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Descriptive Summary

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Unit Date

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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The collection contains the papers of Squire Bosworth, a physician and county court clerk of Randolph County, Virginia (later West Virginia), including correspondence, legal papers, and financial documents.

Creator

Bosworth, Squire, 1785-1870

Creator

Bosworth family (Randolph County, Va. (now WV))

Extent

0.1 Cubic Feet 1 folder

Repository

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Source of Acquisition

The Squire Bosworth Papers were purchased in two lots from the same source in May 2010. The first lot was comprised entirely of materials dated prior to 1865; the second, of materials dated from 1865 to 1892, plus a single undated letter.

Processing Information

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Biographical Note

Squire Bosworth, the son of Joshua Bosworth, was born in Montgomery, Massachusetts in 1785. He moved with his family to what is northwestern Virginia (now West Virginia) while still young. After teaching school in Parkersburg and Beverly, Bosworth studied medicine under a Dr. Dolbear and established his practice in Beverly. He served for a time as Randolph County court clerk and as deputy sheriff and represented Randolph and Tucker counties in the Virginia General Assembly. Bosworth married Hannah Buckey, daughter of Peter Buckey, in 1816, and the couple would have ten children: John W., Squire N., George W., Elam B., Rebecca, Lucy, Harriet, Martha, Christina, and Mary. Squire Bosworth died in Beverly, West Virginia in 1870. His son, John W. Bosworth, would also become a physician. Another son, Squire N. Bosworth, served during the American Civil War in the 31st Virginia Infantry. Following the war, Squire N. Bosworth married Florence A. Brown (daughter of Bernard L. Brown). He worked as a dry goods merchant and served for many years as Beverly's postmaster.

Scope and Content

This collection contains papers of Squire Bosworth, a physician and county court clerk of Randolph County, Virginia (later West Virginia). The collection includes correspondence of Bosworth, other members of his family, and seemingly unrelated individuals. Among the correspondence are several post-American Civil War letters written by family and friends, discussing the political climate of the day in Virginia and West Virginia as well as Reconstruction issues in North Carolina and Virginia. Also among the correspondence is a letter from Squire Bosworth filing a claim against the U. S. government for services he rendered as a physician during the war. An 1849 letter from E. D. Wilson of Philippi provides information on area politics and mentions the growing urbanization of Beverly, (West) Virginia. Also within the correspondence are several letters addressed to Bosworth in his capacity as Randolph County court clerk.

Among the legal papers in the collection is an 1848 bill of sale for a female enslaved person named Huldah, purchased by Squire Bosworth from Peter Buckey. The collection also contains a summons ordering Squire Bosworth to appear before a local voter registration board to explain why his name should not be stricken from the local roll of voters. Also contained are deeds, marriage certificates, Bosworth's medical license, and a certificate granting local patent rights to a hillside plow improvement. The collection also contains several documents relating to attempts by John W. Bosworth, acting as the executor of his father's estate, to secure a claim against the U. S. government for goods confiscated by the army during the Civil War.

Keywords

Existence and Location of Copies

The collection has been digitized and is available online.

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged by document type, then chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Correspondence

folder 1

E. D. Wilson (Philippi) to B. L. Brown (Beverly)

Unit Date Feb 16 1849

William H. Richardson to Squire Bosworth

Unit Date Jul 17 1859

Alfred H. Reiss (Baltimore) to S. Bosworth

Unit Date Feb 3 1865

William [Ewin?] (St. George) to B. L. Brown

Unit Date Aug 31 1865

J. H. Arbogast (Waynesboro) to S. Bosworth

Unit Date Oct 14 1865

John B. Smith (Waynesboro) to S. Bosworth

Unit Date Dec 1 1865

Frank McIntosh (Richmond County, North Carolina) to J. W. Bosworth (Beverly [West] Virginia)

Unit Date Jan 1 1866

"John" [Bosworth?] (Baltimore, Maryland) to "Pa"

Unit Date Feb 22 1866

Mollie (Cumberland County) to "Mr. Bosworth"

Unit Date Feb 26 1866

M. A. Root (Philadelphia) to Squire Bosworth

Unit Date Mar 21 1866

"Sister Bee" (Sunny Manse) to "Bro Newt"

Unit Date Jun 29 1866

Benj. H. Smith (Wheeling) to S. Bosworth

Unit Date Jul 21 1866

S. Bosworth (Beverly, West Virginia) to E. B. French

Unit Date Dec 24 1866

J. W. Bosworth (Fishersville, Virginia) to "Pa"

Unit Date Sep 2 1867

[Unidentified] (Bridgewater, Virginia) to "Uncle"

Unit Date Oct 6 1867

"B" (Sunny Manse) to "Pa & Ma"

Unit Date Jan 3 1868

Mollie D. B. (Philippi, West Virginia) to "Pa"

Unit Date Sep 20 1869

"Sister Bee" (Sunny Manse) to "Bro."

Unit Date n.d.

Business and Personal Financial Records

folder 1

Receipts (newspaper subscriptions)

Unit Date 1848-1869

General Physical Description note [7 items]

Pay voucher for Randolph County election officer

Unit Date 1860

Legal Papers

folder 1

Bill of sale for female enslaved person named Huldah

Unit Date 1848

Deed granting Bosworth regional patent rights to William H. Babbit's improvements to the hillside plow

Unit Date 1856

Certificate of election for Randolph County justices of the peace

Unit Date 1860

General Physical Description note [2 items]

Summons for Archibald Earl, witness in matter of Senter v. Cottell

Unit Date 1860

Marriage certificate for Mary M. Chenoweth and Hicman Triplett

Unit Date 1861

Marriage license for Chenoweth B. Hart and Rhoda J. Lewis

Unit Date 1861

Marriage license for Marshall Schoonover and Eliza Louk

Unit Date 1861

Summons from Randolph County Board of Registration

Unit Date 1866

S. Bosworth medical license

Unit Date 1866

Petition filed in claim of Squire Bosworth estate against U.S. government for wartime losses

Unit Date 1888

Letters from attorney George A. King regarding Bosworth claim

Unit Date 1892

General Physical Description note [2 items]

Promissory note signed by S. N. Bosworth

Unit Date 1892

Interrogatories on loyalty

Unit Date n.d.

Interrogatories on merits of claim

Unit Date n.d.