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DUDNEY FAMILY PAPERS
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INTRODUCTION

The Dudney Family Papers (1862-1991) are centered around the Dudney and Stowers families. The Dudney Family Papers are a gift of Adelle and Katherine Dudney, Nashville, Tennessee.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Dudney Family Papers containing approximately 300 items, span the period 1862-1991. The collection is composed of accounts, applications, cards, certificates, clippings, correspondence, diplomas, epitaphs, fraternity papers, genealogical data, licenses, photographs, poetry, programs, publications, school records, sketches, and writings.

The bulk of this collection is composed of photographs of members of the Dudney family. The majority of the photographs center on Adelle and Katherine Dudney, twin daughters of Clyde A. Dudney and George Emma (Stowers) Dudney. There are several photographs of John Turner Stowers (1839-1925). Mr. Stowers enlisted on May 10, 1861, and served under General George W. Gordon as a member of Company B, Eleventh Tennessee Infantry. He was so seriously wounded in the battle of Atlanta, July 28, 1864, that he was retired. Mr. Stowers was a charter member of the Frank Cheatham Bivouac of the Veterans of the Confederacy and was active in the organization. He lived in West Nashville thirty-two years. He is buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Tennessee.

The genealogical data is centered around the Dudney, Stowers, Tilford, and their related families. The Stowers family data contains information on Thomas J. Stowers, Union Army veteran, who was with General Grant during the Civil War. From 1865 to 1868, he was in service in Louisiana and in 1873 was transferred to Fort Lincoln, Nebraska. Mr. Stowers went with General Custer into Montana in 1876. He escaped being killed with General Custer because he had sent to the guard house a day or two before for riding out of line to fasten a stirrup leather on his saddle. With a few other men, he was four miles from the shooting when the Sioux Indians made an attack on General Custer and his men while scouting on Little Big Horn River, Montana, June 25, 1876. Following the Sioux War, he was present at the capture of Chief Jospheh.

Other items include school records for Adelle and Katherine Dudney. They attended Clemons and Read Elementary, Ward-Belmont Intermediate School, and Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Adelle Dudley

- 1911 June 23, born in Saint Louis, Missouri, the daughter of Clyde Almond & George Emma (Stowers) Dudley
- 1917-1923 Attended public schools in Nashville, Tennessee
- 1923-1928 Attended Ward-Belmont School
- 1931 Graduated from Watkins Free Night School
- 1931 Attended Vanderbilt University
- Employed by Belmont Methodist Church, Nashville, Tennessee
- 1941-1952 Employed by Avco Corporation, Nashville, Tennessee
- 1953-1954 Employed by Hoover Motor, Nashville, Tennessee
- 1955-1963 Employed by Hermitage Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee
- 1963-1977 Employed by State of Tennessee Health Department

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Amos Jordan Dudley

- 1852 September, born at Gainesboro, Jackson County, Tennessee, son of Sidney Shelby and Nancy Stafford
- 1882 Married Nannie Craig Draper
- 1884 Clyde Almon Dudley, son, born at Cookeville, Putnam County, Tennessee
- 1886 Frank Sidney Dudley, son, born at Cookeville, Putnam County, Tennessee
- 1888 Cora Dudley, daughter, born at Cookeville, Putnam County, Tennessee
- 1892 November, Amos Draper Dudley and Anna Dudley, twins, born at Cookeville, Putnam County, Tennessee
- 1894 Mary Dudley, daughter born, Cookeville, Putnam County, Tennessee
- 1897 Howard Dudley, son born at Cookeville, Putnam County, Tennessee
- 1932 August, Amos Jordan died at Cookeville, Putnam County, Tennessee

