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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 573 DOLL, Howard D. and Anne (Parker) Doll - Collectors

4 boxes. 73 folders. 1,476 items. 1795-1953. Originals, photocopies, photographs.

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COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists of the correspondence and papers of several early families of Edmonton in Metcalfe (formerly Barren) County, Kentucky. Dating primarily from the late 18th to late 19th centuries, the papers belonged to several generations who lived primarily in Edmonton but also in Glasgow and Bowling Green, Kentucky, Nashville, Tennessee and elsewhere. The family names most frequently represented are Beauchamp, Clark, Cook, Courts, Keel, Mitchell, Newman, Pool, Ray, Reid, Rogers, Shirley, Stockton and Yates. Family members farmed, went into business together as general merchants and hotel keepers, traded with each other, held civic offices, and frequently intermarried. Their more prominent ancestors included Edmund Pendleton Rogers (1762-1843), considered the founder of Edmonton, who married Mary E. "Polly" Shirley (1790-1836). Three of his daughters married Beauchamps, and Rogers also raised and educated his nephew, Joseph Rogers Underwood, a Bowling Green lawyer, judge and legislator. Both Edmund Rogers and Lucy (Clark) Pool (1769-1852) were cousins of William Clark of the Lewis and Clark Expedition; Lucy's son William Clark Pool (1806-1880) married Elizabeth "Betsy" (Mitchell) Pool (1810-1895) whose father, Colonel James Mitchell (1763-1830), served twice in Indian campaigns as a volunteer from Ohio County, Virginia before moving to Green County, Kentucky. John Wesley Beauchamp (1804-1879), who married Francis Underwood Rogers and then her sister Henrietta, was an early physician in the county and, in partnership with his brother Robinson Powell Beauchamp, built Edmonton's first grist mills.

A collection inventory is in Box 1, Folder 1, together with genealogical notes, but these notes are intended to show relationships among the individuals featured most prominently in this collection and should not be construed as a comprehensive genealogy.

Box 1 contains mostly correspondence and papers of family members descended from John Pool (1763-1827). John Pool's papers (Folder 2) include accounts, receipts, and property and estate records. Papers of his wife Lucy (Clark) Pool (Folder 3) consist of receipts and a letter to her son, William Clark Pool, adamantly denying knowledge of an accusation of theft against him. Correspondence between William Clark Pool (Folder 4) and his family and friends finds him in Mississippi, in Bowling Green (where he appears to have moved for a brief period) and Horse Cave, Kentucky. Matters discussed include business prospects, two slave transactions, and family news. Other papers of William C. Pool relate to his business interests

