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Abstract

Robert Edwards Collection is a collection of books, ledgers, correspondence, writings, receipts, bills of sale, promissory notes, photographs, office judgements, and other materials relating to the families of Keene, Edwards, and Dulin.

Collector

Robert Edwards, Virginia Beach, VA

Repository

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Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection open for research.

Use Restrictions

Physical characteristics affect use of this material. Photocopying not permitted.

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Other Finding Aid

None

Technical Requirements

None

Historical Information

In 1829 Newton Keene (1804-1880) purchased 197 acres in what is now Sterling, VA. He established Green Plains Farm on the property, where he and his wife, Elisabeth Dulin (1806-1874), raised thirteen children. Their youngest daughter, Sarah Frances Keene (28 July 1858- 27 August 1929), later inherited the farm.

Sarah Frances Keene married Samuel Edwin Edwards (24 June 1861 - 4 August 1943), a justice of the peace and respected member of the community. "Squire Edwards", as he was known, was instrumental in developing Green Plains Farm into one of the most prosperous dairy farms in Northern Virginia and became an early member of the Maryland & Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative. Their son, Lee Edwin Edwards (23 September 1889 - 14 April 1966) married Gertrude A. Whalen (12 November 1897 - 9 October 1991) and they continued to live in the home and operate the business until the 311 acre property was sold to developers in 1961. Their nephew, Robert Erle Edwards (son of Lee's older brother Hugh Keene Edwards, 7 September 1884 -14 May 1963 and Helen Peele Edwards (8 March 1901 - 22 March 1991) donated the collection in 2015.

Scope and Content

Robert Edwards Collection is a collection of books, ledgers, correspondence, writings, receipts, bills of sale, promissory notes, photographs, office judgements, and other materials relating to the families of Keene, Edwards, and Dulin. The collection is organized by subject and then in chronological order by the first date within the document.

Arrangement

Box: folder

Contents List

Container M 0129

Box 1

Folder 1: Farmer District Cooperative Agreement, Lee. E. Edwards, Northern VA, 1950

Folder 2: Written description of Green Plains, G.A. Edwards, 1956

Folder 3: Photocopies of newspaper articles focusing on "Lanesville", the "Farmer's Delight Home, "Green Plains", an "New Town Development" in Leesburg and more, 1973-1981

Folder 4: Loudoun County Virginia Office Judgements, 1836-1869

Folder 5: Clerk of Loudoun County Court Receipts, 1837-1867

Folder 6: Documents by Newton Keene as Deputy Sherriff, 1838-1844

Folder 7: Public Notices, 1838 & 1849

Folder 8: Estray Horse Document by Newton Keene, Loudoun County Justice of the Peace, 1852

Folder 9: Chancery Court Case, Elizabeth Keene against Alfred Dulin, 1872

Folder 10: Letter to S.E. Edwards documenting warrants and checks sent, 1912, from Loudoun Justice Record book, bound volume number 7

Folder 11: Estate of John Dulin, Photocopied Pages, 1828-1829

Folder 12: Deeds related to the Keene family, 1832-1902

Folder 13: Agreement to Rent Coton Farm between Elizabeth Keene and Alfred D. Keene, 1865

Folder 14: Will of Elizabeth Keene, February 1874, Inventory of Personal Effects, February 1881. Photocopied Pages

Folder 15: Will belonging to Hardage Lane of Springhill, Montgomery County, MD, for J. Keene, Esquire, n.d.

Folder 16: Newton Keene, Bills of Sale, 1835-1849

Folder 17: Keene (Various), Bills of Sale, 1850-1859

Folder 18: Keene/Dulin Bills of Sale, 1860-1894

Folder 19: Keene et al, Promissory Notes, 1836-1895

Folder 20: Keene, Tax Bills, 1845-1899

Folder 21: Bills of Newton Keene and Charles Edwards from Dr. W.B. Day, 1850-1882

Folder 22: Account Records, 1832-1891, n.d.

