

**HARRIS (NATHANIEL HARRISON AND
JAMES W. M.) PAPERS**

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SUMMARY

Size.	259 items (on 1 microfilm reel)
Geographic locations.	Vicksburg, Mississippi
Inclusive dates.	1865-1920
Bulk dates.	N/A
Language.	English
Summary.	Business papers of law firm of Harris and Harris, partnership of Confederate General Nathaniel Harrison Harris and his brother Captain James W. M. Harris.
Organization.	Arranged categorically, then chronologically.
Restrictions on access.	May not be reproduced.
Related collections.	N/A
Location of original.	Originals are in the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson, Miss.
Copyright.	Copyright of the original materials is retained by descendants of the creators in accordance with U.S. copyright law.
Citation.	Nathaniel Harrison and James W. M. Harris Papers, Mss. 3275, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, La.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Born in Natchez, Miss., in 1828, James W.M. Harris studied at Amherst College and returned to his native state to read law under General Sparrow. He practiced law in Vicksburg, but the family cotton plantation, Avenel Plantation, also provided income. During the Civil War, James Harris undertook a position as Third Auditor of the Post Office Department in Richmond, a position that took him away from Avenel and his family for the duration of the war. He and his family returned to Avenel Plantation after the war and James Harris resumed his law practice. The family moved to New York where his wife, Mary, died in childbirth in 1871. Harris moved to the Washington Territory shortly before his death in 1885, where he attempted to become territorial governor.

Nathaniel Harrison Harris was born in 1834 in Natchez, Miss. He attended the University of Louisiana, studied law, and went into law practice in the 1850s with his older brother James in Vicksburg, Miss. He never married. Nathaniel Harris entered the Confederate Army as a captain, participating in the battles of Williamsburg and Seven Pines in the late spring of 1862. While holding the rank of colonel, he commanded a regiment at the battles of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, as a result of which he was promoted to brigadier general on January 20, 1864. His brigade won fame during the Wilderness campaign of 1864, including the battles of Spotsylvania, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, and Richmond. After the war, he returned to his Vicksburg law practice and was president of the Mississippi Valley and Ship Island Railroad in the 1870s. He was appointed registrar of the U.S. Land Office at Aberdeen, S.D., in 1885, and moved to San Francisco and went into business around 1890. He died in 1900 while on a business trip in Malvern, England.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains the business papers of the law firm of Harris and Harris, a partnership of Confederate General Nathaniel Harrison Harris and his brother Captain James W. M. Harris. The firm operated from Vicksburg, Mississippi. Correspondence from the collection concerns railroad bonds, contracts and construction; land deeds and sales; taxes; insurance policies; ledgers; receipts; bills; cancelled checks; and bank settlements.

CROSS REFERENCES

Subject	Date	Description of relevant documents
Law firms--Mississippi-- Vicksburg.	1865-1920	Law firm of Harris and Harris; papers of lawyer and railroad president Nathaniel Harrison Harris, CSA General who returned to Vicksburg after the Civil War to practice law in partnership with his brother Captain James W. M. Harris.
Madison Parish (La.)	1877-1881	Real estate tax receipts
Lawyers--Mississippi-- Vicksburg.	1865-1920	Papers of Nathaniel Harrison Harris, President, Mississippi Valley and Ship Island Railroad.
Railroads--Southern States.	1884	Memo in reference to agreement of April 26, 1882, between Johnson and Martin co consolidate the New Orleans and Mississippi Valley Railroad Co., the New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Vicksburg, and Memphis Railroad Co., the Memphis and Vicksburg Railroad Co., and the Tennessee Southern Railroad Co. under the name of the Louisville, New Orleans, and Texas Railway Company; Aug. 1884.

