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**KIMBRO FAMILY
PAPERS,
1819-1984**

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INTRODUCTION

The Kimbro Family Papers, 1819-1984, are centered around items related to the Kimbro, Hibbett, Pearson, Gooch, Sharp, Eskridge, Cannon, Davis, and Kinnard families. The Kimbro Family Papers are a gift of Mr. and Mrs. George Watson of Franklin, Tennessee.

The materials in this collection measure 1.5 linear feet of shelf space. There are approximately 182 items included in this collection. There are no restrictions on the materials. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Kimbro Family Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Kimbro Family

William Kimbrough and his wife, Elizabeth Gooch, came from Caswell County, North Carolina to then Davidson County, Tennessee in 1797. Elizabeth Gooch was the daughter of Revolutionary War veteran, William Gooch, and his wife, Frances Rice. William Kimbrough purchased 200 acres of land in then Davidson County, Tennessee from William Turnbull on December 27, 1797. This land became a part of Rutherford County, Tennessee on October 25, 1803 by an act of the Tennessee Legislature. William and Elizabeth Kimbrough had four sons: John Kimbro, William G. Kimbro, Azariah Kimbro, and Joseph A. Kimbro. The Kimbroughs were Baptist in faith and in 1804 became charter members of the Rock Springs Baptist Church. Upon their deaths, William and Elizabeth Kimbrough were buried in the Kimbrough Cemetery, in Rutherford County, Tennessee. In 1973, when Mrs. Marion E. (Pearson) Kinnard and her husband, George A. Kinnard, sold the land, that the cemetery was on, the remains in the Kimbrough Cemetery were reinterred in Maple View Cemetery in Smyrna, Tennessee.

Source: Information in the biographical note was gleaned from various items within this collection and from the following website:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~rayphill/kimb01.htm>

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Kimbro Family Papers, containing approximately 182 items, spans the period 1819-1984. The collection is composed of assorted applications, Bible records, birth certificates, death certificates, cemetery records, census records, correspondence, deeds, genealogies, marriage records, newspaper clippings, photographs, historical sketches, biographical sketches, and wills. A large portion of this collection relates to the Kimbro, Hibbett, Pearson, Gooch, Sharp, Eskridge, Cannon, Davis, and Kinnard families. The arrangement of items is alphabetical with the exception of the photographs and negative, which have been placed, in a separate box.

The applications, located in folders 1-2 of box 1, contain applications for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution (located in folder 1 of box 1) and an application for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution (located in folder 2 of box 1). John Sharpe and William Gooch are the Revolutionary War ancestors listed on the applications.

The Bible records, located in folders 3-5 of box 1, are copies of genealogical information from the Hibbett (located in folder 3 of box 1), Kimbro (located in folder 4 of box 1), and Pearson (located in folder 5 of box 1) Family Bibles.

The birth and death certificates, located in folder 6 of box 1, contain a birth certificate for Rufus Gleason Hibbett. They also contain death certificates for Mary Lucinda Hibbett and John Marshall Pearson.

The cemetery records, located in folder 7 of box 1, contain cemetery listings for related family members. Gravesites in the Kimbrough (Rutherford County, Tennessee), Kimbro (Davidson County, Tennessee), Cannon (Rutherford County, Tennessee), and Mt. Olivet (Davidson County, Tennessee) cemeteries are included.

The census records, located in folder 8 of box 1, contain a census record on the Hibbett family taken from the Third District of the 1880 Davidson County, Tennessee Census. Also included in the census records are individual census records from the United States Department of Commerce for Mary E. Hibbett, John Pearson, and Marion E. Pearson.

The correspondence, located in folder 9 of box 1, is centered around family genealogy. Key communicants include Fred A. Petty, Rufus G. Hibbett, Sr., and George F. Watson.

The deeds, located in folder 10 of box 1, contain several original deeds to or by various members of the Kimbro and Hibbett families. The deeds span the years, 1843-1904.

The genealogy materials, located in folders 11-15 of box 1, contain genealogical materials related to the Gooch (located in folder 11 of box 1), Hibbett (located in folder 12 of box 1), Kimbro (located in folder 13 of box 1), Pearson (located in folder 14 of box 1), and Sharp (located in folder 15 of box 1) families.

The marriage records, located in folder 16 of box 1, contain various marriage certificates, county marriage records from the Wilson County, Tennessee Marriage Book, 1897-1905, and an *Our Wedding Day* booklet. Individual

marriage certificates are included for the following people Joseph A. Kimbro, Lucinda Tate Gooch, Priged M. M. Alexander, Martha Tate Kimbro, James R. Hibbett, Isabella W. Burnett, Ira K. Hibbett, Mary Lucinda Alexander, John M. Pearson, Mary E. Hibbett, Rufus Gleason Hibbett, and Annie Lee Lester. One item of note is a booklet titled, *Our Wedding Day*. The booklet contains wedding information for George A. Kinnard and Marion Elizabeth Pearson.

The newspaper clippings, located in folders 17-24 of box 1, contain various newspaper articles related to the Davis (located in folder 19 of box 1), Eskridge (located in folder 20 of box 1), Hibbett (located in folder 21 of box 1), Kimbro (located in folder 22 of box 1), Kinnard (located in folder 23 of box 1), and Pearson (located in folder 24 of box 1) families. Also contained in the newspaper materials are articles regarding the Battle of LaVergne (located in folder 17 of box 1) and the Cannon Cemetery (located in folder 18 of box 1).

