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GOODPASTURE, B. C. (BENTON CORDELL)
(1895-1977)
COLLECTION,
1818-1933

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INTRODUCTION

The B. C. Goodpasture Collection, 1818-1933, is centered around items collected by B. C. Goodpasture and primarily focuses on depositions sent to the Davidson County, Tennessee Circuit Court. The B. C. Goodpasture Collection is a gift of Mrs. B. C. Goodpasture of Nashville, Tennessee.

The materials in this collection measure .5 cubic feet of shelf space. There are approximately 52 items included in this collection. There are no restrictions on the materials. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the B. C. Goodpasture Collection may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The B. C. Goodpasture Collection, containing approximately 52 items, spans the period 1818-1933. The collection is composed of assorted correspondence, envelopes, depositions, and other legal documents. A large portion of this collection relates to court cases from the Davidson County, Tennessee Circuit Court. Since the majority of the items in the collection are unrelated, the arrangement of items is chronological. Because this is a small collection and the majority of the items in the collection are unrelated, an inventory of items can be found in the Container List.

The correspondence is centered around various legal cases of the time period. The Container List contains a more detailed description of the correspondence.

The legal documents are a compilation of commissions to depose, depositions, answers to suits, a jury charge, an account for settlement and a court summons.

Three books have been removed from the collection and transferred to the Library: *The Expert Physician*, 1657; *The Indian of New England*, 1851; and *Mr. Morton in France*, 1885.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Benton Cordell Goodpasture

- 1895 April 9 – Born in Overton County, Tennessee, the son of Jefferson Goodpasture and Elora Annis (Thompson) Goodpasture
- 1909 October - Baptized
- 1912 October 18 - Preached his first sermon at Holly Springs, Tennessee
- 1918 Graduated from David Lipscomb College
- 1920 Became a contributing writer to the *Gospel Advocate*
- 1939-1977 Editor of the *Gospel Advocate*
- 1951 Resigned his position as the pulpit minister of Hillsboro Church of Christ in Nashville, Tennessee
- 1969 September - The Florida School of Preaching opened after Goodpasture visited B. C. Carr in Lakeland, Florida and challenged him to begin a school similar to the Nashville School of Preaching in Nashville, Tennessee
- 1977 February 18 - Goodpasture dies of a stroke after returning home from a day's work at the *Gospel Advocate*

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

Folder 1 Correspondence, 1818-1826

1. Envelope addressed to Jacob McGavock, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Davidson County, Tennessee, 1818
2. Cash, E. Rawlins to W. Fannehill, 1821, re: a legal case
3. Kyle and Orr Law Firm to Hugh Blackwood, 1826, re: a bill that has been given to the law firm, by Richard Senat, for collections
4. Parsons, Enoch to Richard J. Waterhouse, 1826, re: reaction of Judge White to inquiry on Waterhouse's behalf it also regards suits involving land

Folder 2 Correspondence, 1832-1837

1. Anderson, S. to Maj. John Boyd, 1832, re: reporting on the resolution of a court case
2. Envelope addressed to Jacob McGavock, 1834
3. Love, Charles J. to Doctor William M. Guin, 1836, re: iron works and not being able to hire as many hands as they thought
4. Love, Charles J. to Doctor William M. Guin, 1837, re: iron works

Folder 3 Correspondence, 1841-1898

1. Trousdale, Bryson B. to the Mayor and Aldermen of Nashville, TN, 1841, re: opposition to a neighbor having a tipling house
2. Waterhouse, Euclid to his brother, Dr. David Waterhouse, 1842, re: a court case they are involved in and discussing fruit trees
3. Unknown to Friend Morris, 1858, re: check received, family news, and the tough business climate
4. Ervin, Alex to unknown, 1869, re: railroad bars
5. Envelope addressed to Dr. Deering Roberts in care of the Nashville Republican Banner, 1870
6. Shelton, D. to Georgia A. Rawson, 1891, re: sale of the real estate of Dr. Robert Kells, deceased
7. Mullen, Sarah V. to Joseph T. Eliston, 1898, re: abusive husband from whom she has fled, she also asks for clothing

Folder 4 Correspondence, 1933, n.d.

