

**JOHN FULTON “UNCLE REMUS”
COLLECTION**

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Biography/History

John Fulton (1837-1932) was born a slave on Andrew Jackson's Hermitage estate in Hermitage, Tennessee and died in Nashville.

In 1885, he came to Vanderbilt University to serve the famous IV Club, composed of four bachelor professors who kept house together in Wesley Hall. They were: William L. Dudley, Austin H. Merrill, J. T. McGill and W. T. Magruder. James H. Kirkland destined to become chancellor, later joined the group. As members of the group married, there remained only William L. Dudley, and he became his private servant. He resided in a small room in the basement of Wesley Hall, where he entertained the students by playing his guitar, singing ancient ballads, and reading Uncle Remus stories to the students, which is how he acquired his nickname. Fulton's room was a storehouse of memories. He collected photographs from the students and literally papered all four walls with the photographs. Those that would not fit on the wall were stored in trunks. And, the amazing thing is that he could tell you the names of every student.

In 1914, after Dudley's death, he became the caretaker for Mrs. R. F. Jackson. His duties kept him at that place during the day, but when night came he went back to his little room in the basement of Wesley Hall until the fire in February 1932. He died shortly after in April 1932.

In 1975, the Alumni Office transferred this collection to Special Collections.

Scope and Contents

This 2.21 linear feet collection contains two series: **Series I** contains two postcards, an election campaign card, four guest registers, and a newspaper clipping. **Series II** contains 400 plus photographs, some with inscriptions. All have been numbered and scanned into the photograph database. Except for some images at the end, the photographs are alphabetical by person. When known graduation year is included.

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Series I – General

Box 1

Correspondence – Incoming

February 21, 1911	from W. R. Austin - postcard
August 27, 1928	from Beverly W. Allen - postcard

Election Campaign Card

November 6, 1906	William C. Levere for State Representative
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Guest Registers

1909 – 1910
1910 – 1913
1914
1915 [contains slips of paper with guest signatures]

Newspaper Clipping

Unidentified Group Photograph – n.d.

Series II – Photographs

Box 1 – Adams to Davidson

Adams, W. G.		n.d.
Akin, Grover J.	Alumnus	1913
Anderson, Stonewall		n.d.
Anthony, Walter	Alumnus	1905
Armistead, George Harrison, Jr.	Alumnus	1914-1916
Arterbury, Roy L.	Alumnus	1916-1917
Arthur, Robert		n.d.
Barnett, Robinson Ira (2)	Alumnus	1904
Baskerville, Charles Read	Alumnus	1896
Bates, William Hunt	Alumnus	1894

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Battin, Samuel Jackson	Alumnus	1897
Bayliss, Bronson B.	Alumnus	1899
Beauchamp, William Benjamin	Alumnus	1893
Bernard, Adolph Arthur	Alumnus	1906
Betterton, Thomas Crews	Alumnus	1892
Bettis, E. S.	Alumnus	1893
Bishop, David Horace	Alumnus	1897
Black, McKendree M.	Alumnus	1892
Blanks, Anthony Faulkner	Alumnus	1850-1860
Blanton, William Henson	Alumnus	1910
Blevins, Wilson	Alumnus	1878-1879
Bomer, John O'Neil	Alumnus	1913
Bowers, Paul C.	Alumnus	1910-1913
Boyd, Dallas		n.d.
Boyd, George		n.d.
Boyd, George McAdory	Alumnus	1903
Bradford, Henry Erwin	Alumnus	1908
Branham, Bolling Sasnett	Alumnus	1914
Brewer, Edward Cage	Alumnus	1911
Briley, Henry Pope	Alumnus	1899
Britt, Leon		n.d.
Britt, ---- and Baby		n.d.
Brown, Doswell Parrish	Alumnus	1899-1903
Brown, Oswald Eugene	Alumnus/Faculty	1917
Brown, W. C. Foskette	Alumnus	1916
Bryant, ---- and ---- Decamfleolis		n.d.
Burleson, Daniel Downs	Alumnus	1909
Burr, Alfred Hamlin	Alumnus	1914
Cameron, Irvin Turner	Alumnus	1903
Campbell, Clyde Kenner	Alumnus	1907
Campbell, H. L.		n.d.
Carey, J. Franklin	Alumnus	1903
Carr, Peter Herbert	Alumnus	1898
Carre, Henry Beach	Faculty	1898
Carter, H. M.	Alumnus	1897
Chenault, Frederick Raymond	Alumnus	1910-1912
Chiles, T. H.	Alumnus	1899
Chilton, Cladius Lysias	Alumnus	1902
Christian, William Asbury	Alumnus	1892
Clark, Valentine Cornelius	Alumnus	1904

