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INTRODUCTION

The Bolling Gordon Family Papers, 1794-1960, are centered around Bolling Gordon (1800-1890), member of Tennessee State House of Representatives and Tennessee State Senate, of Hickman County, Tennessee and his descendants of Maury County, Tennessee. This collection occupies 5.04 linear feet of shelf space and photocopies of unpublished writings in the Bolling Gordon Family Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Bolling Gordon Papers, consisting of approximately 1000 items, span the period of 1797-1960. The collection consists of accounts, cards, cemetery records, certificates, correspondence, eulogies, financial documents, genealogical data, invitations, land records, legal documents, memorials, photographs, poetry, printed materials, reports, scrapbooks, sketches and writings.

The correspondence is mostly from the wife and daughter of Richard Cross Gordon (1837-1903), son of Bolling Gordon (1800-1890), and his family in nature. Other correspondence of importance are two letters from James Knox Polk (1795-1849) and two letters from Cave Johnson (1793-1888), Postmaster General under President James K. Polk.

Genealogical data can be found on John Gordon (1763-1819) and his descendants of Maury County, Tennessee. Also included is genealogical data on Jonathan Webster family, great-grandfather of Mary Camp (Webster) Gordon, wife of Richard Cross Gordon.

In the collection are memorials for Camille Gordon and Captain John Gordon and a sketch of a memorial window for a country church.

The writings include "Captain John Gordon of the Spies" by Camille Gordon and "My Grandmothers Flower Garden" whose author is unknown.

Also included in the collection are several Daughters of American Revolution membership certificates.

There are sketches so two cemetery markers: the Frierson family and of Captain John Gordon (1763-1819).

Photographs are of family members.

Overall the collection provides substantial information on a prominent Hickman County and Maury County, Tennessee family of the nineteenth century.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Bolling Gordon was born on April 12, 1800 in Nashville, Tennessee to John and Dorothy (Crois) Gordon. He served as a surveyor in Illinois before 1830. From 1829-1835 he served in the House of Representatives of the Tennessee legislature representing Hickman and Dickson counties in the 18th, 19th and 20th General Assemblies. He married Mary Elizabeth Watkins of Farmville, Virginia, daughter of Captain Joel and Mary (Jones) Watkins in 1830. In 1835, he represented Hickman County, Tennessee in the State Constitutional Convention. From 1835-1837, Gordon served in the Tennessee Senate representing Hickman, Wayne, and Lawrence counties in the 21st and 25th General Assemblies. From 1836-1840, he served as presidential elector on the Democratic ticket supporting Martin Van Buren. In 1847, he was an unsuccessful candidate for Congress. In 1850, he served as a delegate to the Nashville Convention. In 1861, Gordon was elected to proposed State Convention to consider withdrawal from the Union but did not serve because of proposal to hold convention was defeated at the polls. In 1870, Gordon again represented Hickman County, Tennessee in the State Constitutional Convention. In November of 1890, Gordon died at "Cottage Hill" and was buried at Rose Hill Cemetery in Columbia, Tennessee.

Source: *Biographical Directory of the Tennessee General Assembly, Volume I.*

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Porter, George C. to Mrs. R.C. Gordon, 1923, re: requesting data on Gordon for a biographical sketch of the members of 1870 Constitutional Convention, 3-13
Posener, Phillip to Lucille Frierson, 1921, re: adoption of a fatherless child of Frances through "the Fatherless Children of France, Inc.", 3-13
Price, Norman R. to Miss ____ Gordon, 1905, re: personal news, 3-13
Queener, Addie (2) to Lucille Frierson, 1954, re: getting in the newspapers in her absence, 3-14
Quintard, C.F. to (Eloise Gordon) McDonald, n.d., re: marriage to Hunter McDonald, 3-14
Quintard, C.F. to Hunter McDonald, 1893, re: thanks for invitation to perform marriage to Eloise Gordon, 3-14
Richardson, Ellis W. to Lucille Frierson, 1937, re: the loss of Cousin Camille, 3-14
Righter, Nicholas to Lucille Frierson, 1920, re: regards to Mr. Frierson's illness, 3-14
Rodgers, Caroline to Camille Gordon, 1933, re: family news, 3-14
Sandusky, Martha M. to ____ ____, n.d., re: sister's poor health, 3-14
Shofner, D.W. to Carrie L. Webster, 1912, re: stock ready to be issued to subscribers to the Middle Tennessee Railroad Company; if all subscribers settled notes by March 1, interest would be waived, 3-14
Searight, Henry to Rowe Webster Powell, 1925, re: send donation for the family cemetery, 3-14
Searight, Mary to Carrie Webster, 1904, re: family news, 3-14
Shapard, Helen Clark to Lucille Frierson, 1944, re: thanks for the silver vegetable dish for wedding present, 3-14
Smith, Frank DeWitt to Lucille Gordon, 1895, re: sending cut glass for coming married life, 3-14

