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Descriptive Summary

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Title Durrett, Reuben T. Collection. Shelby Family Papers

Date 1742-1823

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Abstract Reuben Thomas Durrett (1824-1913), lawyer, manuscript and book collector, and Kentucky historian. This collection contains the papers of the Shelby family, an eighteenth and nineteenth-century military and farming family in Kentucky and Maryland. The collection contains materials relating to the economic, military, and legal activities of Evan Shelby (1719-1794) and his son, Isaac Shelby (1750-1826), a revolutionary officer and the first governor of Kentucky. The collection also contains a small amount of material pertaining to John Shelby (1748-1814) and James Shelby (1752-1786). The collection includes correspondence, business records, military papers, and land records. The collection spans the years 1742-1823, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1760-1796.

Information on Use

Access

The collection is open for research.

Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Durrett, Reuben T. Collection. Shelby Family Papers, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library.

Acquisition Information

The existence of the Durrett library first came to the attention of the University of Chicago through William E. Dodd, a professor of American history at the University who had consulted the library as a student. Like other faculty members of the Division of the Social Sciences early in the century, Dodd was concerned about the University’s lack of extensive research materials for history and related subjects, and since he was aware of Durrett’s advanced age, he persuaded A. C. McLaughlin, also of the history department, to accompany him to Louisville in June, 1910, to see the collection and to make discreet inquiries about plans for its disposition. The two found
Durrett himself uncertain about his plans, but learned that the Durrett family opposed making a
donation of the collection, and that they were in communication with Princeton University and
the University of Illinois about selling the library.

Dodd himself was very enthusiastic about the research potential which Durrett’s library
represented, and won the support of many of his colleagues on the social science faculties
in his efforts to persuade President Judson to consider the purchase by the University of the
entire library, numbering some 30,000 volumes. Convinced that the collection would be a
valuable addition to the University’s holdings, but wary of the expense involved, Judson agreed
cautiously to investigate the idea. Although Dodd and his colleagues were anxious to conclude
the agreement quickly, fearing competition from other would-be purchasers or the dispersal of
the collection upon Durrett’s apparently imminent death, the task of deciding upon a fair offer
was made difficult by the fact that the collection had never been adequately catalogued.

Durrett’s own suggestion made in December, 1912 of $45,000 seemed high, so in February
1913, the University engaged Walter Lichtenstein, a Northwestern University librarian who had
previously acted as purchasing agent for the University of Chicago libraries, to assess the value of
the Durrett collection. Lichtenstein’s report was submitted to President Judson on February 21,
1913, following a trip to Louisville to sample the collection.

The assessment, made on terms of commercial market value rather than scholarly significance,
divided Durrett’s library into four parts. Some 20,000 bound volumes (including 500 volumes
of Kentuckiana) he estimated at $7,200. Two hundred fifty file folders of pamphlet material
had no apparent commercial value. Numerous manuscripts and newspapers were difficult to
assess but Lichtenstein thought they could be fairly purchased for $15,000. A collection of maps
was estimated to have a value around $50. Lichtenstein’s estimate, therefore, totaled $22,000-
$22,500, considerably less than Durrett’s own. When the University authorized Lichtenstein to
make this offer to the Durrett family, however, they accepted it, apparently favoring Chicago
as the repository of their collection. The purchase sum, which was too high to be taken from
the University’s ordinary budget, was raised among outside donors, and under Lichtenstein’s
supervision, the library was dismantled and shipped to Chicago by early May. It filled 287 large
packing crates. Its arrival provoked considerable comment in the Louisville and Chicago press,
and almost immediately the University began to receive research inquiries from scholars and
requests from several libraries for copies of some of the Durrett material to add to their own
collections.

In his report Lichtenstein had warned President Judson that considerable effort and expense
would be required to process the collection once it was at the University. His warning proved
to be justified. Aside from the massive undertaking of unpacking, sorting, and cataloguing the
collection, much of the material was found to be in poor condition, requiring cleaning, repair,
and binding or rebinding. To facilitate the efficient processing of the Durrett acquisition, the
entire operation was assigned to Edward A. Henry of the library staff, who, with the help of his
assistants, was to devote most of his attention to the Durrett project for some seven years. It
was decided that duplicates should be disposed of, that a number of Filson Club possessions in
Durrett’s library should be returned to the Club, and that most of the non-manuscript material
in the collection would be distributed according to subject matter among the University’s
various departmental libraries. On several occasions between 1913 and 1937, items of an official character were returned to Kentucky upon request, including records of Jefferson County, journals of Kentucky constitutional conventions, and certain manuscripts and photographs of the Filson Club identified by the club’s president, R. C. Ballard Thurston. Most of Henry’s time seems to have been devoted to preparing the material for this dispersal. His assignment was expanded in 1914 when the University purchased a collection totaling 436 volumes of Kentucky newspapers and miscellaneous books from Mrs. Joel R. Lyle, sister of Robert C. Boggs of Lexington, Kentucky. It was deemed appropriate to merge the Boggs-Lyle acquisition with the Durrett, and the two were processed together.

