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SUMMARY

Size.	173 items and 12 manuscript volumes
Geographic locations.	Chicot County, Arkansas; Tennessee; Kentucky; North Carolina
Inclusive dates.	1756-1924
Bulk dates.	1845-1920
Language.	English
Summary.	The Hilliard family were merchants in Grand Lake, Arkansas. The collection includes legal papers, correspondence, cashbooks, and diaries that document the personal, agricultural, and business activities of the Hilliard family.
Restrictions on access.	None.
Related collections.	Mrs. Isaac H. Hilliard Diary, Mss. 178, 762
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Isaac H. Hilliard was a planter on the Hilliard Plantation in Grand Lake, Chicot County, Arkansas, where the Hilliard family owned a merchandising business. Isaac H. Hilliard's grandfather, Hardy Murfree, lived in Williamson County, Tennessee, and his great-grandfather, William Hilliard, lived in North Carolina. Isaac was married to Miriam Brannin Hilliard (d. 1853) and had two sons, Isaac H. Hilliard, Jr. (1849-1882) and Edwin S. Hilliard (b. 1850). He owned land in Arkansas jointly with his brother-in-law, George Polk. The Polk family resided in Maury County, Tennessee, and the Brannin family lived in Louisville and New Castle, Kentucky.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Legal papers, correspondence, cashbooks, and diaries document the personal, agricultural, and business activities of the Hilliard family. Legal documents include letters of Isaac H. Hilliard (1811-1868) pertaining to the succession of Colonel Hardy Murfree and deeds and conveyances reflecting his property holdings. Two maps show the dimensions of the Hilliard Plantation, and three draft copies of biographical information about Edwin S. Hilliard relate to the legal settlement of the estate of his brother, Isaac H. Hilliard, Jr. (1882). Personal papers include Isaac H. Hilliard Jr.'s diploma from the University of Nashville, an amnesty oath, genealogical materials relating to the Hilliard, Polk, and Brannin families, photographs of family members and buildings on the Hilliard Plantation, an obituary notice, and newspaper articles concerning cemetery lots of the Hilliard and Polk families at St. John's Church in Maury County, near Columbia, Tennessee.

Three diaries kept by Isaac H. Hilliard, Jr. describe his life at school near Columbia, Tennessee, and at the Kentucky Military Institute, Franklin County, Kentucky (1866). His personal and plantation diaries describe life and work on the family plantation, and a merchandising business; they also detail a vegetable garden, recreational activities including baseball, and visits with relatives in Louisville and New Castle, Kentucky. Six diaries kept by Edwin S. Hilliard describe visits to towns near Hilliard Plantation, describe the health of Isaac H. Hilliard, Jr., and report on plantation activities. A notebook kept by Isaac H. Hilliard, Jr. contains several poems and newspaper clippings (1868). A cashbook (1849-1865), kept by Mrs. Isaac H. Hilliard, contains entries for household expenses, inventories of personal belongings, and memoranda. A memorandum book (1861-1866) contains miscellaneous accounting entries.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

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<u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents and dates</u>
E:50	1	1	1756 Copy of will (1754) of William Hilliard [grandfather of Isaac Hilliard], of Northampton County, province of North Carolina.
		2	1813 Commissioners' report [succession document] of Williamson County, Tennessee, giving the amount of land and other property received by each legatee of the Estate of Hardy Murfree.
		3	1822-1829 Extracts (ca. 1822, 1824) of lands in North Carolina issued to Hardy Murfree, and lands in Tennessee granted to Murfree and his heirs; lists giving a valuation of slaves and showing division of slaves of the estate of Isaac George Tunstate and John C. Rea; patent issued to James Wilson for lands in Warren County, Tenn.; deed of partition and division of estate of Hardy Murfree naming heirs including Isaac Hilliard and his wife, Mary Moore Hilliard (father and mother of Isaac Hilliard, husband of Miriam Brannin); deed of sale of lands in Tennessee by Isaac and Mary Moore Hilliard of Halifax County, N.C., to William Hardeman of Williamson County, Tenn.; copy of will and deed of trust of Isaac Hilliard, Sr.; list of lands belonging to Isaac Hilliard; deed of conveyance from Thomas Bond to Mary Moore Hilliard for land; and outside cover of power of attorney from Mary Moore Hilliard to Isaac H. Hilliard.
		4	1830-1839 Statement regarding patent of Henry Crow, Washington County, Miss.; bond for a deed by Chester Ashley, Pelaski County, Ark.; list of slaves of Colonel Polk and I. H. Hilliard; articles of agreement for sale of land in Arkansas; note concerning titles to land; bill of sale, receipt, and title bond for land and slaves of John Collier; receipt issued to Philip Booth of Chicot County, Arkansas Territory, for land by the Helena Land Office; act of conveyance for land in Chicot County, Ark., by Philip Booth to Charles Collier to Isaac H. Hilliard, Madison County, Miss.; letter and deed from J. Gould for land in Chicot County, Ark.; mortgage deed from Ben Taylor to Rowland Smith and Co. for land in Washington County, Miss.; statement by John Collier concerning purchase of land by Isaac H. Hilliard and Thomas I. Mulhollon and settlement of claim for payment of slaves and land.

