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INTRODUCTION

The addition to the Figuers Family Papers, 1830-1964, consists largely of genealogical data for the Cheairs, Greer, McKissick, Moore and allied families of Davidson, Maury, and Williamson Counties, Tennessee. Donor is Mrs. Sherrell Figuers, Nashville, Tennessee.

The materials in this finding aid measure .84 linear feet. There are no restrictions on the materials. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Figuers Collection may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The 1985 addition to the Figuers Family Papers, spanning the years 1830-1964, contains approximately 128 items, and is composed of an account book, clippings, correspondence, court records, genealogical data and records, letter book, memorabilia, and wills.

The account book of James H. Cheairs is copied from the original (1830) by John W. Cheairs. It documents money paid to James H. Cheairs and records the selling and trading of slaves.

The court record is a brief detailing the case of Joseph Howells, Executor of John P. Farrelly vs. Hugh Moore, et als. Farelly, Bishop of Cleveland and the only son of Patrick and Martha Olay Moore Farrelly, died intestate in 1921 leaving his last will and testament open to litigation. The case involved the Estate of Farrelly's mother, who died in 1901, which provided that all her Nashville properties, valued at \$310,000, be given to the city to build an orphan asylum should her son died intestate. This was successfully contested by Farrelly's heir-in-laws, Hugh C. Moore, James N. Moore, Robert I. Moore and others.

The genealogical data consists of detailed information pertaining to the Cheairs, Dickson, Greer, McKissick, Moore, Rankin and Rush families. Most of the information is handwritten and was compiled by Bessie T. Moore. Notable persons include Joseph Greer, who was selected to carry the message of victory at King's Mountain to General George Washington at the Continental Congress in Philadelphia, and who later became one of the first settlers of Knoxville, Tennessee; Daniel McKissick, who represented Lincoln County, North Carolina as a member of the House of Commons at the General Assembly from 1783 to 1787; and Major Nathaniel F. Cheairs, who was ordered to surrender Fort Donaldson to General U.S. Grant in the early years of the Civil War.

Land records include the mortgage agreement of Hugh C. Moore, the indenture agreement of Robert I. Moore, and the land surveys for Robert I. Moore, Dr. W.I. Polk, and the Williams and Bertrand Leagues. The letter book of Robert Irwin Moore documents his business transactions beginning in 1840. Included in this letter book is a detailed list describing Moore's business activities through 1868.

For additional information on the Figuers family see Figuers Family Papers, 1764-1965, Accession Numbers 792, 1252, 1418, and 1971-100, Microfilm Accession Number 1153.

CONTAINER LIST

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3. Correspondence – Allen – Moore, James Q.
4. Correspondence – Moore, Jane B. – Walker, Hugh
5. Court Records – Case – Howell, Jos. Exec.of John P. Farrelly vs. Hugh O. Moore, et al
6. Genealogical Data – Cheairs, Dickson, Greer, and McKissick families
7. Genealogical Data – Moore, Rankin and Rush families

Box 2

1. Land Records – Agreement – Mortgage – H.C. Moore, 1876
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3. Land Records – Surveys/Descriptions – Miscellaneous
4. Legal Records – Will – Farreley, Martha and John P., 1896,1900
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7. Memorabilia – Miscellaneous
8. News clippings – Cheairs, Nathaniel F.
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- Moore, Alexander (2) to James M. Moore, 1886 and 1887, re: business matters, 1-3
- Moore, James Quinn to H.C. Moore, 1904, re: Moore family data, 1-3
- Moore, James Quinn (2) to James M. Moore, 1900 and 1902, re: information on Gen. Robert Irwin for membership in S.A.R.; book sent on family genealogy, 1-3
- Moore, Jane B. to Ruth and Addie Moore, 1854, re: personal and family news, 1-4
- Moore, Mary Vance to Robert I. Moore, n.d., re: McKissick family data, 1-4
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- [Moore], Robert to Jim Moore, 1882, re: family news; personal news, 1-4
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- Moore, Robert I. to Jim, 1895, re: wife's death; requests interest due on [promissory] note, 1-4
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- Peacock, John R. to Irene Cheairs, 1954, re: asking information on "Mrs. Peters," 1-4
- Peacock, John R. to Mrs. Wharton J. Cheairs, 1963, re: Peters – Van Dorn affair; [copy of letter from P.B. Starke to Pres. Davis re to the shooting of Gen. Van Dorn by Dr. Peters], 1-4
- Peacock, John R. to Susie Belle Moore, 1954, re: "The Confederate Cantata," 1-4
- Peters, Mrs. Dr. G.B. Peters to Mr. Cheairs, 1862, re: responding to charges made by Cheairs, 1-4
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