CONTAINER LIST

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<u>Location</u>	<u>Reel</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Contents (with dates)</u>	
Mss.MF:P	1	1-6	Nathaniel Harrison Harris Papers Papers (1865-1867, 1870, 1872-1889)	
		7-9	Receipts, Bills, and Statements (1869-1879)	
		10	Papers (1890, 1920)	
		11	Insurance Policies (1867-1884)	
		12	Papers (undated)	
	2	--		LeRoy Percy Papers Papers (1879-1909, undated)
			1	Papers (1894-1907)
		3	2-10	Papers (1907-Jan., 1908)
		4	11-26	Papers (1908-1910)
			26	Sarah Compton File (1905-1910) Telegrams (1910-1911) Johanna Reiser File (1901, 1907-1911)
		5	27-43	Papers (1911)
			43	Correspondence (1910-1912, undated)
44-45			Papers (1912)	
46			Panama Canal (1912)	
47			Papers (1913)	
47a-c			Levee Construction (1912-1914)	
48-53			Papers (1914-1916)	
6		54-55	Papers (1916)	
		56-62	Personal Correspondence (1917)	
		63-67	Miscellaneous Correspondence (1918-1919)	
		68	Papers (1920, 1921)	
		69-72	Miscellaneous Correspondence (1922)	
	72	Papers, Ku Klux Klan Files, Correspondence (1921-1925, undated) Papers, Ku Klux Klan Files, Pamphlets and Handbills (1921-1923, undated) Papers, Ku Klux Klan Files, Newspaper Clippings (1922-1923, undated)		
7	72a-d	Ku Klux Klan Papers (1922-1923)		
	73-78	Miscellaneous Correspondence (1923-1924)		
	79-80	Papers (1925)		
	81-82	European Travel Correspondence (Jan.-Mar., 1926)		
	83-85	Papers (1926)		
	86-91	Miscellaneous Correspondence (1927-1929)		

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	8	92-94	Miscellaneous Correspondence (1929)
		95-96	Papers (1930, undated)
		97	Photographs of LeRoy Percy, Mrs. Percy, big game hunts (undated)
		98	Photographs (undated)
		99	Empty Envelopes (undated)
		100	Printed Items (Mar., 1908-Aug., 1929)
		101-114	Newspaper Clippings (1874, 1888, 1908-1911, undated) 3 Manuscript volumes (1889-1929)
William Alexander Percy Papers			
<i>Personal Correspondence</i>			
	1	1-12	Papers (1902-1919)
		13	Sewanee University and ATO Alumni Correspondence (1910-1920)
		14-17	Papers (1921-1927)
	2	18-23	Papers (1928-1930, undated)
<i>Business Papers</i>			
		24-36	Papers (1910-1929, 1939-1940, undated) <i>"Yale Series of Younger Poets" Correspondence</i>
	3	1-24	Papers (1925-1931) <i>Literary Correspondence, Poetry, Prose, Printed Items</i>
	4	1-20	Papers (1908-1930, undated)
		21-26	William Alexander Percy Poetry (undated)
		27	William Alexander Percy Poetry, "Enzio's Kingdom" (undated)
	5	28	Introduction by W. A. Percy, Poems by Arthur O'Shaughnessy (undated)
		29	Galley Proof of Introduction by W. A. Percy, Poems by Arthur O'Shaughnessy (undated)
		30	Poems by Others (undated)
		31	Poems and Prose (undated)
		32	Galley Proof of Selected Poems (1930)
		33-36	William Alexander Percy Prose (undated)
		37	William Alexander Percy Papers, <i>Lanterns on the Levee</i> , 9 manuscript volumes.
		38	William Alexander Percy Manuscript of <i>Lanterns on the Levee</i> , Forward, Chapters 11-16 (undated)
		39	William Alexander Percy Manuscript of <i>Lanterns on the Levee</i> , Chapters 17-20, 23-27 (undated)
		40	William Alexander Percy, Galley Proof of <i>Lanterns on the Levee</i> (undated)

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		41	Diploma, Certificate, Poem (1904-1924)
		42	Printed Items (1911-1941, undated) <i>Newspaper Clippings</i>
		43	Newspaper Clippings, Red Cross Belgium Relief fund (1917, undated)
		44	Newspaper Clippings, World War I (1918, 1929, 1938, undated)
		45	Newspaper Clippings, Literary publicity and book reviews (1915-1916)
		46-57	Newspaper Clippings (1917-1943, undated)
		58	Empty Envelopes (undated)
		59	Photographs (undated)
	6		Manuscript Volumes (1910-1942, undated) <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Diary and Poetry (1910)2. Poetry Notebook (1917)3. War Memorandum Book and Poetry (1917-1918)4. Poetry Notebook (1924)5. Ledger (1926-1932)6. Ledger (1930-1932)7. Ledger (1933-1940)8. Scrapbook [<i>Lanterns on the Levee</i>, obituaries] (1941-1942)9. Poetry (undated)10. Poetry (undated)
	7		<ol style="list-style-type: none">11. Poetry and Prose (undated)12. Field Message Book (undated) Printed Volume (1901) <ol style="list-style-type: none">13. Art Work of Mississippi, parts 4, 5, 6, 9 (1901)

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