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E:50	1	5	1840-1849 Copy of deed for land sold by William Mary M. Hardeman of Madison County, Miss., to Mary Moore Hilliard of Williamson County, Tenn.; memorandum for Isaac H. Hilliard on debts to be paid in Tenn. from William Hardeman; note from John Collier requesting land certificate; power of attorney to Isaac H. Hilliard by his mother, Mary Moore Hilliard; transcript of a judgment rendered in Circuit Court of Williamson County, Tenn., in the case of Isaac H. Hilliard v. John K. Head and Robert Smith; title bond of William W. Collins to D. Hardeman; deed of William W. Collins to Isaac H. Hilliard and George W. Polk for a tract of land in Chicot County, Ark.; deed for slaves sold to Isaac H. Hilliard by Mary M. Hilliard.
		6	1850-1859 Patents issued to George W. Polk and Isaac H. Hilliard for tracts of land in Arkansas; a tract by the U.S. General Land Office for Choctaw Indian lands registered with the Land Office at Helena, Ark.; deed for land in Washington County, Miss., purchased by A. O. Smith and D. Brannin; deed for land in Chicot County, Ark., by George Polk to I. H. Hilliard; letter from J. Gould regarding title to "Hilliard Place;" affidavit regarding sale of slaves by Isaac H. Hilliard; letter from William Hardeman concerning land purchases in Miss., his wife's neuralgia, Colonel Polk's fall from a horse and injuries; deed for swamp and overflowed land, Ark.; letter (1855) from Edwin S. Hilliard to his father, apparently written by Mary Hardeman; sale of slave (1858).
		7	1853 Newspaper clippings
		8	1850-1854 Land grants
		--	Undated Script for play "The loan of a lover," names of persons participating including Isaac H. Hilliard and George W. Polk.
	2	1	1860-1896 List of delinquent land owners, Chicot County, Ark. (1860); deed for lands in Chicot County, Ark., owned by George W. Polk and purchased by Isaac H. Hilliard; receipt for taxes on land, slaves, horses, mules, and cattle owned by Isaac H. Hilliard (1860, 1862); amnesty oath of Isaac Hilliard (1865); statement of taxes for 1871; deed for "Hilliard Place," to Edwin S. Hilliard purchased at public auction from Estate of Isaac H. Hilliard, Jr., deceased 1895, recorded 1896; card by C. L. Chambers to Edwin S. Hilliard accepting a proposition offered by Hilliard (Aug. 23, 1890)

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E:50	2	2	1903-1916 Statements and receipts (August-October 1903) from Foster and Herbert Cut Stone Company to Edwin S. Hilliard concerning cemetery monuments; contracts and receipt from W. E. Brittain Marble Works to Edwin S. Hilliard for monuments (1915); personal letters to Edwin S. Hilliard from Aunt Ella (Dec. 22, 1904); Aunt Anna (Oct. 26, 1910); John W. Brand (Apr. 3, 1914); James A. Polk (Feb. 5, 1903, and Apr. 14, 27, 1916); and Carrie P. Horton (April-September, 1916).
		3	1917-1920, undated Personal letters to Edwin S. Hilliard from James A. Polk (Feb. 12, 1920); S. D. Brannin (Jan. 22, 1919); L. E. Brannin (Aug. 5, 1919); Carrie P. Horton (March 1917-December 1920); and Mr. S. E. Hamlett (undated).
		4-6	1885 Drafts of briefs, containing considerable autobiographical information, prepared by Edwin S. Hilliard for his lawyer in order to secure a settlement of the property owned by Mrs. Isaac H. Hilliard (wife of deceased brother) and himself.
		7	[1739-1890] Genealogical material providing births, deaths, and marriages of the Polk, Murfree, and Hilliard families; 3 items show locations of graves at cemetery stating burial lot at St. John's Church on Mount Pleasant Road, near Columbia, Tennessee.
		8	1884 Maps and description of the I. H. Hilliard Plantation, Chicot County, Arkansas.
		9-11	1866-1871, undated Photographs of the Hilliard family, including Isaac S. Hilliard, Jr., Edwin S. Hilliard, Isaac H. Hilliard (1866, 1871, undated); photographs of the barn, cotton gin, and plantation store at Hilliard plantation in Grand Lake, Ark. (undated); photographs of the Hilliard and Polk families' cemetery lots, at St. John's Church in Maury County, Tenn. (undated); newspaper clipping (1924) provides information concerning the churchyard.
OS:H	--	1	1832-1865 Diploma from University of Nashville, to Isaac H. Hilliard, signed by Andrew Johnson, Francis B. Fogg, and Thomas Washington (1832); pardon signed by President Andrew Johnson (Sept. 19, 1865), genealogical material (undated).

