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Abstract

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Creator

Stephen, Robert, 1767-1851

Extent

0.08 cubic feet 1 folder

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Bio/Historical Note

Robert Stephen (alternately appearing as Steven, Stevens, and Stephens) was born in Augusta County, Virginia on September 22, 1767. Stephen married Mary Craig (1767-1838), who was also born in Augusta County, on November 14, 1788 in Greenbrier County, Virginia (now West Virginia). Stephen was a land owner, enslaver, and proprietor of Stephen's Ferry at Fort Spring along the Greenbrier River. Stephen died February 24, 1851 and is buried at McVey-Stephen Cemetery in Greenbrier County.

Scope and Content

The Robert Stephen Papers, 1815-1849, primarily document the taxes paid by Greenbrier County, Virginia (now West Virginia) resident, Robert Stephen. The collection is comprised of 13 documents. The tax receipts document the taxes Stephen paid to the sheriff of Greenbrier County and include parish levies and taxes paid for enslaved persons, cattle, and land. A tax receipt for E. R. Skeggs of Greenbrier County is also included.

Additional documents include receipts for Stephen's annual subscriptions to the *National Intelligencer*, a national newspaper of record, and the *Alleghanian*.

Keywords

Receipts (Acknowledgments) -- West Virginia -- Greenbrier County

Business records -- West Virginia -- Greenbrier County -- Sources

Taxation -- West Virginia -- Greenbrier County -- 19th century

Tax assessment -- West Virginia -- Greenbrier County -- 19th century

Tax collection -- West Virginia -- Greenbrier County -- 19th century

Greenbrier County (W. Va.) -- History -- 19th century -- Sources

Greenbrier County (W. Va.) -- Economic conditions -- 19th century -- Sources

Receipts (financial records)

Tax records

Slavery -- Virginia -- History -- 19th century

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Provenance

These materials were sold by Cowan's Auctions on March 23, 2017 as part of a larger lot of Greenbrier County manuscript materials. The lot (# 226) was described as "Parish Polls Mentioning Taxes for a Number of Slaves and Business Licenses for Greenbrier County, Virginia (West Virginia), ca. 1810s to 1830s."

Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically in one folder.

Description of Subordinate Components

Robert Stephen papers

Unit Date 1815-1849, undated

Mixed Materials [1000886345] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)