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Clark, Warren		n.d.
Clifton, John W.	Alumnus	1903
Cobb, Robert Linah	Alumnus	1906
Coleman, Felix H.	Alumnus	1895
Coleman, -----		n.d.
Comer, Harry Fulcher	Alumnus	1912
Compton, -----		n.d.
Connell, Clarence P.	Alumnus	1902-1906
Connell, William Phillips	Alumnus	1897
Cook, Cassie Bell	Alumnus	1916
Cook, Osgood Francis	Alumnus	1892
Cornelius, Rufus Thomas	Alumnus	1907-1910
Corum, Jesse Maxwell	Alumnus	1906
Cothran, -----		1897
Creighton, John H.	Alumnus	1894-1895
Crockett, Edmond Irving	Alumnus	1888
Crowe, Fletcher Standefer	Alumnus	1915
Crutchfield, “Babe”	Alumnus	1900
Cude, Harold Eugene	Alumnus	1911
Cuninggim, Jesse Lee	Alumnus/Faculty	1895
Curlin, Zachary Henry	Alumnus	1914
Curtiss, Lyle Raymond	Alumnus	1908-1912
Dailey, Henry Jackson	Alumnus	1899-1900
Daniel, John Jr.	Alumnus	1920-1921
Davidson, Donald	Alumnus/Faculty	1916

Box 2 – Davis to Holderness

Davis, James Wendel	Alumnus	1890
Dean, Charles Hermon	Alumnus	1905
Dempsey, Elam Frank	Alumnus	1906
Dent, Wilbur Tillett	Alumnus	1911-1916
Denton, Guy Tresslen	Alumnus	1906-1913
Dickenson, M. U.		n.d.
Dickinson, -----/Berie, -----		n.d.
Dillard, J. H.		n.d.
Dobbs, Hoyt McWhorter	Alumnus	1904
Dortch, F. W.	Faculty	1898
Doss, Washington LaFayette, Jr.	Alumnus	1890
Dowman, Charles E. Jr.		n.d.

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Dozier, Howard Douglas	Alumnus	1908
Draper, Walter Scott, Jr.	Alumnus	1901
Duckworth, Robert Pierce	Alumnus	1898
Dudley, William L.	Faculty	n.d.
Dudley, William L./Freddie Moore	Faculty	n.d.
Dye, John Sinclair	Alumnus	1900
Eakes, Marvin		n.d.
Enochs, Marvin Smith	Alumnus	1899
Evans, -----		n.d.
Fant, Lester Glenn	Alumnus	1897-1899
Farrell, William Elliston	Alumnus	1891
Fields, Robert G.	Alumnus	1915
Fifer, -----		n.d.
Fix, Joseph Wood	Alumnus	1922
Follin , Gerald Webb	Alumnus	1914
Ford, William Vernon	Alumnus	1911
Frantz, Frank Flavius/J. Mack Jenkins	Alumnus	1902-1910
Frierson, John Dawson	Alumnus	1911-1912
Gamble, Foster Kirk	Alumnus	1907
Gannaway, Herbert/Bethel Long	Alumnus	1904
Gannaway, Herbert	Alumnus	1901-1904
Gantt, Nicholas J. Jr.	Alumnus	1901-1903
Gardiner, S. Vaughn	Alumnus	1899
Gilbert, -----		n.d.
Givens, Claude Preston	Alumnus	1912-1914
Glasgow, Benjamin Bascom	Alumnus	1904
Glass, Henry Iverson	Alumnus	1909-1914
Godchaux, Frank Area	Alumnus	1901
Granbery, John Cowper	Alumnus	1899
Gray, Charles Walter	Alumnus	1911
Greer, C. H.	Alumnus	1900
Gunter, Arthur L.	Alumnus	1912-1915
Hager, Samuel E.	Alumnus	1893
Halliburton, Wesley	Alumnus	1891
Harris, William Irion		03-22-1898
Harvey, -----		1897
Hawk, John Crisman	Alumnus	1905

