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Abstract

The collection contains the papers of Manley Morrison Caldwell, an attorney in Wytheville and Roanoke, Virginia, and his law partner and father-in-law, James A. Walker, consisting largely of Caldwell's professional legal and business papers and documents gathered and created by him in the course of acting as the executor of Walker's will.

Creator

Walker and Caldwell (Wytheville, Va.)

Creator

Caldwell, Manly M., 1861-1940

Creator

Walker, James A., 1832-1901

Extent

1.7 Cubic Feet 3 boxes; 1 oversize folder

Repository

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Biographical Note

James Alexander Walker was born in Augusta County, Virginia on August 27, 1832. Walker attended Virginia Military Institute but was expelled just before graduation in 1852 (though he would later be granted an honorary degree). After studying law at the University of Virginia, Walker was admitted to the state bar in 1856, and established a law practice in Newbern (Pulaski County), Virginia. He married Sarah Poage, and the couple would have six children.

At the commencement of the Civil War, Walker entered Confederate service as captain of the Pulaski Guards, later incorporated into the 4th Virginia Infantry as Company C. Walker was soon promoted to lieutenant colonel and assigned to the 13th Virginia Infantry and in February 1862 assumed command of the regiment as colonel. Promoted to brigadier general, he commanded the Stonewall Brigade during the Gettysburg Campaign and at the battles of the Wilderness and Spotsylvania. After recovering from a serious wound in the latter battle, Walker returned to duty, commanding a division at Petersburg and Appomattox.

Following the war, Walker returned to his Pulaski County law practice and was elected as a Democrat to the Virginia House of Delegates in 1871 and 1872. In 1877, he was elected Virginia's lieutenant governor. Walker joined the Republican Party in 1895 and served two years in Congress, from 1895 to 1899. He lost reelection to William F. Rhea in 1898, and was again defeated by Rhea in 1900. James A. Walker died in Wytheville, Virginia on October 21, 1901.

Manley Morrison Caldwell was born in Wytheville, Virginia on January 4, 1861. He graduated from Hampden-Sydney College and the University of Virginia School of Law, then briefly practiced law in Dallas, Texas before returning to Wytheville and entering into a law partnership with James A. Walker. Caldwell married Walker's daughter, Willie Brown Walker (1860-1946), in 1888; the couple had three children and lived with General Walker until his death in 1901. In 1906, the Caldwells moved to Roanoke, Virginia, where Caldwell continued his legal career and engaged in several business enterprises. Manley M. Caldwell died on May 25, 1940.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains papers of Manley M. Caldwell, an attorney in Wytheville and Roanoke, Virginia, and his law partner and father-in-law, James A. Walker. The collection contains such legal and financial records as deeds, survey metes and calls, ledgers, promissory notes, checks, and correspondence. Approximately half of the collection relates to Caldwell's activities as executor of Walker's will and concerns property and

mineral rights owned in Wythe County, Virginia. Much of the remainder of the collection is devoted to Caldwell's business interests in Roanoke. The collection contains little that relates to the Walker and Caldwell law partnership and only a few items that do not relate to business or legal activities.

Separated Materials

The following items were removed from the collection to be added to the Rare Book Collection:

Holden, Edward S. *A Brief Account of the Lick Observatory of the University of California* 2nd ed. Sacramento, CA: State Printing Office, 1895. (Call number QB82.U62 L53 1895 Spec Large)

Walker, Jame A. *Address Delivered in Richmond, Virginia, on the 30th of June, 1892, at the Unveiling of the Monument to Lieutenant General A. P. Hill*. [Wytheville, VA: Enterprise Job Office, 1892?] (Call number E467.H55 W25 1892 Spec Civil War)

Related Archival Materials

See also the James A. Walker Papers, #852, Southern Historical Collection, The Wilson Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Keywords

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

Roanoke County (Va.)

Wythe County (Va.)

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged in three series:

Series I. Manley M. Caldwell Papers, 1886-1934. This series contains legal and financial documents created in the course of Caldwell's professional and business career. Included is an account book that seems to track not only the income of Walker's legal practice but also the income and expenditures of an apple orchard. Also included are papers relating to Caldwell's involvement in various elevated tramways in Roanoke and Botetourt counties, the Edgewood Land Company, and the Salem Improvement Company. The series also contains various legal, business, and personal financial documents such as deeds and contracts, tax forms, and bank records. Included are stock certificates for a number of area businesses. Among these is a certificate for the Old Dominion Match Company, attached to which is the formula for the company's product. The series is arranged alphabetically by document type and file topic.

Series II. Walker and Caldwell Papers, 1893-1912. The work of the Walker and Caldwell law partnership is represented in just one item: a ledger detailing the work done by the firm in collecting monies from legal judgments and delinquent business accounts.

Series III. James A. Walker Estate Papers, 1882-1952. Contained in this series are documents relating to Walker's estate, with Manley Caldwell serving as executor. The series includes such routine documents as a copy of the will, receipts and account statements, personal checks, and correspondence. Much of the material, however, relates to mineral rights held by Walker in several tracts of land in Wythe County and elsewhere in Southwest Virginia. Included is a notebook containing business meeting minutes of the Norma Iron and Mining Company, the Wythe County Iron and Zinc Corporation, and the Iron Mountain Company. The series is arranged alphabetically by document type and file topic.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I. Manley M. Caldwell Papers

Unit Date 1886-1934

Account Book

Unit Date 1897-1903

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Aerial Tramways

Unit Date 1907-1914, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Bank Statements

Unit Date 1932-1933

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Business / Financial Notes,

Unit Date 1927-1930, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date 1901-1934, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Deed Transcripts

