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Biographical Information

William Wallace Scott was born 10 April 1845 in Orange County, Virginia, and he attended the Virginia Military Institute. He enlisted in the Confederate Army 1 December 1863 and served in Company H, 4th Virginia Cavalry, also known as the Black Horse Cavalry. Scott was captured by Union forces in April 1865, but escaped; eventually being paroled in Charlottesville, Virginia, on 1 May 1865. After the war, Scott became a lawyer and editor. He served as the law librarian for the state of Virginia, and published works on Virginia and its history. Scott married Claudia Marshall Willis (1846-1912) 29 September 1869, and they had nine children. Scott died 16 January 1929, and was buried in Maplewood Cemetery in Gordonsville, Virginia.

Scope and Content

Papers, 1891-1957, of W. W. Scott (1845-1929) of Orange County and Richmond, Virginia, consisting of accounts, advertisements, charts, deeds, envelopes, epitaphs, essays, letters, notes, poems, promissory notes, receipts, reminiscences, satires, and speeches, mainly concerning Virginia and Orange County history, including Scott's HISTORY OF ORANGE COUNTY, VA; and James Madison (1751-1836). Papers also contain correspondence to and from Scott's son Philip H. Scott (1873-1962); receipts for purchases and payments by Scott; copyright for a book by Scott and W. G. Stanard; poems by Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Philip Slaughter, Will Henry Thompson, and unknown; an epitaph for Jane Webb in Old Blue Run Church; and the condensed profile for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway in 1908.

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