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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Robert Rodes, Sr. was born near Lancaster, Kentucky on 28 September 1824. His father was Clifton Rodes (1798-1878) and his mother was Amanda (Owsley) Rodes (1805-1885), the daughter of Kentucky governor William Owsley. Robert Rodes, Sr. grew up in Richmond and Danville, Kentucky. Upon graduation from Centre College at Danville in 1843, he studied law in Frankfort. On 8 February 1849, he married Mary Frances Grider (1828-1916) and the same year moved to Bowling Green, Kentucky, where he practiced law until retiring in 1897. During his legal career, he formed partnerships with his father-in-law Colonel Henry Grider, Jr., Hector Voltaire Loving and Colonel Benjamin Grider, and later with his son, William O. Rodes, and son-in-law, Warner E. Settle. Elected to one term in the Kentucky House of Representatives in 1853, Robert Rodes, Sr. also served as a delegate to the Kentucky Constitutional Convention of 1890-1891. As chairman of the Committee on Preamble and Bill of Rights, he played a principal role in the drafting and debate of those sections. Rodes was a trustee of Ogden College and a longtime member and elder of the Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green (later the First Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green).

Robert Rodes, Sr. died on 24 September 1913 and was buried in Fairview Cemetery in Bowling Green. He and his wife were survived by six children: Henry Clifton Rodes (1849-1930), William Owsley Rodes (1852-1937), Rachel ("Shelley" or "Chellie") Rodes (1855-1934), who married Warner E. Settle, Sally Rodes (1865-1947), Robert Rodes, Jr. (1868-1963), and John Barret Rodes (1870-1970).

John Barret Rodes, the sixth child of Robert Rodes, Sr. and Mary Frances (Grider) Rodes, was born on 22 September 1870 in Bowling Green, Kentucky. He graduated from Ogden College in 1889 and law school at the University of Virginia in 1891. The following year, he began the practice of law in Bowling Green and subsequently formed partnerships with James C. Sims (1906-1921), John E. DuBose (ca. 1906-1910), Maxey B. Harlin, Sr. and Maxey B. Harlin, Jr. (1922-1932, 1945-1948) and R. Douglass Willock (1932-1948). In 1948, at the age of 77, Rodes was appointed a Circuit Judge of the Eighth Judicial District (comprising Warren and Allen counties) and was subsequently elected to two terms. After his retirement on 6 January 1964, he served as a Special Commissioner of the Kentucky Court of Appeals.
John B. Rodes also served as mayor of Bowling Green from 1930-1934. His accomplishments included the construction of a modern sewage system and the installation of water meters, the purchase of Covington Woods Park, the passage of a pure milk ordinance, and the restoration of Pioneer Cemetery. The cemetery project reflected Rodes's wider interest in Bowling Green and Warren County history and biography, about which he wrote numerous papers and speeches.

John B. Rodes’s many other professional and civic accomplishments included: trustee of Ogden College (1892-1955); president of the Kentucky State Bar Association (1940-1941); member of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky State College, now WKU (1944-1948); director of the Bowling Green Boys’ Club (1949-1955), from which he received the Silver Keystone Award for Outstanding Service in 1955; member of the Kentucky Constitutional Review Commission (1950-1952); and the Kentucky State Bar Association’s Outstanding Circuit Judge of the Year (1955). Rodes joined the First Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green in 1888 and became active in its affairs. He was also a longtime (1893-1966) member of the Calendar Club, a local men’s literary club. In 1961, Rodes’s daughter and son-in-law honored him by endowing the Rodes-Helm Lecture Series at WKU, and in 1966 a residence hall at WKU was named Rodes-Harlin Hall after Rodes and his law partner and fellow regent, Maxey B. Harlin, Sr.

On 23 June 1898, John B. Rodes married Elizabeth Davis Hines (1876-1955), the daughter of James Davis Hines, Jr. (1838-1911) and Hallie B. (Thomas) Hines (1843-1910). They were the parents of five children: James Davis Rodes (1899-1914); Mary Grider Rodes (1901-2001), who married Harold Holmes Helm; Harriet Thomas Rodes (1903-2000), who married John Willard Stout; Sarah Clifton Rodes (1905-1995), who married Lucien Graham, Jr.; and Elizabeth Hines Rodes (1908-1984), who married Owen Carroll, Jr.

John B. Rodes died on 25 March 1970 and is buried in Bowling Green’s Fairview Cemetery.

**COLLECTION NOTE**

This collection contains correspondence, photographs, and personal and business papers belonging to more than four generations of the Rodes family of Danville and Bowling Green, Kentucky, as well as the Grider, Hines, Helm, Loving and associated families. Genealogy notes on the Rodes, Grider and Hines families are included in Box 1, Folder 1, but this data is intended to show relationships among the individuals most prominently featured in this collection and should not be construed as complete.

