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Biographical/Historical Information

The Minor family resided in Albemarle County, Virginia. Charles Minor (1810-1861), Lucian Minor (1802-1858), and John Barbee Minor (1813-1895) were three of the eight children of Lancelot (1763-1849) and Mary Overton Minor (1771-1836) of "Minor's Folly", Albemarle County, Virginia. Charles Minor married Lucy Walker Minor (1818-1881), daughter of Peter and Lucy Gilmer Minor of Albemarle County, Virginia, on 18 May 1835.

Benjamin Blake Minor (1818-1905) served as editor of the SOUTHERN LITERARY MESSENGER (1843-1847), principal of the Virginia Female Institue, Staunton, Virginia (1847-1848), and president of the University of Missouri (1860-1862). Lucian Minor was a cousin, born on 4 April 1802, Louisa County, Virginia, and died on 6 July 1858. He was admitted to the Albemarle Bar in 1830 and married Lavinia Callis Price on 4 May 1846.

Charles Landon Carter Minor (1835-1903) was born in Hanover County, Virginia, and died in Albemarle County, Virginia. He was involved with education throughout his career, taught in Hanover County, Virginia, running a private school in Lynchburg, Virginia, and elected the first president of Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College (Virginia Tech), 1872-1879.

Scope and Content

Papers, 1787-1905, of the Minor family of Albemarle, Amherst, Hanover, and Louisa Counties, Virginia. Includes accounts, deeds, letters, and receipts. Mostly consists of correspondence from the Minor family regarding their legal practice, settlement of debts, work at the University of Virginia and Virginia Tech, and family news. Also includes genealogical notes on the Minor family and correspondence with Robert A. Brock regarding genealogy and subscriptions to the Virginia Historical Society.