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INTRODUCTION

The Martha De Bow Casey Collection, 1791-1933, consists of a fragmented collection of correspondence for two generations of the De Bow family: James Dunwoody Brownson De Bow (1820-1867), statistician and editor of the highly influential Southern economic journal, *De Bow's Review*, and his son, James Dunwoody Brownson De Bow (1861-1947), Davidson County, Tennessee Criminal Court Judge. The collection was a gift by the heirs of the estate of Dudley E. Casey, Sr. and wife, Martha De Bow Casey in their memory and in memory of Judge J.B.D. De Bow, Nashville, Tennessee, through the agency of Mr. John R. Cheadle, Administrator of the Estate.

The material in this finding guide measures .42 linear feet. There are no restrictions on the material. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Martha De Bow Casey Collection may be made for scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Martha De Bow Casey Collection, containing 85 items, covers the period 1791-1933. The collection is composed of an account, an affidavit, an autograph, certificates, correspondence, a drawing, a testimonial and several miscellaneous items.

Most of the collection is composed of a fragmented set of incoming business correspondence of James Dunwoody Brownson De Bow (1820-1867), his son James Dunwoody Brownson De Bow (1861-1947) and the wife of the latter De Bow, Sarah Spence De Bow.

Of the correspondence, twenty-nine letters are addressed to J. D. B. De Bow, Sr. Among the senders are George Bancroft, Aaron V. Brown, W. G. Brownlow, James Buchanan, Andrew P. Calhoun, John C. Calhoun, Horace Greeley, C. C. Memminger, Joel R. Poinsett, Alexander H. Stephens, George Ticknor, William Henry Trescott, John Tyler, Jr., and Henry A. Wise. Subjects covered are De Bow's literary articles and journals, internal improvements in the South, the Louisiana Historical Society, census, financial aid to the Confederacy, etc., [see Name Index for a complete abstract of letters]. J. D. B. De Bow, Jr. is the recipient of nine letters, the bulk of which are written by Tennessee governors Henry H. Horton, Austin Peay, A. H. Roberts and A. A. Taylor. Various Tennessee topics are discussed in the letters.

Mrs. Sarah Spence De Bow received twenty-two letters which are responses to her concern of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South becoming politicized and supporting Herbert Hoover in the presidential contest of 1928. Her correspondents included James A. Farley, Carter Glass, Hill McAlister, Kenneth McKellar, H. L. Mencken, Bishop John M. Moore, J. J. Raskob, and Eleanor and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The balance of the correspondence consists of fifteen letters apparently addressed to various individuals outside of the De Bow families. Prominent correspondents were Thomas Hart Benton, Benjamin Harrison, Rutherford B. Hayes, J. D. Howard (Jesse James), John A. Logan, William McKinley, Mary N. Murfree ("Charles Egbert Craddock"), John Randolph, John Tyler, and Martin Van Buren.

The collection also includes an account for Dr. Benjamin Rush in 1791 for "Sunday medicines and attendance to children" and an affidavit in 1801 signed by John Sevier.

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