Sowell, Mary Webster to Lucille Frierson, 1958, re: celebration of Lucille's eighty-ninth birthday, 3-4

Sowell, Peyton to Mrs. Richard C. Gordon, 1930, re: acknowledgement of a gift, 3-14

Street & Co., J.P. to Roe Webster, 1904, re: dropping matter of selling vacant lot on Gallatin Pike, 3-14

Stephenson, Frances to Lucille Frierson, 1955, re: thanks for Christmas gifts, 3-14

Thrasher, Thomas R. to Lucille Frierson, n.d., re: regrets in the death of sister, Mrs. Cox, 3-15

Tokingaway, A. to Ella Webster, 1878, re: receipt of letter referring to two photographs, 3-15

Trotter, Edna [Cathey] to Lucille [Gordon] Frierson, 1953, re: family history, 3-15

Vaught, Will N. to Camille Gordon, 1881, re: personal news, 3-15

Warfield, Chloe [Boddie] to Lucille Frierson, 1914, re: enclosure of sample of lace, 3-15

Watkins, Jennie (2) to Camille Gordon, 1916-1918, re: personal news, 3-15

Watts, Albertine Page to Lucille Frierson, n.d., re: personal remarks, 3-15

Webb, Mattie [Patton] to Lucille Frierson, 1957, re: Parsonage Day, 3-15

Webster, Rowe to Willie ____, 1900, re: capable of managing own affairs, 3-16

Webster, Belle (2) to Mrs. R.C. Gordon, 1933, re: family news, 3-16

Webster, W.J. (2) to Rowe Webster, 1900, re: debt owed to his sisters, 3-16

Wegner, Nicholas to Lucille Frierson, 1957, re: thanks for contribution to Father Flanagan's Boys' Home, 3-16

Wheless, John F. to Bolling Gordon, 1880, re: invitation to be present at the unveiling of the Jackson Equestrian, 3-16

White, Annie [Alderman] to May Belle Green, n.d. re: condolences in loss of mother, 3-16

Whitley, Frances to Eloise [Gordon] McDonald, 1936, re: family news, 3-16

Wooten, Emma to Lucille Frierson, 1937, re: condolences on the death of Camille Gordon from the Red Cross, 3-16

Woolsey, Mary to Lucille Frierson, 1941, re: Charles called back into the service, 3-16

Yeatman, Janey to Lucille Frierson, 1931, re; condolences on the death of Camille Gordon, 3-16

Yeatman, N.P. to Carrie Webster, 1890, re: check for \$10.000 as partial payment for fence around graveyard, 3-16

CHART I - GORDON

JOHN GORDON

m.

IZEBELLA LAWSON

John Gordon
1763-1819

m. 1794

Dorothy [Maclin] Cross
1779-1859

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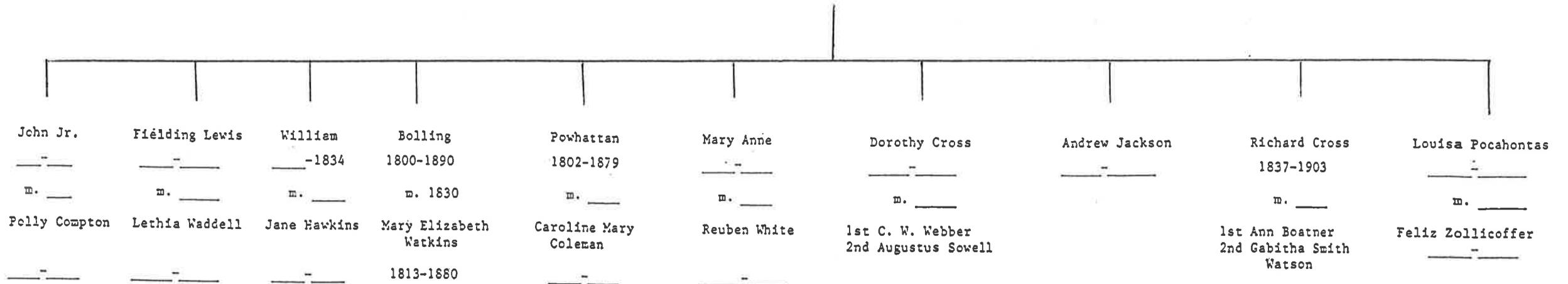


