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**Sanders-Rogers family  
Papers, 1797-1953**

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**Scope and Content Note**

Collection includes correspondence, memoirs, and genealogical materials pertaining to several generations of interrelated families, primarily the Sanders and Rogers family, but also the Ball family. Several members of these families spent most of their lives in Kentucky during the 19th century. It includes several descriptions of family life in the early 19th century, details of a Confederate soldier's imprisonment in Union prisons, and the observations of a family member growing up in the late 19th century. The collection was gathered by Ida Ball Holsclaw and contains the original letters written to her husband's grandfather, Thomas Sanders, along with photocopies of the records of her maternal and paternal families, the Rogers and the Balls.

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**Biographical Note**

The collection includes correspondence and documents of several ancestors of Ida Ball Holsclaw (1860-1966) and her husband Dr. John R. Holsclaw (1850-1938). John Holsclaw's grandfather, Thomas Sanders, emigrated from Virginia to Kentucky and established a saddler business in Bullitt Co., Ky., in the early 1800s. Ida's grandfather, Rev. George L. Rogers (1793-1892), was a Methodist minister in Bullitt Co. He was married three times and was the father of 19 children. He was a Southern sympathizer during the Civil War, apparently owed slaves and two of his sons, John W. Rogers (1834-1862) and Samuel Jefferson Rogers (1835-1909), served in the Confederate army, 2nd Kentucky Mounted Infantry and 1st Kentucky Cavalry regiments, respectively. John was mortally wounded in the Battle of Hartsville, Tenn., in Dec. 1862. In her memoirs, Ida Holsclaw, mentioned that George Rogers conducted the marriage of Abraham Lincoln's father and stepmother, Thomas and Sarah, in 1819. Ida retained some memories of her early childhood during the Civil War. She became a school teacher and taught in several schools in Kentucky. She was married twice, first to Lee Roby, who died 9 months after their marriage, and then to John Holsclaw.

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**Folder List**

- Folder 1: Thomas Sanders Correspondence, 1807-1810 [17 items]
- Folder 2: Thomas Sanders Correspondence, 1811-1820 [13 items]
- Folder 3: Thomas Sanders Correspondence, 1821-1825 [6 items]
- Folder 4: Thomas Sanders Receipts, Invoices, 1812-1821 [6 items]
- Folder 5: Poem, 1797 [1 item]
- Folder 6: John W. Rogers Correspondence, 1861-1862 [58 photocopied items]
- Folder 7: Ida Ball Holsclaw Memoirs, 1953 [89 items, all photocopies of handwritten, typed documents]
- Folder 8: Ida Ball Holsclaw Memoirs, 1953 [33 items, all photocopies of handwritten documents and typed transcriptions]
- Folder 9: Memoirs, Genealogical Documents, Photographs of Rogers Family [36 photocopied items]
- Folder 10: Memoirs, Genealogical Documents of Ball Family [20 photocopied items]
- Folder 11: "The Spy" Newspaper, 1848. [4 photocopied items]

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**Added Entries**

American poetry - African American authors.  
Ball family.  
Camp Chase (Ohio).  
Christian poetry, American.  
Confederate States of America. Army. Kentucky Infantry Regiment, 2nd.  
Death - Virginia.  
Debts and inheritance - Kentucky.  
Debtor and creditor.  
Douglas, Stephen A. (Stephen Arnold), 1813-1861.  
Education - Kentucky.  
Embargo, 1807-1809.  
Families - Kentucky.  
Family life.  
Fort Donelson, Battle of, Tenn., 1862.  
Holsclaw, Ida Ball, 1860-1966.  
Inheritance and succession.  
Johnson Island Prison.  
Lewisburg (Ark.) - Newspapers.  
Military Pensions - United States.  
Receipts (Acknowledgments) - Kentucky.  
Rogers family.  
Rogers, John W., 1841-1862.  
Rogers, George Lawson, 1793-1892.  
Sanders family.  
Tod, David, 1805-1868.  
United States - History - Civil War, 1861-1865 - Prisoners and prisons.  
Virginia - History - 1775-1865.