

## **Autograph Collection, 1847-1968 (1 Folder)**

Processed by Chuck Hill, October 2003

### **Restrictions**

None.

### **Historical Sketch**

The provenance of this material is unknown at this time [10/31/2003], however, several of the items appear to have been removed from a scrapbook and they, as well as others, have dealer marks which would indicate that they were purchased. Although the collection has been dated 1847-1968, those are simply the earliest and latest identified dates. Some items must predate 1847 (John Adair died in 1840) and some may postdate 1968 (Robert Penn Warren died in 1989) but the items with their signatures were not dated.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The Autograph Collection consists of a variety of documents including signatures on calling cards, signatures that appear to have been cut from letters, programs, business cards or other documents, and other signatures that were written specifically as autographs to admirers. They date from the early 19<sup>th</sup> century to the late 20<sup>th</sup> century and come from a several unidentified sources. This collection appears to have been created to center around important Kentucky public figures (politicians, authors, athletes, military leaders, etc.) or people who have some connection with the Civil War or Abraham Lincoln (Robert T. Lincoln, Simon Cameron, Steven A. Douglas, etc.). The items are organized in alphabetical order by last name.

Although the majority of items in this collection are signatures collected as souvenirs or as requests for autographs, a few items were added that are actual documents but had no connection to another collection in the Archives. An example is the letter from Robert T. Lincoln requesting copies of the Congressional Directory. Items such as this have been left in the Autograph Collection because they have no relevance as part of a larger collection or as a small collection by itself.

### **Donor Information**

Unknown (0010-013).

## Folder List

Adair, John, 1757-1840.

(KY Rep., US Senator from KY, KY Governor, US Rep. from KY)

**AS John Adair.** Probably cut from a letter as the signature is preceded by “Believe me to be with real esteem, yours.”

Adams, Daniel Weisiger, 1820-1872.

(CS Lt. Col., Col. and Brig. General)

**AS Danl. W. Adams, Brig. Genl. CSA.** Signature on a calling card.

Allen, James Lane, 1849-1925.

(KY Author)

**AS Sincerely Yours, James Lane Allen.** On card stock, not cut from a letter.

Beall, William Nelson Rector, 1825-1883.

(Graduate USMA, US Capt., CS Capt. and Brig. General)

**AS Wm. N.R. Beall, Bg. Gn. PCSA. Arkansas.** Signature on a calling card.

Beauregard, Pierre Gustave Toutant, 1818-1893.

(Graduate USMA, Superintendent USMA, CS Brig. General and General)

**AS G.T. Beauregard, 1890.** Signature on a calling card.

Blackburn, Joseph Clay Stiles, 1838-1918.

(KY Rep., US Rep. from KY, US Senator from KY)

**AS Jo. C.S. Blackburn, Kentucky.** Signature on a page from an autograph book.

Breckinridge, John Cabell, 1821-1875.

(KY Rep., US Rep. from KY, US Vice President, CS Brig. General, US Senator from KY, CS Secretary of War)

**ANS John C. Breckinridge.** Note transmitting his autograph signature to G.W. Wilson of New York City, 24 Feb 1860.

Breckinridge, John C.

(see above)

Buckner, Simon Bolivar, 1823-1914.

(Graduate USMA, KY State Guard Maj. General and Inspector General, CS Brig. General, Maj. General and Lt. General, KY Governor)

Hardee, William Joseph, 1815-1873.

(CS Brig. General, Maj. General and Lt. General)

**DS John C. Breckinridge, Brig. Gen. Comdg., Hdqtrs. 2<sup>nd</sup> KY Div., Dec. 5th, 1861; S.B. Buckner, Brig. Genl. CSA, and; W.J. Hardee, Major Genl.** Fragment of an official document with each signature preceded by “Respectfully Forwarded.” [1 item with 3 signatures]

Browning, Orville Hickman, 1806-1881.

(IL Senator, US Senator from IL, US Secretary of the Interior)

**AS O.H. Browning, May 22, 1867.** Signature cut from a larger document or a book.

Buckner, Simon Bolivar.

(see Breckinridge, John C.)

Cameron, Simon, 1799-1889.

(US Senator from PA, US Secretary of War, US Minister to Russia)

**AS Simon Cameron, [illegible] Penna.** Signature cut from a larger document or a letter.

Cameron, Simon.