CHART III - GORDON

BOLLING GORDON

1800-1890

m. _____

MARY ELIZABETH WATKINS

1813-1880

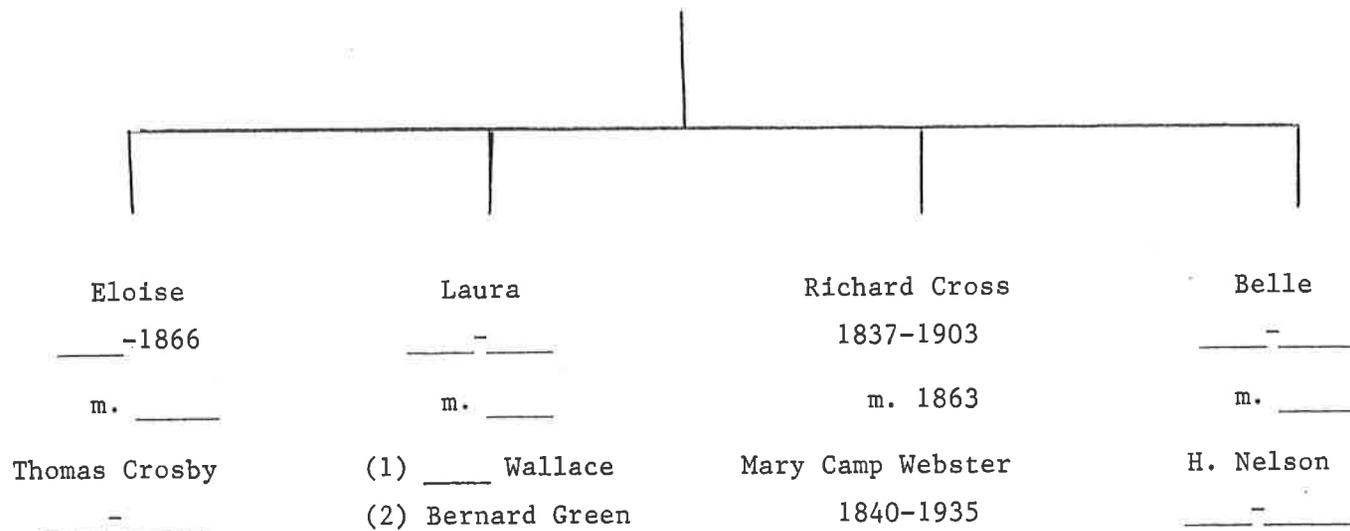


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RICHARD CROSS GORDON

1837-1903

m. 1863

MARY CAMP WEBSTER

1840-1935

twins

Mary Eloise

1866-____

m. ____

Hunter McDonald

1860-1932

Hunter, Jr.

m. ____

Clara Gillerland

Lucille

1869-1963

m. 1895

Hinton Frierson

1859-1941

Camille

1869-1937

Bessie

1872-____

m. ____

Carter Cox

Mary

Hunter, III

Robertson

Clara

CHART V - GORDON

JONATHAN WEBSTER

m. _____

ELIZABETH WEBSTER

Jonathan Webster II

1740-_____

m. _____

_____ Johnson

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JONATHAN WEBSTER II

1740-_____

m. _____

_____ JOHNSON



Pheoba

Abner

Mary

Samuel

Benjamin

Thomas

Jonathan III

Harriet

1763-1839

m. _____

(1) Absolom Jackson

(2) _____ Bryson



m. _____

Thomas Miller



1767-1845

m. 1803

(1) Williams

(2) Sarah Jossey

1783-1830

CHART VII - WEBSTER

JONATHAN WEBSTER III

1767-1845

m. 1803

SARAH JOSSEY

1783-1830

