

**MARY FORWOOD PAPERS COLLECTION,
1865-1872**

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INTRODUCTION

The Mary Forwood Papers Collection was donated by Bruce Bruder of Darlington, Maryland. The collection contains approximately 83 items arranged into 17 folders in 1 box. Access to this collection may be permitted for the purposes of personal and scholarly research. The Montgomery County Archives requires that the following credit line be used in all publications to identify that the image or document used is from its holdings: *Courtesy of the Montgomery County Archives*. Specific citation of where the image or document is located (collection, box, folder, etc.) should be made in an acknowledgements section, footnote, or bibliography.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

In 2010, Bruce Bruder donated this collection of Mary Forwood Papers to the Montgomery County Archives. This collection primarily consists of bill of sales, receipts, correspondence from business interests, and two personal letters. These papers were discovered in the attic of a house (1206 Main Street) in Darlington, Maryland in the 1970s. Homeowner Bruce Bruder found the papers when his family moved into the home. He thought that Mary Forwood was related to William Stump Forwood who lived three miles from the house. This would account for the papers being located in Darlington, Maryland. A personal letter, dated October 26, 1867, places family members of Mary Forwood in Baltimore, Maryland.

Mary Forwood operated a dressmaking/millinery shop in Clarksville, Tennessee during the late 1860s. This collection documents the business transactions of Forwood from 1865 to 1872. In May 1865, Forwood applied to establish a supplies stores in Decatur, Alabama. Letters show that Forwood sent consignment items to Jn. A. Daniel of Leighton, Alabama. Other papers connect Clarksville within a larger network of commerce as Forwood received supplies from Memphis, Louisville, Cincinnati, New York, and other cities. Forwood consistently purchased items from Cannon and Byers, wholesale dealers in millinery goods based in Louisville, Kentucky. Correspondence with Cannon and Byers suggests that Forwood's business struggled at times.

Little is known about the physical location of Forwood's shop in Clarksville. Two rooms were rented from Courts and Beaumont from at least April to May 1867. Forwood also paid Neblett & Grant of the Chronicle Office for sign advertisements. A bill indicates that Forwood purchased a sewing machine in 1867; this machinery would have allowed Forwood to increase production at her shop. Locating good help seemed to be a problem for Forwood. Although she received a job inquiry from Mrs. Louisa Divine in October 1867, she was still in need of an experienced milliner in early 1868. On March 14, 1868, William H. Byers of Cannon and Byers penned,

“If your business in Clarksville depends on my sending you a milliner you may as well stop right there. I have been trying to get one for a lady in Murfreesboro, and I know that the leading milliner in New Albany cannot get good help. Miss Kat Murphy who worked for Mrs. Hodgson last year is engaged here. Besides, you could not afford to pay what a real good milliner that would suit Clarksville would want. If Mrs. Briggs has not a store

of her own there you might get her I should think. She told me she ran a popular trimmer there...”

The Mary Forwood Papers Collection was first processed in 2014. The arrangement system at that point was based on chronology. In June 2017, the Mary Forwood Papers Collection was processed a second time. The collection is now arranged based on document type and chronology. Items from the same business and/or person are grouped together.

