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INTRODUCTION

Papers of the family of Thomas Crutchfield, Sr. (1801-1850) and Thomas Crutchfield, Jr. (1830-1886), include biographical and genealogical material, clippings, correspondence, wills and legal papers, slave deeds, and a diary of Thomas Crutchfield, Jr. The materials in this finding aid measure .4 linear feet. There are no restrictions on the materials. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Crutchfield Family Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Crutchfield Papers covering the dates 1828-1886 are composed of biographical and genealogical material, clippings, correspondence, wills and other legal papers of the Thomas Crutchfields, senior and junior; slave deeds and a diary kept by Thomas Crutchfield, Jr., when he was a young lawyer living near Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The diary contains daily entries for the year 1852 primarily concerning Mr. Crutchfield's law practice and final settlement of his father's estate along with some interesting comments on the treatment of slaves. Included in the correspondence is an eighteen page letter written by Thomas Crutchfield, Jr., regarding his position as a Unionist both before and during the Civil War.

The genealogical data consists of a history of the Crutchfield family, some charts of Crutchfield and kindred families and several biographical sketches principally concerning Thomas Crutchfield, Jr. The collection includes the wills of both the Thomas Crutchfields dated 1831, 1867, and 1881.

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

1. Biographical and genealogical material.
2. Clippings re: Civil War, Crutchfield home later the Read House Hotel, Chattanooga, Tennessee
3. Correspondence – Crutchfield, Thomas Jr., to James R. Hood - 1863.
4. Correspondence – family and personal – Thomas Crutchfield, Sr., 1846-1850
5. Correspondence – family and personal – Thomas Crutchfield, Jr., 1850-1886
6. Diary – Thomas Crutchfield, Jr. – 1852
7. Discharge from Confederate service (copy) Thomas Crutchfield, Jr., 1862
8. Sketch “The Garden at Amnicola” by Sallie Crutchfield Gaut
9. Slave deeds – 1828, 1855, 1856
10. Wills – Thomas Crutchfield, Sr., 1831, Thomas Crutchfield, Jr., 1867, 1881 and other legal papers