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Creator

Camden, Gideon Draper, 1805-1891

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Scope and Contents

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Gideon D. Camden papers include correspondence (1785-1891); legal and business papers dealing with his extensive law practice, particularly in land claims (1784-1892); surveys and plats (1784-1905, undated); and printed material.

Subjects of the G.D. Camden correspondence include the development of transportation in western Virginia; the tariff of 1846; the election of 1848; Virginia, West Virginia, and national politics; the Virginia Constitutional Convention of 1850; the Compromise of 1850; land sales and immigration in Western Virginia; the railroad struggle between Parkersburg and Wheeling; the Whig Party; Secession; the development of the West Virginia oil fields, coal strands, and timber lands; Reconstruction in West Virginia; the state election of 1868; the Flick Amendment; the Constitutional Convention of 1872; the West Virginia Capitol question; West Virginia University; education; the senatorial contest of 1874; railroads in the post-bellum period; the Democratic National Convention of 1876; the 47th Congress; and state politics during the Cleveland Administration.

Correspondents include Lot M. Morrill, Waitman T. Willey, Albert Gallatin Jenkins, John Letcher, John S. Carlile, Peter G. Van Winkle, Francis H. Pierpont, Benjamin Wilson, A.I. Boreman, and many more.

Wilson Lee Camden papers include correspondence (1885-1958, undated); legal papers (1817-1958,

undated); surveys and plats (1872-1937, undated); printed material (1895-1951, undated); business manuscripts; photographs; map; and ledgers. Map shows the Camden holdings (mostly mines). Ledgers include a daybook (1903-1904), a record of land owned, and a letter book (1895-1903).

Subjects of the W.L. Camden papers include the settlement of his grandfather's estate, and extensive coal, timber, land, railroad, and oil interests in West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania.

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Keywords

Harrison County (W. Va.)

Pennsylvania

Coal mining.

Compromise of 1850

Election of 1848.

Election of 1868.

Immigration.

Lawyers - letters and papers.

Lumber trade

Petroleum industry and trade

Politics and government.

Railroads - Parkersburg-Wheeling railroad struggle.

Railroads

Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877)

Secession

Taxes - Tariff of 1846.

Transportation

West Virginia -- Capital and capitol

Democratic National Convention of 1876.

Democratic Party (U.S.)

Virginia. Constitutional Convention (1850-1851)

West Virginia University

West Virginia. Constitution. Flick Amendment

West Virginia. Constitutional Convention (1872)

Whig Party (U.S.)

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