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Summary Information

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Biographical/Historical note

Grace Benton was born near Whelen Springs in 1903, the second daughter of W. Robert and Mary Frizzell Benton. She graduated from Whelen Springs High School in 1920, and taught there for two years before graduating from Henderson Brown College in 1927. Much of her forty-three year teaching career was spent as a history teacher in the Gurdon schools.

Grace Benton Nelson was a prolific writer, and published numerous articles on the life of Meriwether Lewis Randolph, the grandson of Thomas Jefferson buried in Clark County. As the recognized expert on Randolph's life, the Monticello Association of Descendants of Thomas Jefferson honored her with an associate membership. She served as a writer and editor of the Clark County Historical Journal, as a Sunday School teacher at First Methodist Church in Gurdon, as a city alderman, and was an accomplished gardener.

In 1933, Grace married Perry Nelson, a teacher, Union County School superintendent, county sheriff, and businessman. Their son, Robert Benton Nelson, was born in 1937.

Grace Nelson died November 23, 1992.

Scope and Contents

The research notes cover numerous topics related to Clark County and Arkansas, with particular emphasis on Meriwether Lewis Randolph, grandson of Thomas Jefferson buried in Clark County.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Collection Inventory

Box

1. "A Confederate Arsenal Center"

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2. "Battle of the Bees"

3. "McNeeley's Ridge"

4. "Smith's and Cow's Ford on the Little Missouri River"

5. "Federal Invasion of Clark County"

6. White House

7. "The First Forty Years of Washington Society"

8. "Ladies of the White House"

9. "Domestic Manners of Americans"

10. William Dunbar travels

11. Meriwether Lewis Randolph letters (with transcripts)

12. Meriwether Lewis Randolph

13. Randolph lands and estate

14. Randolph articles

15. Meriwether Lewis Randolph, chapter 1

16. Meriwether Lewis Randolph, chapter 2

17. Meriwether Lewis Randolph, chapter 3

18. "The Ground We Stand On"

19. Biographies: Jefferson, Randolph, Trist, et al.

20. Correspondence about Randolph letters

21. Emily Donelson of Tennessee

22. Correspondence to Lewis Donelson, Jr.

23. Notes on Randolph articles

24. Randolph notes, questions, checks

25. "White Over Black"

26. "The Extraordinary Mr. Morris"

27. "Miracle at Philadelphia"

28. Kane

29. Georgia-Florida boundary

30. Ben Perley Poore

31. "Thomas Jefferson: A Biography"

32. Thomas Jefferson and the Louisiana Purchase

33. "The Man from Monticello"

34. "Jefferson and the Ordeal of Liberty"

35. "Jefferson and the Ordeal"

36. Jefferson and slavery

37. Memoirs of a Monticello slave

38. Domestic Life of Thomas Jefferson

39. Monticello

40. Abraham Lincoln, Civil War

41. "The Impending Crisis of the South: How to Meet It"

42. "Souvenirs of My Time," Jesse Benton Fremont

43. Gurdon history to 1920

44. Gurdon, 1920-1960

45. Gurdon, 1974-1987

46. Clark County, pre-1860, #1

47. Clark County, pre-1860, #2

48. Clark County, 1860-1900

49. Clark County, 1900-1960

50. Clark County, 1960-1987

51. Davidson Campground

52. Whelen

53. Arkadelphia

54. Gurdon Methodist Church

55. Okolona

56. "Early Sketches of the History of Clark County"

Box

57. Abner Hignight

2

58. Gurdon

59. "Arkadelphia -- Today and Yesterday"

60. Arkansas place names

61. Hempstead and Pope histories of Arkansas

62. Hempstead County

63. Ouachita County

64. Pulaski County, #1

65. Pulaski County, #2

66. Clark County families: Callaway, Ross, Tate

67. Books and pamphlets, 1800-1860

68. North Little Rock

69. Arkansas histories

70. Photos and books, 1860-1900

71. Arkansas to 1800

72. Arkansas, 1900-1930

73. Arkansas, 1930-1960

74. Arkansas miscellaneous

75. Indians

76. Cherokee

77. Indians, notes

78. Early folkways

79. Timber

80. Railroads

81. Streams

82. Early Methodism

83. "A Classroom Teacher's Look"

84. Biographies

85. National newsclippings

86. Miscellaneous

87. Miscellaneous

88. Original notes, 1860-1900

89. Original notes, 1802-1860

90. Newspaper articles, 1800-1860 #1

91. Newspaper articles, 1800-1860 #2

92. Newspaper articles, 1860-1900

93. National Geographic

94. Horses in history and in Clark County