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Deeds and Contracts

Unit Date 1904-1928

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Edgewood Land Company Corporate Tax Records

Unit Date 1925-1931

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Edgewood Land Company Correspondence

Unit Date 1928-1929

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Edgewood Land Company Financial Records

Unit Date 1921-1933

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Edgewood Land Company Promissory Notes

Unit Date 1919-1931

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Physical Characteristics [3 folders]

Federal Income Tax

Unit Date 1922-1933

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Financial / Legal Documents

Unit Date 1887-1908, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Life Insurance

Unit Date 1891-1915

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Personal Checks

Unit Date 1905-1933

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 1-3 (folder)

Princeton Banking Company

Unit Date 1900-1908, n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Property Taxes

Unit Date 1915-1931

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Roanoke Real Estate Title Abstracts

Unit Date 1891-1911

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Salem Improvement Company Checks

Unit Date 1912-1913

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Stock Certificates

Unit Date 1886-1929

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Physical Characteristics [2 folders]

Acme Match Company

Unit Date 1908

Physical Characteristics [2 items]

Aerial Amusement Company

Unit Date 1908

Anti-Toxin Cigarette Machine Company

Unit Date 1909-1910

Physical Characteristics [5 items]

Botetourt Tramway Company

Unit Date 1908

Physical Characteristics [2 items]

Brown Electric Company

Unit Date 1898

Buffalo Ridge Development Company

Unit Date 1918-1919

Physical Characteristics [4 items]

Chas. F. Swartz, Incorporated

Unit Date 1926

Citizens Crystal Ice Company

Unit Date 1918-1927

Physical Characteristics [11 items]

Colorado Tram Company

Unit Date 1909

Consolidated Tramway Company

Unit Date 1909-1912

Physical Characteristics [5 items]

Crescent Box and Lumber Company

Unit Date 1910

Federal Guarantee Mortgage Company

Unit Date 1929

Forney Mining Company

Unit Date 1892-1896

Physical Characteristics [2 items]

Fox Motor Car Company

Unit Date 1922

Physical Characteristics [2 items]

General Ice Delivery, Incorporated

Unit Date 1917

International Match Company

Unit Date 1909

Interstate Investment Corporation

Unit Date 1925

Iron Mountain Company

Unit Date 1886

Physical Characteristics [3 items]

Keyser-Vick Drug Company

Unit Date 1924

King Solomon's Mining Company

Unit Date 1903

Knob Apple Orchard Company

Unit Date 1911-1916

Physical Characteristics [3 items]

Lawson Lead and Zinc Company

Unit Date 1899

Physical Characteristics [5 items]

Old Dominion Match Company

Unit Date 1913-1916

Physical Characteristics [3 items]

Old Town Land and Mineral Water Company

Unit Date 1891-1893

Physical Characteristics [4 items]

Roanoke Aerial Transit Company

Unit Date 1907-1912

Physical Characteristics [3 items]

Roanoke Amusement Company

Unit Date 1909

Roanoke and Bent Mountain Railway Company

Unit Date 1910

Seaboard Development Corporation

Unit Date 1927

Physical Characteristics [2 items]

Southern Fire Insurance Company

Unit Date 1905-1906

Physical Characteristics [2 items]

Sterling Laundry Company

Unit Date 1902-1906

Physical Characteristics [2 items]

Vinton Burial Park

Unit Date 1929

Survey Metes and Bounds / Title Abstracts

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Virginia State Income Tax

Unit Date 1922-1934

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Walker, H. M. Estate (Silas H. Walker, executor)

Unit Date 1893-1905

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Series II. Walker and Caldwell Papers

Unit Date 1893-1912

Collections Ledger

Unit Date 1893-1912

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Series III. James A. Walker Estate Papers

Unit Date 1882-1952

Account Statements and Receipts (numbered)

Unit Date 1891-1902

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Account Statements and Receipts (unnumbered)

Unit Date 1897-1920

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Buskick, James Lands

Unit Date 1891-1903, n.d.

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Checks Drawn on Estate

Unit Date 1901-1902

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Clinch Valley Coal and Iron Company

Unit Date 1890-1930

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date 1901-1919, n.d.

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Deeds and Contracts

Unit Date 1890-1928

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Fogelsong Valley (Wythe County, Virginia)

Unit Date 1889-1904

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Forney, D. S.

Unit Date 1894-1909, n.d.

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Norma Iron and Mining Company / Wythe County Iron and Zinc Corporation / Iron Mountain Company Notebook

Unit Date 1882-1929

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Rye Valley (Smyth County, Virginia)

Unit Date 1887-1952, n.d.

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Physical Characteristics [3 folders]

Sanders, J. Adams tract (Wythe County, Virginia)

Unit Date 1887-1909, n.d.

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Stocks and Bonds

Unit Date 1887-1928

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Walker, Sarah A.

Unit Date 1901-1904

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Wythe County Iron and Zinc Corporation

Unit Date 1905-1912

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

General Estate Documents

Unit Date 1890-1916, n.d.

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Oversize Materials

Unit Date 1891-1900, n.d.

oversize 1 (folder)

James A. Walker Supreme Court Qualification Certificate

Unit Date 1897

Copy of Scott County, Virginia Ballot

Unit Date 1900

Map: "Norfolk and Western R.R. New River Cripple Creek Mineral Territory,"

Unit Date 1891

Map: "Slomp Tract No. 1: Walker-Forney, Sugar Grover, Va.,"

Unit Date n.d.

Photograph: "2d reunion of the 43d Battaloin, Virginia Cavalry, Mosby's Men,"

Unit Date 1895