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Hawkins, Eugene	Alumnus	1895
Heflin, John James	Alumnus	1905
Henry, Waights Gibbs	Alumnus	1902
Herbert, T. Grigsby	Alumnus	1893
Herndon, Virgil Crook	Alumnus	1913
Hirst, Mr. and Mrs.		n.d.
Holcombe, Armstead Richardson	Alumnus	1899
Holderness, James Sidney	Alumnus	1905-1906

Box 3 – Holland to McKenzie

Holland, Richard Marion	Alumnus	1906
Holman, Harvey Thomas	Alumnus	1902
Holmes, William Walter	Alumnus	1903
Hornback, James Matthew	Alumnus	n.d.
Hounshell, Charles Gideon	Alumnus	1899
Howard, William James	Alumnus	1899-1902
Huffman, Chester Clinton	Alumnus	1915
Hughes, Urban Becker	Alumnus	1912
Hughes, William Wightman	Alumnus	1902
Hunter, James Duncan	Alumnus	1907-1910
Hunter, J. R.	Alumnus	06-01-1893
Irion, J. Witt	Alumnus	n.d.
James, John Caller	Alumnus	1903-1905
Jenkins, J. Michael Jr.	Alumnus	03-19-1904
Johnston, ---		n.d.
Johnston, Mercer G.	Alumnus	08-01-1898
Jones, Elliott H.	Alumnus	1891
Jones, Ernest Scott	Alumnus	1897
Jones, Frank	Alumnus	n.d.
Jones, Henry H.	Alumnus	1914
Jones, Herbert V.	Alumnus	1901
Jones, Paul Mitchell	Alumnus	1885
Joyner, Nicholas E.	Alumnus	1897
Kern, David H.	Alumnus	1895
Kern, Paul Bentley	Alumnus	1902-1905
Kirkland, Charles B.	Alumnus	1890

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Lander, Frank Dunnington	Alumnus	1912
Langley, Joseph D.	Alumnus	1897
Lawrence, ---	Alumnus	n.d.
Lipscomb, Horace Swift Jr.	Alumnus	1901
Locke, William Thomas and Edwin Mims, Albert Robins	Alumnus	n.d.
Logan, Will Gordon	Alumnus	1913
Long, Lemul Rix	Alumnus	1900
Long, William Bethel Mulberry School, Principal	Alumnus	1899-1904
Lovelace, Griffin M.	Alumnus	1897
Lund, Robert Leathan	Alumnus	1895-1897
Luter, Clark Allen	Alumnus	1914
Lutz, Albert Simion	Alumnus	n.d.
Magruder, William T.	Alumnus	1894
Mahoney, James Owen	Alumnus	1894-1896
Major, ---	Alumnus	n.d.
Marshall, George G.	Alumnus	1902
Matthews, William Kennon	Alumnus	1895
McCulloch, James E.	Alumnus	1901
McGill, Elsa		n.d.
McGill, John Thomas	Faculty	1879-1882
McGlothin, Harvey Love	Alumnus	1913
McIntyre, Marvin H. and Olin West	Alumnus	1898
McKellor, Idus Eugene	Alumnus	1906
McKenzie, Edward	Alumnus	1899