Box 1 contains information about the Rodes family, its Virginia roots (Folders 2, 5, 6, 11) and genealogy (Folders 3, 4), but most of the material in this box concerns Clifton Rodes, the father of Robert Rodes, Sr. In letters written to Robert from Danville, Kentucky (Folder 7), Clifton Rodes discusses his extensive business and financial interests. He writes of his banking and investment activities, including loans, speculation in hogs, and land purchases in Iowa and Illinois. He also writes of legal matters, economic conditions, the money supply, the railroad, local and national politics, and the effect of the Civil War on Boyle County. Personal matters discussed include news of various Rodes family members and of his other children, in particular Boyle Rodes, who entered military service at the outbreak of the Civil War. Various members of the Helm, Boyle, Owsley, Talbott and Barret families are also mentioned. Typescripts of these
letters are contained in Folder 8. Also included in Box 1 are deeds, tax receipts and other financial records relating to Clifton Rodes’s business and property interests in Kentucky and Illinois (Folder 9), as well as inventories and correspondence relating to his estate (Folder 10).

Box 2 contains correspondence of Clifton Rodes’s son, Bowling Green lawyer Robert Rodes, Sr. It is mostly of a business and professional rather than personal nature, but includes some candid discussions of state and national politics before and during the Civil War. Some of the letters have been typescripted. Of interest are letters from Missouri lawyer James S. Rollins (whose maternal grandparents were Clifton’s parents, Robert and Eliza Rodes) discussing his 1848 run for governor (Folder 1) and correspondence relating to the affairs of prominent Bowling Green citizen James Rumsey Skiles after he moved his family to Texas in 1854 (Folder 3). Two letters of Robert Rodes, Sr., written in September, 1861 to his colleague and then-state legislator Joseph Rogers Underwood detail his fears of an imminent Confederate invasion of Kentucky, and an 1864 letter defends the North’s conduct of the war (Folder 4). Box 2 also includes correspondence from Rodes’s brother, Danville lawyer Charles H. Rodes, and Rodes’s brother-in-law, St. Louis banker Thomas E. Tutt, relating to the settlement of Clifton Rodes’s large estate (Folders 6-8). Other correspondence relates to Robert Rodes, Sr’s. pursuit of a district court judgeship in 1877 (Folder 6). Cassius M. Clay, Jr. writes to Rodes on the 1890-1891 Kentucky Constitutional Convention, former Governor J. Proctor Knott on the danger posed by “gold bugs” in the free silver controversy, and Virginia lawyer and cousin Micajah Woods on the assassination of Governor William J. Goebel (Folder 10). In two of his few personal letters, Rodes sends family news to his niece Elizabeth (Anderson) Yerkes in 1899 and daughter Sally in 1904 with comments on his son John’s prospects (Folder 10).

Box 3 contains personal and professional receipts of Robert Rodes, Sr. Business licences and tax receipts issued to Rodes and his family (Folders 1, 2) are included, as are tuition and fee receipts for his children’s education (Folder 3). Numerous receipts from individuals and merchants, primarily in Bowling Green, document the personal expenses of Rodes and his family for groceries, clothing, fuel, sundries, medical and dental services, household repairs and office rent (Folders 4-11). Of interest is a February 1865 receipt for Rodes’s payment of a substitute to serve in the event of a military draft (Folder 7). Other receipts relate to his legal practice and to agency and collection matters, including bounty and back pay claims by families of soldiers who served in the Civil War (Folders 6, 7).

Box 4 contains additional personal and professional receipts of Robert Rodes, Sr. (Folders 1-7) as well as records relating to legal work (Folders, 8, 9); to his work as agent for a life insurance underwriter, including an 1850 premium sheet for those “going to California” (Folder 10); miscellaneous financial notations, account books, pass books and partnership accounts (Folder 11); and a small scrapbook concerning the free silver question (Folder 12).

Box 5 contains correspondence, biographical information, and miscellaneous personal papers of Robert Rodes, Sr., his wife Mary (Grider) Rodes, and three of their children, Henry Clifton Rodes, Sally Rodes and Robert Rodes, Jr. Of interest are materials relating to Robert Rodes, Sr’s. participation in the 1890-1891 Kentucky Constitutional Convention, including his speech introducing the report of the Committee on Preamble and Bill of Rights, and a correspondent’s 1917 letter to Henry Clifton Rodes discussing the reference to God in the preamble (Folder 4). Mary (Grider) Rodes’s correspondence includes affectionate letters from her husband, written both before and after their marriage and generally covering light social, political or family topics, and Mary’s letters to female relatives, which provide news of her family, health and activities (Folder 9). Biographical material on Henry Clifton “Cliff” Rodes, a Louisville
banker, includes details of an endowment in his honor to his alma mater, Centre College (Folder 10). His correspondence is mostly personal; included are letters from his mother and father celebrating his success but urging him to give due credit to “Providence” and to maintain his religious faith. He and his father also correspond on the family’s genealogy and Revolutionary War heritage (Folder 11). Sally Rodes’s correspondence includes a 1920s letter written during travel aboard an ocean liner, several 1940s letters to her niece Sarah (Rodes) Graham, and letters from two friends in England discussing post-World War II conditions (Folder 14). Information on Robert Rodes, Jr., a Bowling Green banker, includes newspaper clippings and sympathy notes sent to his brother, John B. Rodes, after his death (Folder 15).

