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The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The George W. L. Kabrich Family Papers, 1850-1947 [bulk 1850-1904], contain correspondence, legal records, financial records, and religious documents. The collection documents the personal and professional life of George W. L. Kabrich, who taught school and Sunday school, worked as Overseer of the Poor for Blacksburg Township, and was on church councils for local Lutheran churches. Items also relate to George's father-in-law John Surface, his daughter Effie Kabrich, and others. An item of note is a Rat Belt which is believed to have belonged to Robert H. Kabrich, the grandson of George's brother Issiah.

Creator

Kabrich, George Washington Lewis, b. 1824

Extent

0.25 Cubic Feet 1 box

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Biographical Note

The George W. L. Kabrich Family Papers relate to the activities of Kabrich (sometimes Kabrick) and his family in Blacksburg, Virginia. The son of George and Elizabeth Kabrich, George Washington Lewis Kabrich (b. 1824) taught school and Sunday school, worked as Overseer of the Poor for Blacksburg Township, and was on church councils for local Lutheran churches. During the American Civil War, he enlisted in April 1862 as a private in Company D, Virginia 45th Infantry Regiment (Confederate States of America), mustering out a month later.

On August 18, 1846, George Kabrich married Susan Ann (or Amanda) Surface (1829-1919), the daughter of John and Elizabeth Surface. The couple had five children: Sarah E. (1849-1935), Mary C. "Mollie" (ca. 1854-1895), Marion W. (b. ca. 1858), Arthur J. (1862-1941), and Effie May (1867-1927). Sarah married Joseph E. Francis on January 3, 1872, and Marion married Mollie M. Price on October 6, 1885. The couple had a daughter, Florence A. (1886-1963). Florence later lived with Susan, Arthur, and Effie.

Isaiah Kabrich (1827-1899), the brother of George W. L. Kabrich, was the grandfather of cousins Robert Kabrich (1825-1994) and Effie Kent "Billie" Kabrich Shanks (1903-1966). Both attended the Virginia Polytechnic Institute: Billie was one of the first five full-time women students to enroll in 1921, and Robert attended after serving in World War II.

Scope and Content

The George W. L. Kabrich Family Papers, 1850-1947 [bulk 1850-1904], contain correspondence, legal records, financial records, and religious documents. The collection is divided into six series, based on material type: Series I: Correspondence, Series II: Legal Papers, Series III: Financial Papers, Series IV: Religious Papers, Series V: Assorted.

The first series, Correspondence, 1850-1904, undated, is subdivided by correspondent: George W. L. Kabrich, 1850-1889; Effie Kabrich, 1903-1904; and Assorted, 1880, 1904, undated. Letters include correspondence with George's brother Isaiah, church members, George's daughter Effie, George's granddaughter Florence, and people asking for money or goods, possibly because of his job as Overseer of the Poor.

The second series, Legal Papers, 1855-1880, undated, includes promissory notes, articles of agreement, and a contract for G. W. L. Kabrich to teach a school for local families.

The third series, Financial Papers, is subdivided into Account Balances, 1859-1890, Tax and Tuition Receipts, 1860-1978, and Assorted, 1872, 1888, 1932, undated. Accounts document balances and payments for local goods and services, and the tax and tuition receipts include tax payments for G. W. L. Kabrich and his father-in-law John Surface as well as tuition receipts for students at Kabrich's school. Assorted contains financial notes, bank items, and printed documents.

The fourth series, Religious Papers, 1870-1887, relate to George W. L. Kabrich's involvement with local Lutheran churches. Items include meeting minutes from church councils, Sunday School class book, and a donation envelope.

The fifth series, Assorted, 1947, undated, includes an advertisement for female regulating pills, genealogy of births and deaths in the 1850s-1860s, and a Rat Belt which is believed to have belonged to Robert H. Kabrich, the grandson of George's brother Issiah. (Rat belts were - and are - worn by freshmen in the VPI Corps of Cadets.)

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Arrangement

The collection is organized in the following series:

- Series I: Correspondence, 1850-1904
- Series II: Legal Records, 1855-1880, undated
- Series III: Financial Records, 1859-1890, 1932, undated
- Series IV: Religious Papers, 1870-1887
- Series V: Assorted, 1947, undated

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I: Correspondence

Unit Date 1850-1989, undated

George W. L. Kabrich

Unit Date 1850-1989

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Effie Kabrich

Unit Date 1903-1904

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Assorted

Unit Date 1880, 1904, undated

box-folder 1 (box)
Container 3 (folder)

Series II: Legal Records

Unit Date 1855-1880, undated

Legal records

Unit Date 1855-1880, undated

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Series III: Financial Records

Unit Date 1859-1890, 1932, undated

Account balances

Unit Date 1859-1890

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Tax and tuition receipts

Unit Date 1860-1878

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Assorted

Unit Date 1870, 1872, 1888, 1932, undated

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Series IV: Religious Papers

Unit Date 1871-1887

Religious Papers

Unit Date 1871-1887

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Series V: Assorted

Unit Date 1947, undated

Rat Belt

Unit Date 1947

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Advertisement and Genealogy

Unit Date undated

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)