Box 4 – McLaurin to Shannon

McLaurin, David E.	Alumnus	1904
McNeilly, Albert S.	Alumnus	n.d.
Merrill, Austin H.	Faculty	1996-1900
Merriman, Lucius S.	Alumnus	06-1889
Merritt, Daniel Tatum	Alumnus	1898
Miller, Hugh Hedges	Alumnus	1898
Miller, Samuel Marvin	Alumnus	1902-1905
Miller, Victor Irvin	Alumnus	1897

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Mitchell, James B.	Alumnus	1900
Montgomery, Riley B.	Alumnus	1923
Moore, Frederick W.	Faculty	1893-1911
Morgan, George Allen	Alumnus	1897
Morgan, Joseph J.	Alumnus	1899
Morgan, William Henry	Alumnus	1913
Morrison, Jesse Ray	Alumnus/Faculty	1912
Nance, Walter Buckner	Alumnus/BOT	1893-1904
Naylor, G. R.	Alumnus	1912
Neblett, John Walter	Alumnus	1900
Nellums, Marrus Elmo	Alumnus	1912
Nelson, Oscar Gustaf	Alumnus	1911-1915
Nichols, John	Alumnus	1904
Nishikawa, Tamano Suke	Alumnus	1902
Nolen, Fendall C.	Alumnus	1899
O’Connor, Myles Powers	Alumnus	1897
O’Dell, Edson Kenny	Alumnus	1902
Perry, John Wiley	Alumnus	1891
Perry, Prentiss M.	Alumnus	1913-1915
Perryman, Lewis and Benjamin P. Gilbert	Alumnus	1911
Plater, Richard C.	Alumnus	1892
Porter, Philip H.	Alumnus	1892
Porter, Robert Edwin	Alumnus	1903
Powell, Nathan	Alumnus	1894
Powell, Paul Shell	Alumnus	1910-1913
Prickett, John Wiley	Alumnus	1900
Pritchett, Granville Morrison	Alumnus	1896-1900
Proctor, Creasy Kinnons, Lemuel Edgar Wiggins, J. Howard Books	Alumnus	1912
Purcell, Claire	Alumnus	1910-1916
Ragsdale, Clifton A.	Alumnus	1915
Rapp, J. Carlisle	Alumnus	1907
Ray, John Allen	Alumnus	1903
Rector, Giles Carroll	Alumnus	1893-1897
Reynolds, H. A.	Alumnus	1900
Ricks, William Benjamin	Alumnus	1894

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Roberson, Horace Maxey	Alumnus	1903-1906
Roberts, W. J.	Alumnus	1892
Rodriquez, P. Alphonso	Faculty	1894
Ryang, Ju Sam	Alumnus	1913
Saner, Dorothy Lee		1895
Saner, Robert E. Lee	Alumnus	1896
Sawyer, John Granberry	Alumnus	1913-1920
Schoolfield, John Ralph	Alumnus	1910
Scott, Earl Francis	Alumnus	1903-1906
Self, William Dennis	Alumnus	1908
Seward, Douglas C.	Alumnus	1916-1924
Shackleford, John Walter	Alumnus	1903
Shannon, E. B.	Alumnus	1900

