

CARMICHAEL FAMILY COLLECTION

Accession Number 23

1809 - 1860

1 folder

Provenance: This collection of personal papers was found among county records returned from the Paul Fink Collection to the archives by the McClung Historical Collection, Knoxville, Tenn., on August 26, 2019. In July 2020, the papers were processed as a separate manuscript collection.

Access Note: The papers are available for research use.

Biographical Note: William Carmichael was born near Leesburg in Washington County on May 8, 1792, the son of Archibald and Isabel Pomeroy Carmichael. He married Patsy Martha Blair (also born in Washington County.) William died in April 8, 1841 in Washington County and is buried at Fairview Cemetery. After William's death, Patsy moved to Jackson County, Missouri, where she died in 1854.

Dr. Archibald Carmichael was born March 16, 1818, the son of John Carmichael and Isabella and lived the majority of his life in Hawkins County, where he was a practicing physician. He married Rachel Jane Parks in 1843 in Greene County, Tennessee. They were the parents of six children. Both Archibald and Rachel Jane are buried in the New Presbyterian Churchyard in Rogersville.

Scope and Content Note: The collection consists of Carmichael family correspondence and helps document their life in 19th century East Tennessee. Several letters deal with the administration of William Carmichael's estate as handled by Dr. Archibald Carmichael and John Blair. Some letters concern a failed attempt to purchase a mill. The letters are arranged in chronological order with undated letters filed at the end of the collection.

Important subjects include:

Carmichael family
Carmichael, William
Washington County (Tenn.)—History
Water mills—Tennessee—Hawkins County

Folder and Item List

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1. Correspondence to James V. Anderson from W. Helm, June 2, 1809.
2. Correspondence to William Carmichael from nephew, John C. Duncan, October 4, 1839.

3. Correspondence to William Carmichael from D. A. Deaderick, Knoxville, Tennessee, June 9, 1840.
4. Correspondence to William Carmichael from J. B. Wilkerson, November 5, 1840.
5. Correspondence to William Carmichael from John Blair, Blairs Ferry, March 30, 1841.
6. Correspondence to Archibald Carmichael from Daniel Carmichael, May 20, 1841.
7. Correspondence to “the Executors of William Carmichael, deceased” from [illegible] and Doughty, November 13, 1841.
8. Correspondence to Archibald Carmichael from Henry McCray, January 24, 1842.
9. Correspondence to Archibald Carmichael from John Blair, November 23, 1846.
10. Correspondence to Archibald Carmichael from his brother, John B. Carmichael, January 30, 1847.
11. Correspondence to Archibald Carmichael from Anderson Campbell, December 5, 1847.
12. Correspondence to Archibald Carmichael from D. Barkley, August 1, 1849.
13. Correspondence to Dr. Archibald Carmichael from Anderson Campbell, April 1, 1850.
14. Correspondence to Dr. Archibald Carmichael from Anderson Campbell, December 13, 1850.
15. Correspondence to James R. Neil from Anderson Campbell, March 18, 1851.
16. Correspondence to J. Blair and Archibald Carmichael from David T. Patterson, September 30, 1860.
17. Correspondence to Archibald Carmichael from S. K. N. Patterson, dated May 3, no year given.
18. Correspondence to Dr. Archibald Carmichael from Anderson Campbell, postmarked March 6, no year given, but circa 1850-1851.
19. Correspondence to Archibald Carmichael and John Blair, administrators from H. R. Williams, October 11, no year given.
20. Correspondence to “Carmichael & Blair, Admin’s of W. Carmichael,” December 14, no year given.