Box 6 contains biographical data, correspondence, speeches and miscellaneous papers of John B. Rodes. Included are autobiographical notes, clippings, obituaries, and Rodes’s marriage certificate (Folders 1-4). Rodes’s correspondence includes courtship letters to his future wife, Elizabeth Davis Hines (Folder 5); letters to his children, especially his daughter Sarah, giving family news and fatherly advice (Folders 5, 6); correspondence relating to his gifts of books and manuscripts to the WKU library and to his appointment as a circuit court judge (Folder 6); many complimentary messages from friends and colleagues, including praise for his Sunday School lessons broadcast over the radio, and high personal regards expressed by Nathaniel Porter Sims, who practiced under Rodes as a young man and later served as Chief Justice of the Kentucky Court of Appeals (Folders 6, 7, 8); Alfred Leland Crabb’s letters discussing two of his novels (Folder 7); many favorable responses to a profile of Rodes published in the Louisville Courier-Journal on 16 February 1958 (Folder 8); tributes from friends and colleagues, especially on his retirement and birthday (Folder 9); Rodes’s letter commenting on his long involvement with the Mammoth Cave National Park Association (Folder 9); and undated correspondence, including letters to his wife Elizabeth and daughter Sarah, praise for his Sunday School lessons, and birthday cards (Folder 10). Also included in Box 6 are several of Rodes’s speeches on various civic, legal, and historical topics (Folder 11) and the text of his instructions to a grand jury (Folder 12).

Box 7 contains miscellaneous personal papers, awards, certificates, and writings of John B. Rodes. Included are scrapbook pages with clippings and poetry (Folders 1, 2); certificates of membership and appreciation from various civic and professional organizations (Folders 3, 4); Rodes’s Ogden College diploma (Folder 4); materials relating to his involvement in the Boys’ Club of Bowling Green (Folder 5) and the establishment of the Rodes-Helm Lecture Series (Folder 6); Rodes’s last report as mayor to the Common Council of Bowling Green, summarizing its accomplishments over his four-year term (Folder 7); writings, notes and memoranda on various historical, religious and political topics such as the long hunters, fascism, and the profession of law, some prepared for presentation at Calendar Club meetings (Folder 7); songs, poems, and a book of prayers Rodes prepared for his children (Folder 8); and various writings on law, local history and biography (Folders 9-17), including a history of Bowling Green’s Pioneer Cemetery (Folder 9) and a narrative of Rodes’s “pilgrimage” to the graves of his ancestors, in which he provides much family data (Folder 12).

Box 8 contains Sunday School lessons prepared by John B. Rodes, which he delivered in radio broadcasts from about 1947 to 1958 (Folders 1-3). Also included is an early inventory of Rodes’s manuscript gifts to WKU (Folder 4), and materials relating to remembrances of Rodes on his death (Folders 5, 6).

Box 9 contains material relating to John B. Rodes’s wife, Elizabeth (Hines) Rodes, and their son James Davis Rodes. Elizabeth Rodes’s correspondence includes letters to her
husband and to daughters Mary, Sarah and Elizabeth, and letters from her mother and brother Harold (Folder 1). Other miscellaneous papers of Elizabeth Rodes include her defense of Bowling Green mayoral candidate A. Scott Hines (Folder 2); memorials on her death (Folder 2); and three handmade books presented to her as gifts (Folders 3, 4). Material relating to James Davis Rodes includes his obituary (Folder 5) and an affectionate remembrance by his father (Folder 6).