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Sidney Shelby Dudley

- 1817 Born, Lincoln County, Tennessee, son of Andrew and Ann (Darwin) Dudley
- 1843 Married Nancy Stafford (1825-1877), daughter of Michael Stafford
- 1844 July 30, son James D. Dudley born
- 1846 February 5, son John Bell Dudley born in Gainesboro, Jackson County, Tennessee
- 1848 May __, son William Henry Harrison born
- 1848 December 23, son Frank Kenner Dudley born, Gainesboro, Jackson County, Tennessee
- 1850 April __, son Jonas G. Dudley born
- 1852 September __, son Amos Jordan Dudley born
- 1854 March 19, son Sidney Stanton born, Gainesboro, Jackson County, Tennessee
- 1860 March 27, son George Ann Dudley born, Gainesboro, Jackson County, Tennessee
- 1862 April 15, daughter Nancy A. Dudley born, Gainesboro, Jackson County, Tennessee
- 1864 March 20, daughter Myrtle A. Dudley born, Gainesboro, Jackson County, Tennessee
- 1868 June 8, son Robert E. Lee Dudley born, Gainesboro, Jackson County, Tennessee
- 1869 Moved to Hill House, Mississippi. Bought 5,200 acres of land
- 1880 Moved to Free State, Jackson County, Tennessee
- 1893 Abraham Dudley died in Tennessee

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Andrew Dudney

- 1789 Born in North Carolina, son of Abraham and Ann (Shelby) Dudney
Married Ann Darwin (3-1-1776-3-20-1843)
- 1808 William Dudney, son, born in Lincoln County, Tennessee
Pierce Dudney, son, born in Fayetteville, Lincoln County, Tennessee
- Patrick N., son, born. No other information
- 1817 Sidney Shelby, son born in Lincoln County, Tennessee
- 1819 Andrew Dudney died. Andrew drowned in Roaring River. Body never
found.
- 1819 Elihu Dudney, son, born in Gainesboro, Jackson County, Tennessee

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Abraham Dudney

- 1768 Born in Maryland, the son of Abraham and Mary Dudney
- 1782 Moved to South Carolina
- 1786 Married Ann Shelby, daughter of Isaac Shelby
- 1789 Andrew Dudney, son, born in Gainesboro, Tennessee
- 1791 Patrick N. (Pad) Dudney, son, born in Gainesboro, Tennessee
- 1794 Isaac Shelby Dudney, son, born (place of birth not known)
- 1798 James M. (Big Jim) Dudney, son, born in Fayetteville, Tennessee. James Dudney was seven feet eleven inches tall and weighted over 350 pounds. During the Civil War, he wanted to join the Tennessee Mountain boys, but he was too old and too big. They could not fit him in clothes. James became a stone mason building forts. He furnished his own clothes.
- 1801 Elizabeth Dudney, daughter, born in Fayetteville, Tennessee
- 1804 Milley Dudney, son, born in Fayetteville, Tennessee
- 1811 Ann Shelby Dudney moves to Fort Blount, Jackson County, Tennessee
- 1812 May 27 – Abraham Dudney ordered by Lincoln Court to mark off road around the plantation of Amos Small on the road leading from Fayetteville to Joseph Green's
- 1812 Abraham Dudney made Captain under Major William Woodfolk
- 1814 November 29 – Abraham Dudney died fighting Creek Indians

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

1. Accounts: Bills, notes, receipts – C. A. Dudney, 1912
2. Applications – D. A. R. – Adelle Dudney, 1982
3. Cards – Author unknown, n.d.
4. Cards – Business – John P. Hickman, n. d.
5. Cards – Greeting – Frances Compton, 1916
6. Certificates – Baptism – Adelle Dudney, 1912
7. Certificates – Birth – Clyde Almond Dudney, 1882
8. Certificates – Birth – George Emma Stowers, 1884
9. Certificates – Death – Mrs. George (Stowers) Dudney, 1961
10. Certificates – Marriage – Clyde A. Dudney & George E. Stowers, 1910
11. Certificates – Membership – D. A. R. – Adelle Dudney, 1982
12. Certificates – Membership – Vanderbilt University – Quinq Club – Adelle Dudney, 1982
13. Certificates – School – Ward-Belmont Intermediate School – Adelle Dudney, 1924
14. Certificates – School – Ward-Belmont Intermediate School – Katherine Dudney, 1924
15. Certificates – School – Ward-Belmont School – Katherine Dudney, 1928
16. Clippings – Belmont College, 1983-1984
17. Clippings – “Aviation News”, 1946
18. Clippings – “Box Seat on the Civil War” by Louise Davis, 1979
19. Clippings – Marriage – C. Almond Dudney & Miss George E. Stowers, ca. 1910
20. Clippings – Thomas J. Stowers, Survivor of Custer Massacre, 1933
21. Correspondence – Author unknown, Vesey
22. Diplomas – Watkins Institue – Adelle Dudney, 1931
23. Epitaphs – Mrs. C. A. (George E. Stowers) Dudney, 1961
24. Epitaphs – Mrs. Mildred C. Dudney, 7-3-1933
25. Epitaphs – Harold Giles Gossling, 9-26-1983
26. Epitaphs – Minnie (Stowers) Gossling, n.d.
27. Epitaphs – Ed N. Stowers, n.d.
28. Epitaphs – J. W. Stowers, 1954
29. Epitaphs – John Turner Stowers, 1925
30. Epitaphs – Thomas J. Stowers, 1933
31. Epitaphs – C. Weber Tuley, n.d.
32. Fraternity – Alpha Omicron Pi Fraternity, Inc., 1981-1990
33. Genealogical data – Dudney and related families
34. Genealogical data – Stowers and related families
35. Genealogical data – Tilford and related families
36. Licenses – Marriage – A. J. Dudney & Nannie J. Craig, 1882