**Folder 23: Sherriff of Loudoun County and Fairfax County Receipts, 1833-1866
*Also see Section B. Legal Cases for actual folders**

Folder 24: Miscellaneous Receipts, 1835-1888

Folder 25: Newton Keene as agent for Robert B. Richardson, 1838-1860

Folder 26: Miscellaneous Receipts, 1838-1896

Folder 27: Slave Lease Receipts and Promissory Notes, 1851-1859

Folder 28: Union Military Supplies Receipt, 1862

Folder 29: T. H. Vandevanter, Treasurer of Loudoun, payment receipts (1900), receipt (1909)

Folder 30: Receipts from T.E. Reed & Son, Undertakers and Embalmers, 1927, from large brown ledger, bound volume number 8

Folder 31: J.H. Keene receipt from tan ledger, bound volume number 5

Folder 32: Correspondence, 1857-1878

Folder 33: Wedding Invitation, Irene Stinemetz to T.C. Dulin, 1882

Folder 34: Hagerstown Almanac, 1884

Folder 35: Danville Military Academy Materials, 1894-1950

Folder 36: Hugh K. Edwards School Lesson and Attendance Letter, 1895-1896

Folder 37: Papers belonging to Samuel E. Edwards, J.P., 1910-1932

Folder 38: Photocopied newspaper clippings, Edwards and Dulin families, n.d.

Folder 39: Lee. E. Edwards' stationary, Green Plains Dairy Farm, Sterling, VA, "For Bobby Edwards" written

Folder 40: Newton, Lane and Rogers family crests

Folder 41: Miscellaneous Paper Items, 1910-1960-n.d.

Box 2

Folder 1: Ledger with loose pages, poetry and songs, Elizabeth Dulin Keene, 1853-1864

Folder 2: Writings by H.F. Keene, "The Dying Soldier", "Kind Words", "General Stuart", 1864

Folder 3: Photocopy - writings by H.F. Keene, "The Dying Soldier", "Kind Words", "General Stuart", 1864

Folder 4: A. F. Keene's letters and writings ("Spring", "Dear Cousin", "Envy", "Beloved Friend" and "Friendship"), 1864

Folder 5: Photocopy - A. F. Keene's letters and writings ("Spring", "Dear Cousin", "Envy", "Beloved Friend" and "Friendship"), 1864

Folder 6: Writings and cards from Sarah Keene's scrapbook, bound volume number 10

Folder 7: Photocopy of Harvey Lane Keene's account of exploring the West, 1860-1865

Folder 8: Poem or lyrics, "She never blamed him - never...", signed by Bettie D. Keene, Green Plains, Loudoun County, VA

Folder 9: ALS to Frank Keene from Annie Lee Keene with "Row your Boat" lyrics, n.d.

Folder 10: Photocopy - ALS to Frank Keene from Annie Lee Keene with "Row your Boat" lyrics, n.d.

Folder 11: "Stonewall Jackson a Sentinel", n.d.

Folder 12: "Over the River" lyrics, n.d.

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Folder 1: Photographs of Sterling School with Students identified, 1897, vc_0090_0001

Folder 2: Photographs of Danville Military Institute, 1959 vc_0090_0002

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Folder 1: Photocopy of Will of Newton Keene, 1770

Folder 2: Photocopy of Deed (Book K. p448) between Richard Lee and David

~~Folder 1: Deed (Book C, No. 3, p281) between Randal Latimer and Nancy Latimer~~

~~Boyd, Executors and John Orr, 1774~~

Folder 3: Deed (Book C, No. 3, p281) between Randal Latimer and Nancy Latimer his wife, and Newton Keene, 1836

Folder 4: Power of Attorney appointing William O. Slade to act as attorney for Alexander Ewell, Cordelia Ewell, Benjamin Dunn Jones and Ellen E. Ewell his wife, 1839

BV 0015

Item 1: Methodist Pocket Hymn-Book, n.d., 1812, signed by A. D. Keene, with John, Alfred, Thomas, Francis, and James Dulin names written on back cover

Item 2: Book of Martyrs; or, A History of the Lives, Sufferings, and Triumphant Deaths, of the Primitive as well as Protestant Martyrs ...,1831,[inscription to S. Edwards from E.H. B[?], 1909]

Item 3: The complete works of Shakespeare: with a memoir by Alexander Chalmers A.M., 1856, inscription "S. Edwards June 8th 1883 Atkin Hall St. Elizabeth" with other inscriptions and names appearing

Item 4: Ledger with entries by N. Keene, includes an inscription by J. W. Keene, bond entries, and Newton Keene family genealogical entries, 1829-1851

Item 5: Blacksmith Ledger with entries by John N. Keene and Charles Reed, 1853 and 1856

Item 6: Justice Record (Loudoun, VA), 1852-1912

Item 7: Justice Record (Loudoun, VA), includes fence claim template written by S.E.E., 1912-1933

Item 8: Brown Leather Ledger, includes horse pedigrees and a genealogical entry, 1828-1837 and 1911-1913

Item 9: Small ledger with entries by Wm. J. F. Keene, T. D. Keene and T. S. Keene, includes Civil War related notes, 1858-1872

Item 10: Sarah F. Keene Commonplace book, includes poems and genealogical news clipping and entries, 1863-1887