Box 5 – Sharp to Woodard

Sharp, Joseph Casper	Alumnus	1920
Sibley, Hesse Bourbon	Alumnus	1905
Simmons, Walter Heinman	Alumnus	1901-1903
Simpson, Charles Jefferson	Alumnus	1902
Singleton, Frank Edus	Alumnus	1902
Smart, Richard Davis Jr.	Alumnus	1900
Smith, Frances Osgood		1906
Smoot		1900
Sneed, John B. Wardlaw		1899
Spivey, Ludd Myrl	Alumnus	1910
Stephens and Charles Duncan	Alumnus	1901-1910
Stevenson, Alec Brock	Alumnus	1916
Stevenson, Henry Munn	Alumnus	1900
Stewart, Allen D.	Alumnus	1911
Stewart, John M.	Alumnus	1912
Stilz, Earl Bauer	Alumnus	1914
Stokes, Peter	Alumnus	1891
Strother, Charles Wesley	Alumnus	1898
Summers, Lemuel Chester	Alumnus	1916-1919
Swaim, John Carlisle	Alumnus	1911-1913
Terry, Benjamin Taylor	Alumnus	1898-1900
Thornburg, Charles Lewis	Faculty	1881-1884
Thrift, Charles Tinley		1905

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Tillett, Wilbur Fisk	Faculty	1900
Tucker, Willis Newton	Alumnus	1898
Turner, Edward Kimbrough	Alumnus	1895
Tuttle, Robert and Joe Maytubby	Alumnus	1895
Tyler, John Paul	Alumnus	1904
Underwood, E. Marvin	Alumnus	1900-1902
Vaughn, ----		n.d.
Vaughn, Harry S.	Alumnus	1894
Von Staur, Baron	Alumnus	1909
Vreeland, Walter Q.	Alumnus	1891-1893
Wailes, William L. C.		1906
Warterfield, Cliff A.	Alumnus	1895
Washburn, Charles Campbell	Alumnus	1892
Waters, John R.		1900
Watkins, ----		1900
Weatherford, Willis Duke	Alumnus	1899-1907
Weaver, Lester	Alumnus	1916
Weaver, Robert Angelo		1920
Webb, Ernest Clay		1908
Wendell, Jack Lunn	Alumnus	1912
Werlein, Ewing	Alumnus	1910
Werlein, Shepard Halsey Jr.	Alumnus	1897
West, Olin	Alumnus	1895-1898
White, Aaron Pancoast	Alumnus	1917
White, Robert Hiram	Alumnus	1910
Williams, Clark		1903
Williamson, Charles Samuel		1902
Willis, Paul Henning		1906
Wilson, ----		1900
Wilson, Fred Taylor	Alumnus	1908-1910
Wimberly, Charles F.	Faculty	1895
Wolf, E. L.		1900
Woodall, William Marvin	Alumnus	1909
Woodard, Fred Connell	Alumnus	1916

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Box 6 – Woodson to Zimmerman, Unidentified, and Misc.

Woodson, Thomas M.	Alumnus	1916
Wright, C. O.	Faculty	1900
Wynn, Samuel F.	Alumnus	1893
Yoe, John Howe	Alumnus	1913-1914
Yoe, Frances Cheely		1915
Young, Wilbur Shelby	Alumnus	1915
Zimmerman, Ogburn, Chapman	Alumni	1910
Campus Scene - 1		n.d.
Glee Club – 1		1900
Wesley Hall Group – 1		1890s
Unidentified – Group – 1		1890s
Unidentified – Portraits – 4		1890s
Unidentified – Portraits – 4		1890s
Unidentified – Portraits – 5		n.d.
Unidentified – Portraits – 8		n.d.
Unidentified – Portraits – 10		n.d.
Unidentified – Portraits – 6		n.d.
Unidentified – Portraits – 5		n.d.
Unidentified – Portraits – 4		n.d.
Cox, Eugene A.	Alumnus	1899
Crutchfield, Wallace Moss	Alumnus	1900
Alexander, Will Winton	Alumnus	1912
Fulton, John [as a child]	Staff	n.d.
Hawley, Jim	Alumnus	1892-1893
Holderness, Marvin Early	Alumnus	1902-1906
Lewis, ----		n.d.
Merrill, Austin H.	Faculty	1886-1900
Tolman, Herbert Cushing	Faculty	1895-1923
Fulton, John	Staff	1914