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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

George Brown Randolph was born July 26, 1844, in Jefferson County, Kentucky. During the Civil War, he served in a Union Army from Kentucky. He married Miss Elizabeth Reader Lewis in Cincinnati, Ohio, in September 1872. He later resided in Anniston, Alabama.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists primarily of typescript copies of correspondence gathered by George B. Randolph regarding the genealogy of the Randolph family of Virginia, Alabama, and Kentucky.

Folder 1

- 1895 Nov 26 Typescript copy of letter of Wm. Lockren, commissioner, Bureau of Pensions, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C., to George B. Randolph, Anniston, Alabama (2 pages). Relating to George B. Randolph's request for the military record of his father, William Randolph (1769-1859), who served in the Revolutionary War. Includes information about William Randolph's military service and pension.
- 1899 Feb 18 Typescript article titled "Family Identity of George Brown Randolph, of Anniston, Ala." (2 pages). William Randolph (1767-1859) (George Brown Randolph's father) served in the Revolutionary War. William Randolph's children by his first wife were Margaret Randolph, Zabre Randolph, John Butler Randolph (died 1864), and Jane Randolph. His second wife was Sarah Ann Crain (died February 1857 at Orell, Kentucky). Their children were Francis Randolph (married Alex Stewart, and had two children: William died in his boyhood; Sarah married Heywood McDonald of Louisville), William Randolph (married Anna P. Gage, and had a daughter named Gretta Randolph), Samuel Randolph, Edmund Bolling Randolph, Harriet Randolph, Gabreil Randolph, Albert Randolph, George B. Randolph, and Louisa Caroline Randolph. George B. Randolph married Elizabeth Reader Lewis, daughter of John C. Lewis and Adelia Lewis, in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1872. Their children were Ethel Randolph, George Healy Randolph, Raymond Randolph, Arthur Lord Randolph, William Peyton Randolph, and John Randolph.
- 1901 Feb 18 Typescript copy of letter of Uncle (Ranson N. Crane), Tamoroa, Illinois, to "Dear Nephew," discussing his family's genealogy (1 page). On stationery of the St. Louis Division, Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company, Cairo, Illinois. Liza (John Crane's widow) is living with her son Paris M. Crane in Louisville, Kentucky. Ranson N. Crane was very young when his parents died. He thinks his parents were married in Utica, Indiana. Ranson N. Crane married Sarah Redick in 1862 at Tamoroa, Illinois. Hardin Crane died at Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1864, while serving in the 13th Illinois Cavalry. Hardin Crane's boy married Capt. Eli Farmer's daughter. George Brown lived in Uniontown, Kentucky, where he was a blacksmith. George Randolph lived near Uniontown and was related to the letter recipient's father.
- 1901 Feb 28 Typescript copy of letter of L.D. Randolph, Floyd, Hunt County, Texas, to his grandson J.H. Randolph and family, Cairo, Illinois (1 page). On stationery of the St. Louis Division, Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company, Cairo, Illinois. Provides information on Randolph family history. L.D. Randolph's great grandfather was Thomas Randolph, who died when L.D. Randolph was a child. L.D. Randolph's father was Elisha Randolph. L.D. Randolph's siblings were Jeremiah Randolph, Simon Randolph, and Evan Randolph. L.D. Randolph's sons were J.M. Randolph, E.H. Randolph, J.W. Randolph, L.B. Randolph, and N.E. Randolph.

- 1901 Mar 10 Typescript copy of letter of John W. Randolph, Uniontown, Kentucky, to Mr. Randolph (1 page). On stationery of the St. Louis Division, Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company, Cairo, Illinois. "I am the son of George W. Randolph Grand son of John Randolph. My father was first Cousin of Butler Randolph, his father was William Randolph brother of my Grand father. George Brown and my father was first Cousins. My father died on the 4th, of July 1875. George Brown died in 1897. . . ."
- 1901 Apr General Order No. 3, issued by George B. Randolph, department commander, Department of Alabama, Grand Army of the Republic, Birmingham, Alabama. Regarding preparations for the 13th Encampment of the Department of Alabama to be held in Anniston. Also includes announcement of the death of H.H. Booth at Montgomery, Alabama, on March 18, 1901.
- 1901 Apr 17 Typescript copy of letter of F.B. Brown [or T.B. Brown], Morganfield, Ky., to my dear sir (2 copies, each 2 pages). Relates the genealogy of his family. In 1812 John Randolph and William Randolph moved to Union County from Virginia (near Winchester). They brought the letter writer's father, George W. Brown (born in 1806), with them. William Randolph later moved to Jefferson County and settled near Salt River, taking George W. Brown with him. William had a son named Butler Randolph whose second wife was widow Finley (nee Miss Stanaford) of Jefferson County. Butler Randolph was a steamboat captain and pilot. George Brown returned to Union, and lived with his uncle John Randolph (died circa 1844-1845). John Randolph had three sons (William Randolph, James Randolph, and George Randolph) and three daughters: Louiza Randolph married William Graham; Polly Randolph married Jack Floyd; and Bettie Randolph married Jerry Snyder, and moved to New Madrid, Missouri. George W. Brown's father was a ship captain named Tom Brown. Tom Brown married in Union County. He had three sons who lived to adulthood, to of whom are currently living: the letter writer (F.B. Brown [or T.B. Brown]) and George W. Brown in the Southern Express office at Chattanooga, Tennessee. Tom Brown's daughters included Mrs. Douglas Geiger and Mrs. R.E. Cook (both living in Henderson). The letter writer suggests that the recipient contact Mrs. Lou J. Martin (age 62) of Galveston, Texas for more information. John Randolph, Jr., moved to Pine Bluff, Arkansas, about 1842. He and George W. Brown married sisters named Coleman. John Randolph, Jr., had two sons: Joseph Randolph and Alfred Randolph. The letter writer (F.B. Brown [or T.B. Brown]) served in the 1st Kentucky Cavalry during the Civil War. Mentions Billie Randolph who also served in the war.
- 1901 Apr 21 Typescript copy of letter of G.B.R. [George B. Randolph?], Anniston, Alabama, to "my dear Raymond," discussing his family's genealogy (2 pages). On stationery of the St. Louis Division, Mobile & Ohio Railroad