and consist mostly of accounts, notes, receipts and contracts, including an 1876 lease of a hotel in Hart County to Pool and his son James, and related correspondence (Folder 5); slave bills of sale (Folder 6); and numerous promissory notes delivered to him for collection in his capacity as constable of Barren County (Folder 7). Papers of William C. Pool's wife Elizabeth "Betsy" (Mitchell) Pool consist mostly of family correspondence (Folder 8) and household accounts (Folder 9), including Elizabeth's letter to husband William on the death of his brother John: a Civil War letter expresses Elizabeth's desire to protect her home from abolitionists. Papers of William C. Pool's brother John "Jack" Pool (Folder 10) include accounts, notes, receipts, a contract for the hire of slaves from his sister Elizabeth (Pool) Cook, and a letter to brother William from Russellville, Kentucky, in which he mentions seeing the Shakers and reports on a fire that heavily damaged the town; his recently married sister Mary Lee (Pool) Shirley adds a postscript to her mother. Papers of the mercantile business of William C. Pool and his partner and brother-in-law William B. Cook (Folder 11) consist of receipts, bills of lading and accounts, including those settled after the firm dissolved on Cook's death about 1839. William B. Cook's papers (Folder 12) consist of business and legal records, including an agreement to purchase a family of slaves jointly with William C. Pool, and papers relating to Cook's estate and to litigation arising from his actions as executor of the estate of Lucy Pool's brother Everard Clark. Papers of the family of John M. Shirley (Folder 13), the husband of William C. Pool's sister Mary Lee, consist mostly of John and Mary's letters from Russellville, Kentucky to William C. and Elizabeth Pool with family news; also included are receipts and accounts relating to business and family matters; a funeral notice for John M. Shirley; and an 1876 letter from the Shirleys' son Albert, a hotel keeper in Richmond, Kentucky, advising William C. Pool's son James on the operation of his hotel business in Hart County. Papers of Mary Jane "Mollie" (Pool) Keel, the daughter of William C. Pool and Elizabeth Pool (Folder 14) consist mostly of letters to her mother and children, especially daughter Mary Elizabeth "Lizzie" (Keel) Beauchamp, with family news, and a household expense record (Folder 15) into which her granddaughter Elizabeth "Lizzie" Beauchamp has inscribed some notes about her reading. Papers of James F. Keel, the husband of Mary Jane (Pool) Keel and business partner of her father William C. Pool (Folder 16) consist of his letters to his father-in-law, daughter Lizzie, wife and other members of her family. He reports on his mercantile activity, particularly in Bowling Green, Kentucky, and his success in operating a hotel there. His 1860 letter from Frankfort discusses the negotiations for the creation of Metcalfe County. His letters from Nashville, Tennessee during the Civil War refer to military activity in Edmonton, Kentucky and in Nashville, where Union and Confederate forces harass each other from opposite sides of the river. After the war, he refers to his wife's operation of a boarding house in Nashville, and in 1880 expresses hopes of gaining a contract to renumber the houses in that city and for other employment. James F. Keel's business and other papers (Folder 17) consist mostly of notes, receipts, accounts, and orders for goods. Papers of James F. Keel and William C. Pool, doing business as Pool & Keel (Folders 18-19) consist of notes, receipts, accounts, orders for goods, and documents relating to debt collections.

Box 2 contains mostly correspondence and papers of the family (siblings, children, grandchildren) of Mary Jane "Mollie" (Pool) Keel, the wife of James F. Keel. Correspondence of Mollie's brother James William "Gee" Pool (Folder 1) consists mostly of letters to him from relatives and contemporaries. Topics include economic opportunities in Kansas, Illinois, Mississippi and Nebraska, romantic gossip and, in the case of one cousin, scatological humor directed toward their mutual friends; Pool also receives letters from two friends during the Civil

War, one who writes after the Battle of Stones River that he does not "intend to fight for Negro equality" and another imprisoned in Louisville, who praises the "colored troops" on guard. Popular with young ladies, Pool receives letters and notes (Folder 2) from several of them giving news of their crowd and expressing occasional jealousy (in the words of one "Kate") of his other "sugar plums." Other papers (Folder 3) include items relating to Pool's hotel in Hart County and to his civic offices held in Edmonton, as well as a whimsical contract with his cousin John I. Pool to refrain from drunkenness more than three times per year. Papers of James's sister Bettie L. Pool (Folder 4) include a Civil War letter in which she expresses sorrow at the death of Confederate Colonel Benjamin Franklin Terry. An 1868 letter from friend Mary (Wood) Garnett mourns the death of a family member. Other letters come from young men, including a disappointed suitor, and Bettie's letters to her family provide news of other family members and friends; also included (Folder 5) is her autograph album. Miscellaneous papers of the Pool family (Folder 6) include a note referring to the money placed over the eyes of Susannah Pool, sister of Mary Jane (Pool) Keel, at her death. Papers of the children of Mary Jane (Pool) Keel and their spouses (Folders 7-13) include letters of Estella "Stella" Keel (Folder 7) who writes in her youth of the family's life while her mother runs a boarding house in Nashville, Tennessee; later, the Nashville schoolteacher writes to her sister Lizzie (Keel) Beauchamp expressing sympathy on the death of her daughter Edmonia "Monie," and of her travel in the West. The papers of Stella's sister Kate (Keel) Williamson (Folders 8-9) consist of letters to family, including a condolence letter on Monie's death, and an autograph book from her school days. Papers of Kate's husband Bernice Williamson and son Bernice Keel Williamson (Folder 10) include letters the younger Bernice exchanged with his cousin Monie just before her death, and a World War I letter written during his training at Camp Zachary Taylor in Louisville. Correspondence of Kate's brother William "Sandy" Keel (Folder 11) includes letters from Nashville to his grandmother Elizabeth Pool on his agricultural pursuits. Correspondence of Sandy's sister Mary Elizabeth "Lizzie" (Keel) Beauchamp (Folder 12) includes early courtship letters, her report on dower lands awarded to grandmother Elizabeth Pool, and a 1911 letter to her son James regarding intrigues in Glasgow, Kentucky on behalf of the "town clique." In a 1914 letter to Lizzie, her daughter Dora Mae refers to her forthcoming court testimony regarding the fatal shooting of her husband Linzie Dowell, apparently by a sheriff in Edmonton. Papers of Lizzie's husband Henry Underwood Beauchamp (Folder 13) include school records, receipts, an assignment to him of a patent for an agricultural implement, and affectionate letters to his wife, who is probably in Nashville visiting family. Papers of the children of Lizzie (Keel) Beauchamp and Henry Underwood Beauchamp (Folders 14-16) include James Wesley Beauchamp's teaching certificate, letters to his mother from Indianapolis, where he works as a salesman, and literature for a medicinal remedy for "weak, debilitated men" (Folder 14). Papers of Henry Underwood Beauchamp, Jr. (Folder 15) include a 1911 letter to his brother James deploring the killing of an alleged bootlegger by an Edmonton marshal, and letters to his mother while employed in Edmonton and in Detroit, Michigan. Papers of Henry's sister Elizabeth "Lizzie" Beauchamp (Folder 16) include a few childhood letters and a piano recital program.

