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**Beatty-Quisenberry Family  
Papers, 1796-1962**

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## **Beatty-Quisenberry Family Papers, 1796-1962**

### **Scope and Content Note**

Papers of Adam Beatty and his descendants in the Beatty and Quisenberry families. The papers of Adam Beatty include correspondence, legal papers, and business papers detailing agriculture, politics, slavery, the Episcopal Church, and other aspects of life in Kentucky from the turn of the nineteenth century through Beatty's death in 1858. Correspondents include Robert J. Breckinridge, Leslie Combs, John J. Crittenden, Garrett Davis, Richard Hawes, Richard M. Johnson, Thomas Metcalfe, B. B. Smith, Thomas B. Stevenson, J. R. Underwood, Charles A. Wickliffe, Robert Wickliffe, and numerous other prominent political and religious figures. Letters from family members in California, Louisiana, Maryland, and Texas discuss life in those states. Also included are letters written to Beatty's wife, Sarah, mostly concerning daily life.

A small group of Ormond Beatty's papers contain material related to the Civil War, Centre College, the Caldwell Institute, and real estate in Danville, Kentucky. Letters from Ormond Beatty are included in the papers of his parents.

Ormond Beatty's daughter, Pattie, grew up in Danville, following the Civil War. Her papers mostly concern social life in postbellum Kentucky, although they also include references to politics and major events. Correspondence to and from Pattie Beatty describes traveling and vacationing in numerous parts of the eastern United States. She was also involved with Presbyterian missionary groups and some related material is included in the collection. In 1882, she married John A. Quisenberry. His papers relate to agriculture, politics, social life, business, and real estate in Kentucky and Texas.

Thomas E. Quisenberry, the son of John A. and Pattie Quisenberry, moved to Evanston, Illinois. His papers reflect business, politics, social life, and other aspects of life in Illinois in the mid-twentieth century. Included are copies of his letters to politicians, including Franklin D. Roosevelt, offering Quisenberry's opinions on various issues. The correspondence of his wife Quinlan Hanna Quisenberry (née Agnes Quinlan Hanna) details social life and travel.

The Filson purchased the Beatty-Quisenberry Family Papers in a number of lots, resulting in the collection having numerous accession numbers. They are 99z7, 99z11, 99z12, 99z13, 99z14, 99z16, 99z22, 00z5, 00z10, 00z16, 00z18, 00z21, 00z24, 001z14, 001z27, 001z32, 002z8, 002z11, 002z14, 002z20, 002z23, 003z3.

### **Related Collections**

A group of Henry Clay's letters to Adam Beatty is in the holdings of the University of Kentucky's Special Collections.

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### **Biographical Note**

Born in Virginia in 1777, Adam Beatty immigrated to Mason County, Kentucky, around the turn of the nineteenth century. In Kentucky, Beatty was a circuit court judge and served at least one term in the state legislature. He also ran unsuccessfully for the U.S. House of Representatives in 1838. Beatty was a prominent member of the Whig Party and was a close friend and political ally of Henry Clay. On his farm, "Prospect Hill," outside of Maysville, Beatty engaged in a number of agricultural pursuits. At different times, he raised sheep, tobacco, and hemp. He married Sarah Green (sometimes Greer) in the early nineteenth century. He died in 1858.

Ormond Beatty, the son of Adam and Sarah Beatty, was born in 1815. He studied at Yale in the mid-1830s and returned to Kentucky to take a position as a professor at Centre College. In the late 1850s, he became acting president of Centre and became permanent president shortly thereafter. He married Elizabeth O. Beatty (maiden name unknown) ca. 1839. He died in 1890.

Pattie Beatty, the daughter of Ormond and Elizabeth O. Beatty, was born in 1853. She married John A. Quisenberry (b. 1851) in 1882. Quisenberry was a farmer and later a businessman in Danville. He died in 1930. Pattie Quisenberry died in 1934.

Their son, Thomas Edwin Quisenberry, was born in 1891. As an adult, he moved to Evanston, Illinois, where he engaged in numerous business pursuits. Around 1913, he married Agnes Quinlan Hanna (b. 1892), who went by Quinlan. They had five children: Martha (b. 1915), Patricia (b. 1916); Agnes (b. 1918); Helen (b. 1922?); John (5 April 1924-6 March 1995). Quinlan died in 1958, and Thomas died in 1964.

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**Genealogy**

Beatty Family

1. William Beatty, Jr. (1738-1801) m. Mary Dorothea Grosch
- 1.1 William Beatty III (1758-1781)
- 1.2 Henry Beatty (1760-1840) m. Sarah Henning
- 1.3 Elizabeth Beatty (1762-1831) m. John Charlton
- 1.4 John Conrad Beatty (16 October 1764-1811)
- 1.5 Cornelius Beatty (b. 27 February 1766) m. Harriet Vorvell
- 1.6 Sophia Beatty (b. 1768) m. Nathaniel Rochester
- 1.7 Mary Beatty (b. 1769) m. Daniel Stull
- 1.8 George Beatty (b. 1771)
- 1.9 Otho Beatty (1773-1803) m. Mary Logan
- 1.10 Eleanor Beatty (3 October 1774-1825) m. John B. Beall
- 1.11 Elie Beatty (b. 17 January 1776) m. Elizabeth Chew Dury/Deery, m2. Mary Yarnell
- 1.12 Adam Beatty (1776?-1858) m. Sarah Green [sometimes Greer]
- 1.12.4 Ormond Beatty (13 August 1815-24 June 1890) m. Elizabeth O. Beatty (b. 1825?)
- 1.12.4.1 Pattie Beatty (1853-1934) m. John A. Quisenberry (1851-1930)
- 1.13 John Michael Beatty (31 March 1779-1823)
- 1.14 Daniel Beatty (b. 1780) m. Ann Cox
- 1.15 William Assirby Beatty (1782-1802) m. Elizabeth Miller
- 1.16 Lewis Augustus Beatty (b. 20 March 1784) m. Gist, m2. Lady of Georgetown

Quisenberry Family

1. Thomas E. Quisenberry (1820-15 June 1871) m. Anna Price
- 1.1 Lucy Quisenberry
- 1.2 John A. Quisenberry m. Pattie Beatty
- 1.2.1 Thomas E. Quisenberry (b. 24 May 1891-1964) m. Agnes Quinlan Hanna (1892-1958)
- 1.2.1.1 Martha Quisenberry (b. 1915)
- 1.2.1.2 Patricia Quisenberry (b. 1916)
- 1.2.1.3 Agnes Quisenberry (b. 1918)
- 1.2.1.4 Helen Quisenberry (b. 1922?)
- 1.2.1.5 John Quisenberry (5 April 1924-6 March 1995)
- 1.3 Robert Taylor Quisenberry

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