(see above)

**ALS Simon Cameron.** Letter in Cameron's hand to Edward D. Ingraham stating that he would send an unidentified "Bill & report" when it is printed, 24 January 1847. [note: possibly Edward Duffield Ingraham, a Philadelphia attorney and Democrat, who, in the 1830s, was secretary for the congressional committee investigating the United States Bank, served as one of the Bank's directors, and was the US Commissioner at Philadelphia]

Canby, Edward Richard Sprigg, 1817-1873.

(Graduate USMA, US Col., Brig. General and Maj. General, post-war commanded Department of the Columbia and Division of the Pacific, and was killed at Siskiyou, CA by Captain Jack and other Modoc Indians during negotiations over a peace treaty.)

**AS Ed. M. Canby, M.G. Vols.** Signature on a calling card.

Cawein, Madison, 1865-1914.

(KY Author)

**AS Madison Cawein.** Probably cut from a letter as the signature is preceded by "with affectionate friendship," and after with "Louisville, Ky., May 19<sup>th</sup> 1904."

Cawein, Madison.

(see above)

**AS Madison Cawein, Oct. 6, 1910.**

Chandler, Albert Benjamin (Happy), 1898-1991.

(KY Senator, KY Governor, US Senator from KY, Commissioner of Baseball)

**AS A.B. Chandler.** Signature on a calling card.

Clay, Henry, 1777-1852.

(KY Rep., US Senator from KY, US Rep. from KY, Speaker of the US House of Representatives, US Secretary of State, Peace Commissioner at Ghent)

**AS H. Clay.** Portion of an envelope addressed to A.M. January, Maysville, KY and containing the franking mark "Free," all in Clay's hand. Partial postmark for Washington, DC, appears in upper left-hand corner.

Collins, Martha Layne, 1936-.

(KY Lt. Governor and Governor, President of St. Catharine College)

**AS Martha Layne Collins.** Signature on her business card as Governor.

Combs, Earle, 1899-1976.

(Professional Baseball Player, NY Yankees, Baseball Hall of Fame)

**AS Earle Combs.** Signature on a blank postcard addressed to Roy Pitts, Anniston, AL, and postmarked at Philadelphia, 6 Jul 1954.

Conrad, Charles Magill, 1804-1878.

(US Secretary of War, US Senator from LA, US and CS Rep. from LA)

**AS C.M. Conrad.** Portion of an envelope addressed to Robert F. Adair, Maysville, KY (also in Conrad's hand) with the free congressional postmark of 27 Apr.

Crittenden, Thomas L., 1819-1893.

(US Maj. General, KY State Treasurer, US Consul in Liverpool)

**AS T.L. Crittenden, Major General U.S. Volunteers.** Probably cut from a letter as the signature is preceded by "Your Obt. Servant."

Crittenden, T.L.

(see above)

**AS T.L. Crittenden, Maj. Genl. Com.** Fragment of an official document with his signature preceded by "Respectfully forwarded" and dated at "Headquarters, 21<sup>st</sup> Army Corps, June 1<sup>st</sup> 1863."

Crittenden, T.L.

(see above)

Hascall, Milo Smith, 1829-1904.

(Graduate USMA, US Col. and Brig. General)

Wagner, George Day, 1829-1869.

(IN Senator, US Col. and Brig. General)

Blake, John A.

(US Col. [from: [www.aotc.net/murf-rep.htm](http://www.aotc.net/murf-rep.htm) 10 Oct 2003 - Reports of the Battle of Murfreesboro or Stone's River, TN, 30 Dec 1862 - 2 Jan 1863, "John W. Blake, Colonel 40<sup>th</sup> Indiana Volunteers Recommended to be dishonorably discharged for being so drunk as to be unfit for duty. Before going into action on the 31<sup>st</sup>, was ordered in arrest by his immediate commander, Colonel Wagner, and was next heard from in Nashville, claiming to be wounded and a paroled prisoner."])

**DS T.L. Crittenden, Maj. Genl. Cmdg.; Milo S. Hascall, Brig. Genl. Vols. Cmdg.** - dated at Headquarters, 6<sup>th</sup> Division, 7 Dec 1862; **G.D. Wagner, Col. Cmdg.** - dated at Headquarters, 21<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 7 Dec 1862, and; **John W. Blake, Col. Cmdg. 40<sup>th</sup> Inda. Vols.** - dated "Near Nashville Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>." Cover sheet with filing notes for recommendation that Sgt. John Connell, 40<sup>th</sup> Indiana Volunteers, be promoted to Lieutenant. Except for Blake's, all signatures are preceded by "Approved & Respectfully Forwarded." [1 item with 4 signatures]

Croxton, John Thomas, 1836-1874.

