



The McComb Family Papers, 1788-1965

MSS 8

Overview

Creator: McComb family
Title: The McComb Family Papers
Collection Number: MSS 8
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Collection Information:

Scope and Content Note

Documents and correspondence related to the McComb family spanning from 1788-1972. The collection contains McComb family genealogy, school at Hanover, correspondence between family members, inquiries about genealogy both from within and outside of the family, legal documents such as wills and land deeds, diary excerpts, etc. The photographs of this collection contain portraits, family photos, travels- New York, Europe and honeymoons, family homes, family reunions, weddings, etc. Much of the McComb family (the branch this collection focuses on) seems to have stayed in the Midwest in places such as Indiana and Ohio. However, some of the later generations can be found in California or New York. The topics addressed range from simple updates throughout the family to their time at Hanover, sermons, graduations, continued schooling, genealogy, etc.

Historical Information

The McComb Family Papers follows the McComb Family throughout the last half of the 17th century through the 20th century. Much of the family focus seems to be on Peter Hathaway Kemper McComb. PHK married Virginia Bell Hackett and they proceeded to have four children. PHK, his father, as well as his children all attended Hanover College. PHK himself attended Hanover Seminary and went on to become a Reverend before ending up back at Hanover as a professor of History and Political Science.

Organization

The collection is organized into 4 series: PHK McComb, Genealogy, Photographs, and Misc. Within these series there are subseries, PHK McComb- correspondence, sermons, church business, family including RC McComb, Ann S. McComb, Virginia McComb, and Lois Miller; genealogy- correspondence, family tree, little histories; Photos- family photos and portraits; Misc.-undated poem, letters...

Administrative Information:

Related Items:

Related materials may be found by searching the [Hanover College online catalog](#).

Acquisition:

Donated by Margaret Creek, 2013.

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Container List

Box	Folder	Folder Title	Dates	Notes
1	1	Legal Documents	June 1788-April 1858	Land registers/warrants in Ohio that covers 80 acres, will, indentures, marriage license-proof or marriage, donations, scholarship, mortgage payment by Ann McComb (RC's wife)
1	2	RC McComb Diary Extracts	1826-1851	Diary extracts from RC McComb that show major events such as his mother's death and discourse in the church- in great detail
1	3	RC McComb at Hanover	1833-1836, unknown	Diary entries detailing daily life during seminary school at Hanover, most likely class notes from seminary, possible sermons
1	4	Catalogues, Programs, and Literary Societies	1834-1860	Catalogues of the Philaethean Society, programs, literary societies that RC McComb was involved in during his time at Hanover College
1	5	RC McComb at London Presbyterian Church	1840	Membership and its growth, statistics, why things must change for the betterment of the church

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1	6	RC McComb Absence from the Church	March 1836- Feb. 1916	Correspondence pertaining to RC's absence from the church for an extended period of time, RC's request for absence as well as others reactions to it
1	7	Correspondence from PH Kemper to Ann S. McComb and her siblings	1836-1852	Letters from PH Kemper to Ann S. McComb detailing what's happening in their respective places, PHK writing to his children on a fairly regular basis
1	8	Ann S. McComb Correspondence	Nov. 1842-June 1874	Ann S. corresponding with her sister: talk of relatives, death of K. G. McComb and his funeral, congratulations of 25 years of marriage (between Ann S. and RC); a letter to Ann S. from her parents James and Judith Hathaway
1	9	RC McComb Correspondence	Feb. 1854- March 1868	Featuring letters from William Mason, John Ustic, D. Lattimove, J.D. Pollock, Adam Faris, J.B. Mkinley, Campbell Wakefield, B.H. Clinton, W.R. Jackson that pertain to the ongoing of the church, along with friends and sisters
1	10	Ann S. and RC McComb Correspondence	Sept. 1841- March 1856	A series of letters that occur while RC is away from Ann S. at home- they are filling each other in on what is happening in each of their respective places (Cincinnati and Madison County Ohio)
1	11	History of Old Cottage Farm House	Sept. 1834- Aug. 1884	Old Cottage house was built by PHK (the son of RC) and it is where his family resided for much of their life; this is discussed in the little histories of the house written by Rev. J.S. Kemper
1	12	PHK McComb Speeches Given as a Student	1862-1864	These are a collection of speeches given by PHK as a student at Hanover College during his time at the seminary school including such speeches as: The House of the Learned, Eloquence and its Power, The Ninth Speaker, Specialties, Excelsior Excelsior
1	13	PHK Correspondence in Relation to Genealogy	Oct. 1889- June 1905	Information regarding the Kearsley side of the family, the information regarding the Kearsley family begins with Jonathan Kearsley, two family trees, these inquiries span many years and many different leads
1	14	PHK Correspondence	June 1894- March 1914	Compiling general register, regarding appointment to Doctor of Divinity, to his father's church asking about records they have of his father, Ann S. selling the farm and buying new property