1. McAlister, Hill to Thomas F. Little, 1933, re: sending a letter that was requested
2. McAlister, Hill to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1933, re: thank you from Tennesseans for the development of Muscle Shoals and the entire Tennessee River Valley
3. Howard, J. W. to Benjamin Litton, n.d., re: payment for castings
4. Unknown to unknown, n.d., re: what this letter regards could not be determined as this is a fragment from a letter
5. Envelope addressed to Edwin H. Ewing

Folder 5 Legal Documents, 1820

1. Commission to depose witnesses (Julius Davogae, Hugh K. Gordon, and W. M. F. Saul, witnesses on behalf of Lot Pugh), commission to Morris Cox and A. Peychand, Davidson County, Tennessee Circuit Court, 1820

2. Deposition of Robert Thompson, Humphreys County, Tennessee Circuit Court, 1820
3. Deposition of Nobel Miller, Davidson County, Tennessee Circuit Court, 1820

Folder 6 Legal Documents, 1821-1824

1. Commission to depose witness (Henry Jackson, witness on behalf of the plaintiff), commission to Morris Cox, 1821
2. Deposition of Henry Jackson, taken by the State of Louisiana for the Davidson County, Tennessee Circuit Court, 1821
3. Justice of the Peace certificate for Morris Cox signed by the Governor of the State of Louisiana, 1821
4. Envelope that contained depositions addressed to D. McGavock, Clerk of Circuit Court, Nashville, Tennessee, 1823
5. Deposition of John R. Eaton, taken by Justices of the Peace in Washington, D.C. for the Davidson County, Tennessee Circuit Court, 1824

Folder 7 Legal Documents, 1827-1829

1. Envelope addressed to Jacob McGavock with a signed statement from John Hollowell certifying that the enclosed answer of Israel and Charles Pleasants was sworn to and affirmed before him, 1827
2. Answer of Israel and Charles Pleasants to the suit that John Love brought against them, 1827
3. Commission to depose witnesses, 1829

Folder 8 Legal Documents, 1831-1834

1. Commission to depose witnesses to William B. Allen and James Lasley, 1831
2. Carroll, William to Hoskins and Hotchkiss Merchants, 1832, re: notice of deposition to be taken in their court case
3. Envelope addressed to the Circuit Court Clerk in Nashville, TN, 1832, re: Carroll and Hoskins
4. Commission to depose witnesses to William Tompkins, 1834
5. Kimcarman, A. A. to J. W. Baldrige, 1834, re: a court case
6. Deposition of N. W. Forde, 1834

Folder 9 Legal Documents, 1836-1837

1. Deposition of William E. Butler, 1836
2. Envelope addressed to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Davidson County, Tennessee, 1836, re: Joshua Nelson vs. Joseph Mabry
3. Commission to depose witnesses to John M. Johnson, 1836
4. Commission to depose witnesses to Daniel C. Banks, 1837
5. Deposition of Col E. Webb, taken in Jefferson County, Kentucky for the Davidson County, Tennessee Circuit Court, 1837

Folder 10 Legal Documents, 1841-1850

1. Notice of deposition of George Thomas and Richard Smith to the Circuit Court of Davidson County, Tennessee, 1841
2. Envelope addressed to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Davidson County, Tennessee, 1842, re: deposition of G. J. Pillow
3. Envelope addressed to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Lawndy County, Mississippi, 1842, re: John M. Grier vs. Thomas Jones
4. Pillow, G. J. to Benjamin Litton, 1844, re: court case

5. Summons for Ephraim McRady to appear before the Chancery Court in Nashville, Tennessee, 1850

Folder 11 Legal Documents, 1873

1. Deposition document of Charles H. Chapin in St. Louis County, Missouri, 1873

Folder 12 Legal Documents, n.d.

1. Account balance for judgment rendered in favor of the plaintiff, dated 10/21/16, it is unknown if this is 1816 or 1916
2. Jury Charge in the case of William Harper vs. the Protection Insurance Company, n.d.
3. Envelope addressed to the Clerk of Muster in Nashville, Tennessee, n.d.