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Collection is open to research.

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There are no restrictions.

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The Papers originally formed a portion of a collection of miscellaneous documents found by William Hall of Wytheville, Virginia. Hall subsequently gave these documents to Mary B. Kegley.

Biographical Information

William Alexander Stuart (1826-1892) was the son of Archibald Stuart and Elizabeth Pannill Stuart of Laura Hill in Patrick County, Virginia. His brothers included James Ewell Brown Stuart and John Dabney Stuart. A lawyer and businessman, Stuart was admitted as a deputy clerk of the Circuit Superior Court of law and chancery in Wytheville. He eventually served as clerk of the Circuit Superior Court in 1847 and also worked as a bank cashier. He also owned several businesses including the Preston and King Salt Works in Saltville, Virginia.

William Alexander Stuart first married Mary Taylor Carter of Russell County and had three sons including Henry Carter Stuart, Dale Carter Stuart, and John J. Stuart. His second wife was Ellen Spiller Brown whom he married when he was thirty-seven. The couple had five children including Sue Lee Stuart Campbell, William S. Stuart, Alexander B. Stuart, Archibald Stuart, and J. E. B. Stuart who died young. William Alexander Stuart died in 1892 from a heart attack.

Scope and Content

The Papers consist of three documents: a 1861 letter from Nicholas Chevalier to William Alexander Stuart, a 1869 promissory note from Stuart and George W. Palmer to James H. Gilmore and V. S. Morgan, and a summons to S. R. Huffard and William Alexander Stuart dated 1888.

Contents List

Letter. Rev. Nicholas Chevalier, Gonzales, Texas to William Alexander Stuart, Wytheville, Virginia. 10 January 1861.

Extent

2 p.

Scope and Content

Chevalier writes his brother-in-law Stuart to oversee the sale of his property in Christiansburg, his plans for growing cotton, cost of slave labor, and his call to evangelize. Chevalier was the former minister of the Christiansburg Presbyterian Church.

Promissory Note. 16 February 1869.

Extent

1 p.

Scope and Content

William Alexander Stuart and George W. Palmer to pay James H. Gilmore and V. S. Morgan, trustees of B. F. Mantz for property in Marion, Virginia.

Summons. Wythe County. 14 May 1888.**Extent**

1 p.

Scope and Content

For S. R. Huffard and William Alexander Stuart in response to complaint by A. G. Corvin.

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