

## The Betsy Stark Collection

### Series 1 through 6 Finding Aid

Biographical Information about Creator of Collection: Miss Betsy Stark was a descendant of two of Mississippi's earliest pioneer families" : the Stark family and Reynolds family. (from obituary). She was born in 1916 in Starkville, and grew up with three brothers, as the only daughter of Christopher Randolph Stark and Annie Reynolds Stark, in the house in Starkville on Greensboro Street where she lived most of her life. At that time, Greensboro Street was still known as Greensboro Road, or the road to Greensboro, a long-extinct town in Webster County that used to be the county seat. She died in October 2019 at the age of 103.

Betsy graduated with a major in music from M. S. C. W.. She taught for three years at All Saints Episcopal School in Vicksburg, then "returned to Starkville to work for the Army Specialized Training Program at MSU. When that program terminated, she became Secretary for the Mississippi Association, Future Farmers of America. She then joined the Department of Home Economics Research as Research Assistant and Editor, and remained with them until her retirement in 1979...." (from obituary)

Her grandfather, W. H. Reynolds, was an investor in A & M College before it was built. Her father was a student at A & M College from 1895 to 1900, and went to work after graduation in 1900 through 1908 as the first trained librarian and a math instructor at A & M College. He continued teaching math there until the age of 77 in 1957. Many of the papers and articles and photos are from his career at A & M College and Mississippi State College. Her mother loved genealogy and collected papers and pictures handed down to her from her parents. Some of these are included in this collection.

Miss Betsy Stark donated the funds to build the Starkville Public Library's present 3 room local history and genealogy annex, named in memory of her parents, Christopher Randolph Stark and Annie Reynolds Stark. It was opened for service to patrons after the dedication in summer of 2004. Because one of the three rooms is a climate controlled archives vault, the library is now able to appropriately take care of local history archival collections donations that are received from the public.

Collection Processor: Carolyn Reed and Perian Kerr

Creator of Finding Aid: In 2022, Perian Kerr reorganized this collection and created this finding aid.

Provenance: The C. R. Stark Collection family papers; photograph collection; Mississippi A & M College and Mississippi State College publications; Confederate Veteran magazines, and the set of books containing the Writings of Thomas Jefferson, were donated to the Stark Annex when the new addition was finished and dedicated in summer of 2004. The rest of the C. R. Stark family book collection was donated in February of 2020 after the Betsy Stark estate auction.

Extent: 9.5 archives vault shelves and 1 large display case upstairs.

Scope: Mostly this collections consists of materials collected during the teaching career of C. R. Stark, but it also has some materials collected by Annie Reynolds Stark and her parents, W.H. and Eliza Buntin Reynolds.

Description: This collection contains the Christopher Randolph Stark and Annie Reynolds Stark family papers; papers from C. R. Stark's teaching career at A & M College and Mississippi State College; family photographs, school photos, a few historical photos of Starkville; MSU publications before 1948 ; books collected by C. R. Stark, Sr. family during the lifetime of C. R. and Annie Reynolds Stark and their parents, publication dates ranging from 1853 through 1976. Some of the photos and papers were handed down to Annie Stark from her parents, W. H. and Eliza Buntin Reynolds.

Arrangement: The arrangement of the collection was chosen by the processor to make the collection more accessible to the user of the collection, and articles and photos were sorted so that like things were in folders together. Files having articles or photos having to do with the C. R. and Annie Stark family ( C. R. Stark, Sr., Annie Reynolds Stark, their children, and their parents, in that order) were placed in the boxes on top and other kinds of items were filed in alphabetical order after that.

Series Names:

Series 1: Christopher Randolph and Annie Reynolds Stark Family Papers

Series 2: Photographs

Series 3: Genealogy

Series 4: MSU (Miss. A & M and MSC) publications before 1948

Series 5: Confederate Veteran Magazines 1893-1932

Series 6: C. R. Stark, Sr. and Annie Reynolds Stark Family book collection

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### Series 1: Christopher Randolph and Annie Reynolds Stark Family Papers

