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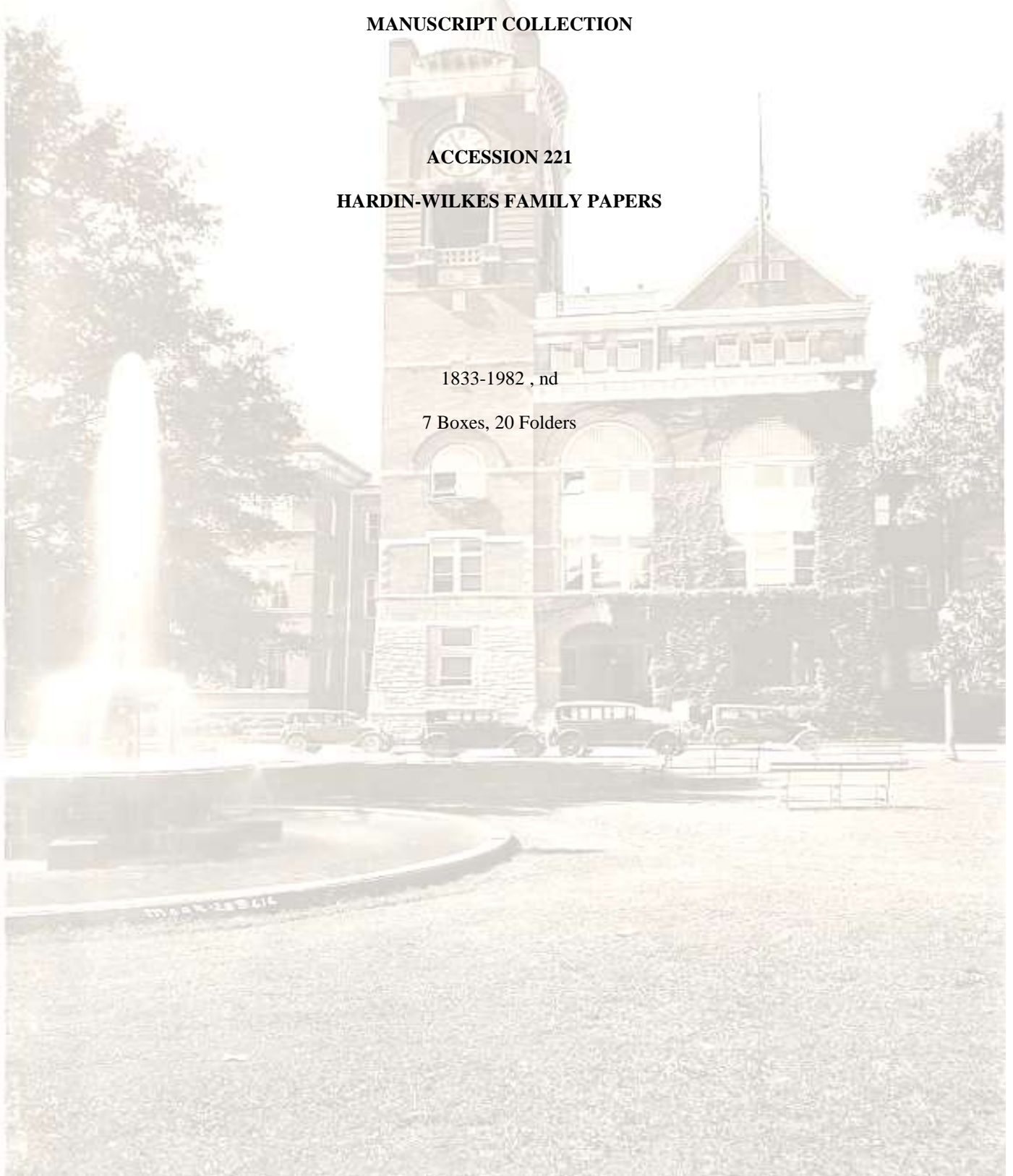
**MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION**

**ACCESSION 221**

**HARDIN-WILKES FAMILY PAPERS**

1833-1982 , nd

7 Boxes, 20 Folders



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**I**

The original donation of the papers of the Hardin-Wilkes family were deposited with the College Archives on November 14, 1978 by Karen Collins and Karen McAlister and were comprised entirely of photocopies. On May 13, 2021, Karen E. Collins donated the originals of the Hardin-Wilkes Family Papers.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 1.75 feet  
Approximate number of pieces included: 3500 pieces

Restrictions: The collection is open under the rules and regulations of the Winthrop University Archives.