37. Photographs, drawings, etc.
 1. Adelle & Katherine Dudney, n.d.
 2. Adelle & Katherine Dudney, ca. 1912
 3. Adelle & Katherine Dudney, ca. 1912
 4. Adelle & Katherine Dudney, ca. 1912
 5. Adelle & Katherine Dudney, ca. 1913
 6. Adelle & Katherine Dudney, ca. 1915
 7. Adelle & Katherine Dudney with parents, Clyde Almon Dudney & George Emma Dudney, 1919
 8. Adelle & Katherine Dudney, ca. 1920's
 9. Adelle & Katherine Dudney, 7th grade class party, ca. 1924
 10. Adelle & Katherine Dudney, 7th grade class party, 1924
 11. Adelle & Katherine Dudney next to C. A. Dudney's Hudson Brougham, Nashville, Tennessee, ca. 1938
 12. Adelle & Katherine Dudney, Daytona Beach, Florida, ca. 1940's
 13. Adelle & Katherine Dudney, Florida, ca. 1940's
 14. Adelle & Katherine Dudney, Florida, ca. 1940's
 15. Adelle & Katherine Dudney, Daytona Beach, Florida, ca. 1944
 16. Adelle & Katherine Dudney, Daytona Beach, Florida, ca. 1944
 17. Adelle & Katherine Dudney, Daytona Beach, Florida, 1948
 18. Adelle & Katherine Dudney, Daytona Beach, Florida, 1948
 19. Adelle & Katherine Dudney, ca. 1975
 20. Adelle & Katherine Dudney at Trevecca Towers, 1984
 21. Adelle & Katherine Dudney & Dr. H. R. Anderson - Adelle's retirement from State of Tennessee, 1977
 22. Adelle & Katherine Dudney, n.d.
 23. Adelle & Katherine Dudney, 1966
 24. AVCO workers at end of war on property of Vultee, ca. 1915
 25. Gladys (Gossling) Baker & Grace (Swann) Gossling, n.d.
 26. Gladys (Gossling) Baker & Ray Baker, ca. 1970
 27. Gladys (Gossling) Baker, Adelle Dudney, Katherine (Dillard) Boyles, Carolyn (Frith) Boyles, Lucille K. Gossling, 1977
 28. Belmont United Methodist Church members, Nashville, Tennessee, 1967
 29. Kate (Stowers) Boyles, Nellie (Stowers) Giles, James W. Stowers, Annie (Stowers) Chrisman, & George Emma (Stowers) Dudney, ca. 1940's
 30. Mildred Chrisman, daughter of Annie (Stowers) Chrisman, ca. 1939
 31. Anne (Stowers) Chrisman, George Emma (Stowers) Dudney, James W. Stowers, Millie (Stowers) Giles, & Kate (Stowers) Boyles, ca. 1940
 32. Dudney family, n. d.
 33. Dudney family, n.d .
 34. Dudney, Boyle, & Stowers relatives, Bethesda, Tennessee, ca. 1940
 35. Dudney-Stowers families, Bethesda, Tennessee, ca. 1920's

