

The Filson Historical Society
Wilson-Taylor family
Papers, 1822-1944 (bulk 1905-1944)

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Size of Collection:
.33 cubic feet

Location Number:
Mss./A/W753

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Scope and Content Note

The Wilson-Taylor family papers include family genealogy, newspaper clippings, and family correspondence. The bulk of the collection focuses on a genealogy project the family was working on. The project was discussed in the family correspondence and there are several reports and notes on the family genealogy.

Folders 1 and 2 of the collection include correspondence between different members of the Wilson and Taylor families. The majority of the letters were addressed to James T. Wilson and Mrs. Mamie Hall Wilson Terhune (Mrs. Fred G. Terhune). The majority of the letters discuss family and other personal subjects, with some discussion of the family genealogy project.

Folder 3 contains newspaper clippings dated from 1907-1921, and undated. The clippings include an obituary for Mr. Wood L. Voorhies and poems and religious piece by James T. Wilson.

Folder 4 contains reports and notes on the Wilson Taylor family genealogy project. There are reports on the Wilson, Taylor, and Glass families. There is a newspaper article about the Brewer family's genealogy. There is also a family tree of the Mullins and Nichols families that dates the families back to the Mayflower.

Folder 5 consists of miscellaneous materials including an 1834 commission for Edmund Gill to be a surgeon in the Kentucky militia, U.S. Army discharge papers for John M. Wilson dated 1863, a wedding announcement for Mamie Belle Wilson to Robert Lester Walker dated 1920, a copy of *Nautilus Magazine* dated 1944, and religious writings.

Separation Note

Two pamphlets donated with this collection have been separated to the Filson's library collection; their covers and title pages are included in Folder 5.

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Biographical Note

The Wilson-Taylor family compiled genealogical notes and reports that include the Kentucky branch of the Taylor family, which has a connection to President Zachary Taylor, and the Wilson family and Glass family. The Taylor family moved to Mercer County, Kentucky from Cumberland County, Virginia in 1788. The Wilson family merged with the Taylor family through the marriage of Vance Wilson to Mary Taylor circa 1830-1840.

The Glass family connects to the Taylor and Wilson family through the marriage of Elizabeth Wilson, a sister of Vance Wilson, to Samuel Glass at an unspecified time. The Glass family came to the United States in 1735 from Ulster, Ireland and settled in Virginia in 1736.

Members of the family are included in this collection through their correspondence are James T. Wilson (1852-1924), W. B. Taylor, Ella Taylor Stone (1858-1933), and Mamie Hall Terhune (1870-1942). Their correspondence makes up the majority of the collection.

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Folder List

- Folder 1: Correspondence, 1905-1924, undated
- Folder 2: Correspondence, 1924-1944, undated
- Folder 3: Newspaper clippings, 1907-1921, undated
- Folder 4: Genealogy notes, undated
- Folder 5: Miscellaneous, 1822-1944, undated

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Added Entries

Bible – Criticism, interpretation, etc.
Brewer family – Genealogy.
Genealogy.
Glass family – Genealogy.
Kansas City (Mo.) – Social life and customs.
Mullins family – Genealogy.
Nichols family – Genealogy.
Paducah (Ky.) – Social life and customs.
Taylor, Zachary, 1784-1850.
Taylor family.
Terhune, Mamie Hall, 1870-1942.
Wilson, James Taylor, 1852-1924.