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### SUMMARY INFORMATION

**Repository**

University of Mississippi Libraries

**Creator**

Pettis, Ernest Wardlaw

**Title**

Ernest W. Pettis Collection

**ID**

MUM00358

**Date**

1920-1945; 2001

**Extent**

0.5 Linear feet (1 box)

**Language of Materials**

English

**Abstract**

Ernest Wardlaw Pettis of Mississippi, an expert in the field of geology, was active in the oil industry. The collection contains letters written by Ernest to his brother Charles, largely concerning the family's businesses.

**Preferred Citation**

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

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Ernest Wardlaw Pettis was born 2 May 1890. He was the brother of Charles, Will, and Marquerite (Patterson), and the son of William S. Pettis and Ada Roberts Pettis of Oxford and Ellisville, Miss. Pettis received a liberal arts education at Southwestern Presbyterian University, Clarkesville, Tenn., from 1910-1914. Pettis acquired considerable knowledge in the field of geology. He died 30 August 1938. Pettis was active in the early days of the "oil game" in Mississippi.

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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

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The collection chiefly contains letters written by Ernest W. Pettis to his brother Charles. These letters largely concern the family businesses--namely, Lowry Mercantile Co., Elton Lumber Co., and oil exploration on the property where the family owned the mineral rights in various parts of Mississippi--which Ernest was left in charge of.

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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### **Publication Information**

University of Mississippi Libraries October 2012

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### **Additions**

No further additions are expected to this collection.

## Processing Information

Collection processed by Archives and Special Collections staff. Finding aid created by Kathryn Michaelis, October 2012.

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## CONTROLLED ACCESS HEADINGS

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### Genre(s)

- correspondence
- legal documents

### Subject(s)

- Families -- Mississippi
- Lumber trade -- Mississippi
- Petroleum industry and trade -- Mississippi

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## COLLECTION INVENTORY

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Folder 1.1 Introduction Note by Mrs. Ernest Pettis, Jr., 7 March 2001

Folder 1.2 Balance sheet drawn up by William Gray Abernethy, 29 November 1920

Folder 1.3 Letter from Ernest [Pettis] to Charles [Pettis], 21 March 1921

Folder 1.4 Letter from William Gray Abernathy to Gentlemen of Estes Lumber Company, 22 December 1920

Folder 1.5 Partnership agreement for Elton Lumber Company between Floyd Herrington, C.T. Smith, Mrs. Ada C. Pettis, Charles R. Pettis, William S. Pettis, Jr., Ernest W. Pettis, and Mrs. Marguerite M. Pettis Patterson, 1 February 1923

Folder 1.6 - 1.20 Letters from Ernest W. Pettis to Charles Pettis and Maggie Pettis [Patterson], 13 February 1924-8 April 1930

Folder 1.21 Letter from C.G. Jr. to Charles [Pettis], 22 April 1930 [letter originally attached to correspondence in

folder 20]

Folder 1.22 - 1.24 Letters from Ernest Pettis to Charles Pettis, 29 July-20 November 1930

Folder 1.25 Legal agreement between Charles R. Pettis, William S. Pettis, Jr., and Mrs. Marguerite M. Pettis Patterson regarding Elton Lumber Company, December 1930

Folder 1.26 - 1.29 Letters from Ernest Pettis to Charles Pettis, 6-17 February 1931

Folder 1.30 Excerpt from the Minutes of the Directors meeting of Royalties, Incorporated, 1 March 1932

Folder 1.31 - 1.44 Letters from Ernest Pettis to Charles Pettis, 16 March - 23 December 1931

Folder 1.45 *The Oil and Gas Journal*, 21 January 1932

Folder 1.46 - 1.78 Letters from Ernest Pettis to Charles Pettis and Maggie Pettis [Patterson], 25 February 1932-10 July 1945

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