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(1810-1899)
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INTRODUCTION

The papers of Collins D. Elliott (1810-1899), minister, teacher, and President of the Nashville Female Academy (1840-1866), and those of his daughter, Elizabeth Porterfield (Lizzie) Elliott (1860-1932) for the period 1816-1932, were given to the Tennessee Historical Society by the Elliott family.

The materials in this collection measure 2.1 linear feet. There are no restrictions on the materials.

Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Collins D. Elliott Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection, composed of approximately 1,000 items for the dates 1816-1932, contains material about the Nashville Female Academy; biographical and genealogical data; business papers; Civil War papers; documents; clippings; lectures, sermons, notes and other writings of Collins D. Elliott; family and general correspondence; Miss Lizzie Elliott's woman suffrage papers; honors, etc.; memorabilia; pictures; poetry; and sketches, both of people and places.

The largest portions of this collection are the papers concerning the Nashville Female Academy and the writings of Collins D. Elliott. The Academy papers contain accounts and bills, including student fees, purchases and services for the school, catalog information, papers and articles dealing with the controversy over dancing at the school, material about the founders and history of the school, a photograph of the academy, lists of library books, a partial list of students, minutes of the Board of Trustees, some business transactions, and statistics concerning the school during the most of its years of existence.

Dr. Elliott's writings include many sermons and lectures, part of which were delivered at the Nashville Female Academy. One of his sermons is dedicated to his daughter Lizzie during a time of crisis. Some speeches to his brother Confederates, information on Methodism and education, and some miscellaneous notes and papers make up the remainder of his writings.

The correspondence has been separated into incoming and outgoing letters of Collins D. Elliott and of his daughter, Elizabeth Porterfield Elliott (Miss Lizzie). Other correspondence is composed of letters written by various members of the Elliott and Porterfield families. There are twenty-eight letters written by Dr. Elliott, primarily to his wife, Elizabeth (Porterfield) Elliott, concerning his imprisonment in the Indiana State Prison and the Louisville Military Prison in 1862. In 1864, the Reverend Elliott was with the Confederate Army in Georgia. He was sent on a mission to Alabama and other Southern States to collect funds for the Tennessee Soldiers Relief Association. Frank Elliott, brother of Collins, wrote from Hamilton, Ohio, 1864, commenting upon abolitionists and the political contest between Lincoln and McClellan. Susan Porterfield wrote to her sister, Mrs. Elliott, while Dr. Elliott was teaching at LaGrange College, Alabama, 1836-1839, giving news of Nashville.

There are a few letters from members of the O'Bryan family. Martha and Fanny O'Bryan wrote from Columbus, Georgia, where they were refugees during the Civil War; and George and Joseph, together with their friend, Matthew Pilcher, were in Georgia with the Confederate Army. Regrets were expressed over the removal of Joseph E. Johnston. Other letters from various parts of the South tell of hardships suffered during the War.

The correspondence of Miss Lizzie Elliott is concerned largely with the publication of her little volume on the *History of Nashville*. About seven letters were written to J.J. Keyes, Superintendent of the Nashville City Schools, regarding the possible use of the volume in the schools.

Other items in the Elliott papers include genealogical data on the Elliott family; Civil War papers – passes, oaths, orders, and records' material on woman suffrage; and numerous sketches. There is biographical material on Andrew Jackson, John Yates Beall, Jefferson Davis, Sam Davis, Daniel Decatur Emmett, Atticus G. Haygood, D.C.

Kelly, Rosa Stanbury, General John Sullivan, and James Wood. There are sketches on the Blarney Stone, the Great Chalice of Antioch, Nashville, and the Ku Klux Klan. A drawing of the proposed replica of Fort Nashborough is also with the papers.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Collins D. Elliott

1810	Born – December, in Butler County, Ohio
	Graduated from Augusta College, Kentucky
	Instructor in Greek and Latin, LaGrange College, Alabama
1836	Married – Elizabeth Porterfield of Nashville, Tennessee
1840-1866	President, Nashville Female Academy
1866	Served as chaplain, Tennessee State Prison
1899	Died – July 28 in Nashville, Tennessee

Elizabeth Porterfield Elliott

1860	Born – November 20, in Nashville, Tennessee, daughter of Collins D. and Elizabeth Porterfield Elliott
	Graduated from Peabody College
	Taught in public and private schools; teacher at Howard School for more than 30 years
	Authority on Tennessee history; officer of the Tennessee Historical Society
	Active in educational and civic organizations including the Daughters of the American Revolution and the United Daughters of the Confederacy
	Author of *The Early History of Nashville*
1932	Died in Nashville, Tennessee

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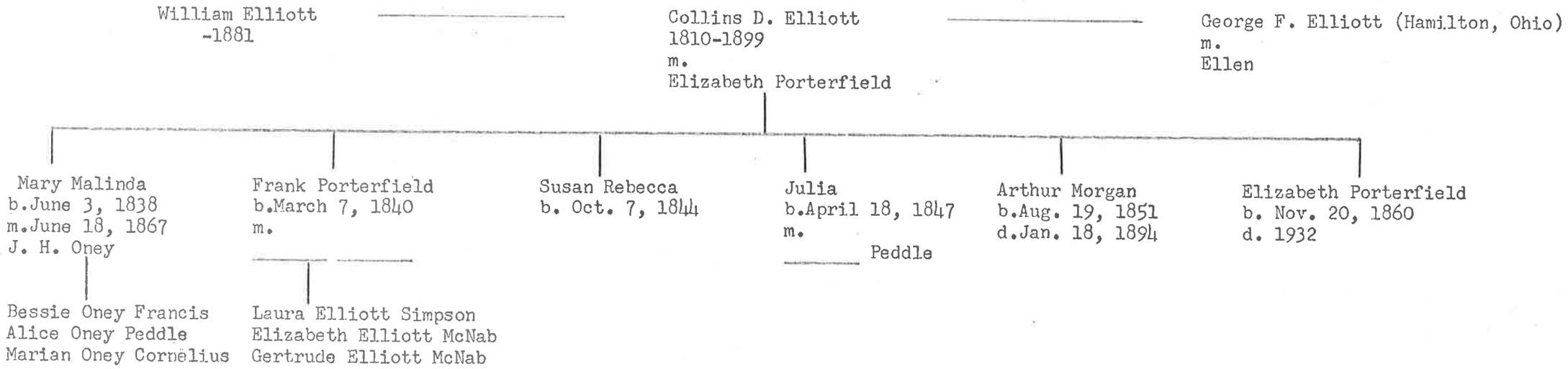
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-1881
Collins D. Elliott
1810-1899
m.
Elizabeth Porterfield
George F. Elliott (Hamilton, Ohio)
m.
Ellen
Mary Malinda
b.June 3, 1838
m.June 18, 1867
J. H. Oney
Bessie Oney Francis
Alice Oney Peddle
Marian Oney Cornelius
Frank Porterfield
b.March 7, 1840
m.
Laura Elliott Simpson
Elizabeth Elliott McNab
Gertrude Elliott McNab
Susan Rebecca
b. Oct. 7, 1844
Julia
b.April 18, 1847
m.
Peddle
Arthur Morgan
b.Aug. 19, 1851
d.Jan. 18, 1894
Elizabeth Porterfield
b. Nov. 20, 1860
d. 1932