Folder List	Box Labels	Folder #	Series #	Box #
Stark, Betsy--Daughter of Christopher Randolph and Annie Reynolds Stark (File added by Stark Annex staff)	C. R. Stark Sr.: Personal Papers and Teaching Papers, and Articles about him and his wife Annie Reynolds Stark and daughter Betsy Stark	1	1	1
Stark, C. R. as Teacher	C. R. Stark Sr.: Personal Papers and Teaching Papers, and Articles about him and his wife Annie Reynolds Stark and daughter Betsy Stark	2	1	1
Stark, C. R. as Teacher- Student Records- A & M College (1)	C. R. Stark Sr.: Personal Papers and Teaching Papers, and Articles about him and his wife Annie Reynolds Stark and daughter Betsy Stark	3	1	1
Stark, C. R. as Teacher - Student Records- A & M College (2)	C. R. Stark Sr.: Personal Papers and Teaching Papers, and Articles about him and his wife Annie Reynolds Stark and daughter Betsy Stark	4	1	1
Stark, C. R. -- Books Purchased and Sought After, Mostly 1909	C. R. Stark Sr.: Personal Papers and Teaching Papers, and Articles about him and his wife Annie Reynolds Stark and daughter Betsy Stark	5	1	1
Stark, C. R. -- Mississippi National Guard	C. R. Stark Sr.: Personal Papers and Teaching Papers, and Articles about him and his wife Annie Reynolds Stark and daughter Betsy Stark	6	1	1

Folder List	Box Labels	Folder #	Series #	Box #
Stark, C. R.- Miss. State University Alumnae meetings	C. R. Stark Sr.: Personal Papers and Teaching Papers, and Articles about him and his wife Annie Reynolds Stark and daughter Betsy Stark	7	1	1
Stark, C. R. - Personal Papers and Articles	C. R. Stark Sr.: Personal Papers and Teaching Papers, and Articles about him and his wife Annie Reynolds Stark and daughter Betsy Stark	8	1	1
Stark, C. R. - Retirement from Mississippi State College - 1950 and 1957	C. R. Stark Sr.: Personal Papers and Teaching Papers, and Articles about him and his wife Annie Reynolds Stark and daughter Betsy Stark	9	1	1
Stark, C. R. - Scholarship Fund	C. R. Stark Sr.: Personal Papers and Teaching Papers, and Articles about him and his wife Annie Reynolds Stark and daughter Betsy Stark	10	1	1
Stark, C. R. - Teaching Contracts	C. R. Stark Sr.: Personal Papers and Teaching Papers, and Articles about him and his wife Annie Reynolds Stark and daughter Betsy Stark	11	1	1
Stark, C. R. and Annie Reynolds - Episcopal Church of the Resurrection	C. R. Stark Sr.: Personal Papers and Teaching Papers, and Articles about him and his wife Annie Reynolds Stark and daughter Betsy Stark	12	1	1

Folder List	Box Labels	Folder #	Series #	Box #
Stark, C. R. and Annie Reynolds - Obituaries	C. R. Stark Sr.: Personal Papers and Teaching Papers, and Articles about him and his wife Annie Reynolds Stark and daughter Betsy Stark	13	1	1
Stark, Theodore Osborne (C. R. Stark's father)	Files Concerning the Parents of C. R. Stark and Annie Reynolds Stark	14	1	2
Reynolds, W. H. and Family	Files Concerning the Parents of C. R. Stark and Annie Reynolds Stark	15	1	2
Reynolds, W. H. -- A & M College Investment, April 1878 - Plaque	Files Concerning the Parents of C. R. Stark and Annie Reynolds Stark	16	1	2
<i>Lost Cause Magazine</i> , March 1900	Files Concerning the Parents of C. R. Stark and Annie Reynolds Stark	17	1	2
Miscellaneous Historical Papers	Files Concerning the Parents of C. R. Stark and Annie Reynolds Stark	18	1	2
Worthington, H. H. - copy of a Letter - Death and Funeral of Thomas Jefferson	Files Concerning the Parents of C. R. Stark and Annie Reynolds Stark	19	1	2
<b>Series 2: Photographs</b>				
Folder List	Box Labels	Folder #	Series #	Box #
Stark, Christopher Randolph, Sr. group photos	Stark, C.R., Sr. and sons Randolph and Theodore group photos; Annie Reynolds [Stark] school photos; W. H. Reynolds, Sr. and Jr. group photos; Old photos A & M College and Starkville	1	2	1

