

Overton Slave Research Collection

1792-1866/1978-1992

Collection Summary:

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Physical Description: 1 linear foot, 2 boxes.

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Scope and content: This collection consists of research notes and other documents relating to the slave history of the Overton family and Travellers Rest plantation, as well as the 1991 Overton Family Reunion. Documents are divided into five categories: Compiled Research, Notes, Overton Family Reunion, Primary Sources, and Secondary Sources.

Compiled research includes brief genealogy outlines of the Overton and Patton families, a comprehensive list of Overton slaves working at Travellers Rest between 1789 and 1833 with notes indicating mentions of each in correspondence and other primary source records, and research found in the Travellers Rest Interpretive Handbook.

Notes consist of those kept chiefly by Fletch Coke and Will Hendricks while researching manuscript collections and government records at the Tennessee State Library and Archives. Overton Family Reunion papers consist of publicity, correspondence, family directories, schedules, and statements made regarding the Overton Family Reunion held in Memphis, TN on July 5, 1991.

Primary Sources contain photocopies of correspondence and account records from TSLA's Claybrook Collection, as well as photocopies of original census, land, and estate records obtained from TSLA. Other primary sources include transcribed letters from TSLA's Jacob McGavock Collection, and the collection descriptions for TSLA's Claybrooke and Murdock Collections.

Secondary Sources include photocopies of Margaret S. Dickinson's book Travelers Rest and a typescript of Bobby L. Lovett's introductory note to "Winter to Spring: Afro-American Nashville, 1779-1869." Also included is a thesis proposal by Will Hendricks for a study in African-American history at Travellers Rest from 1799-1833.

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Accruals: None expected.

Detailed Description of the Collection:

Box 1: Compiled Research, Notes, Overton Family Reunion

- **Folder 1:** Compiled Research – Diskettes, n.d.
- **Folder 2:** Compiled Research – Genealogy – Overton Family, n.d.
- **Folder 3:** Compiled Research – Genealogy – Patton Family (1684-1906), n.d.
- **Folder 4:** Compiled Research – Slave Info., A-E (1789-1833), n.d.
- **Folder 5:** Compiled Research – Slave Info., F-L (1789-1833), n.d.
- **Folder 6:** Compiled Research – Slave Info., M-Z (1789-1833), n.d.
- **Folder 7:** Compiled Research – Statistics, c. 1970s
- **Folder 8:** Compiled Research – TR Interpretive Handbook – Roscoe Overton Family (Section 1), 1986-c. 1990s
- **Folder 9:** Compiled Research – TR Interpretive Handbook – TR Info. (Section 2), n.d.
- **Folder 10:** Compiled Research – TR Interpretive Handbook – TN Census Info. (Section 3), n.d.
- **Folder 11:** Notes – Claybrooke Collection, c. 1978
- **Folder 12:** Notes – Murdock Collection, c. 1978
- **Folder 13:** Notes – Overton Family, 1992
- **Folder 14:** Notes – Slave Info., Travellers Rest, c. 1990s
- **Folder 15:** Overton Family Reunion – Correspondence and Press Releases, 1991
- **Folder 16:** Overton Family Reunion – Newspaper Clippings, 1991
- **Folder 17:** Overton Family Reunion – Photographs, 1991
- **Folder 18:** Overton Family Reunion – Programs and Speeches, 1991
- **Folder 19:** Overton Family Reunion – Reunion Notebook, 1991

Box 2: Primary and Secondary Sources

- **Folder 1:** Primary Sources – Claybrooke Collection – Description of Collection, 1967

- **Folder 2:** Primary Sources – Claybrooke Collection – Overton, John Accounts (1799-1830), 1978
- **Folder 3:** Primary Sources – Claybrooke Collection – Claybrooke, John corresp. from Claybrooke, John S. (1829-1833), 1978
- **Folder 4:** Primary Sources – Claybrooke Collection – Claybrooke, John S. corresp. from Overton, John (1843-1866), 1978
- **Folder 5:** Primary Sources – Claybrooke Collection – Donelson, Andrew corresp. from Donelson, William (1831), 1978
- **Folder 6:** Primary Sources – Claybrooke Collection – Overton, John corresp. from Barry, R.H. (1831), 1978
- **Folder 7:** Primary Sources – Claybrooke Collection – Overton, John corresp. from Claybrooke, John S. (1832-1848), 1978
- **Folder 8:** Primary Sources – Claybrooke Collection – Overton, John corresp. from Hagwood, Egbert (1828), 1978
- **Folder 9:** Primary Sources – Claybrooke Collection – Overton, John corresp. from Hardeman, E. (1830), 1978
- **Folder 10:** Primary Sources – Claybrooke Collection – Overton, John corresp. from Overton, Archibald (1797-1826), 1978
- **Folder 11:** Primary Sources – Claybrooke Collection – Overton, John corresp. from Overton, James (1800-1822), 1978
- **Folder 12:** Primary Sources – Claybrooke Collection – Overton, John corresp. from Overton, J.H. (1824-1825), 1978
- **Folder 13:** Primary Sources – Claybrooke Collection – Overton, John corresp. from Overton, Patrick H. (1824), 1978
- **Folder 14:** Primary Sources – Claybrooke Collection – Overton, John corresp.. from Overton, Richard (1831), 1978
- **Folder 15:** Primary Sources – Claybrooke Collection – Overton, John corresp. from Overton, Samuel (1817-1829), 1978
- **Folder 16:** Primary Sources – Claybrooke Collection – Overton, John corresp. from Thompson, John (1822), 1978
- **Folder 17:** Primary Sources – Claybrooke Collection – Overton, John corresp. from Unknown (1816), 1978
- **Folder 18:** Primary Sources – Claybrooke Collection – Overton, Samuel corresp. from Overton, Samuel R. (1823), 1978
- **Folder 19:** Primary Sources – Claybrooke Collection – Slave Accounts (1792-1833), c. 1970s
- **Folder 20:** Primary Sources – Jacob McGavock Collection – Transcribed Letters, 1978
- **Folder 21:** Primary Sources – Murdock Collection – Overton Papers Description, 1965
- **Folder 22:** Primary Sources – Other Records – Census, 1910 (1910), 1978
- **Folder 23:** Primary Sources – Other Records – Land Record (1858), 1978
- **Folder 24:** Primary Sources – Wills – Edmonson, Thos. (1810), 1978
- **Folder 25:** Primary Sources – Wills – Maxwell, Jesse (857), c. 1970s
- **Folder 26:** Primary Sources – Wills – Overton, Archibald (1858), 1978
- **Folder 27:** Secondary Sources – Thesis Proposal and Resources, Will Hendricks, 1991
- **Folder 28:** Secondary Sources – Travelers Rest, c. 1944

- **Folder 29:** Secondary Sources – “Winter to Spring: Afro-American Nashville” (Intro), n.d.