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Manuscript volumes

H:21	--	--	<p><u>Volume 1: Cashbook, 1849-1865</u> Cashbook of Miriam Hilliard, Grand Lake, Chicot County, Ark., containing entries for household expenses; inventories of furniture, glasses, dishes, upholstery, linen and infants' clothes; and medical recipes.</p>
	3	1	<p><u>Volume 2: Isaac H. Hilliard, Jr., Diary, 1866</u> Personal diary of Isaac Henry Hilliard, Jr. attending school near Columbia, Maury County, Tenn., and at the Kentucky Military Institute, Franklin County, Tenn., and visiting relatives in Tennessee and Kentucky; namely, the George Polk family, Maury County, Tenn., the Brannin family of Louisville, Ky. and New Castle, Henry County, Ky. and at Grand Lake, Chicot County, Ark. Travel entry, Mar. 25, "my birthday, 18 yrs old."</p>
	3	1	<p><u>Volume 3: Isaac H. Hilliard, Jr., Diary, 1869</u> Personal diary of Isaac H. Hilliard, Jr., entries concerning visits with relatives in Louisville and New Castle, Kentucky, and Columbia, Tennessee; and work on his plantation at Grand Lake, Chicot County, Arkansas.</p>
	--	--	<p><u>Volume 4: Isaac H. Hilliard, Jr., Diary, 1868-1879</u> Diary of Isaac H. Hilliard, Jr., Grand Lake, Chicot County, Arkansas, containing personal and plantation entries for 1868-1871; entries for Jan., 1875-Aug., 1876 pertain chiefly to work on the plantation; entries after Oct. 1876-Sept. 1877 are signed by James C. Matthews, apparently a clerk in a business enterprise belonging to the Hilliard family and give information concerning weather conditions, condition of business "good or dull," arrival and departure of members of the family and friends, particularly Isaac H. Hilliard, Jr. and some mention about playing baseball (1876-1877); entries for Apr. 1879 are concerned with work performed in a vegetable garden together with a chart showing different types of vegetable planted.</p>
	3	2	<p><u>Volume 5: Isaac H. Hilliard, Jr., Memorandum book, 1861-1866</u></p>
	3	3	<p><u>Volume 6: Isaac H. Hilliard, Jr., Notebook, 1868</u> Containing copies of poems and newspaper clippings.</p>

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H:21	3	2	<u>Volume 7: Edwin S. Hilliard Diary, 1870</u> Personal diary of Edwin Summers Hilliard containing entries chiefly for visits to towns near the plantation, also frequent mentions of Isaac's health and visits with him. Apparently staying on the Raynor Place (part of the Hilliard holdings). Entry for Oct. 5, "My birthday 20 yrs. old today"
E:50	2	12	<u>Volume 8: Edwin S. Hilliard Diary, June 17-Dec. 22, 1881</u>
H:21	--	--	<u>Volume 9: Edwin S. Hilliard Diary, 1884-1897</u>
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INDEX TERMS

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Hilliard Plantation (Ark.)
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Hilliard, Isaac H. (Isaac Henry), 1849-1882.
Hilliard, Miriam Brannin, -1853.
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Maps.
Photographic prints.
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E:50	1	1-8	Papers and correspondence, 1756-1859		
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	2	1-3	Letters and related items, 1860-1916		
		4-6	Drafts of briefs, 1885		
		7	Genealogical material, undated		
		8	Maps, 1884		
		9-11	Photographs, newspaper clipping, 1924		
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