By the end of the 1915-16 academic year, about 9,000 of the Durrett and Boggs-Lyle volumes had been processed and distributed to the departmental libraries. It was then that Henry and his staff turned some of their attention to the manuscripts—what is, to the material comprising the Durrett Collection as described in this guide. At that time the Durrett manuscripts were apparently divided into four large groups—the Joel Tanner Hart Papers, the Joshua Lacy Wilson Papers, miscellaneous manuscripts, and miscellaneous separately bound items—either mounted in scrapbooks or bound together. A card catalog was compiled for at least the first three of these groups.

The Durrett Collection remained in this state until the mid-1950s. By then it had been incorporated within the holdings of the Department of Special Collections (1951), and it became clear that reorganization of the manuscripts was necessary. Paul Angle, a member of the staff of the Chicago Historical Society, who had surveyed the University of Chicago’s manuscript collection as a consultant in 1944, had pointed out that the Durrett miscellaneous bound manuscripts in particular were of little use to scholars as they were then arranged and described. Moreover, the Special Collections staff had observed that the mountings and bindings done by Henry’s staff were detrimental to the lives of the manuscripts, and that the existing catalog and descriptions provided inadequate access to the documents. The manuscripts, therefore, were removed from their bindings and divided into smaller and more coherent sub-collections.

In the 1970s, an effort was undertaken to edit the 1956 guide, to enhance the descriptions of the Durrett codices for greater detail and accuracy, and to differentiate between transcripts and original manuscript material bound together in the codices. Manuscript material also received conservation treatment. In 1983, another attempt was made to write a comprehensive guide to the entire collection. This guide remained in use until 2015. The current guide was completed in 2016.

Biographical Note

Evan Shelby was a prominent eighteenth-century farmer, fur-trader, and soldier. Born in Wales in 1819, Evan Shelby emigrated with his parents, Evan Shelby and Catherine Morgan, to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania in 1734. From 1755 to 1787 he served in various militias, holding commissions in both Maryland and Pennsylvania. He took part in Braddock’s Campaign (1755) and the Battle of King’s Mountain (1780) and was commander of the Fincastle Company in Dunmore’s War (1774). He was elected to the North Carolina Senate in 1781 and the North Carolina Assembly appointed him brigadier general of militia of the
Washington District of North Carolina in 1786. In August 1787, he was elected governor of the State of Franklin to succeed Sevier, but declined the position. He died in Fincastle County, Virginia on December 4, 1794.

Isaac Shelby was born in 1750 in Frederick County, Maryland. In 1773 he moved to Fincastle County, Virginia and served as a lieutenant under his father’s command in the Fincastle Company. He had an extensive military career – he served as a lieutenant in the Battle of Point Pleasant (1774), was commissioned a captain of a minuteman company in 1776, served as commissary of supplies for a frontier regiment in 1778, aided in the supervision of supplies for the Continental Army in 1778, and fought in the Battle of King's Mountain (1780). He became involved in politics after 1779, serving as a member of the Virginia Legislature. He played an active role in the creation of the first constitution of Kentucky. He was elected as the first Governor of Kentucky in 1792, sworn into office the day Kentucky entered statehood. He was reelected for a second term from 1812 until 1816. In the War of 1812 he commanded 4,000 troops under General Harrison. He organized and led the Kentucky troops in the Battle of Thames, for which he was honored with a congressional gold medal. He died on July 18, 1826.

John Shelby (1748-1814) and James Shelby (1752–1786) were the sons of Evan Shelby and brothers of Isaac Shelby.

**Scope Note**

The collection is organized into three series:

I. Evan Shelby

The materials in this series include receipts, bonds, deeds, accounts, bills, and some correspondence. The bulk of material is financial in nature and documents the economic affairs of Evan Shelby in Pennsylvania and Maryland. The materials in this series span the years 1742–1787 and are arranged chronologically.

