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**The John Harding
Collection**

The collection of John Harding, lawyer and stock breeder of Henry County, Ky.

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2.66 cubic feet

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Biographical Note

John Harding was a lawyer and a stock breeder of Pleasureville, Ky. He studied at Georgetown, Ky. and at Franklin College in Franklin, Ind. He was a member of the Taylor Petroleum and Mining Co. and served as attorney for the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Co. in Henry County, Ky.

Scope and Content Note

Collection consists of correspondence, 1859-1914, with his family and friends while a student at Georgetown, Ky., and Franklin College, Franklin, Ind., during the Civil War; letters from his father, Aaron Harding, lawyer of Greensburg, Ky., who served as a Union Democrat from Ky. in the U.S. Congress, 1861-1867; letters, 1865, relative to the Taylor Petroleum and Mining Co.; letters and certificates relating to breeding of horses; contract, 1865 Feb. 13, agreeing to form a petroleum and mining company; English compositions and manuscript poems, 1899-1911; letters, 1895, of Sallie Ward Downs to Mary Harding; legal papers, 1881-1890, of John Harding as attorney for the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Co. in Henry County, Ky.; accounts, 1864, 1897-1900, 1906; contract, 1896, of John Harding and his father-in-law, George F. Downs, with W. T. Hanks, contractor, for building a two story addition to a dwelling house on Harding's farm in Henry County, accompanied by statements of accounts and receipts for expenses of building, 1896-1898; and promissory notes in favor of the Bank of Commerce, Louisville, Ky., signed by Harding and G. F. Downs, 1897-1898.

The collection also includes the papers of George F. Downs (1814-1908), merchant and landowner of Louisville, and later Pleasureville, and fourth husband of Sallie Ward Downs. Included is correspondence, 1897-1908, chiefly about the care of his real estate in Louisville, but including letters from his stepson J. W. Hunt, Mary Margaret Hunt, John T. Moore, Samuel Casseday, and R. T. Durrett; statements of account for upkeep of real estate in Louisville and personal expenses, 1896-1908; tax notices and receipts, 1902-1905, on real property in Louisville; notes, 1891-1895, of Downs in favor of Kentucky and Louisville Mutual Insurance Co.; eleven volumes of memorandum books, 1846-1878; five volumes of account books, 1866-1895; and four volumes of bank books of the Western Financial Corporation, 1866-1879.

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- 92 George F. Downs account book, 1882 Feb. 28-1892.
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