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HARRIS-HAILE-COFFROTH COLLECTION

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BENJAMIN T. HARRIS, 1ST LIEUT., 16TH TX VOL. INFTRY., 1862-65

INTRODUCTION

The Harris-Haile-Coffroth Collection was donated to TCHA in two increments, the first in 1980 and the second in 1982, by Sara and John Jamison, 620 Ridgewood Drive, West Lafayette.

The collection of letters and other papers belonged to Genelle Haile Coffroth (-1969?) who was a neighbor (620 Ridgewood Drive when the Jamisons lived at 616 Ridgewood Drive) and friend of the Jamisons.

Genelle Haile Coffroth was the daughter of Alice Clopton Harris and Boykin M[a]cCaa Haile, native of Alabama and resident of Lafayette from 1915 until his death; her maternal grandparents were Josephine Terry and Benjamin T. Harris of Austin County, Texas. In 1919 she married William Randolph Coffroth of Lafayette.

The bulk of the collection consists of letters written by Benjamin T. Harris, an officer in the 16th Texas Infantry; the letters date from May 1852, shortly after the company's organization at Camp Grace near Hampstead, Austin County, Texas, to March 1864.

Also included in the collection are family and genealogical materials, primarily relating to Mrs. Coffroth's family with notes and items re the Clopton, Terry and Haile families.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF COLLECTION

(2) Document boxes, each 2 ½" wide

BOX 1

FOLDER

1. Homespun haversack with note attached from "Mama." (Contents: 24 Confederate bills; piece of Confederate uniform; piece of dress material; 2 unidentified photos.)

Notes of history of 16th Texas Infantry, 1862. (2 sheets; handwritten by "Mama.")

2. Letters (some incomplete). Benjamin T. Harris to his wife in Austin County, TX. 1862-63. (21 sheets; includes letter written on back of page from newspaper, "The Register," published in Monroe, LA, 8 July 1863 at the time of the fall of Vicksburg.)

3. Letters. To Josephine Terry Harris, wife of Benjamin T. Harris. 1870, 1900, 1910. (4 sheets; includes letter from Prudence Terry, former servant of Terry family in Texas, 21 Nov 1900.)

HAILE FAMILY: MISCELLANEOUS

BOX 1 (CONT.)

FOLDER

4. Items include:

Copy of will. Benjamin Haile of Greenville, SC, 26 May 1845 with cover letter, 23 Oct 1925.

Letter of recommendation. Boykin M. Haile from Hoover Select High School, Staunton, VA, 1 April 1880.

Marriage certificate. Boykin McCaa Haile and Alice Clopton Harris, 28 Nov 1888.

Obituary clippings. Columbus Haile, 1860-1931; Mrs. Columbus Haile, 1825-1905?; Boykin McCaa Haile, (n.d.), d. in Lafayette, IN, father of Genelle Haile Coffroth.

Calling card. Mrs. Boykin McCaa Haile.

5. Correspondence. Genelle Haile. 1897...1909?.

WILLIAM R. COFFROTH, LAFAYETTE, IN

BOX 1 (CONT.)

FOLDER

6. Letters. William R. Coffroth to Genelle Haile Coffroth, ca. 1919. (3 sheets; letterheads: The Lafayette Club, LaFayette Artificial Ice Company.)

Obituary clipping. William R. Coffroth, n.d.

MISCELLANEOUS

BOX 1 (CONT.)

FOLDER

7. Genealogical notes. Clopton-Terry families.

8. Copied poems; clippings of poems, essays.

BOX 2

Book: The Ancestry of William Clopton of York County, Virginia” compiled by Lucy Lane Erwin. Published by the Tuttle Publishing Co. Inc., Rutland, VA, 1939.

PEOPLE

Harris, Benjamin T.
Harris, Josephine Terry
Terry, Prudence
Haile, Benjamin
Haile, Boykin M.
Haile, Boykin McCaa
Harris, Alice Clopton
Haile, Columbus
Haile, Mrs. Columbus
Coffroth, Genelle Haile
Haile, Mrs. Boykin McCaa
Haile, Genelle
Coffroth, William R.

CLASSIFICATION

Wars/Civil War
Correspondence, Personal
Genealogy

SUBJECTS

Military uniform
Wars – Civil War
Correspondence

SEARCH TERMS

Civil War
16th Texas Volunteer Infantry
Confederate
The Lafayette Club
LaFayette Artificial Ice Company