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

1. Legal Document--Mary Forwood, Application and agreement to establish a store in Decatur, AL, No. 3 Authority for Supply Store, Nashville, TN, May 15, 1865 (1 item)
2. Consignment List--Received of Miss Mary Forwood, List of goods to be sold on consignment, May 19, 1865 (1 item)
3. Letters--February 28, 1865 – February 14, 1869 (9 items)
 - Letter--Package of books orders, and sent, but not picked up, To D.F.A. Kauffman; From John T.Y. Smith, Smith's Homoeopathic Pharmacy, 484 Broadway, New York, February 28, 1865
 - Letter--Asking how a lady who has lost her pay voucher can get another one, Office Assistant Quartermaster; Dr. Robt. Fletcher, Nashville, July 16, 1866
 - Letter--Addressed to Aunt Mary, personal letter asking for \$50 and mentioning family members, 183 Franklin St., Baltimore, MD, October 26, 1867
 - Letter--Wardrobe shipment received, E. Howard, agt., Humboldt, Paris, TN, March 22, 1868
 - Letter--Personal, D.L.M. to Miss Forwood, Clarksville, TN, February 14, 1869
 - Letter--Unable to pay bill and wants to work debt off, E.E.R, n.d.
 - Letter--Requesting new hat and plume from old hat sent to her, Mary Small, n.d.
 - Letter--Pick-up cloak order, Goodlett, Clarksville, TN, n.d.
 - Letter--Note about preparing a skirt & sending facing, 186_
4. Letters--Jn A. Daniel, June 1, 1865 – March 19, 1867 (6 items)
 - Letter--Bill of goods to be sold and business/personal, From Jn. A. Daniel, in care of H.C. Rice, Decatur, AL, June 1, 1865
 - Letter--Regarding becoming partners in business, Jn. A. Daniel, Leighton, AL, July 21, 1865
 - Letter--Regarding sending "plane, cheep, stable goods" to sell, Jn. A. Daniel, Leighton, AL; Nashville, TN; Clarksville, TN; Columbia, TN, March 11, 1867
 - Letter--Regarding selling goods for profit and sending money, already sold \$13.85 worth and sent that to Mary, Leighton, AL, March 19, 1867
 - Letter--Business and personal (missing pgs. 1-2), Jn. A. Daniel, n.d.
 - Letter--Part of a letter (prob. from J.A. Daniel), on back list of goods with prices, n.d.
5. Letters--Regarding sewing machines, September 24, 1867 – October 21, 1867 (3 items)
 - Correspondence--Sewing machine agents list in Tennessee, Wheeler and Wilson Manufacturing Co., 625 Broadway, New York, September 24, 1867

- Correspondence--Purchasing machines, Arthur Farrar, Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing, Chicago, IL, September 28, 1867
 - Correspondence--Sewing machine bill due, company agent in area for collection, A. Sumner, Memphis, TN, October 21, 1867
6. Letter--Regarding millinery work, October 8, 1867 (1 item)
- Letter--Looking for job as milliner, dressmaker, or sales woman, Mrs. Louisa Divine, No. 63 Spruce St., Nashville, TN, October 8, 1867
7. Letters--Regarding a Dress Order, n.d. (2 items)
- Letter--Pick-up order and sister (Carrie) wants dress made, Mrs. Glaxcock, Clarksville, TN, n.d.
 - Letter--Send dress and they will finish it as they are in a great hurry for it, Carrie to Forwood, n.d.
8. Bills of Sale--April 24, 1865 – December 16, 1871 (5 items)
- Bill of Sale--Supplies \$118.25, Misses C. & A. Barry, Summer Street, Nashville, TN, April 24, 1865
 - Bill of Sale--Supplies \$43.90 (2 cent stamp), Wm. Titlebaum, Nashville Hoop Skirt Factory, 63 North College Street, Nashville, July 15, 1863
 - Bill of Sale-- \$4.50, Mrs. Wheeler, Clarksville, TN, November 26, 1866
 - Bill of Sale--Supplies \$55.95 (2 cents stamp), Wm. H. Thayer & Co., 92 Pearl Street, Cincinnati, OH, April 15, 1868
 - Bill of Sale--Supplies, \$77.72, C.L. Woodbridge & Co., 337 Broadway, New York, December 16, 1871
9. Receipts--October 23, 1866 – May 22, 1872 (5 items)
- Receipt--Repairing old (stove) pipe, \$4.00, Mr. W..., H.P. Dorris, Clarksville, TN, October 23, 1866
 - Receipt--For wallpaper and hanging; painting and glassing, \$25.00, W.P. Lindley, Clarksville, TN, April 27, 1867
 - Receipt--Received \$21.25 (note is torn), Lena Tassi, June 18, 1867
 - Receipt--Shipping receipt for 3 buggies (boxes), 3 shafts, and 3 sets (12) wheels, Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company, Sam Brockman, agent, Clarksville, TN, Louisville, KY, July 31, 1867
 - Receipt--For April 29 bill, \$47.00, Rec'd of: Miss M. Anderson, Rec'd by R. Hayward, New York, May 22, 1872
10. Business Transactions--D.S. Wheeler, November 28, 1866 – December 3, 1866 (3 items)
- Account--Balance due \$148.28 (2 cents stamp), D.W. Wheeler for Dr. H.P. Allen, Bowling Green, November 28, 1866

- Bill of Sale--List of items, \$175.70, D.S. Wheeler, Dr. H.P. Allen, December 3, 1866
- Correspondence--Shipped goods to be sold (letter is torn and some missing), D.S. Wheeler, agt.