Box 3 contains correspondence and papers of the family (father and siblings) of Henry Underwood Beauchamp, husband of Mary Elizabeth "Lizzie" (Keel) Beauchamp. Papers of Henry's father Dr. John W. Beauchamp consist of family and miscellaneous correspondence (Folder 1); accounts for medical services, prescriptions and recipes (Folder 2); land and slave transactions, and licenses (Folder 3); notes, receipts and personal accounts (Folder 4); deeds relating to the division of land inherited by his children or given as payment for medical services

(Folder 5); papers relating to his administration of one estate and guardianship of the heirs of another (Folders 6, 7); and papers relating to a lawsuit against him for the recovery of land (Folder 8). Papers of John W. Beauchamp's son Dr. John Alfred Beauchamp (Folder 9) consist of his letters to family, written mostly to his father from Nashville; practicing at a hospital for the insane, the Confederate veteran initially expresses reluctance to remain in the state after the passage of Reconstruction legislation. Papers of John A. Beauchamp's half-sister Mary Ellen Beauchamp (Folder 10) consist of letters, some of which appear to be drafts or copies, and compositions. Included are her letters to relatives and former schoolmates, Civil War letters to Lieutenant Micah Chrisman Saufley, a prisoner of war who served with Confederate raider John Hunt Morgan and with whom she shares a circle of friends, and letters to a brother (possibly John) in which she expresses her pro-Southern sentiments. Papers relating to Mary Ellen's sister Edmonia Beauchamp (Folder 11) consist of land survey notes and a tax receipt. Miscellaneous papers relating to the Beauchamp family consist of planning documents for a Presbyterian Church at Edmonton, Kentucky (Folder 12), receipts, notes, accounts, and a program from the Edmonton Academy (Folder 13).