(US Lt. Col. [4<sup>th</sup> KY Mounted Infantry], US Col., US Brig. General, US Minister to Bolivia)  
**AS John T. Croxton, Brig. Genl. Cmdg. Brig.** Fragment of an official document or cover sheet with the notation "Respectfully forwarded." Dated at Headquarters, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Division, 14<sup>th</sup> Army Corps, in camp near Shell Mound, TN, 4 Sep 1863.

Davis, Jefferson, 1808-1889

(US Rep. from MS, US Senator from MS, Governor of MS, US Sec. of War, CS President)  
**AS Jeffn. Davis.** Probably cut from a letter as the signature is preceded by "Very respectfully, Your Obt. Servt."

Douglas, Stephen A., 1813-1861.

(US Rep. from IL, IL State Rep., IL Secretary of State, IL State Supreme Court Justice, US Senator from IL)  
**AS S.A. Douglas, Chicago, Illinois.** Probably cut from a letter as the remains of an address appear on the back.

Douglas, Stephen A.

(see above)

**AS S.A. Douglas, Chicago, Ills.** Signature cut from a larger document or a letter.

Guthrie, James, 1792-1869.

(US Secretary of Treasury, US Senator from KY, KY State Senate, KY State Rep.)  
**AS James Guthrie, feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1861, Louisville, KY.** Signature cut from a larger document or a letter. [back contains an illegible signature - William R. Timel (?), Capt. 5<sup>th</sup> Artillery.]

Hamlin, Hannibal, 1809-1891.

(US Senator from ME, US Rep. from ME, ME Governor, US Vice President)  
**AS H. Hamlin, Maine.** Signature cut from a larger document or a letter.

Hardee, William Joseph.

(see Breckinridge, John C.)

Hay, John Milton, 1838-1905.

(Private Secretary to Abraham Lincoln, US Assistant Secretary of State, Ambassador to Great Britain, US Secretary of State)  
**AS John Hay.** Signature cut from a larger document or a letter.

Hoyt, E.A.

(see Williamson, James A.)

James, Will, 1892-1942.

(Author [*Smoky*, *Lone Cowboy*, etc.], Illustrator)

**AS Will James '30.** Signature appears to be on a page from a book.

Johnson, Richard W., 1827-1897.

(Graduate USMA, US Brig. General, US Maj. General)

**AS R.W. Johnson, Maj. Genl. Vols.** Signature on a calling card.

Johnston, Annie Fellows, 1863-1931.

(IN and KY author [*The Little Colonel*, etc.]

**TLS Annie Fellows Johnston.** Form letter acknowledging receipt of a fan letter. "Dear Ruth" and "Very sincerely yours" appear to be in Johnston's hand.

Lincoln, Robert Todd, 1843-1926.

(Son of Abraham Lincoln, US Secretary of War, US Minister to Great Britain)

**AS Robert T. Lincoln.** Signature on a calling card.

Lincoln, Robert Todd.

(see above)

**ALS Robert T. Lincoln, Secretary of War.** Letter to Henry B. Anthony requesting 300 copies of the Congressional Directory for use in the War Department, 13 Jun 1881. The entire letter appears to be in Lincoln's hand.

McClermand, John Alexander, 1812-1900.

(IL Rep., US Rep. from IL, US Brig. General, US Maj. General)

**AS John A. McClermand.** Signature on a calling card.

Preston, William, 1816-1887.

(KY Rep., KY Senator, US Rep. from KY, US Minister to Spain, CS Brig. General)

**AS W. Preston, Louisville, KY.** Signature cut from a larger document or a letter.

Reynolds, Joseph Jones, 1822-1899.

(Graduate USMA, US Col., US Brig. General, US Maj. General, Asst. Commissioner of Freedmen's Bureau for Texas, [The Texas legislature elected him U. S. Senator in 1871. However, the US Senate awarded the contested seat to his opponent and he did not serve.]

**AS J.J. Reynolds, Maj. Genl.** Signature on a calling card.

Rice, Alice Hegan, 1870-1942.

(KY Author [*Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch*, *A Romance of Billy-Goat Hill*, etc.]

**ANS Alice Hegan Rice.** "For Mrs. John R. Clements with all good wishes."

Rice, Alice Hegan.

(see above)

**AS Alice Hegan Rice.** Includes address and signature as Mrs. Cale Young Rice.

Rice, Alice Hegan.