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Stark, Annie Reynolds - class pictures	Stark, C.R., Sr. Photos; sons Randolph and Theodore group photos; Annie Reynolds [Stark] school photos; W. H. Reynolds, Sr. and Jr. group photos; Old photos A & M College and Starkville	2	2	1
Stark, Randolph and Theodore, sons of C. R. and Annie Stark, class picture and a snapshot photo	Stark, C.R., Sr. Photos; sons Randolph and Theodore group photos; Annie Reynolds [Stark] school photos; W. H. Reynolds, Sr. and Jr. group photos; Old photos A & M College and Starkville	3	2	1
Reynolds, W. H., Sr. in 3 group photos ; W. H. Reynolds, Jr. also in one of them	Stark, C.R., Sr. Photos; sons Randolph and Theodore group photos; Annie Reynolds [Stark] school photos; W. H. Reynolds, Sr. and Jr. group photos; Old photos A & M College and Starkville	4	2	1
Mississippi A & M College photos, chemistry building and former chapel, Lee and Smith, two former college presidents, band, Kappa Alpha fraternity group photo, national corn and pig clubs congress Miss.group photo	Stark, C.R., Sr. Photos; sons Randolph and Theodore group photos; Annie Reynolds [Stark] school photos; W. H. Reynolds, Sr. and Jr. group photos; Old photos A & M College and Starkville	5	2	1

Folder List	Box Labels	Folder #	Series #	Box #
Starkville Old Photos (early main street, old buildings and homes, including Starkville Female Institute (where Annie Stark's mother attended school))	Stark, C.R., Sr. Photos; sons Randolph and Theodore group photos; Annie Reynolds [Stark] school photos; W. H. Reynolds, Sr. and Jr. group photos; Old photos A & M College and Starkville	6	2	1
<b>Series 3: Genealogy</b>				
Folder List	Box Labels	Folder #	Series #	Box #
	C. R. Stark, Sr. Family Genealogy and Annie Reynolds Stark Family Genealogy (Added by Stark Annex staff from family history databases)		3	1
<b>Series 4: MSU (Miss. A &amp; M and MSC) publications before 1948</b>				
Folder List	Box Labels		Series #	Box #
	Series 3: MSU publications <1948 27 Miss. A & M College cat. 1881-1929 2 Miss. State College cat., 1934-1936 2 Milit. Regulations A & M College 1 A&M Dads' Day program 11/9-10/1928 3 Directories of MS State Col. 1934-1948		4	1

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	Series 3: MSU publications <1948 8 issues The Reflector , A & M Coll. 1905-1909 Miss. A & M College Biennial Reports 1884-1903 The George Rifles and Miss. A&M Coll. & the War 4 Proceedings, Teacher Associations, 1894- 1903 1 Handbook Track and Field Athletics 1894-1924 Pamphlet: Self-Feeders for Fattening Swine 1917 Report, Ontario Ag. Coll. Experimental.Farm, 1883		4	2

**Series 5: Confederate Veteran Magazines**

Folder List	Box Labels		Series #	Box #
	Confederate Veteran magazines v.1 1893 – v.6 1898		5	1
	Confederate Veteran magazines v.7 1899 – v.12 1904		5	2
	Confederate Veteran magazines v.13 1905 – v.17 1909		5	3
	Confederate Veteran magazines v. 18 1910 – v.21 1913		5	4
	Confederate Veteran magazines v.22 1914 – v.25 1917		5	5
	Confederate Veteran magazines v.26 1918 – v.29 1921		5	6
	Confederate Veteran magazines v.30 1922 – v.34 1926		5	7



