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The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The collection contains papers from a nineteenth-century Smyth County, Virginia, landholder pertaining to his business, community involvement, and the American Civil War. Includes a signed oath of allegiance from 1865.

Creator

Cassel, Jacob

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Biographical Note

Jacob Cassel (variously written Cassell and Castle) lived in Marion Township, Smyth County, Virginia, during the nineteenth century. Cassel was a wealthy landowner who dabbled in beekeeping and horse tending, among others activities. A Jacob Cassel appears as a captain on the list of home guards for Smyth County during the American Civil War. A Confederate, Cassel signed an oath of allegiance, devoting himself to the Union, in Tennessee on August 9, 1865. After the Civil War, Cassel remained active in Smyth County, acting as a member of his church's building committee and as a trustee for the Female College [Marion College].

Scope and Content

The Jacob Cassel Papers stem from the business, social, and ideological activities of a landowner from Smyth County, Virginia, in the nineteenth century. Materials include various tax/compensatory receipts, contracts, an account concerning the board of a horse, the specifications for a church, and an oath of allegiance signed after the American Civil War. An interesting document allowing Cassel the use of a patented beehive also appears.

Keywords

Civil War

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

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