(see above)

**AS Alice Hegan Rice.** Signature on a calling card.

Rice, Cale Young, 1872-1943.

(KY Poet and Author [*Stygian Freight*, *Bitter Brew*, etc.]

**ALS Cale Young Rice.** On The Homestead, Hot Springs, VA, letterhead, 1928.

Rousseau, Lovell Harrison, 1818-1869.

(IN Legislator, KY Legislator, US Rep. from KY, US Brig. General)

**AS Lovell H. Rousseau, Maj. Genl., U.S. Vols.** Probably cut from a letter as the signature is preceded by "I am, etc."

Rousseau, Lovell Harrison.

(see above)

**AS Very truly, etc. Lovell H. Rousseau, Maj. Genl.** On card stock, not cut from a letter.

Sachs, Emanie, 1893-1981.

(KY Author [*The Octangle*, *Terrible Siren*, etc.]

**AS Emanie Sachs.** Signature on newsclipping containing her picture.

Seward, William H., 1801-1872.

(NY Senator, NY Governor, US Senator from NY, US Secretary of State)

**ANS William H. Seward.** Note to Justin Kellogg thanking him "for your kind courtesy." dated at Washington, DC, 23 Mar 1860.

Shackelford, James Murrell, 1827-1909

(US Col. [25<sup>th</sup> KY Infantry and 8<sup>th</sup> KY Cavalry], US Brig. General, Judge of the U.S. Court for Indian Territory)

**ANS J.M. Shackelford.** Note transmitting his signature dated at Evansville, IN, 3 Feb 1880.

Smith, Green Clay, 1826-1895.

(KY Rep., US Col. [4<sup>th</sup> KY Cavalry], US Brig. General, US Rep. from KY, MT Governor)

**AS Most Respty., Green Clay Smith, Brig. Genl. USA.** Signature on a calling card.

Stowe, Harriet Beecher, 1811-1896.

(Author [*Uncle Tom's Cabin*])

**AS H.B. Stowe, June 19, 1876.** Probably cut from a letter as the signature is preceded by "Very truly yours."

Stowe, Harriet Beecher.

(see above)

**AS H.B. Stowe, Dec. 15, 1880.** Probably cut from a letter as the signature is preceded by "Very Truly Your Friend." The back contains an address "Mr. Arthur Hughes. New York City" but this does not appear to be in Beecher's hand.

Stowe, Harriet Beecher.

(see above)

**ANS Harriet Beecher Stowe, Dec. 1, 1885.** Calling card with note in Beecher's hand, "Jesus said, The poor ye have always with you, & whensoever ye will ye can do them good."

Tate, Allen, 1899-1979.

(Author [*The Fathers, Stonewall Jackson: The Good Soldier*, etc.]

**ANS Allen Tate, Rome, December 28, 1953.** The note, "With kind regards from" is written on card stock and includes the envelope addressed to Ashley H. Cole, New York. [2 items]

Tunney, Gene, 1897-1978.

(WW I veteran and World Light Heavyweight and Heavyweight Champion Boxer)

**AS Gene Tunney.** Signature on a calling card.

Warren, Robert Penn, 1905-1989.

(KY Author [*All the King's Men, Who Speaks for the Negro?*, etc.]

**AS Robert Penn Warren.** Signature on heavy paper.

Warren, Robert Penn.

(see above)

**AS Robert Penn Warren.** Signature on a program with his picture as the Kennedy Lecturer, Ohio University, 6 Feb 1968).

Williams, John Stuart, 1818-1898.

(Capt. and Colonel in the 4<sup>th</sup> KY Volunteers during the Mexican War, KY Rep., CS Brig. General, US Senator from KY)

**ANS John S. Williams.** A note to L. Dalton, Washington, DC, requesting that he forward all documents to him "as fast as they come." Dated at Mt Sterling, KY, 17 Jun 1881.

Williamson, James Alexander, 1829-1902.

(1<sup>st</sup> Lt., Lt. Col. and Col., 4<sup>th</sup> Iowa, US Brig. General, Medal of Honor Recipient, Commissioner of the General Land Office, Pres. of the Atlantic and Pacific RR)

Hoyt, E.A. [no birth or death dates available at this time - 15 Oct 2003]

(Commissioner of Indian Affairs)

**AS J.A. Williamson** (with notation above his name, not in his hand, "Commissioner of the Land Office -") and **E.A. Hoyt** (with notation above his name, not in his hand, "Commissioner of Indian Affairs -") [1 item with two signatures on a page from an autograph book]