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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 26 PROCTER-Pendleton Papers

2 1/2 boxes. 18 folders. 353 items. 1844-1941. Originals.

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BIOGRAPHY

Benjamin Franklin Procter (Nov. 26, 1849-Nov. 30, 1944) was born in Procter Mill, a community in Logan County, Kentucky. His educational background included attendance at Cottage Home, a noted common school near Russellville, Kentucky. Later he attended Bethel College in Russellville following which he studied law and gained admittance to the bar in 1873. In the same year, he moved to Bowling Green, Kentucky, where he read law in the office of Judge Thomas Henry Hines. In 1875 Procter was elected City Attorney, retaining that office for two terms; from 1884 to 1887, he served as Warren Circuit Court Commissioner; and also, he served for a period as County Attorney of Warren County. Although Procter's law practice was large and varied, he handled many railroad cases.

Procter married Lila Pendleton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pendleton of Upland, Pennsylvania, on November 9, 1876. Miss Pendleton was born in Russellville, Kentucky, on August 25, 1850. She did not attend college because of the Civil War upheaval but was taught at home by her mother. The Procters built one of the finest homes in Bowling Green at 1408 Chestnut Street, and they were considered on of the city's outstanding families. Mrs. Procter died November 27, 1932. She and her husband had no children.

James Madison Pendleton was born in Spottsylvania County, Virginia, on November 20, 1811. His parents migrated to Christian County, Kentucky, when he was one year old. He attended school, periodically, beginning at age nine or ten. As ^{5/24/01} a young man, Pendleton aided his father on the farm. In 1830, he received his license to preach for the Baptist Church and began preaching in September 1831. A month later, he started studying under Robert Anderson, a Baptist minister in Russellville, Kentucky. Pendleton moved to Hopkinsville, Kentucky, in 1833 to study at the Academy, while continuing to fulfill his preaching appointments. In 1837 he moved to Bowling Green, Kentucky, to serve as minister and remained there until 1857, with the exception of a few months which he spent in Russellville in 1850.

Pendleton married Catherine Stockton Garnett of Glasgow, Kentucky, in 1838. They were the parents of five children: Letitia, John M., Fannie, Lila and Garnett.

From 1857 to 1862, Pendleton resided near Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and in addition to his preaching activities, he taught at Union University in Murfreesboro. Pendleton then ministered to the church in Upland, Pennsylvania from 1866 to 1883. Following his retirement, he returned south to live with his children and their families and devoted much time to writing. Among his literary achievements were: *Church Manual*, 1868; *Christian Doctrines*, 1878; *Notes of Sermons*; and *Reminiscences of a Long Life*, 1891. Pendleton died in 1891 and was buried in Fairview Cemetery in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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THE COLLECTION

The correspondence of B. F. Procter mainly deals with the building of a colonial house and his efforts to retain this property, as well as his other real estate holdings, in the late 1930s. Correspondence in 1933 with officials of Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky, relates to the possibility of Procter, a staunch Baptist, giving the college some property contingent upon their raising the money to cover the debt on it. The legal papers mostly pertain to this same property. Other documents include legal papers which Procter drew up for a member of the Shaker society at South Union, Kentucky; a typescript copy of H. R. Bill #6276 passed in 1917, which paid Procter for materials impressed of his father during the Civil War; and a paper which was written about Bowling Green's sewer system. Correspondents include Leonard Doolan, John A. Logan, Garland D. Sledge, C. Ernest Procter, and Leslie Waggener.

The collection of Lila Pendleton Procter includes a few personal letters, travel diaries, talks made to the Ladies Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church in Bowling Green, and Stockton family genealogy.

The Pendleton papers include a few letters written to J. M. Pendleton during the years 1886 to 1889, but most of the collection pertains to the religious activities of Pendleton during his career as a Baptist preacher. Many sermons, chiefly ones delivered at Upland, Pennsylvania, are in the collection. Other items are a travel journal which describes the trip Pendleton made to Philadelphia to attend the Baptist Triennial Convention in 1844; some lecture notes and a class book from his teaching days at Union University in 1857; papers of Garnett concerning the estate settlement of J. M. Pendleton; and a copy of the remarks delivered at Garnett Pendleton's funeral service.

