

Smith family papers

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Summary Information

Repository	Ouachita Baptist University Library
Creator	Smith, Rowland B., 1828-1906
Title	Smith family papers
Date	1840-1979
Extent	1.1 Cubic feet 1 record box
Language	English

Preferred Citation

Smith family papers. Ouachita Baptist University Collection. Riley-Hickingbotham Special Collections, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

Biographical/Historical Note

The Smith family papers contain documents accumulated by members of the Smith family from Camden, Arkansas. The mid-nineteenth century correspondence and documents were addressed to Rowland B. Smith who was a major in the Confederate Army. The later correspondence and records were attributed to his children M. Sidney (Siddie) Smith and Hamilton G. (Buddie) Smith.

The University of Arkansas at Little Rock has the Rowland B. Smith Civil War Letters (finding aid may be accessed at <http://ualr.edu/archives/uploads/2010/04/UALR.0071%20Smith.%20Rowland%20B.%20Civil%20War%20Letters.pdf>). The finding aid for that collection states that Rowland B. Smith was a Confederate Army officer. It lists his wife as Elizabeth Rose Smith and his children as Mary Sidney (Sadie) and Hamilton (Buddy) Smith. Sidney was five years older than Hamilton. The finding aid goes on to say:

“Rowland B. Smith was born near Camden, Arkansas, on December 17, 1828. Smith was elected sheriff of Ouachita County in 1856; he left that office to join the Confederate Army in March 1862. Smith spent the following months in Captain Sutherland's Company of the 18th Arkansas Infantry (aka Carroll's Regiment), 3rd Brigade, 2nd Division, Army of the West. He quickly advanced to the rank of Major and became the commissary supply officer on staff of Cabell's Brigade. He later served on General Dockery's staff and was severely wounded at the Battle of Marks' Mill. He died December 11, 1906 at the age of 78.”

The early letters addressed to Sidney in the Smith family papers were sent c/o J. H. Hamkins of Texarkana, Arkansas; later her correspondence was sent to Hamilton in Camden, Arkansas. She taught school for a few years in Gurdon, Arkansas. Most of her correspondence consisted of letters, photographs, and greeting cards from family and friends.

Hamilton G. Smith was the clerk and treasurer for Ouachita County. Most of the tax records seem to have been accumulated by him as well as a lot of correspondence from George A. Proctor who worked in the State of Texas Comptroller's Department in Austin, Texas. Most of the court documents in the group were collected by Hamilton in his capacity as an officer of the court. Both Hamilton and his father conducted business other than their court related duties.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access

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Related Materials

Scope and Contents

This collection contains papers generated by the Smith family through the course of their daily and business lives from 1848 to 1979. It includes correspondence, photographs, business and career papers, court documents, financial papers, and an undated daybook.

The Rowland B. Smith series contains letters, receipts, envelopes, bills, invoices, notes and agreements, and an undated daybook. One letter is from Smith's father W. C. or J. C. Smith. The letter was written on February 12, 1850, and encouraged Smith to take care on the trip he was about to take. Smith was an agent and the letter seems to relate to that business. A receipt written to Smith on January 26, 1853, was for \$450 in payment for a female Negro named Sarah.

The M. Sidney (Siddie) Smith series contains photographs, letters, cards, and financial papers. Sidney received most of her correspondence from family and friends. Some of the letters are recommendations from men who commented on her teaching abilities. She taught school for several years in Gurdon, Arkansas. This series also contains a few personal financial papers.

The Hamilton G. (Buddie) Smith series includes both personal and business correspondence and statements. It contains correspondence from the Royal Arcanum, a fraternal life insurance business, and from Guaranty Building and Loan Association. One letter from the building and loan association gives the organization's thought on legislation during the Great Depression and describes the steps it was taking to help the economy.

The other series in the collection contain documents from the Receiver's Office in Champagnolle, Arkansas, and Little Rock, Arkansas; tax receipts acquired by Hamilton; court documents created during Hamilton's terms as clerk and treasurer of Ouachita County, Arkansas; correspondence; newspaper articles; and business papers. The business papers include land records for R. B. Smith and other individuals, payment records, promissory notes, and receipts.

Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Ouachita County, Ark.

Subject(s)

- Depressions--1929--United States.
- Depressions--1929.

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B. 1849-1850, 1853, 1866, 1868, 1870-1871, 1878: Receipts

C. 1873, undated: Envelopes

D. 1862-1864, 1872-1875, undated: Bills

E. 1873-1874: Invoices

F. 1873: Notes and agreements

G. Undated: Daybook

II. 1889, 1903-1906, 1917-1918, 1920-1930, 1937, 1956, 1970, 1973, undated: M. Sidney (Siddie) Smith

A. 1889, 1922: Photographs

B. 1903-1906, 1922-1930, 1937, 1956, 1970, 1973, undated: Letters

B. 1903-1906, 1922-1930, 1937, 1956, 1970, 1973, undated: Letters

C. 1917-1918: Career papers

D. 1920-1921, 1926-1927, 1929, undated: Cards

E. 1924, 1930: Financial papers

III. 1878, 1882, 1888-1894, 1897-1900, 1903-1904, 1915, 1926, 1929-1932, undated: Hamilton G. (Buddie) Smith

A. 1878, 1888-1890, 1897-1900, 1903-1904, 1915: Letters

B. 1882, undated: Envelopes

C. 1889-1894: Statements

D. 1929, undated: Cards

E. 1930-1931: Royal Arcanum correspondence

F. 1926, 1929, 1930, 1932: Guaranty Building and Loan Association correspondence

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