Scope and Content Note: **The Hardin-Wilkes Family papers consist of correspondence, financial records, ledgers, newspaper clippings, photographs, and bulletins related to the Hardin-Wilkes Family. There are financial records and ledgers referring to routine business transactions conducted in and around Chester, S.C. Also included are numerous pieces of correspondence written by Captain Obadiah Hardin (1827-1862), a Confederate officer in Co. E, 6th SC Volunteers, Chester Guards, during the American Civil War, stationed at various encampments around Manassas, Virginia, in 1861. Capt. Hardin died from wounds sustained at the Battle of Dranesville on January 1, 1862.**

Note: The original donation in 1978 consisted entirely photocopies. The second donation in 2021 was the original documents. The photocopies were withdrawn and replaced with the original documents during processing of the 2021 donation.

II

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
1	1-4	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Folder 1</b> Correspondence in this folder includes the 1861 letters of Obadiah Hardin, officer in the Confederate army during the Civil War. These letters, written to his wife from Confederate encampment in and around Manassas, Virginia, make reference to the skirmishes, movements and conditions of troops.</li><li>- <b>Folder 2</b> contains correspondence specifically between Levi Roden Wilkes and Nancy 'Nannie' Hardin Wilkes. Married February 21, 1878. Nancy is the daughter of Captain Obadiah Hardin. (1871-1879, nd)</li><li>- <b>Folder 3</b> are correspondence that are both from and to Nancy Hardin, but none with her husband Levi R. Wilkes as these are in folder 2. (1870-1930, nd)</li><li>- <b>Folder 4</b> contains correspondence both to and from Levi Roden Wilkes But none between himself and his wife Nancy Hardin Wilkes. (1860-1885, nd)</li></ul> <p><i>*I have chosen to separate Nancy's and Levi's correspondence to not confuse the researcher as many of the correspondence involve domestic issues but not all of them are between Levi and Nancy, and nearly none of them have an addresser or sometimes an addressee.</i></p>	1833, 1850-1953, 1860-1930, 1967, 1969, nd
2	5-9	<p>CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Folder 5</b> contains correspondence both to and from Floyd Adin Wilkes, Including some from Nancy Hardin Wilkes. Floyd Adin Wilkes was the youngest Child between Levi Wilkes and Nancy Hardin Wilkes.</li><li>- <b>Folder 6</b> contains correspondence both to and from Ashbel Hardin Wilkes. Levi Roden Wilkes and Nancy Hardin Wilkes' second child and youngest daughter.</li><li>- <b>Folder 7</b> contains correspondence both to and from Ethel Wilkes, but not to or from Nancy Hardin Wilkes, those will be found in folder 3, and such will be the hierarchy for all correspondence. Ethel Was Levi and Nancy's eldest daughter.</li><li>- <b>Folder 8</b> contains the Simrill family papers. There are letters written by Joel R. Simrill and his brother James Tervine Simrill. The photo reads Tervin Simrill 1861, though this cannot be possible as Tervin Simrill is the son of James Tervine Simrill born 1869. The photo is likely of James Tervine Simrill in his confederate uniform. Both brothers Joel and James fought for the confederacy.</li><li>- <b>Folder 9</b> contains other correspondence where each section did not Have enough material to justify its own folder. Notably correspondence to and from Vance G. Wilkes, Levi and Nancy's eldest son. There are Correspondence for Mr. and Mrs. McDowell, Preston Worthy Hardin (Captain Obadiah's son,) Jesse Cornwell Wilkes (Brother to Levi Roden Wilkes,) Carl Wilkes (Levi and Nancy's middle child,) Nella, Lilly Prill, Lillie R. Wright, and a final section for unknown writers and to whom they are addressed.</li></ul>	1920-1973

