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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 9 DURHAM, John G., 1813-1896

1 box. 14 folders. 688 items. 1826-1912. Originals.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

John G. Durham was born in Halifax County, Virginia, in 1813. The Durham family came to Kentucky in 1818 and settled in Allen County in what was known as the Carolina District. Durham married Caroline Thacker, and they had one son, Alfred P. (b. 1839).

Durham became a member of the Baptist Church in 1838 and was ordained as a minister on June 30, 1849. He was among the early preachers in the Bays Fork Association composed of Allen, Barren, and Warren counties. Around 1848, Durham was ordained by Trammels Fork Church (six miles west of Scottsville), and he was a very zealous and active laborer for a number of years within the bounds of Bays Fork and Barren River Association.

Durham moved to Warren County in 1856 and resided three miles east of Bowling Green. He engaged in merchandising in Bowling Green, still preaching occasionally. His son was a merchant also and possibly a business partner of his father. Durham died in 1896 and was buried in Fairview Cemetery in Bowling Green.

Bibliographical Notes

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COLLECTION NOTE

The collection contains correspondence of Durham spanning the years from 1849 to 1880. Most of the correspondence concerns preaching appointments and related religious activities. There are a few letters to his wife, Caroline, which were written while Durham was away from home engaging in his work. Correspondents include A. Broaddus, S. H. Ford, G. W. Robertson, and O. H. Morrow. Ford and Robertson correspond with Durham relative to Durham's selling of religious books for their Louisville company. There are two church membership certificates telling of the faithfulness of the named individuals. Also included is a resolution calling for a church meeting at a later date due to tense conditions in 1862.

Durham's diary covers the years 1851 to 1854 and contains records of baptisms, marriages, and services held at various churches in Warren County and surrounding counties. In addition, there are receipt books which have some religious records and notes in them for the years 1850 to 1858.

Legal papers in the collection are comprised of agreements, summons, certificates, and administrative papers of Allen and Warren Counties. Tax receipts, presumably of Allen and Warren Counties, from 1837 to 1873 are included. Also, there are many miscellaneous receipts, primarily of Durham's, from 1834 to 1912.

The following licenses or receipts for such licenses are also in the collection:

1. to engage in occupation as cattle broker in Warren County, 1864.
2. to operate boarding house in Bowling Green, 1869.
3. to engage in occupation as produce broker in Bowling Green, 1869.
4. to engage in occupation of jack keeper in Allen County, 1871.

Among the printed items are campaign letters and advertisements concerning the 1908 Warren County election.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	John G. Durham	1826-1912	688 items
Folder 1a	Inventory		1 item
Folder 1	Incoming correspondence, chiefly	1849-1880	48 items
	1a – To wife, Caroline	1857-1858	2 items
	1b – From A. Broaddus	1857-1858	3 items
	1c – From O. H. Morrow	1857-1863	3 items
Folder 2	Correspondence – re: selling books	1857-1859	8 items
Folder 3	Church membership certificates and church meeting resolution	1839; 1845; 1862	3 items
Folder 4	Receipt book with personal notes about religious activities	1850-1858	3 items
Folder 5	Diaries	1851-1854	8 items
	6a – Originals	1851-1854	8 items
	6b – Typed copies	1851-1854	15 copies
Folder 6	Slave bill of sale	1864	1 item
	6a – Civil War passes	1862; 1863	2 items

Folder 7	Legal papers, Allen and Warren Counties	1826-1867	13 items
Folder 8	Tax receipts	1837-1873	25 items
Folder 9	Licenses and receipts for same	1864-1870	4 items
Folder 10	Printed campaign letters, ads, etc.	1859-1908	16 items
Folder 11	Miscellaneous receipts	1830-1849	103 items
Folder 12	Miscellaneous receipts	1850-1859	129 items
Folder 13	Miscellaneous receipts	1860-1912	133 items
	13a – Miscellaneous receipts	1860-1869	92 items
	13b – Miscellaneous receipts	1870-1912	41 items
Folder 14	Miscellaneous items (undated and partial)		27 items

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Correspondence, diaries, receipt books, tax receipts, license receipts, church membership certificates, and miscellaneous receipts of John G. Durham, a Baptist minister of Warren County, Kentucky. Also legal papers of Allen County and Warren County, Kentucky. Correspondents include A. Broaddus, S. H. Ford, G. W. Robertson, and O. H. Morrow.

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Adams Express Company, 1869 F10
Allen County – Baptists
Allen County – Legal papers, 1826-1865 F7&8
Baptists – Baptist clergy
Bethel College – Bulletin – Russellville, 1869-1870 F10
Booksellers and bookselling F2&10

Broaddus, A. F1b
 Civil War – Passes, 1862-1863 F6a
 Clergy – Baptist
 Diaries – Durham, John G., 1851-1854 F5
 Express companies, 1869 F10
 Ford, Samuel Howard, b. 1819
 Freemasons – Insurance policy, 1868 F10
 Itinerancy
 Licenses – Boarding house, 1869 F9
 Licenses – Cattle broker, 1864 F9
 Licenses – Horses, 1870 F9
 Licenses – Produce broker, 1869 F9
 Merchants – Bowling Green
 Morrow, Orson Holland, 1800-1890 F1c
 Religion – Letters of recommendation, 1839, 1845 F3
 Robertson, George W., 1790-1874 F2
 Russellville – Bethel College – Bulletin, 1869-1870 F10
 Slavery – Bill of Sale, 1864 F6
 Temperance, 1908 F10
 Warren County – Baptisms F5
 Warren County – Baptists, 1851-1854 F5
 Warren County – Legal papers, 1858-1873 F7&8
 Warren County – Licenses, 1864-1870 F9
 Warren County – Marriages F5
 Warren County – Politics, 1908 F10

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