II. Isaac Shelby

The materials in this series include correspondence, receipts, bonds, deeds and accounts related to Isaac Shelby’s personal affairs, as well as documents pertaining to military activities during the Indian wars, the Revolutionary War, and frontier defense in the years after the American Revolution. The series also contains commissions and correspondence from Isaac Shelby’s two terms as Governor of Kentucky. The materials in this series span the years 1767-1823 and are arranged chronologically.

III. John and James Shelby
The materials in this series include a legal document, and a small number of commissary orders and receipts. Materials span the years 1777-1783 and are arranged chronologically.

**Related Resources**

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/

Researchers interested in topics represented in the Durrett Collection should check the author, title, or subject headings relevant to their interests in the Library catalog for potentially useful books and pamphlets from the Durrett Library, which were dispersed among the existing departmental libraries at the time of acquisition. Some of these items have since been transferred to the Rare Books collection and to the Reuben T. Durrett Collection of Broadsides, Pamphlets, and Leaflets, in the Special Collections Research Center.

The Durrett rare book collections include works of literature, travel and description, early histories of Kentucky such as Mann Butler’s, biographies, legislative acts, and other legal documents.

Examples include Henry McMurtrie’s *Sketches of Louisville and Its Environs* (1819); a collection of humorous verses, *The Kentucky Miscellany*, by Thomas Johnson, Jr. (1821), one of two known copies of the fourth edition, the first known to survive; and *The Confession of Jereboam O. Beauchamp ...* (1826).

Among the newspapers are 135 titles published in Kentucky, beginning in 1788 with the *Kentucky Gazette*, the first newspaper established in the state. Other important titles include the *Mirror*, the *Palladium*, the *Guardian of Freedom*, the *Farmer’s Library* or *Ohio Intelligencer*, and numerous campaign newspapers such as *The Patriot* and *The Spirit of ’76* from 1826.

Included in the American Paper Currency Collection in the Special Collections Research Center is Durrett’s collection of confederate currency, among which are many examples of notes issued by the Bank of Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Correspondence, reports, and clippings concerning the acquisition of the Reuben T. Durrett Collection for the University of Chicago are found in the University of Chicago Library Records Addenda.
In addition, the following collections contain material related in subject matter to various portions of the Durrett Collection:

Codex MS 798 Lettres de Mr. Cahusac, Américain, juge de paix à Fleurance, 1806-1836

Church History Documents Collection

Codex MS 790, Letters to Virgil David, 1828-1838

Douglas, Stephan A. Papers

English, William H. Papers

Ethno-History Collection

Lafayette Manuscripts

Lafayette-Bonaventure. Collection

Lane, Ebenezer, Family. Papers

Lewis, Fielding. Papers

Robertson, Wyndham. Papers

All Durrett sub-collections are as follows:

Durrett, Reuben T. Collection. Boggs Family. Papers

Durrett, Reuben T. Collection. Boone Family. Papers

Durrett, Reuben T. Collection. Broadsides, Broadsheets, Pamphlets, and Leaflets
Durrett, Reuben T. Collection. Christopher Columbus Graham. Papers

Durrett, Reuben T. Collection. George and William Croghan. Papers

Durrett, Reuben T. Collection. George Nicholas. Papers

Durrett, Reuben T. Collection. George Rogers Clark. Papers

Durrett, Reuben T. Collection. Government Records

Durrett, Reuben T. Collection. Edmund Lyne Estate. Records


Durrett, Reuben T. Collection. Joel Tanner Hart. Papers


Durrett, Reuben T. Collection. Lewis Family. Papers

Durrett, Reuben T. Collection. Louisville, Kentucky Board of Trustees. Records

Durrett, Reuben T. Collection. Mann Butler. Papers

Durrett, Reuben T. Collection. Michael Walsh Cluskey. Papers

Durrett, Reuben T. Collection. Miscellaneous Manuscripts and Codices

Durrett, Reuben T. Collection. Portraits, Illustrations, and Cartographic Material


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**Subject Headings**
- Durrett, Reuben T. (Reuben Thomas), 1824-1913
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- Shelby, Evan
- Shelby, Isaac, 1750-1826
- Frontier and pioneer life – Kentucky
- Frontier and pioneer life – Maryland
- Frontier and pioneer life – Pennsylvania
- Land tenure – Kentucky
- Governors – Kentucky
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