Folder List	Box Labels		Series #	Box #
	Confederate Veteran magazines v.35 1927 – v.40 1932		5	8
<b>The Betsy Stark Collection</b>				
<b>Series 6: Historic Book Collection</b>				
Title	Author	Illustrator	Publication Date	Book #
The Imitation of Christ	Akempis, Thomas			1
The Birds of America	Audubon, John James		1937	2
The Flush Times of Alabama and Mississippi	Baldwin, Joseph G.		1853	3
Wild Flowers of Mississippi	Batson, Ferris and George W. Johnston		1945	4
Mississippi: a History	Bettsworth, John K.		1959	5
Aunt Dicy Tales: Snuff-Dipping Tales of the American Negro	Brewer, J. Mason	Biggers, John T.	1956	6
Selections from the Poetical Works of Robert Browning	Browning, Robert			7
Game Bag: Tales of Shooting and Fishing	Buckingham, Nash	Hoecker, H. P. A.M.	1945	8
Mark Right: Tales of Shooting and Fishing	Buckingham, Nash		c. 1944	9
Ole Miss	Buckingham, Nash		1946	10
Tattered Coat: Tales of Shooting and Fishing	Buckingham, Nash		1944	11
The Pilgrim's Progress	Bunyan, John	Pager, Walter		12
Little Lord Fauntleroy	Burnett, Frances Hodgson	Birch, Reginald	1911	13
Four Centuries on the Pascagoula	Cain, Cyril Edward		1953	14
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass	Carroll, Lewis	Tenniel, John		15
Historical Sketches of Oktibbeha County, Mississippi	Carroll, Thomas Battle		1931	16

Title	Author	Illustrator	Publication Date	Book #
Coniston	Churchill, Winston	Shinn, Florence Scovel	1906	17
Life and Correspondence of John A. Quitman. Vol. 2	Claiborne, J. F. H.		1860	18
Mississippi as a province, territory, and state vol. 1	Claiborne, J. F. H.		1880	19
The Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government v. 1	Davis, Jefferson		1881	20
The Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government v. 2	Davis, Jefferson		1881	21
Jefferson Davis, Constitutionalist: His Letters, Papers, and Speeches 10 volumes	Davis, Jefferson/ Collected by Dunbar Rowland		1923	22
Recollections of Mississippi and Mississippians	Davis, Reuben		1890	23
The School and Society	Dewey, John		1900	24
The Child's Bible: a consecutive arrangement	Dunston, O. M.		1884	25
The White Rose of Memphis	Falkner, William C.		1953	26
History of Mississippi	Fant, Mabel B. and John C.		1928	27
The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come	Fox, John	Yohn, F. C.	1903	28
First with the Most Forrest	Henry, Robert Selph		1944	29
William Flowers Hand	Hilbun, Ben		1952	30
Les Miserables	Hugo, Victor ; Translator Isabel Hapgood		1887	31
Marse John Goes to War	Jacobs, Josephine Grider		1933	32
Writings of Thomas Jefferson (6 vol.)	Jefferson, Thomas		1905	33
Elements of Literary Criticism	Johnson, C. F.		1898	34
Louisiana Hayride	Kane, Harnett		1941	35
Rubiyat of Omar Khayyam	Khayyam, Omar; Translator Edward Fitzgerald		1947	36

Title	Author	Illustrator	Publication Date	Book #
Rubiyat of Omar Khayyam	Khayyam, Omar; Translator Edward Fitzgerald	Sullivan, Edmund J.		37
An Index to J.F.H. Claiborne's Mississippi, as a Province, Territory, and State	Lagrone, C. M.		1939	38
The Essays of Elia	Lamb, Charles			39
The Battle of Liberty Place	Landry, Stuart Omer		1955	40
Poems of Sidney Lanier	Lanier, Sidney! edited by Lanier, Mrs. Sidney Lanier		1901	41
Recollections and Letters of General Robert E. Lee	Lee, Robert E., Captain		1904	42
A History of Mississippi	Lowry, Robert, and William H. McCardle		1891	43
Jefferson Davis: The Real and the Unreal	McElroy, Robert		1937	44
Tennessee Senators	McKellar, Kenneth		1942	45
Meet Mississippi	Newton, Carolyn S.	Owen, J. Lee	1976	46
Forty Years of the Public Schools in Mississippi	Noble, Stuart Grayson		1918	47
John Sharp Williams	Osborn, George Coleman		1943	48
Books and Their Makers in the Middle Ages: Vol. 1. 476-1600	Putnam, George Haven, A.M.		1898	49
Books and Their Makers in the Middle Ages: Vol. 2. 1500-1709	Putnam, George Haven, A.M.		1897	50
Men of Spine in Mississippi	Rand, Clayton	Stewart, Norton; Coughlin, Harry	1940	51
Stars in their Eyes	Rand, Clayton	Naar, Constance Joan and Harry Coughlin	1953	52
An Old Sweetheart of Mine	Riley, James Whitcomb	Christy, Howard Chandler	1902	53
Riley Songs of Home	Riley, James Whitcomb	Vawter, Will	1910	54
Mississippi: the Heart of the South v. 1	Rowland, Dunbar		1925	55

