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**WALTON, CAPTAIN WILLIAM B. (1824-1908)**  
**PAPERS, 1818-1949**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The papers of Captain William B. Walton, Head of Middle Tennessee Volunteers, 1846-1847, Mexican War, were given to the Tennessee State Library and Archives by Misses Fanny and Alice Walton of Madison, Tennessee on June of 1952.

The Captain William B. Walton Papers occupy .25 linear feet of shelf space. Literary rights in the unpublished writings of Captain William B. Walton Papers have been dedicated to the public. Single photocopies of unpublished writings may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The Captain William B. Walton Papers, containing 28 items, span the period 1818-1949. The collection is composed of correspondence, wills, deeds, genealogical data, muster rolls of the Mexican War, clippings, and a notebook containing the minutes of the meeting in 1888 of the Tennessee Association of Mexican War Veterans.

Among Captain Walton's correspondents were Dr. Timothy Walton, Senator Holbert B. Case, B. E. Cheatham, Jr., and W. B. Carter.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Captain William B. Walton was the brother of John T. Walton, the son of Dr. Timothy Walton, and the great-grandson of Captain William Walton (1760-1816), a Revolutionary Hero, founder of Carthage, Tennessee, and builder of old Walton Road. Dates known during which he was alive are 1846-1906. Captain Walton was a hero in the Mexican War (1846-1847).

## CONTAINER LIST

### **Box 1**

1. Genealogical Data – Captain William Walton (1760-1816)
2. Correspondence (General) – 1818-1847
3. Correspondence (General) – 1848-1906
4. Legal Documents – Receipts, Wills, 1826, 1834, 1836
5. Rosters from Mexican War – 1836-1846
6. Minutes of Tennessee Association of Mexican Veterans – March 1888
7. Clippings – 1906, 1928, 1949

### **Folder 1 – Walton Papers**

1. Typewritten copy of article written for *The American* in 1896; “A brief sketch of the life of Captain William Walton who staked out Carthage”
2. Typed and handwritten genealogy traced from Captain Walton to Martha McFarland McGee, afterward Mrs. William Bell of Orange County, North Carolina (1 page)

### **Folder 2 – Walton Papers**

1. October 19, 1818 – Mrs. Andrew Jackson to Andrew Jackson Donelson (copy of original now in possession of Mrs. Bettie M. Donelson)
2. April 6, 1824 – Mrs. Noney S. Lawrence to her daughter, Phila Ann (copy)
3. May 19, 1829 – Captain John Donelson to Andrew Jackson (copy)
4. December 4, 1831 – Emily Donelson to her sister (copy); written at the White House
5. July 29, 1833 – Mary Powell Donelson to her daughter, Mrs. John Coffee, after the death of General Coffee (copy)

### **Folder 3 – Walton Papers**

1. February 25, 1847 – Captain William B. Walton to his father, Dr. Timothy Walton – Mexican War letter (original)
2. June 6, 1885 – Senator Holbert B. Case to Captain William B. Walton
3. October 10, 1887 – W. H. Jackson to B. G. Wood, written at Belle Meade
4. November 7, 1895 – From “Abram” to William B. Walton
5. December 27, 1897 – From B. F. Cheatham to Captain William B. Walton
6. November 10, 1899 – Captain Walton to Mrs. Bettie Taylor Dandridge, Winchester, Virginia and to Major General T.B. Jackson, NC, inviting them to Nashville Nov. 30 (1899) to welcome 1<sup>st</sup> Tennessee regiment back from Philippine War
7. May 17, 1906 – W. B. Carter to Captain William B. Walton, including roster of Harris Mauldin’s Co., 1<sup>st</sup> Tennessee Regiment, 1846-1847

### **Folder 4 – Walton Papers**

1. Copy of account in Andrew Jackson’s handwriting, Alexander Donelson, Sr. in account with Andrew Jackson, November 2, 1827
2. Certified copy of the will of John McGee, probated in Smith County Court, August 1836
3. Copy of Statement from McCombs and Robinson to estate of Alexander Donelson

for burial expenses

**Folder 5 – Walton Papers**

1. Roll of Florida volunteers, Smith County Company, 1836 (2 pages)
2. Roster of Captain L. P. McMurry Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Tennessee Regiment, Colonel W. B. Campbell, Dixon Springs, Smith County, Tennessee, 1846-1847 (2 pages)
3. Roster of Captain William B. Walton Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Tennessee Regiment, Colonel W. B. Campbell, Carthage, Smith County, Tennessee, 1846-1847 (2 pages)
4. Roll of Company H, 1<sup>st</sup> Tennessee Regiment, January 12, 1847
5. Mexican Veterans; Roster of the Old Tenth Legion of Volunteers in Mexican War, Tennessee; 3 copies printed in envelope addressed to Captain Walton (Company I, 1<sup>st</sup> Tennessee Regiment)
6. Tennessee Adjutant General's Office – Casualty list of 1<sup>st</sup> Tennessee Regiment with letter to Walton

**Folder 6 – Mexican War Material**

1. Tennessee Association of Mexican War Veterans – Minute book, March 28, 1884 to March 29, 1888 (Contains a few clippings on the organization and a blank sample affidavit for veterans applying for Mexican War pensions)

**Folder 7 Miscellaneous**

1. *Nashville Banner*, January 2, 1928 (Facsimile copy of first state road contract let in year 1801 – clipping)
2. Tennessee D. A. R. News – Clipping – Rachel Stockley Donelson Chapter preserves graves of pioneers (both A. and F. Walton were on committee)
3. *Nashville Daily American*, Saturday, March 28, 1885 – clipping of article on “Soldiers Homes,” by William B. Walton, suggesting the use of the Hermitage as a soldiers’ home
4. *Putnam County Herald*, ca. 1931 – clipping and typed copy of clipping “Pioneer Road Builder’s Memory to be Perpetuated, Groups aim...”