

Baylor University . The Texas Collection

William Carley Family Collection. Inclusive: 1834-1936, undated, Bulk: 1839-1898, undated

Summary Information

Creator	Jeter, Mrs. Leah Riddick Oaley Abbrook Carley (Creator) Carley, William, 1812 - 1868 (Creator) Jeter, James L. (Creator)
Extent (quantity/size)	1 document box and 1 oversized box
Language	English
Abstract	The William Carley Family Collection consists of correspondence, financial documents, legal documents, literary productions, and photographic material spanning from 1836-1939.

Subjects

Mexican War, 1846-1848. / Politicians -- Texas. / United States -- History-- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Veterans. / United States -- History-- Civil War, 1861-1865.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access and Use	The collection is open for research.
Preferred Citation	When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: William Carley Family Collection, #3812, Box#, Folder #, The Texas Collection, Baylor University.
Processing Information	Described by Adina Johnson and released on 2012-10-05.

Scope and Content

This collection begins in 1834 and ends in 1936. The Literary Productions series is the largest series in the collection. The majority of the collection pertains to the political career of William Carley. Also included are letters from the Civil War battlefield.

Administrative/Biographical History

The William Carley Family Collection traces the experiences of the William Carley family throughout the 1800s. William Carley was born in May 1812 in Smith County, Tennessee, to Jesse Martin and Jeannette Thornton Carley. He moved to Grimes County, Texas, in 1836 to join the Texans fighting the Mexican forces in the Texas Revolution. However, Carley was too late to fight in the battle of San Jacinto, the last major battle of the Texas Revolution.

On 1839 August 10 he returned to Tennessee and married Melinda Binkley, and the two had one daughter, Carolyne Carley, and one son, Martin Franklin Carley. Sometime after 1842, Melinda died, and William and Martin returned to Grimes County, Texas. There was no record of what happened to Carolyne in the research for this finding aid.

In 1846, Carley responded to a call for volunteers to fight in the United States-Mexican War. He was injured in the storming of Monterey, Mexico, in September 1846. After returning home, Carley was elected to several public offices. These offices included Grimes County Sheriff from 1852-1858, and Assessor and Collector of Taxes for Grimes County from 1858-1866. Many of the documents contained in this collection are related to Carley's time in public office.

On 1866 November 26 Carley married Mrs. Leah Riddick Oaley Abbrook. The two had one son, William Henry Carley. William Carley (the elder) died on 1868 December 14. His wife remarried, marrying James L. Jeter. Several documents in this collection pertain to Jeter's life, including letters written from the Civil War battlefield.

Related Resources

Related citations

Hutchinson, E. Battles of Mexico: containing an authentic account of all the battles fought in that republic from the commencement of the war until the capture of the city of Mexico: With a list of the killed and wounded. New-York: Martin & Ely, 1847.

"Texas Ranger." (Washington, Tex.), Vol. 5, No. 26, Ed. 1, Thursday, January 19, 1854.

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"William Carley Outline Descendant List." Family Tree Maker, n.d.

Archival Arrangement

The William Carley Family Collection was not organized prior to this finding aid. An inventory of the collection had been performed, but no finding aid or organization was discernable.

Currently, the William Carley Family Collection is arranged in five series: I. Correspondence, II. Legal Documents, III: Financial Documents, IV: Literary Productions, and V. Photographic Materials.

Series 1. Correspondence. 1859-1936

Administrative/Biographical History	This series includes varied correspondence relating to the William Carley Family. Most notable among the letters is one written by S.D. Jeter from the Civil War Battlefield. This series is in average condition.
Inventory	Box 1. Folder 1. Correspondence, 1859-1936

Series 2. Legal Documents. 1846-1892, undated

Administrative/Biographical History	This series includes various legal documents pertaining to the life and career of William Carley. Contained herein are estate records and bills of sale, including documentation of the purchase of a slave. This series is in good to poor condition.
Inventory	Box 1. Folder 2. Legal Documents: Estate Records, 1869-1872 Box 1. Folder 3. Legal Documents: Triplicate Deposit Warrants, 1859-1861

Box 1. Folder 4. Legal Documents: Bills of Sale, 1853-1875
Box 1. Folder 5. Legal Documents: General, 1846-1892, undated

Series 3. Financial Documents. 1833-1878

Administrative/Biographical History This series includes financial documents, which include cash receipts and tax receipts, and is in good to poor condition.

Inventory Box 1. Folder 6. Financial Documents: Cash Receipts, 1866-1870
Box 1. Folder 7. Financial Documents: Tax Receipts, 1862-1878
Box 1. Folder 8. Financial Documents: General, 1833-1866
Box 2 OVZ. Folder 1. Financial Documents: Public Accounts, 1839-1859

Series 4. Literary Productions. 1848-1926, undated

Administrative/Biographical History This series includes literary productions related to the William Carley Family. It is the largest series in the William Carley Family Collection. Included in this series are Confederate bonds and currency, reminiscences from a Civil War soldier and genealogical materials. It is in good to average condition.

Inventory Box 1. Folder 9. Literary Productions: "Battles of Mexico", 1848
Box 1. Folder 10. Literary Productions: Reminiscences, undated
Box 1. Folder 11. Literary Productions: Confederate Currency and Bonds, 1862
Box 1. Folder 12. Literary Productions: Funeral Notices, 1868-1926
Box 1. Folder 13. Literary Productions: Religious Material, undated
Box 1. Folder 14. Literary Productions: Family Bible Pages, undated
Box 1. Folder 15. Literary Productions: Genealogical Materials, undated
Box 1. Folder 16. Literary Productions: General, 1853, undated
Box 2 OVZ. Folder 2. Literary Productions: Certificates of Election, 1848-1898

Series 5. Photographic Materials. 1896, undated

Administrative/Biographical History This series includes portraits and photographic postcards relating to the William Carley Family. It is in good to average condition.

Inventory Box 1. Folder 17. Photographic Materials: Portraits, 1896, undated
Box 1. Folder 18. Photographic Materials: Photo Post Cards, undated