36. Dudney-Stowers families, ca. 1932.
37. Dudney-Stowers families, Bethesda, Tennessee, ca. 1936
38. Dudney-Stowers families, ca. 1948
39. Adelle Dudney, n.d.
40. Adelle Dudney, n.d.
41. Adelle Dudney, n.d.
42. Adelle Dudney, n.d.
43. Adelle Dudney, n.d.
44. Adelle Dudney, Saint Louis, Missouri, ca. 1912
45. Adelle Dudney, Saint Louis, Missouri, ca. 1912
46. Adelle Dudney and unidentified individual, ca. 1930's or 1940's
47. Adelle Dudney, ca. 1939
48. Adelle Dudney, Daytona Beach, Florida railroad station, ca. 1939
49. Adelle Dudney, Daytona Beach, Florida, ca. 1940's
50. Adelle Dudney, Daytona Beach, Florida, ca. 1940's
51. Adelle Dudney, Miami, Florida, ca. 1940's
52. Adelle Dudney, on beach in Miami, Florida, ca. 1944
53. Adelle Dudney, Miami, Florida, ca. 1945
54. Adelle Dudney, ca. 1946
55. Adelle Dudney, Daytona Beach, Florida, 194 8
56. Adelle Dudney, Daytona Beach, Florida, 1948
- 57 . Adelle Dudney, Daytona Beach, Florida, 1948
58. Adelle Dudney, ca. 1956
59. Adelle Dudney, ca. 1960
60. Adelle Dudney, Napa, California, 1961
61. Adelle Dudney, 1979
62. Adelle Dudney, 1983
63. Adelle Dudney, 1984
64. Adelle Dudney with Fred Asmus, architect, at swimming pool, Franklin, Tennessee, ca. 1954
65. Adelle Dudney and Clyde A. Dudney, ca. 1939
66. Adelle Dudney, Katherine Dudney, and mother, George Emma (Stowers) Dudney visiting Nashville, Tennessee from St. Louis, Missouri, ca. 1912
67. Adelle Dudney and Richard Hall, manager of Hermitage Hotel, ca. 1940's
68. Adelle Dudney and Anna Lee Lambert, 1962
69. Amos Jordan Dudney, n.d.
70. Clyde Almond Dudney and other unidentified individuals, ca. 1908
71. Clyde A. Dudney, ca. 1930
72. Clyde Almond Dudney and George Emma (Stowers) Dudney, Bethesda, Tennessee, ca. 1943
73. George Emma (Stowers) Dudney, 1959
74. Katherine Dudney, 1984
75. Katherine Dudney, Gladys (Gossling) Baker & Adelle Dudney, 1961

76. Katherine Dudley, Caroline Boyles, Adelle Dudley and Kate Boyles, 1959
77. Katherine Dudley, George Emma (Stowers) Dudley, Clyde Almond Dudley, and Adelle Dudley, The Parthenon at Centennial Park, Nashville, Tennessee, ca. 1944
78. Katherine Dudley, Lucille Gossling, Katherine (Dillard) Boyles, Carolyn (Frith) Boyles and Gladys (Gossling) Baker, 1977
79. Stowers family, ca. 1936
80. Stowers family, ca. 1940
81. Stowers family reunion, ca. 1943
82. George Emma Stowers, ca. 1906
83. John Turner Stowers in Confederate Army uniform, n.d
84. John Turner Stowers, copy of old tintype, ca. 1862
85. John Turner Stowers, ca. 1910
86. James W. Stowers and Dena (Irvine) Stowers, Bethesda, Tennessee, ca. 1943
87. Mary Lavinia (Tilford) Stowers (1845-1910), n.d.
88. Mary Lavinia (Tilford) Stowers (1845-1910), n.d.
89. Three unidentified individuals, n.d.
90. Three unidentified individuals, n.d.
91. Three unidentified individuals employed by Hermitage, ca. 1946
38. Poetry – Adelle Dudley, 1955
39. Programs – Ward-Belmont School, 1924
40. Publications – Belmont Circle, 1983-1991
41. Publications – Bulletin – Belmont Methodist Church, 1938-1939
42. Publications Directory – Ward-Belmont, 1983
43. Publications – Pamphlet – Daughters of the American Revolution, 1983-1985
44. School records – Adelle Dudley – Clemons Elementary, 1919
45. School records – Adelle Dudley – Read Elementary, 1921-1922
46. School records – Adelle Dudley – Ward-Belmont School, 1926-1927
47. School records – Adelle Dudley – Vanderbilt University, 1928-1930
48. Sketches – Biographical – Adelle Dudley, n.d.
49. Writings – Author unknown, n.d.