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1	15	PHK McComb Letters to his Wife	1912-1917	PHKM sends this series of letters to his wife because they are not together (geographically) for her birthday about how he wished they could be together for this special day
2	1	PHK McComb post-Hanover	Sept. 1873-Jan, 1912	PHKM asking to be released from his position in the Presbytery of St. Louis, donation list with names and amount, electing PHKM Emeritus Professor of the Chair of History and Political Science, the Hebrew Manuscript written to PHKM in regards to the Hebrew Scripture, the congregations final words to PHKM as their pastor
2	2	PHK Contents of Sermon Case	1865-1880	A poem that is mentioned in PHKM's autobiography, essay's, letter detailing his inability to perform the marriage ceremony without a license to wed
2	3	PHK Legal Documents	July 1887-Nov. 1942	Deed of William McComb and wife and PHKM is not named in the will, more inquiry responses to William McCombs will, proof of marriage of PHK McComb and Virginia Bell Hackett, petition of Presbyterian Church at Webster Groves
2	4	PHK McComb Autobiography Notes	unknown	PHKM started writing notes about his life for his autobiography and here is what seems to be the notes as well as what seems to be the first draft
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2	6	PHK McComb Autobiography	1913-1917	A bound copy of PHKM's autobiography notes for his children started in 1913
2	7	Virginia M. McComb	1854- Nov. 1954	Income and tax information, record of standing at Hanover College, answered letters of inquiries about her genealogy-specifically the Kemper side, coat of arms for the Kemper family given to her due to her family connection as well as her personal interest in the Kemper family (she published a book on the Kemper family genealogy in 1946) that also contains genealogy research for the Kemper family

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2	8	Lois McComb Miller	1908- Aug. 1967	Book of vows most likely performed by PHKM for his daughter Lois and her husband Harry Miller, series of letters between Lois and Elizabeth Versailles about family history with Elizabeth inquiring about Lois' family history, certificate showing membership of the Hanover College Alumni Association, Hanover College alumni dinner in Los Angeles, donation to Hanover College
3	1	Genealogy: McComb-Frontier Times	Jan.-June 1945	6 consecutive copies of Frontier times that make mention of the McComb family-relevant to McComb family history
3	2	Genealogy: McComb-Certificates, Newspaper Articles, Book Exerts	March 1898-1945	Lawyer certificate; certificate of election; newspaper articles regarding Thomas J. McComb; certificate of induction into the Oklahoma Supreme Court (T.J. McComb); newspaper article on Dr. J.W. McComb; Senate Resolution No. 70; book exerts about the McComb family origins and relation to other families; Emmerich Manual Training High School yearbook from 1945 featuring E.H. Kemper McComb; notes of Ruth McComb Harkness; A sword of Washington belonging to Kearsley family; Diploma from University of Louisville 1874 for J.W. McComb for a doctorate
3	3	Genealogy: McComb-Correspondence and Notes	April 1907- July 1943	Correspondence and newspaper articles pertaining to T.J. McCombs appointment to Insurance Commissioner; historical notes over genealogy by Virginia McComb; correspondence containing genealogy information; more genealogy notes created by Virginia McComb; notes on the McComb clan including family trees and family origins
3	4	Genealogy: Kemper-McComb	1873-1913	Diary belonging to Ruth Easton who refers to 'Aunt Ann' who is Ann S. McComb; notes on the Kemper family created for PHK McComb; information on the Church that PHK preached; notes on genealogy if the McComb family by Mrs. Paul Caine for PHK McComb

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3	5	Genealogy: Kemper	1836- 1965	James Kemper correspondence to Ann S. McComb; copies of letters from James Kemper Sr.; notes and correspondence used in Kemper family genealogy; pamphlet on the old Kemper home; genealogy information regarding Houston Lowe and his ancestry (relating back to John Peter Kemper); Hathaway's of America book pamphlet; book excerpts from Kemper genealogy; postcard of the First Presbyterian Church; notes on Kemper-Hathaways-Jackwoods (?) -Kearsley's etc.
3	6	Miscellaneous	Unknown-1912	Personal Bible verses of comfort assurance salvation; The Power and Prestige of The Bible; The Tabernacle by William B. Hogg; History of the Memorial Presbyterian Church and the Experiment Farm of Napton, Missouri; document with a letter on one side and a poem on the other neither of which has a signature or date; letter that seems to contain some type of sermon; a letter dated Oct. 29 th , 1912 regarding Rev. Geo. C. Probst; Souvenir Album containing recipes belonging to Haddi M. Hackett
3	7	Miscellaneous	July 1944-March 1972	Assortment of jokes, songs, equipment list, war bulletins, and letters (all typed)
4		Photographs	1850-1935	See photo inventory
5		Photographs	1869-1945	See photo inventory
OV_Box5	FF1	Photographs	1770-1920	See photo inventory
OV_Box5	FF2	Photographs	1890-1917	See photo inventory
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OV_Box6	FF5	Photographs	1932-1952	See photo inventory
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OV_Box6	FF7	Photographs	1924-1954	See photo inventory
OV_Box6	FF8	Photographs	1917-1918	See photo inventory
OV_4_1_F3		Legal Documents and photographs	1835; 1924-1954	Two land registers, Old Fashioned Roses are Sweetest sheet music, two portraits (See photo inventory)

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OV_Box4	FF1	Graduation Certificates		Graduation certificates belonging to Virginia M. McComb from Butler University, Hanover College, and Hartford