The Filson Club Historical Society

Pettus - Speiden Family Papers

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Size of Collection

1.33 cubic feet

Locator Number: Mss./ A/ P499

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Scope and Content Note

Collection materials span 1838-1971 and consist of correspondence, diaries, and miscellaneous items that relate to the Pettus and Speiden families. It is contained in four boxes. The correspondence and diaries of primary importance. Topics include the Pettus family, the Speiden family, friends, marriages, deaths, faith, First Christian Church of Louisville, Ky., Highland Baptist Church of Louisville, Ky., Walnut Street Baptist Church of Louisville, Ky., missionary work in Japan, Lancaster, Ky., Oakford, Ky., the 1916 United States Presidential election, the Ballard School of Louisville, Ky., and its students, Hollins College, and travels abroad. Miscellaneous items of interest include an 1862 Centre College Commencement Program, an 1896 Walnut Street Baptist Church Resolution, a Louisville Girls High School Memory Book from 1916, other programs, invitations, announcements, recipes, speeches, a partial short story, newspaper clippings, and genealogy notes.

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Biographical Note

The Pettus family is from Lancaster, Ky., in Garrard County and the surrounding area, and the Speiden family is from Louisville, Ky. Joseph Pettus moved to Louisville shortly after the Civil War. It is daughter, Harriet Pettus, who married Fillison Speiden in 19104. The Speidens moved to Atlanta, Ga., in 1931 and their daughter, Marian Mauzy Speiden returned to Louisville in 1935, and taught at the Ballard School.

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Box 1:

- fl. 1: Correspondence, 1838-1865
- fl. 2: Correspondence, 1866
- fl. 3: Correspondence, 1867
- fl. 4: Correspondence, 1868
- fl. 5: Correspondence, 1869
- fl. 6: Correspondence, 1870
- fl. 7: Correspondence, 1873-1895
- fl. 8: Correspondence, 2 October 1896-5 October 1896
- fl. 9: Correspondence, 6 October 1896-November 1896

Box 2:

- fl. 10: Correspondence, 1897-1901
- fl. 11: Correspondence, 1902
- fl. 12: Correspondence, 1903
- fl. 13: Correspondence, 1904-1912
- fl. 14: Correspondence, 1915-1916
- fl. 15: Correspondence, 1917
- fl. 16: Correspondence, 1918
- fl. 17: Correspondence, 1919-1958
- fl. 18: Correspondence, no dates

<u>Box 3:</u>

- fl. 19: Hattie Pettus 1894 Diary, includes Shirley Gill Pettus 1906 Dairy
- fl. 20: Marian Mauzy Speiden 1928-1932 Diary
- fl. 21: Marian Mauzy Speiden 1933-1937 Diary
- fl. 22: Marian Mauzy Speiden 1938-1942 Diary
- fl. 23: Marian Mauzy Speiden 1939 Travel Diary
- fl. 24: Marian Mauzy Speiden 1949 Travel Diary
- fl. 25: Marian Mauzy Speiden 1950 Travel Diary
- fl. 26: Marian Mauzy Speiden 1967 Travel Diary, includes entries from 1970-1971
- fl. 27: Shirley Gill Pettus 1967 Travel Diary

Box 4:

- fl. 28: Programs, Invitations, Announcements, 1862-1949, no date
- fl. 29: Resolution, 1896; Copy of Thomas Pettus 1779 will, no date
- fl. 30: Speeches, partial Short Story, no date
- fl. 31: Receipts, 1867-1950
- fl. 32: Report Cards, 1894-1907
- fl. 33: Highland Mother's Club Yearbooks, 1936-1939
- fl. 34: Sorosis Club Yearbooks, 1935-1938; Program, 1937

- fl. 35: Louisville Girls High School Memory Book, 1916
- fl. 36: Recipe Book
- fl. 36a: Recipes
- fl. 37: Newspaper Clippings, 1904-1968, no date fl. 38: Genealogy Notes, 1894, 1904, no date fl. 39: Miscellaneous, 1935-1936, no date

- fl. 40: Miscellaneous, 1902-1940, no date