Box 10 contains material relating to three of John B. Rodes’s children, Mary (Rodes) Helm, Harriet (Rodes) Stout and Sarah (Rodes) Graham, and their families. Mary (Rodes) Helm writes primarily to her mother, father and sisters with news of family and travel, including witnessing the launch of Apollo 11 (Folder 1). Material concerning Mary’s husband Harold H. Helm, a New York banker, includes speeches and clippings relating to his career and awards (Folder 2). Harold’s correspondence includes letters to Mary’s parents and a letter to Harold reflecting on John B. Rodes after his death; Harold’s letter regarding the death of Thomas O. Helm, Jr. includes some reminiscences about his early life (Folder 3). Letters of Mary and Harold Helm’s daughter, Eleanor (Helm) Ketcham, include accounts of her European travel and correspondence relating to her marriage (Folder 4). Mary and Harold’s son John Rodes Helm writes letters to his family and grandparents with news of his school and professional life (Folder 5). Harriet (Rodes) Stout’s letters are mostly to her parents and brother-in-law Harold Helm; included are clippings relating to Harriet’s degree from the University of North Carolina-Ashville, earned after she retired from her 20-year career as a legal secretary in Florida (Folder 6). Materials concerning Sarah (Rodes) Graham include marriage documents, clippings, and information about her work as a librarian in Maryland (Folder 7); correspondence, including condolences on the deaths of her husband and parents (Folder 8); diaries of her European travel in 1923 and 1937, the latter trip taken with her aunt Sally Rodes (Folder 9); and papers she wrote while a student at the University of Illinois (Folder 10). Items concerning Sarah’s husband Lucien D. Graham include his letter to John B. Rodes asking for consent to their marriage, and clippings relating to his career and death (Folder 11).

Box 11 contains mostly material relating to John B. Rodes’s daughter Elizabeth (Rodes) Carroll and her family. Included are Elizabeth’s letters to her father as her mother’s health declined, and clippings relating to her activities in community theater (Folder 1); photocopies of family photos (Folder 2); and biographical data on Elizabeth’s daughters, Elizabeth (Carroll) Scott and Sarah (Carroll) McNeill, and letters to their Rodes grandparents (Folder 3). Also included in this box are letters, mostly to her close friend Sally Rodes, from artist and teacher Beulah Strong, who writes from Italy, Massachusetts and California of her activities and travel, and of pre-World War II European politics (Folder 4).

Box 12 contains papers of Robert Rodes, Sr. and John B. Rodes relating to the Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green. Correspondence of Robert Rodes, Sr. spanning more than fifty years (Folders 1, 2) concerns the engagement of pastors, the presbytery, the church’s Old School-New School division and the personalities therein, the reunification of the two Bowling Green churches in 1858, another contentious post-Civil War split into the First Presbyterian Church and Second Presbyterian Church, and various other church matters. Of interest are materials relating to a dispute between First Presbyterian Church pastor Richmond K. Smoot and Robert Rodes Sr.’s son William, in which Smoot challenged him to a duel (Folder 2). Also in Box 12 is John B. Rodes’s narrative, “The Story of Bowling Green, Kentucky and the First Presbyterian Church” (Folder 3) and miscellaneous historical data, programs and clippings relating to the First Presbyterian Church and individuals historically associated with it (Folder 4).
Box 13 contains miscellaneous manuscripts, letters, handbills, typescripts and clippings from the papers of Robert Rodes, Sr. or John B. Rodes. Of interest is a letter from Cassius Marcellus Clay, Jr., reflecting on his unsuccessful 1891 bid for governor of Kentucky (Folder 2).

Box 14 contains mostly correspondence, biographical and genealogical materials, and miscellaneous papers relating to members of the Grider, Helm, Hines, Loving, Morehead, Owsley and Thomas families. Henry Grider, Jr. (father of Robert Rodes Sr.’s wife Mary) writes affectionate letters to his family during his service in the Kentucky General Assembly in the 1830s and the U.S. Congress in the mid-1860s (Folder 3). His general correspondence includes an 1861 letter mourning the onset of the Civil War and the consequences for Kentucky (Folder 4). Correspondence of William V. Loving (father of Robert Rodes Sr.’s law partner Hecto V. Loving) seeks to clarify a story about Reverend Richmond K. Smoot having fought a duel while a student in Indiana (Folder 11). Correspondence of Robert Rodes Sr.’s grandfather, Kentucky governor William Owsley, includes letters concerning recruitment of soldiers for the Mexican-American War in 1846-1847 and discussing the slavery question in 1848 (Folder 14).

Box 15 contains plaques and commemorative awards presented to John B. Rodes for various civic and professional achievements.

Box 16 contains copies of photographs of members of the Rodes, Helm, Grider, Hines and related families, as well as photos of some of the family’s homes and some unidentified photos. The original photos have been transferred to WKU’s Special Collections Library.

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**John B. Rodes**  

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| Folder 3 | Henry Grider, Jr. – Letters to family | 1828-1866 | 11 items |
| Folder 4 | Henry Grider, Jr. – General correspondence | 1849-1866 | 4 items |
| Folder 5 | Henry Grider, Jr. – Estate | 1868-1874 | 52 items |
| Folder 6 | Thomas Helm – Deeds and tax receipts | 1874-1879 | 11 items |
| Folder 7 | James D. Hines and family – Biography and obituary | 1897-1984 | 17 items |
| Folder 8 | Hines family – Genealogy and biography | 1837-1964 | 17 items |
| Folder 9 | Ida (Hines) Waller – Letters and biographical | 1947-1965 | 6 items |
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