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Hand Family Papers, 1805-1903

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Henry Hand, Sr., settled in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, in 1798 with his wife, two sons (William and John), and two daughters.

William (circa 1783-1825) married Elizabeth Griffin (circa 1790-1814) on March 16, 1809, in the Louisiana Territory. They had two sons, Henry and Edward.

Henry Hand, Jr., son of William and Elizabeth, was born in Smithland, Kentucky, on December 4, 1810. He married Felicia Bogard near Wadsboro, Kentucky, on January 1, 1837. He worked as a businessman in Smithland and Wadsboro, and held various public offices, including county clerk of Marshall County, Kentucky. In 1861, he moved to Randolph County, Arkansas, where he served as postmaster general. At the end of the Civil War he returned to Kentucky. He died August 24, 1883, in Paducah.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Hand Family Papers consists primarily of the correspondence of Henry Hand, Jr., and family. The collection also includes two Bible records of the Hand family with dates and locations of births, deaths, and marriages; receipts between family members for money from estates; and Henry Hand, Jr.'s, copybook containing copies of his business correspondence, poems, and speeches. The papers are arranged chronologically.

The following abbreviations are used in this inventory:

AL Autograph Letter unsigned (an unsigned letter in the hand of the author).

ALS Autograph Letter Signed (a letter entirely in the hand of and signed by the author).

- Reference file** Obituary of Henry Hand, Jr., from the *Paducah Daily News*, August 25, 1883.
- 18 Nov 1805 ALS Samuel Harris, Bourbon County, Kentucky, to Henry Hand, [Sr.], near Cape Girardeau in the upper district of Louisiana, regards a piece of land near the fork of Mill Creek. 1 page
- 19 Nov 1805 ALS Robert and Nancy Hand to brother and sister discusses farm news and building of house. 2 pages
- 8 Mar 1808 ALS William and Dinah Hand, Frederick County, Virginia, to Henry Hand, [Sr.], Birds Settlement, Louisiana Country, regards family news of deaths and marriages. 2 pages
- 10 Aug 1808 ALS Robert Hand to brother and sister reports progress on a lawsuit and mentions death of Negro girl left in his care. 2 pages
- 8 Oct 1808 ALS Robert and Nancy Hand to Henry Hand, [Sr.], Cape Girardeau district, Upper Louisiana, informs him that the lawsuit was settled in his favor. Also includes notes of Polly and Lucy Hand to their cousins Billy, Johnny and Polly. 3 pages
- 1809-1876 Bible record of marriages and births of members of the Hand family. 2 pages
- 24 Jan 1812 ALS William Hand, Frederick County, Virginia, to brother regards family news. 2 pages
- 1814-1910 Bible record of births and deaths in the Hand family. 2 pages
- 1 Aug 1816 ALS Enoch Prince to William Gordon, postmaster, Smithland, Kentucky, includes copy of will of Allen Killough. 2 pages
- 13 May 1818 ALS Robert and Nancy Hand to Henry Hand, [Sr.], Upper Louisiana, provides information on weather. 2 pages
- 18 Mar 1825 ALS Henry Hand, [Jr.], Smithland, Kentucky, to grandfather Henry Hand, [Sr.], Jackson, Missouri, reports the death of his father, William Hand. 3 pages
- 30 Apr 1825 ALS Henry Hand, [Jr.], Smithland, Kentucky, to grandfather Henry Hand, [Sr.], Jackson, Missouri, regards family news. 2 pages
- 9 Jan 1826 ALS Henry Hand, Jr., Smithland, Kentucky, to Henry Hand, Sr., Jackson, Missouri, reports death of his maternal grandfather Griffin on January 6, 1826. 1 page

- 24 Feb 1827 ALS Henry Hand, Jr., Smithland, Kentucky, to Henry Hand, Sr., Jackson, Missouri, discusses his job. 3 pages
- 26 Apr 1829 ALS Erasmus Mantz, Smithland, Kentucky, Henry Hand, Sr., Jackson, Missouri, requests information on his nephew Henry Hand. 2 pages
- 29 Nov 1830 ALS Henry Hand, Jr., Smithland, Kentucky, to grandmother Sarah Hand, Jackson, Missouri, discusses his job prospects. 3 pages
- 1831-1869 Copybook of Henry Hand, Jr., contains verses, contemporary copies of correspondence, and speeches. Includes ALS Henry Hand, Vallonia, Randolph County, Arkansas, to J.H. Reagan, postmaster general, Confederate States of America, June 10, 1861, regarding mail for Union states. 68 pages
- 12 Mar 1831 ALS Henry Hand, Jr., Smithland, Kentucky, to grandmother Sarah Hand, Jackson, Missouri, reports that he received word of his grandfather's death. 1 page
- 29 Aug 1832 ALS Henry Hand, Jr., New Madrid, Missouri, to grandmother Sarah Hand, Jackson, Missouri, tells of business venture with stepmother's relative. 2 pages
- 20 Mar 1834 ALS Henry Hand, Jr., Waidsborough, Kentucky, to grandmother, Sarah Hand, Jackson, Missouri, reports that he has started a new business. 2 pages
- 15 Jul 1834 ALS Henry Hand, Jr., Waidsborough, Kentucky, to grandmother Sarah Hand, Jackson, Missouri, reports more on his business and that he was appointed postmaster. 2 pages
- 7 Mar 1835 ALS Henry Hand, Jr., Waidsborough, Kentucky, to grandmother Sarah Hand, Jackson, Missouri, reports on his merchandising business and price of public lands in his county. 1 page
- 15 Mar 1838 ALS Henry Hand, Jr., Waidsborough, Kentucky, to grandmother Sarah Hand, Jackson, Missouri, reports on his marriage and end of his business. 4 pages
- 21 Jul 1838 ALS Henry Hand, Jr., Waidsborough, Kentucky, to grandmother Sarah Hand, Jackson, Missouri, requests that she send his books and mentions family news. 2 pages
- 28 Aug 1848 Deed transferring land in Kentucky from Robert and Mary Ann Wade of Tennessee to Henry Hand. In 1850, Henry Hand, county clerk of Marshall County, Kentucky, recorded the deed. 3 pages

- 9 Nov 1860 AL ?, Paducah, Kentucky, to father describes auction of family land and slaves. 4 pages [Incomplete]
- 19 Aug 1869 ALS Henry Hand, [Jr.], Paducah, Kentucky, to [James Bethshares] grants permission for James to marry his daughter Felicia Anne Hand. Also includes note of T.S.W. on the back. 2 pages
- 1 Feb 1872 ALS Henry Hand, [Jr.], Paducah, Kentucky, to Hon. Edward Crossland, Washington, D.C., requests assistance in establishing his right to land granted his grandfather Henry Hand in Missouri before the Louisiana Purchase. Also includes Edward Crossland's response and Hand's statements of his family history on the land. All contemporary copies. 4 pages
- 19 Feb 1872 ALS Willis Drummond, commissioner, General Land Office, Washington, D.C., to Edward Crossland, House of Representatives, states that the land claims of Henry Hand's ancestors were recorded, but not patented. 4 pages
- 1 Nov 1899 Receipts of Anne B. and Fred H. Hisey for money received from J.L. Bethshares, trustee of their mother's estate. 2 pages
- 1900-1902 Three receipts of F.A. Bethshares for money received from J.L. Bethshares, trustee for Hallie Hisey. Money to be used for the benefit of Hallie Hisey. 3 items.
- 15 Aug 1903 Receipt of Hallie Hisey for money received from J.L. Bethshares, trustee of his mother's estate. 1 page