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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract

The Jeremiah W. Graves Collection includes a cash book, correspondence, receipts and ledger pages, newspaper clippings, and genealogy materials relating to the personal and business activities of Captain Jeremiah White Graves (1801-1878), a farmer, financial advisor, real estate broker, and enslaver of people in Cedar Hill, Pittsylvania County, Virginia. Genealogical materials in the collection relate to the histories for branches of the Graves, Whitehead, Hunt, and Jones families.

Creator

Graves, Jeremiah White (Pittsylvania County, Va.)

Extent

0.5 Cubic Feet 1 box

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Use Restrictions

Permission to publish material from the Jeremiah W. Graves Collection must be obtained from Special Collections, Virginia Tech.

Acquisition Information

The Jeremiah W. Graves Collection was purchased by Special Collections in October 2012.

Processing Information

The processing, arrangement, and description of the Jeremiah W. Graves Collection was completed in December 2012.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

The collection relates primarily to the personal and business activities of Captain Jeremiah White Graves (1801-1878), a farmer, neighborhood financial advisor, real estate broker, and enslaver of people who resided in Cedar Hill, Pittsylvania County, Virginia.

Scope and Content

The Jeremiah White Graves Collection includes a cash book, correspondence, receipts and ledger pages, newspaper clippings, and genealogy materials.

The manuscript portion of the collection consists of the cash book and account ledger pages documenting Graves' business ventures (sales of crops, purchases from local businesses, etc.) and correspondence created in Graves' role as a real estate broker and enslaver of people, as well as letters of a personal nature exchanged between family members.

The genealogy portion of the collection includes types copies of wills, deeds, and contracts, as well as typed, compiled histories for branches of the Graves, Whitehead, and Jones and Hunt families.

Related Materials

Special Collections also holds related archival materials, the Jeremiah W. Graves Diary Ms.1990-033 (Consult the [Online Finding Aid](#)) and the Anna Whitehead Kenney Papers Ms.1990-022, who was Jeremiah W. Graves's great-granddaughter.

Additionally, there are materials of Jeremiah W. Graves housed at the University of Virginia's Special Collections department in Charlottesville.

Keywords

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

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

Civil War

Slavery -- United States

Kenney, Anna Whitehead

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically by document type.

Description of Subordinate Components

Personal Correspondence

Unit Date 1860-1883, n.,d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Business Correspondence

Unit Date 1858-1879

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Individual Account Statements

Unit Date 1843-1886, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Merchant Account Statements

Unit Date 1872-1878

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Ephemera

Unit Date 1839-1865, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Ephemera - Unidentified

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Cash Book

Unit Date 1837-1853.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Wood Family Documents

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Jones Family Documents

Unit Date 1719-1915

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Genealogical Compilations on Graves and Whitehead Families

Unit Date 1994-1995

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)