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Historical Information

John Cabell was the son of William Cabell, patriarch of the Cabell family in Virginia. John Cabell was a prominent landowner and citizen of Buckingham County. He served terms as sheriff, justice of the peace, and delegate to the General Assembly. Cabell represented Buckingham County at the Revolutionary Convention of 1776 held in Williamsburg. Green Hill was the name of Cabell's plantation in Buckingham County. Cabell died in May 1815.

Amherst County was named for Major General Jeffery Amherst, British commander in North America during the latter part of the French and Indian War and governor of Virginia from 1759 to 1768. It was formed from Albemarle County in 1761. Islands in the Fluvanna (now the James) River were added in 1770.

Scope and Content

John Cabell's Estate Account Book, 1809-1834, records the accounts of individual's who conducted business with Cabell's estate. Information found in each account includes name of individual, date of transaction, form of transaction, amount and type of items purchased, amount owed, form of payment, and amount paid. Forms of payment include cash, credit, and barter. Transactions involve wheat, corn, oats, pork, farm tools, horses, livestock, and slaves. Individuals involved in transactions include John Cabell's children. Entries include costs related to the burial of John Cabell in May 1815.

The account book also records lists of negroes belonging to the estate of John Cabell hired in New Market and in Greenway, Nelson County, Virginia, and lists of lands rented, 1818-1824. Entries for slave hires record the date of hiring, name of person hiring slaves, names of slaves hired, number of slaves hired, and amount paid for hire of slaves. Entries for land rents record date of rent, name of renter, name of land rented, and amount paid. Lands rented include Green Hill plantation in Buckingham County, Warminster in Nelson County, and Slate River mountain in Buckingham County.

Index Terms

Persons:

Cabell, John d. 1815.

Family Names:

Cabell family.

Corporate Names:

Amherst County (Va.) Circuit Court.

Subjects:

Administration of estates -- Virginia -- Buckingham County.

African Americans -- History.

Farm rents -- Virginia -- Buckingham County.

Plantations -- Virginia -- Buckingham County.

Slaveholders -- Virginia -- Buckingham County.

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Geographical Names:

Amherst County (Va.) -- History -- 19th century.

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