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Summary Information

Repository:	Tennessee Tech University Special Collections
Creator:	Darwin, Dero A. (Dero Armistead), 1900-1997
Title:	Darwin Family papers
ID:	RG.0000.0139
ID [aspace_uri]:	/repositories/3/resources/156
Date [inclusive]:	1820-1929
Physical Description:	.5 Cubic Feet 1 legal document box
Language of the Material:	English .

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Scope and Contents

Dero Armistead Darwin, a descendent of pioneer settlers in Jackson County, was born to George Cowan Darwin, III and Mattie Alice Chilcut Darwin of Jackson County, Tennessee on October 22, 1900, one of eleven children. He attended New Bethel School there, and later, Tennessee Polytechnic Institute (TPI), graduating in 1922. He married fellow TPI student Clemma Masters from Cookeville in 1923, settling near Gainesboro, and they had one son, Dero Darwin, Jr. in 1929. Dero Sr. became a partner in Johnson and Darwin Dry Good Store in Livingston in 1927, which expanded into a chain of stores in Tennessee and Alabama. Upon his retirement in 1970, he took up gardening, becoming an awarded horticulturist. This collection consists of family personal and business records stemming back to 1829, including letters, histories (Cumberland Presbyterian Church in particular), and contents of a scrapbook mostly highlighting his alma maters including: programs, newspaper clippings, and photos. Included also in this collection are his grandfather's, George Cowan Darwin, Jr.'s (1812-1876), business ledgers.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Jackson County (Tenn.)
- Overton County (Tenn.)
- Flynns Lick (inhabited place)
- Monterey (Tenn.)
- Gainesboro (Tenn.)
- scrapbooks
- souvenir programs
- black-and-white photographs
- clippings (information artifacts)
- Letters
- financial records
- receipts (financial records)
- Inventories, Retail
- Deeds
- Occupations -- Licenses
- Legal documents
- Public executions
- Darwin, Dero A. (Dero Armistead), 1900-1997
- Whitson, Jere (Jeremiah), 1853-1928
- New Bethel School
- Tennessee Polytechnic Institute
- Cumberland Presbyterian Church (1900)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances		
Darwin, Dero A. - Scrapbook, 1921-1922	box 1	folder 1	
New Bethel School photograph, 1922 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	box 1	folder 1	folder 001
New Bethel School Senior Class photograph with Dero Darwin, 1922	box 1	folder 1	folder 002
Photograph of irrigation channel, circa 1920	box 1	folder 1	folder 003
General			
Only the right half of the photo			
Photograph of young couple standing on farmland, circa 1920	box 1	folder 1	folder 003
Photograph of man, "Lee," wearing a hat standing on grass holding up apples, 1919-07	box 1	folder 1	folder 003
Darwin, George C. - Ledgers [1 of 2], Originals, 1835-1899	box 1	folder 2	
Darwin, George C. - Ledgers [1 of 2], Transcripts, 1835-1899	box 1	folder 3	
Deeds, 1853-1865	box 1	folder 4	
Indentures, 1824-1924	box 1	folder 5	
Inventory, 1820-1876	box 1	folder 6	
Letters, Histories [1 of 3], 1849-1851	box 1	folder 7	
Letters, Histories [2 of 3], 1861-1869	box 1	folder 8	
Letters, Histories [3 of 3], 1875-1929	box 1	folder 9	
Receipts [1 of 6], 1829-1845	box 1	folder 10	
Receipts [2 of 6], 1851-1855	box 1	folder 11	
Receipts [3 of 6], 1856-1859	box 1	folder 12	
Receipts [4 of 6], 1860-1969	box 1	folder 13	
Receipts [5 of 6], 1870-1975	box 1	folder 14	
Receipts [6 of 6], 1890-1902	box 1	folder 15	