Title	Author	Illustrator	Publication Date	Book #
Mississippi: the Heart of the South v.2	Rowland, Dunbar		1925	56
Varina Howell: Wife of Jefferson Davis v.1	Rowland, Eron		1927	57
Varina Howell: Wife of Jefferson Davis v.2	Rowland, Eron		1931	58
Literary England Photographs	Scherman, David E. and Richard Wilcox		1944	59
Those who Love	Stone, Irving		1965	60
Friends in Feathers	Stratton-Porter, Gene		1917	61
Jeb Stuart	Thomason, John W., Jr.	Thomason, John W., Jr.	1944	62
On the Resolution of Higher Singularities of Algebraic Curves into Ordinary Nodes	Walker, B. M.		1906	63
The Chisholm Massacre: a picture of "Home Rule" in Mississippi	Wells, James M.		1877	64
The Picture of Dorian Gray	Wilde, Oscar	Truco, Lui	1931	65
Wilkinson, Soldier and Pioneer	Wilkinson, James ( cousin of the Starks)		1935	66
The Farmer Boy: the Story of Jacob	Willard, J. H.		1905	67
Mars Robert: Knight of the Confederacy	Young, James C.		c. 1929	68
So Red the Rose	Young, Stark		1934	69
1941 Angels' Record --(Annual for All Saints' College Vicksburg,MS)			1941	70
Blank Library Accession book				71
Blue Lodge Textbook			1909	72
Bubbles Annual 1924			1924	73

Title	Author	Illustrator	Publication Date	Book #
Inauguration of Fred Tom Mitchell as Tenth President of Mississippi State College, The			1946	74
Index to Encyclopaedia Britannica 11th edition			1911	75
Library Accession book				76
Meh Lady annual 1938, MSCW			1938	77
Publications of the Mississippi Historical Society vol. 6			1902	78
Publications of the Mississippi Historical Society vol. 8			1904	79
Publications of the Mississippi Historical Society vol. 9			1906	80
Publications of the Mississippi Historical Society v. 7			1903	81
Reveille 1906			1906	82
Reveille 1907			1907	83
Reveille 1908			1908	84
Reveille 1909			1909	85
Reveille 1910			1910	86
Reveille 1911			1911	87
Reveille 1912			1912	88
Reveille 1926			1926	89
Reveille 1929			1929	90
Reveille 1929 copy 2			1929	91
Reveille 1933			1933	92
Reveille 1934			1934	93
Theatre Guild Anthology, The			c. 1936	94
<b>Sets of Books in Top Floor Display Case</b>				
Title	Author			Book #
Jane Eyre and Wuthering Heights boxed set 2 vol	Bronte, Charlotte and Emily			95
Winston Churchill: War Speeches: 3 vol	Churchill, Winston			96

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Illustrator</b>	<b>Publication Date</b>	<b>Book #</b>
Connecticut Yankee: Wilbur L. Cross 1 vol boxed	Cross, Wilbur			97
Charles Dickens Works: 13 vol	Dickens, Charles			98
Great Captains: Napoleon boxed set 4 vol set	Dodge			99
Memoirs of Garibaldi	Dumas, Alexander, ed. ; R. S. Garnett, translator			100
The Holy Bible 14 vol set	Holy Bible			101
Little Journeys Library 14 vol	Hubbard			102
New Valazaez Dictionary 2 vol	New Valazaez Dictionary			103
Mississippi 3 vol.	Rowland, Dunbar			104
Shakespeare Comedies, Histories, Tragedies, and Poems 4 volume	Shakespeare			105
Shakespeare works: 12 vol	Shakespeare			106
Complete Greek Tragedies 4 vol	Sophocles, Aeschylus, and Euripedes			107
Garibaldi set	Trevelyan, G. M.			108
Mark Twain Works: 22 vol	Twain, Mark			109