Also in Box 3 are papers of other families associated with the Beauchamp, Pool and Shirley families. Papers of various Clark family members (Folder 14) include land survey notes, accounts, a few letters, and business papers, especially of Lucy (Clark) Pool's brother Everard Clark. Courts family papers (Folder 15) include two letters of Amanda F. (Yates) Courts to her Pool relatives. Rogers family papers include a few land records, slave sale receipt, and a letter of Edmund P. Rogers (Folder 16), as well as transfers of his land inherited by his daughters, Edmonia Rogers and Mildred Lavinia (Rogers) Ray (Folder 17). Papers of Elizabeth (Mitchell) Pool's father James Mitchell (Folder 18), most of which are in poor condition, include accounts and correspondence relating mainly to business matters such as cattle trading. Other papers of the Mitchell family (Folder 19) include letters to Elizabeth (Yates) Mitchell, the mother of Elizabeth (Mitchell) Pool; a grandson writes to her from Iowa with local and family news, and she also receives a letter discussing proof of her husband's military service, probably for a pension claim. Papers of the Murrell family (Folder 20) include a letter of Elizabeth T. Murrell, widowed after a short marriage to George Murrell, but mostly consist of accounts of wholesale merchants Murrell & Trigg as rendered to the firm of Pool & Keel. Cook family papers (Folder 21) include letters of William C. Pool's sister Elizabeth (Pool) Cook and two of her sons; John describes his relocation to Madisonville, Kentucky to practice law and Charles discusses the aftermath of the 1856 presidential election, the American (Know Nothing) Party, and the growing crisis over slavery. Papers of the Jeffries family (Folder 22), whose relationship to the other families in this collection is not clear, consist of deeds, a will and an insurance policy. Papers of the Smith family (Folder 23) include letters of Mary (Mitchell) Smith to her sister Elizabeth Pool; Mary's daughter also writes of her father Harley Smith's death from cholera. Stockton family papers (Folder 24) include letters to members of the Pool family, one of which advises of the death of Lucy (Clark) Pool. Papers of the Yates family (Folder 25) include letters that show both personal and commercial relationships over several generations with members of the Mitchell, Pool and Keel families.

Box 4 contains mostly miscellaneous items such as stray correspondence and writings, printed matter and business papers for which identification is uncertain. Letters (Folder 1) include a young lawyer's 1827 declaration of love to a young lady, and poems, lyrics and essays (Folder 2) cover sentimental and political topics, the Civil War, and the 1856 presidential candidates. Miscellaneous papers (Folder 3) have uncertain connections to the families in this

collection but include deeds, insurance policies, invitations, and stray notes. Miscellaneous notes and receipts (Folder 4) are also of uncertain origin but relate mostly to routine midnineteenth-century trade. Materials relating to the 1892 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago (Folder 5) consist of invitations to dedicatory ceremonies, stationery and a handbill. Other miscellaneous items include musical programs, ephemera, playing cards and other printed matter (Folder 6); advertising cards and circulars for clothing and housewares (Folder 7); three unidentified photos (Folder 8); recipes (Folder 9); tobacco inspection certificates (Folder 10); a penmanship practice booklet (Folder 11); and small personal articles (Folder 12). Of interest in the oversized items in this collection (Folder 13) is an 1801 "Citizen's Plan" of the residents of Green County, Kentucky expressing dissatisfaction with the ineffectiveness of the penal laws of the Commonwealth and proposing a "Society" of local persons to aid in the suppression and punishment of crime.

SHELF LIST

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Folder 6	William Clark Pool – Slave transactions	1828-1852	5 items
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Folder 8	Elizabeth (Mitchell) Pool – Correspondence, papers	1826-1891	10 items
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Folder 11	Cook & Pool – Business papers	1837-1852	18 items
Folder 12	William B. Cook - Papers	1823-1853	8 items
Folder 13	Shirley family – Letters and papers	1820-1916	30 items

Folder 14	Mary Jane (Pool) Keel – Correspondence, papers	1851-1903	20 items
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Folder 19	Pool & Keel – Business papers	1856-1857	89 items
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Folder 2	James William Pool – Invitations, calling cards, letters from young ladies	1858-1882	34 items
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Folder 4	Bettie L. Pool – Correspondence, papers	1861-1876	42 items
Folder 5	Bettie L. Pool – Autograph book	1873-1876	1 item
Folder 6	Pool family – Miscellaneous papers	1817-1833	4 items
Folder 7	Estella J. Keel – Correspondence, papers	1872-1930	14 items
Folder 8	Kate Lee Keel – Letters	1892-1897	3 items
Folder 9	Kate Lee Keel – Autograph book	1873-1879	1 item
Folder 10	Bernice Williamson and Bernice K. Williamson – Correspondence	1894-1917	6 items
Folder 11	William Sanford Keel – Correspondence	1883-1895	4 items
Folder 12	Mary Elizabeth "Lizzie" (Keel) Beauchamp – Correspondence, papers	1868-1935	15 items
Folder 13	Henry Underwood Beauchamp – Correspondence, papers	1861-1904	27 items

Folder 14	James W. Beauchamp – Correspondence, papers	1904-1917	18 items
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