craige, & Howard
6. Correspondence---Branch, Joseph G., 1859-1865
7. Correspondence---Branch, Mary Polk, 1858-1894
8. Correspondence---Brown, Lytle, 1941-1951
9. Correspondence---Incoming---Craige, Annie E., 1870-1929
10. Correspondence---Craige, Burton, 1924-1944
11. Correspondence---Craige, James A., 1862-1972
12. Correspondence---Howard, Gerald Branch, 1917-1918
13. Correspondence---Incoming---Howard, Gerald Branch, 1914-1918
14. Correspondence---Incoming---Howard, Lucia Branch, 1899-1945
15. Correspondence---Polk family, 1828-1865
16. Correspondence---Wainright, Samuel, W., 1960-1962
17. Correspondence---Various, 1828-1967

Box 2

1. Diplomas---Howard, Anne Craige, 1925-1972
2. Ephemera, 1863-1970
3. Essays, 1921
4. Essay---Plan for Franklin, Tennessee, undated
5. Invitations---Incoming---Craige, Anne E. 1873-1877
6. Invitations, 1872-1877, 1947-1962
7. Farewell address---Lee, Robert E., 1865
8. Manuscript---"A Time for Survival" by Howard, Anne Craige, 1979
9. National Convention tickets---Democratic & Republican, 1896-1924
10. Newspaper clippings, 1921-1970

Box 3

1. Pamphlets, 1836-194
2. Personal papers---Howard, Anne Craige, 1931-1976
3. Personal papers---Howard, Anne Elizabeth Craige, 1906-1973
4. Personal papers---Howard, Gerald Branch, 1889-1973
5. Personal papers---Howard, John William, 1888, 1970-1971
6. Personal war accounts, 1862-1865
7. Photo album, undated

8. Poems, undated

Box 4

1. Organizations---Colonial Dames of America & Daughters of the American Revolution, 1943-1981, undated
2. Receipts & bills, 1755-1866, undated
3. Scrapbook---Howard, Gerald Branch---World War I & II, 1917-1942
4. Telegrams, 1931-1973
5. Sheet music, 1975, undated
6. Wills, 1771-1970, undated

Box 5 (Oversize)

Book of Common Prayer---Branch, Joseph G., 1913

Box 6 (Oversize)

Bible---Howard, Gerald Branch, 1904

Box 7 (Oversize)

Masonic apron -- Hiram Lodge No. 7, F, & A. M. Franklin, Tenn., undated

Box 8 (Oversize)

Ceramic Plaque---Howard Coat of Arms., 1930

Box 9

1. Photographs---Allison, Anne Craige, undated
2. Photographs---Bean Station---Tate Springs, Tennessee, 1898
3. Photographs---Beta Theta Phi Fraternity---Group photo, 1909
4. Photographs---Branch, Joseph G., 1946, undated
5. Photographs---Branch, Lawrence, 1879
6. Photographs---Branch, L.O., undated
7. Photographs---Brown, Lytle, undated
8. Photographs---Craige, Annie Elizabeth, undated
9. Photographs---Craige, Captain James Alexander, undated
10. Photographs---Craige, James Alexander Jr., 1968, undated
11. Photographs---Craige, John Williamson, undated
12. Photographs---Craige, Kerr, 1946-1959, undated
13. Photographs---Craige, Kerr Jr., undated
14. Photographs---Craige, Lizzie, undated
15. Photographs---Craige, Mary---Group photo, undated
16. Photographs---Howard, Anne Craige, 1932-1959, undated
17. Photographs---Howard, Gerald Branch, 1891-1968, undated

18. Photographs---Howard, J.W., 1870
19. Photographs---Howard, Lawrence, 1906
20. Photographs---Howard, Lucia Branch, 1887-1900, undated

Box 10

1. Photographs---Howard, Major Schley, undated
2. Photographs---Howard, Mrs. Gerald Branch, 1968
3. Photographs---Jones, Mrs. Mary S.
4. Photographs---Lookout Mountain---Chattanooga, Tennessee---Group photo, 1879
5. Photographs---L[ogan], J.W. undated
6. Photographs---Mr. Chips-of-Hi-View, 1968
7. Photographs---St. John's Church at Ashwood, undated
8. Photographs---Storm damage at Mudhills, undated
9. Photographs---T[omleson], Judge Pride and Francis, undated
10. Photographs---Unidentified, 1963-1971
11. Photographs---Unidentified, 1917-1947
12. Photographs---Williams, John "Chip" Jr., undated
13. Photographs---Winn, Mrs. M. P., undated
14. Photographs---Young, Alfred B., undated
15. Photographs---Young, Don, undated
16. Photographs---Young home---Concord, North Carolina, undated
18. Photographs---Young, Tammy B., 1896
19. Photographs---Young, Mrs. Alfred B., undated

Oversized Folder 1

1. Appointment -- Howard, Gerald Branch -- Officers Rescue Corps of the Army of the United States, 1817
2. Appointment---Young, A. B.--- State of North Carolina Execution Department, 1917
3. Certificate---Howard, Gerald Branch---The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, 1954
4. Certificate---Howard, Gerald Branch---32 degree of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, 1925
5. Certificate---Howard, Lucia Branch---The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, 1893
6. Coat of Arms---Craig Family, undated
7. Commission---Howard, Gerald Branch---Tennessee State Guard, 1941-1942
8. Diploma---Howard, Gerald Branch---Tennessee State Board of Architectural and Engineering Examiners, 1922
9. Diploma---Howard, Gerald Branch--The Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1912

Oversized Folder 2

1. Church records---St. John's Church, Maury County, Tenn., undated
2. Plat maps---St. John's Church (Maury County, Tenn.), 1940-1959
3. Survey for Samuel W. Wainwright, 1949

Oversized Folder 3

1. Photograph -- Howard, Anne Craige, undated
2. Photograph -- Judge Pride Tomlinson with other unidentified men, undated
3. Photograph -- Unidentified group, undated
4. Photograph -- Unidentified family, undated
5. Photograph -- Wedding portrait of Anne Craige Howard, undated