GOVERNOR ISHAM G. HARRIS
1857-1862

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INTRODUCTION

This finding aid covers the gubernatorial papers of Tennessee Governor Isham G. Harris, who served from 1875-1862. It consists of five boxes and one oversize container, of materials that consist of correspondence, petitions for pardons, pardons, and miscellaneous materials.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Governor Isham G. Harris

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Event</th>
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<td>1818</td>
<td>Born February 10, the youngest of nine children of Isham Green and Lucy (Davidson) Harris, near Tullahoma, Franklin County, Tennessee.</td>
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<td>1841</td>
<td>Admitted to the bar in 1841.</td>
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<td>1843</td>
<td>Married Martha Travis, there were eight children from this marriage.</td>
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<td>1848</td>
<td>Elected to the State Senate in 1847.</td>
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<td>1849-51</td>
<td>Elected to Congress.</td>
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<td>1861</td>
<td>Re-elected governor. He was forced to vacate his office and leave the state in 1862 when Tennessee was overrun by Federal troops.</td>
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<td>1867</td>
<td>Moved the Memphis where he resumed the practice of law.</td>
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<td>1877</td>
<td>Elected to the United States Senate.</td>
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CONTAINER LIST

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Box 3
1. Correspondence – Governor Isham G. Harris 1858, 1859, 1863
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3. Petitions for Pardon – Bar-Rey 1861
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6. Pardons – Bal-Wri 1858
7. Pardons – Bea-Wil 1859
8. Pardons – Bea-Woo 1860
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**Oversized Material:** Governor’s Papers (Oversized), Row XLV, 2nd Stack.

(1) Bond Certificate from the State of Tennessee, dated June 1, 1861; signed by Governor Harris, relative to an act passed by the General Assembly in Extraordinary Session.
NAME INDEX

This index contains names of persons holding influential positions during the period. In some instances, however, correspondence is included because the content is important enough to warrant attention in the index. The figures in the parentheses immediately following each name denote the total number of letters in the folder from that person. The identification of the writer and the site from where the letters were written are included whenever possible.

**Box 1, Folder 2, 1858**
F. C. Dumington (2) Banker, Columbia, Tennessee.
S. Fowlkes (2) Memphis, Tennessee.

**Box 1, Folder 3, 1858**
Cave Johnson (1) former United States Congressman, Nashville, Tennessee.
Gideon J Pillow (1); Merchant, Memphis, Tennessee.
Sam Tate (1) President, Memphis and Charleston Rail Road, Memphis, Tennessee.

**Box 1, Folder 5, 1860**
Sam Tate (2) President, Memphis and Charleston Rail Road, Memphis, Tennessee.

**Box 1, Folder 6, 1861**
William B. Bate (1) Governor of Tennessee, 1883-1887, Camp Winchester, Virginia.
H. S. Bradford (3) Fort Wright, Tennessee, (Discussed General Pillow’s liabilities as a capable commander).
Neil S. Brown (3) Former Governor of Tennessee, Nashville. (Declines to serve on Committee of Safety).
W. H. Carroll (2) Brigadier General, Chattanooga, Tennessee. (Tells of political conditions in East Tennessee).
S. R. Cockrill (3) Bath County, Virginia. (Reports Tennessee troop movements and participation in battles).

**Box 1, Folder 7, 1861**
Andrew Ewing (1) United States Congressman, Nashville, Tennessee.
J. Fowlkes (3) Memphis, Tennessee. (Writes about political conditions in East Tennessee).
Box 2, Folder 1, 1861
A. Heiman (5) Colonel, Commanding 10th Tennessee Regiment, Fort Henry.
Albert Sydney Johnston (7) Commanding General, Army of the Mississippi, Bowling Green, Kentucky.
Bushrod R. Johnson (1) General, C.S.A. Army, mouth of Sandy, Tennessee.
James W. McHenry (3) Adjutant General, Nashville, Tennessee.

Box 2, Folder 3, 1861
Gideon J. Pillow (26) Major General, Headquarters Army of Tennessee.
J G. M. Ramsey (1) Knoxville, Tennessee.

Box 2, Folder 5, 1861
L. P. Walker (2) Secretary of War, Confederate Government, Montgomery, Alabama.
H. K. Walker (1) Publisher, Nashville Republican Banner, Nashville, Tennessee.
F. K. Zollicoffer (2) Brigadier General Confederate Army, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Box 2, Folder 6, 1862
General G. T. Beauregard (2) Corinth, Mississippi.
General Braxton Bragg (1) Corinth, Mississippi.
Joseph E. Brown (1) Governor of Georgia, Milledgeville, Georgia.
General B. R. Johnson (3) Fort Donelson.
General Albert Sydney Johnston (4) Bowling Green, Kentucky.
C. G. Memminger (4) Secretary of Treasury, C.S.A., Richmond, Virginia.
General Gideon J Pillow (10) Fort Donelson, Cumberland City, Columbus, Kentucky.
General L Polk (1) Columbus, Kentucky.
J.G.M. Ramsey (1) Knoxville, Tennessee.
Same Tate (1) President, Memphis and Charleston Rail Road, Memphis, Tennessee.