The sketches, located in folders 25-35 of box 1, contain biographical sketches for the Cannon (located in folder 25 of box 1), Gooch (located in folder 27 of box 1), Hibbett (located in folder 28 of box 1), Kimbro (located in folder 29 of box 1), Pearson (located in folder 31 of box 1), Priestly (located in folder 32 of box 1), and Sharpe (located in folder 35 of box 1) families. Also contained in the sketches are historical sketches for Cherry Shade (located in folder 26 of box 1), LaVergne Presbyterian Church (located in folder 30 of box 1), Saint James Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (located in folder 34 of box 1) and the naming of LaVergne (located in folder 33 of box 1).

The wills, located in folder 36 of box 1, contain the wills of John Sharpe, Theophilus A. Cannon, Joseph A. Kimbro, and J. F. Hibbett. Also included with the wills materials are will probate receipts and will executor paperwork for the Joseph A. Kimbro and Ellen C. Kimbro estates.

Box 2 contains photographs and a negative. Please see the Container List for a complete inventory of the photographs contained in this box.

One book has been removed from the collection and transferred to the Library: *College Days At Old Miami: The Diary of T. C. Hibbett 1851-1854* (1984).

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

1. Applications -- Daughters of the American Revolution, n.d.
2. Applications -- Sons of the American Revolution, n.d.
3. Bible Records -- Hibbett Family, 1901-1961
4. Bible Records -- Kimbro Family, 1819-1927
5. Bible Records -- Pearson Family, 1821-1933
6. Birth and Death Certificates, 1937-1967
7. Cemetery Records, 1965-1972, n.d.
8. Census Records, 1880-1968
9. Correspondence, 1968-1973
10. Deeds, 1842-1904
11. Genealogy -- Gooch Family, n.d.
12. Genealogy -- Hibbett Family, 1896-1973
13. Genealogy -- Kimbro Family, 1980, n.d.
14. Genealogy -- Pearson Family, n.d.
15. Genealogy -- Sharp Family, 1964-1965, n.d.
16. Marriage Records, 1822-1934
17. Newspaper Clippings -- Battle of LaVergne, 1972
18. Newspaper Clippings -- Canon Cemetery, 1972
19. Newspaper Clippings -- Davis Family, n.d.
20. Newspaper Clippings -- Eskridge Family, 1955-1973, n.d.
21. Newspaper Clippings -- Hibbett Family, 1927-1984, n.d.
22. Newspaper Clippings -- Kimbrough (Kimbro) Family, n.d.
23. Newspaper Clippings -- Kinnard Family, 1934-1969, n.d.
24. Newspaper Clippings -- Pearson Family, 1884-1967, n.d.
25. Sketches -- Canon Family, 1972
26. Sketches -- Cherry Shade, n.d.
27. Sketches -- Gooch Family, 1972
28. Sketches -- Hibbett Family, 1972
29. Sketches -- Kimbro (Kimbrough) Family, 1972
30. Sketches -- LaVergne Presbyterian Church, 1972
31. Sketches -- Pearson Family, 1972, n.d.
32. Sketches -- Priestley Family, n.d.
33. Sketches -- Francis Roulhac, 1974
34. Sketches -- Saint James Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, 1972
35. Sketches -- Sharpe Family, 1972
36. Wills, 1825-1951

Box 2 - Photographs and Negative

1. P1 - "Joseph Franklin Hibbett", n.d.
2. P2 - "Joseph Franklin Hibbett", n.d.
3. P3 - "Martha Louisa (Cannon) Hibbett", n.d.
4. P4 - "Martha Louisa Cannon Hibbett", n.d.

5. P5 - Joseph and Martha Hibbett Tombstone in Cannon Cemetery, Smyrna, Tennessee, n.d. (3 copies)
6. P6 - "Mr. and Mrs. Ira Kneeland Hibbett", n.d.
7. P7 - Ira Kneeland Hibbett Family, n.d.
8. P8 - Ira Kneeland Hibbett Tombstone in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Tennessee, n.d.
9. P9 - Mary Lucinda Hibbett Tombstone in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Tennessee, n.d.
10. P10 - "Home of Ira Kneeland Hibbett and Mary Lucinda Alexander Hibbett", n.d. (2 copies)
11. N11 - Home of Ira Kneeland Hibbett and Mary Lucinda Hibbett, n.d. (negative of P11)
12. P11 - Home of Ira Kneeland Hibbett and Mary Lucinda Hibbett, n.d.
13. P12 - "James Reece Hibbett Sr.", n.d.
14. P13 - "Major John Sharp - Revolutionary Officer" Tombstone in Cannon Cemetery, Smyrna, February 4, 1968
15. P14 - Major John Sharp Tombstone in Cannon Cemetery, Smyrna, Tennessee, n.d. (3 copies)
16. P15 - Martha Sharp Tombstone in Cannon Cemetery, Smyrna, Tennessee, n.d. (3 copies)
17. P16 - Drawing of the Sharp Coat-of-arms, n.d.
18. P17 - Theophilus A. Cannon Tombstone in Cannon Cemetery, Smyrna, Tennessee, n.d.
19. P18 - Jemima A. Cannon Tombstone in Cannon Cemetery, Smyrna, Tennessee, n.d.
20. P19 - "Marian Pearson", June 22, 1928
21. P20 - "First Grade Turner School - Nashville, 1932-1933, Marian Pearson, Teacher", 1933
22. P21 - "First Grade, Turner School, Nashville, Marian Pearson, Teacher", n.d.
23. P22 - "First Grade, Turner School, Nashville, Marian Pearson, Teacher", n.d.
24. P23 - "Geo[rge] A. Kinnard", n.d.
25. P24 - Geo[rge] A. Kinnard, n.d.
26. P25 - "Geo[rge] A. Kinnard", n.d.
27. P26 - "Old Timers' Day - LaVergne, Mr. and Mrs. Ben McFarlan, Marion and George Kinnard", 1976