SHELF LIST

SERIES I	PROCTER-Pendleton Papers	1860-1941	106 items
BOX 1	PROCTER-Pendleton Papers		
Folder 1	Letters	1927-1941	46 items
	1a - Outgoing letters of B. F. Procter	1927-1941	31 items
	1b - Procter, Carson, and Dinwiddie records	n.d.	1 item
	1c - Letter regarding real estate	1929	1 item
	1d - Partial, unsigned, or undated letters	n.d.	13 items
Folder 2	Incoming letters to B. F. Procter	1894-1941	37 items
	2a - Incoming letters	1894-1928	10 items
	2b - Incoming letters	1930-1941	21 items
	2c - Partial, unsigned, or undated letters or papers	n.d.	7 items
Folder 3	Correspondence and papers	1899-1932	17 items
	3a - Correspondence of Lila Pendleton Procter	1899-1932	6 items
	3b - Talks of Mrs. Procter to Ladies' Missionary Society, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green	n.d.	7 items
	3c - Stockton genealogy	1860	1 item
	3d - Diaries containing travel incidents and memo book listing letters received in 1932	1895-1904; 1932	3 items
Folder 4	Procter legal papers, deeds, etc.	1889-1935	19 items
Folder 5	Letter regarding gift of B. F. Procter to Georgetown College	1933	6 items
Folder 6	H. R. Bill #6276, Relief bill for B. F. Procter	1917	1 item
Folder 7	Shaker will and papers (Hilton)	1896-1900	6 items
Folder 8	Paper written about the history of Bowling Green's sewage system	1890-1931	1 item
Folder 9	Poems and tree puzzle	n.d.	5 items

Folder 10	Clippings, printed items, etc.	n.d.	16 items
Folder 11	Photographs (11) and negatives (1)	n.d.	12 items
SERIES II	PROCTER-Pendleton Papers	1844-1921	187 items
BOX 1	PROCTER-Pendleton Papers		
Folder 1	Pendleton, James Madison - Papers	1852-1912	10 items
	1a - Correspondence	1866-1889	7 items
	1b - History of Upland Baptist Church	1852-1912	1 item
	1c - Deed – Rutherford County, Tennessee	1859	1 item
	1d - Character sketch of J. M. Pendleton	n.d.	1 item
Folder 2	Journal regarding trip to Triennial Convention in Philadelphia, April 11, 1844 - May 10, 1844	1844, 1857	2 items
	Class book and lecture notes, Union University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee	1857	
Folder 3	Notebook - Texts and themes of sermons preached in Upland, Pa. 1865-1883 and themes of sermons published in <i>Baptist Visitor</i>	1856-1883	1 item
Folder 4	Sermons	1847-1876	67 items
Folder 5	Sermons	1878-1883	94 items
Folder 6	Pendleton, Garnett - Papers	1899-1921	12 items
	6a - Papers regarding estate settlement of J. M. Pendleton	1899-1921	8 items
	6b - Remarks made at Garnett's funeral service	1921	2 items
	6c - Commission of Henry Pendleton 1905, and Pendleton genealogy	1905	2 items
BOX 2	Scrapbook of J. M. Pendleton - Clippings chiefly of his sermons	1860-1890	1 item

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BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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Correspondence and legal papers, 1894-1941, of Benjamin Franklin Procter, 1848-1944, a Bowling Green lawyer; and correspondence, 1899-1932, speeches, diaries, and Stockton genealogy of Lila Pendleton Procter, 1850-1932. Correspondence, sermons, 1866-1889, journal, and notebook of James Madison Pendleton, 1811-1891, a minister of the First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, from 1837-1857.

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Baptists – Clergy

Baptists – Sermons, 1847-1883

Bowling Green – Economic conditions, 1930s

Bowling Green – Sewerage, 1890-1931

Civil War, 1861-1865 – Confiscations

Diaries, 1895, 1904 – Procter, Lila (Pendleton), 1850-1932

Genealogy – Pendleton family

Genealogy – Procter family

Genealogy – Stockton family

Georgetown College, 1933

Journals, 1844 – Pendleton, James Madison, 1811-1891

Lawyers

Logan, Marvel Mills, 1875-1939 I,1,2b

Owen, Ruth (Bryan), 1885-1954 I,1,2a

Pendleton, Garnett, 1855-1921

Pendleton, James Madison, 1811-1891

Procter, Benjamin Franklin, 1849-1944

Procter, Lila (Pendleton), 1850-1932

Religion – Relating to, 1847-1883

Scrapbooks, 1860-1890 – Pendleton, James Madison, 1811-1891

Shakers – South Union, Ky. – Legal papers, 1896-1900

Union University – Murfreesboro, Tennessee, 1857

U.S. Congress – House, 1917

Warren County – Deeds, 1899-1935

Warren County – Land – Transactions (Sales, Purchases, Transfers), 1930

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