11. Business Transactions--John H. Cannon & Wm. H. Byers, Wholesale Dealers in Millinery Goods, Louisville, KY, April 3, 1867 – July 2, 1867 (16 items)

- Bill of Sale--Supplies \$224.95, John H. Cannon and Wm. H. Byers, 191 Main Street, Louisville, KY, April 3, 1867
- Bill of Sale--Supplies, \$72.20, John H. Cannon and Wm. H. Byers, 191 Main Street, Louisville, KY, April 17, 1867
- Bill of Sale--Supplies, \$145.50, John H. Cannon, Wm. H. Byers, 191 Main Street, Louisville, KY, April 29, 1867
- Account--Acct. balance to pay \$40.55, John H. Cannon and Wm. H. Byers, 191 Main Street, Louisville, KY, May 8, 1867
- Bill of Sale- Supplies, \$40.20, John H. Cannon and Wm. H. Byers, 191 Main Street, Louisville, KY, May 8, 1867
- Account--To pay this date, \$57.31 (2 cents stamp), John H. Cannon and Wm. H. Byers, 191 Main Street, Louisville, KY, May 15, 1867
- Bill of Sale--Supplies, \$57.31, John H. Cannon and Wm. H. Byers, 191 Main Street, Louisville, KY, May 15, 1867
- Account--To bill this date, \$105.18 (2 cents stamp), John H. Cannon and Wm. H. Byers, 191 Main Street, Louisville, KY, May 22, 1867
- Bill of Sale--Supplies, \$105.18, John H. Cannon and Wm. H. Byers, 191 Main Street, Louisville, KY, May 22, 1867
- Account--2 months past due bill with note to pay \$179.95, John H. Cannon and Wm. H. Byers, 191 Main Street, Louisville, KY, June 1867
- Bill of Sale--Supplies, \$23.00 (2 cents stamp), John H. Cannon and Wm. H. Byers, 191 Main Street, Louisville, KY, June 1, 1867
- Receipt--Received from Mary Forwood, \$100.00 to Cannon and Byers, Southern Express Company, Clarksville, TN, Louisville, KY, June 11, 1867
- Account--To bill this date, \$41.20, John H. Cannon and Wm. H. Byers, 191 Main Street, Louisville, KY, June 18, 1867
- Receipt--On account \$50.00, Received of Mary Forwood by Cannon & Byers, Louisville, KY, June 29, 1867
- Bill of Sale--Supplies \$9.95, John H. Cannon and Wm. H. Byers, 191 Main Street, Louisville, KY, July 2, 1867
- Acct/Letter--Asking her to settle account and warning that her business probably won't make it, William H. Byers, Louisville, KY, July 2, 1867