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3	10-11	<p>POETRY, MUSIC, BOOKLETS, LEDGERS, AND JOURNALS</p> <p>- <b>Folder 10</b> contains Poetry and Music. Levi Roden Wilkes wrote much of the poetry found here but not all. Much of the poetry is also not dated or signed by the writer. I can identify which are Levi's as there are enough correspondence to cross reference his hand writing. I was reluctant to label some as belonging to Levi despite of this as people can intentionally change their writing style to be more artistic in poetry. Making identification tricky. (1860-1891)</p> <p>- <b>Folder 11</b> is a bulky one as it contains a ledger for Mr. William Thomas Wilkes (Levi's brother), a weather diary and business ledger for Levi R. Wilkes (it looks like he even practiced his signature in this book too.) There are also booklets labeled <i>Railroad Trainmen's Journal</i>, as well as <i>The Railway Conductor</i>. There are two of each of these. Finally dating back to June 1840, is a workbook for a math college student. Who this belonged to is unclear as 1840 would be too early for Captain Obadiah's generation. He would be 13 years old in 1840. This folder is organized by size for the sake of storage. (1840- 1909)</p>	1840-1909
4	12-13	<p>COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING AND NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS</p> <p>- <b>Folder 12</b> contains commercial advertising, logos, and booklets. Most related to Chester County. (1886-1982, nd)</p> <p>- <b>Folder 13</b> contains newspaper clippings from <i>The Youth's Companion Atlanta Tri-Weekly Journal</i>, an obituary for Mrs. Nancy Wilkes, <i>The Atlanta Century</i>, business cards, almanac covers for <u>St Joseph's Four Seasons Almanac and Farmer's Guide</u>, and <u>The Ladies Birthday Almanac</u>, <i>Charleston Evening Post</i>, an obituary for Mr. William W. Stokes (Captain Hardin's nephew to his sister Elizabeth Hardin), there is also an obituary for A. D. Darby, Mr. James W. Knox, and Mr. Israel J. McNich. There is also a clipping for Miss Elenora B. Saunders celebrating her as the first honor graduate in 1907 at the Medical College of South Carolina. Lastly there are photo copies of Captain Obadiah Hardin's obituaries, and a 1934 gambling flier for sporting events. Sales magazine for Sears, the <i>Southern Cultivator</i> and <i>Dixie Farmer</i>. (1901-1962, nd)</p>	1886-1982, nd
5	14-15	<p>PHOTOS AND MISCELLANEOUS.</p> <p>- <b>Folder 14</b> contains photographs of various family members. Nearly none of these Photos have dates or last names. Captain Obadiah Hardin can be found at the top of the folder. Though this is a photo copy of the original. There are also negatives of an old homes exterior and interior. (nd)</p> <p>- <b>Folder 15</b> is miscellaneous and includes the "Chester Baptist Association." The "S.C. Coeducational Institute" bulletin, the "Soil Survey of Chester County" and "The Progressive Farmer". You will also find a United States Map from 1857, court papers in regarding Levi R. Wilkes from the State of South Carolina, a teachers graded certificate for Nancy Hardin, a flier for "The Ancients Abroad." <u>The Illustrated Studies Quarterly Teacher's Edition</u>, <u>The Ladies Birthday Almanac 1899 cover</u>, <u>St. Joseph Four Seasons Almanac and Farmers Guide</u>, Lion Coffee fun fact snippets, a Lenoir College catalogue, a ticket to the Democratic Primary Election of 1912 in Chester County, a certification of tagging lint cotton college notecards, and a folder labeled "National Society Southern Names of America." At the top of the folder you will find a small key with no notations of origin. All contents are organized chronologically. (1857-1972, nd)</p>	1857-1972, nd

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6-7	16-20	FINANCIAL RECORDS Records include sales receipts, product promotional order forms, tax records and legal records of the business transactions conducted by various members of the Hardin-Wilkes family, in chronological order. - <b>Folder 16</b> contains records ranging from 1847-1886 - <b>Folder 17</b> contains records ranging from 1887-1899 - <b>Folder 18</b> contains records ranging from 1900-1916 - <b>Folder 19</b> contains records ranging from 1917-1942 - <b>Folder 20</b> contains records ranging from 1943-1972, nd.	1847-1886, 1887-1972, nd