

NEWMAN PAPERS
APP. MSS #3
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INTRODUCTION: This collection of papers (Acc. A04-14) was donated to the Special Collections by Mrs. Alta Davis of Gainesville, TX. She had formerly lived in Tennessee and felt the letters should be sent back to a collection in the state.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 Box / 29 items

HISTORICAL / BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH: Mrs. Davis provided a genealogy that is as follows:

Mary Ann Rankin b. 6-7-1843
Married March 2-14-1866
Gideon W. Newman b. 12-19-1839

Minnie Susan Newman b. 2-24-1867
Married 1-24-1885
Ralston Tupen (sp?) Hicks b. 4-6-1866

Mary Newman Hicks b. 3-21-1891
Married 1-1-1913
John Scott b. 3-8-1884

Alta L. Scott b. 10-5-1922
Married 9-19-1942
J. M. Davis b. 1-6-1923

Our children
Jenny Maurice Davis
Larry Wayne Davis
Mary Lu Jean Davis

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1834-1918, u.d.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTES: The majority of correspondence appears to be between the various members of the Newman family. In addition are two promise of payments and one description of a land tract. Five of the pieces are addressed envelopes and one is a Carson-Newman College postcard that was never written on from between 1907-1916 based on the buildings pictured.

Places mentioned include Carson Mills River, NC; Gentry County, MS; Jefferson City, TN; Maryville, TN; Mossy Creek, TN; Mouse Creek, TN; Mt. Harmony, TN, Oakland, TN; Okn?ulgee, OK; and Philadelphia, TN.

Some names mentioned: Elizabeth Broclon?, John Coppock, Elizabeth Hammil, Michael and Sarah Mattsberger, Aaron A. Newman, Alexander A. Newman, Gideon W. Newman, Jane Newman, Jane K. Newman, John Newman, John H. Newman, Mary A. Newman, Mary C. Newman

The February 18, 1848 letter from Aaron A. Newman to “Dear Brother” gives an in-depth look at the curriculum of Maryville L & W Theological Seminary.

The May 4, 1849 letter to John and Jane Newman from Michael and Sarah Mattsberger in Gentry County, MS gives a glimpse into the California gold rush and effects of small pox.

Several letters give the then current prices of food, supplies, etc. while many give glimpses into every day life and concerns of their writers such as health, farming issues, etc.

SERIES DESCRIPTION:

Correspondence
Financial Statements
Postcards
Surveys

CONTAINER LISTS:

BOX 1

FOLDER 1

1. Tract of land description for John Newman by Alexander Newman and John Coppock (sp?) (8/5/1834)

2 Letter to “Dear Brother” from Aaron A. Newman at Maryville S & W Theological Seminary (2/18/1840?)

3 Letter to “Dear Brother (John H. Newman) and Sister” (Jane Newman) from Michael and Sarah Mattsbe?g?s (5/4/1849)

4 Letter to “Brother J. A. N.” from “Alexan” from Mouse Creek, TN (9/12/1860)

5 Letter to “Dear Sister” from Elizabeth Hammil (12/31/1865)

FOLDER 2

1 Letter to “Dear Mother, Brothers and Sisters” from Mt. Harmony, E. Tenn. from “Alex A. N.” (12/7/1866) with envelope addressed to Mrs. Jane K. Newman or Mrs. Mary C. Newman”, Mossy Creek, TN (date ?)

2 Envelope addressed to "Miss Mary C. Newman" at Mossy Creek from Mouse Creek TN (12/12/1866)

3 Letter to "Mrs. Newman" (J. H. Newman) from sister Elizabeth Hammil (2/1867)

4 Promise to pay "Jain K. Newman fifty dollars for value received June 1st 1868" by "Saml K. Newman" / Back reads "Recd on the within note sixteen dollars June 16th 1873"

5 Letter to "Brother G. W. Newman" from A. A. Newman from Philadelphia, TN (1/25/1873)

6 Promise to J. K. Newman "Forty-nine & 37/100 Dollars for value received this June 27th, 1874" by A. A Newman / Back reads "Recd on the ? Twenty three 40/00 Dollars June 11/75"

7 Letter to "Dear Mother Sisters & Relatives all" from Alex A. Newman from Mouse Creek, TN (8/24/1879)

FOLDER 3

1 Letter to "Dear Sister" from E. H. in Oakland ? (3/14/1880)

2 Letter to "My dear niece" from "Aunt Elizabeth Hammil" (5/?/1880)

* **Unable to transcribe**

3 Letter to "Mary C. & Mary A. Newman" ("Dear Sisters") from Alex A. Newman from Mossy Creek, TN (10/24/1880)

4 Letter to "My dear niece" from "E. Hammil" from Oakland ? (1/19/1881)

5 Letter to "My Dear Niece" from E. Hammil in Oakland ? (5/15/1881)

6 Letter to "My dear niece" from "Aunt E. Hammil" from Oakland ? (11/4/1881)

7 Envelope addressed to Mr. Gideon W. Newman at Mossy Creek, TN from Athens, TN (11/10/18?1)

8 Letter to "Miss S. M?" from ? (7/13/1882) with blank envelope

9 Envelope addressed to "Miss Mary C. Newman" from Miss Elizebeth Broclon ? from Mouse Creek, TN (1/5/1883)

10 Note to "Mr. Pierce" from "G. W. Newman" from Mossy Creek, TN (9/9/1891)

FOLDER 4

1 Letter to “My poor afflicted sister” from “sister, Mary Ann” from Jefferson City (10/14/1901) with envelope addressed to “Mrs. Helen Carson Mills River NC” from “Aunt Mary Ann Newman” (10/15/1901)

2 Letter to “Dear Sister Helen” (Mrs. Helen ?) from “Aunt Mary Ann” in Jefferson City, TN (11/26/1901) with torn envelope (11/30/1901)

3 Letter to “Dear Walter” from “H??y” (sp from Okmulgee, OKla (7/5/1918)

4 Envelope addressed to “Mr. Gideon W. Newman” at Mossy Creek, TN from ? (3/19/??)

5 Envelope addressed to “Mr. Gideon W. Newman” at Mossy Creek, TN from Oakland(?) (date ?)

6 Envelope to M. C. or Mrs. M. A. Newman, Mossy Creek, TN (date ?)

7 “Carson and Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.” postcard (undated)