12. Business Transactions--John H. Cannon & Wm. H. Byers, Wholesale Dealers in Millinery Goods, Louisville, KY, July 5, 1867 – March 14, 1868 (14 items)
- Bill of Sale--Supplies, \$14.70, John H. Cannon and Wm. H. Byers, 191 Main Street, Louisville, KY, July 5, 1867
 - Bill of Sale--Supplies, \$23.55 (2 cents stamp), John H. Cannon and Wm. H. Byers, 191 Main Street, Louisville, KY, July 10, 1867
 - Account--To pay this date, \$18.20, John H. Cannon and Wm. H. Byers, 191 Main Street, Louisville, KY, July 24, 1867
 - Account--Balance on account, \$29.95, John H. Cannon and Wm. H. Byers, 191 Main Street, Louisville, KY, August 9, 1867
 - Letter--New shapes in hats; need to send money for account; personal, Wm. H. Byers, Louisville, KY, Clarksville, TN, August 28, 1867
 - Bill of Sale--Supplies, \$28.77, John H. Cannon and Wm. H. Byers, 191 Main Street, Louisville, KY, August 28, 1867
 - Receipt--Mary Forwood to Cannon and Byers, Southern Express Company, Clarksville, TN, Louisville, KY, August 29, 1867
 - Bill of Sale--Supplies, \$51.78 (with note about high price of ribbon), John H. Cannon and Wm. H. Byers, 191 Main Street, Louisville, KY September 16, 1867
 - Bill of Sale--Supplies, \$32.30, John H. Cannon and Wm. H. Byers, 191 Main Street, Louisville, KY, September 30, 1867
 - Bill of Sale--Ribbon, \$4.50, John H. Cannon, Wm. H. Byers, 191 Main Street, Louisville, KY, September 31, 1867
 - Account--Past due \$50.00, Wm. H. Byers, Louisville, KY, November 16, 1867
 - Account--Account balance to pay \$73.88, Wm. H. Byers, Louisville, KY, January 4, 1868
 - Letter--To Mary Forwood, Regarding milliner job/lack of good help, Wm. H. Byers, Louisville, KY, March 14, 1868
 - Purchase Order--Order for supplies, To Cannon & Byers, April 24, _____
13. Business Transactions--Devou & Company, Wholesale Millinery, Straw Goods, Ribbons, Silks, and Manufacturers of Cloaks and Mantillas, 83 & 85 Pearl Street, Cincinnati, OH, April 5, 1867 – September 1, 1867 (3 items)
- Bill of Sale--Supplies \$303.16, Devou & Company, 83 & 85 Pearl Street, Cincinnati, OH, April 5, 1867
 - Advertisement--Advertisement for their goods, Devou & Company, 83 and 85 Pearl Street, Cincinnati, OH, September 1, 1867
 - Miscellaneous--Empty envelope (3 cent stamp), Devou & Company, 83 & 85 Pearl Street, Cincinnati, OH, June 10, _____

14. Business Transactions--Received of Miss Mary Forwood, Neblett & Grant, Dr., Chronicle Office, Clarksville, TN, April 19, 1867 – October 4, 1867 (2 items)
 - Bill of Sale--Advertisement: Two signs, one month \$5.00, F.S. Neblett; F.A. Grant, Chronicle Office, Clarksville, TN, April 19, 1867
 - Bill of Sale--Advertisement notice, 1 sign 1 week, 2 signs 1 month, Neblett & Grant, Dr., Chronicle Office, Clarksville, TN, September 27, 1867 – October 4, 1867
15. Business Transactions--Monthly Rent, Courts & Beaumont, Clarksville, TN, April 23, 1867 – May 1, 1867 (2 items)
 - Receipt--Rent for two rooms, month of April, \$18.00, Courts & Beaumont, Clarksville, TN, April 23, 1867
 - Receipt--Rent for month of May, \$18.00, Courts & Beaumont, Clarksville, TN, May 1, 1867
16. Business Transactions--Thomas H. Wood and Charles Cary, 725 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, PA, June 4, 1867 – October 25, 1867 (5 items)
 - Receipt--Received \$100.00 and place to credit, Thos. H. Wood and Charles Cary, 725 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, PA, June 4, 1867
 - Receipt--Paid on balance of account \$48.53 (2 cents stamp), Thos. H. Wood and Charles Cary, 725 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, PA, July 2, 1867
 - Bill of Sale--Supplies, \$135.79, Thos. H. Wood and Charles Cary, 725 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA, October 8, 1867
 - Bill of Sale--Bill for \$69.63, Wood & Cary, 725 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA, October 25, 1867
 - Bill of Sale--Supplies, \$66.15 (2 cents stamp), Thos. H. Wood and Charles Cary, 725 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, PA, October 25, 1867
17. Miscellaneous--Various items, n.d. (5 items)
 - Miscellaneous--List with prices of items, n.d.
 - Miscellaneous--Recipe for perfume, n.d.
 - Miscellaneous--Button holder (torn), n.d.
 - Miscellaneous--Cardboard holder, Paris, 1669 written on page
 - Miscellaneous--Pin holder, American Pin Co., n.d.