Company, Cairo, Illinois. Encloses a copy of a letter of T.B. Brown or Morganfield, Kentucky. John Butler Randolph owned Randolph station, the first station on the L. & N.R.R. [Louisville & Nashville Railroad] from Louisville. His first wife was Miss Standiford, sister of Dr. E.D. Standiford, long-time president of the L. & N.R.R. Miss Frisbee was a sister of Miss Kate Frisbee for whom a steamboat was named. Lottie M. Steele of Fulton, Kentucky, is G.B.R.'s brother Edmund's daughter. Butler [John Butler Randolph?] died in 1864 or 1865, and is buried in Cave Hill Cemetery in Louisville. One of his sisters, Margaret, married a Mr. Sisson. Mentions a Mr. Castleman of West Point, Kentucky. Encloses a letter from Uncle Ranson N. Crane of Tamoroa, Perry County, Illinois.

1901 May 12 Typescript copy of letter of Miss Ella Gill, Meridian, Mississippi, to Mr. R. Randolph, Cairo, Illinois (2 pages). On stationery of the St. Louis Division, Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company, Cairo, Illinois. In reply to Mr. R. Randolph's letter, Miss Gill relates her family genealogy. William V. Raymond, formerly of Sparta, Wisconsin, lived some months after his marriage with the Miss Ella Gill's sister in Birmingham, Alabama. He moved to St. Louis, and is now living in Colorado because of lung or throat trouble. Miss Ella Gill's father, Richard Henry Gill, was the son of Michael Gill of Virginia. Richard Henry Gill was born in North Carolina, but raised in Alabama. Miss Ella Gill's mother, Martha Elizabeth Randolph, was the daughter of Robert Randolph of Virginia and J. Ann Ruffin of North Carolina. Martha Elizabeth Randolph's grandfather was Jesse Randolph, a direct descendant of John Randolph of Roanoke, Virginia. Miss Gill claims to descend from Pocahontas. Her uncle Robert James Glen Randolph lives in Blanco, Texas.

Folder 2

1901 May 18 Typescript copy of article on the Randolph family, copied from *A History of Bristol Parish, Va.*, by Rev. Philip Slaughter, D.D., 2nd edition (2 copies; one includes 5 pages, one includes 6 pages). On stationery of the St. Louis Division, Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company, Cairo, Illinois. Contains genealogy of the Randolph family, beginning with William Randolph of Yorkshire, England, born 1651.

1901 Dec 24 Typescript copy of letter of George B. Randolph, Anniston, Alabama, to "My dear Raymond." (1 page). On stationery of the St. Louis Division, Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company, Cairo, Illinois. Mentions an old man named Gill who boarded at a hotel in Louisville, Kentucky, and was relative. William Randolph's widow and her daughter are living in Torrance, Yellowbusha, Mississippi. Mentions his niece Mrs. William Randolph McKeldry. Includes note of R. Randolph Raymond, a little boy who lives with his grandfather R.H. Gill.

No year June 10 Letter signed Lou J. Martin, Galveston, Texas, to Mr. G.B. Randolph,

discussing Randolph family genealogy. (8 pages)

No date Typescript copy of a small portion of the Randolph family tree, showing the family of Wm. Randolph of Louden County, Virginia (1767-1859), and his son George B. Randolph (born 1844) (1 page). On stationery of the St. Louis Division, Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company, Cairo, Illinois.

No date Typescript titled "Cawson's, the Birthplace of John Randolph of 'Roanoke'" (1 page). Cawson's, near the mouth of the Appomattox River, was the family seat of Col. Theodoric Bland, Sr.