

# Walker and Caldwell Papers

Walker and Caldwell Papers

1882-1952



## Title Statement

Walker and Caldwell Papers Walker and Caldwell Papers, 1882-1952 Ms.1973.012

**Author:** John M. Jackson, Archivist

## Publication Statement

**Publisher:** Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Special Collections and University Archives, University Libraries (0434)  
560 Drillfield Drive  
Newman Library, Virginia Tech  
Blacksburg, Virginia 24061  
Business Number: 540-231-6308  
specref@vt.edu  
URL: <http://spec.lib.vt.edu>



2011 (CC0 1.0)

## Profile Description

**Creation:** This finding aid was produced using ArchivesSpace on 2024-03-15 07:00:13 -0400.

**Language Usage:** Description is written in: English, Latin script.

**Descriptive Rules:** Describing Archives: A Content Standard

## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

Ms.1973.012

### Unit Date

1882-1952

### Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

### Abstract

The collection contains the papers of Manley Morrison Caldwell, an attorney in Wytheville and Roanoke, Virginia, and his law partner and father-in-law, James A. Walker, consisting largely of Caldwell's professional legal and business papers and documents gathered and created by him in the course of acting as the executor of Walker's will.

### Creator

Walker and Caldwell (Wytheville, Va.)

### Creator

Caldwell, Manly M., 1861-1940

### Creator

Walker, James A., 1832-1901

**Extent**

1.7 Cubic Feet 3 boxes; 1 oversize folder

**Repository**

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

## Administrative Information

**Conditions Governing Access**

The collection is open for research.

**Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use**

The copyright status of this collection is unknown. Copyright restrictions may apply. Contact Special Collections and University Archives for assistance in determining the use of these materials. Reproduction or digitization of materials for personal or research use can be requested using our reproduction/digitization form: <http://bit.ly/scuareproduction>. Reproduction or digitization of materials for publication or exhibit use can be requested using our publication/exhibition form: <http://bit.ly/scuapublication>. Please contact Special Collections and University Archives ([specref@vt.edu](mailto:specref@vt.edu) or 540-231-6308) if you need assistance with forms or to submit a completed form.

**Source of Acquisition**

The Walker and Caldwell Papers were donated to Special Collections in 1973.

**Processing Information**

The processing, arrangement, and description of the Walker and Caldwell Papers commenced and was completed in December 2011.

**Preferred Citation**

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: [identification of item], [box], [folder], Walker and Caldwell Papers, Ms1973-012, Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Va.

## Biographical Note

James Alexander Walker was born in Augusta County, Virginia on August 27, 1832. Walker attended Virginia Military Institute but was expelled just before graduation in 1852 (though he would later be granted an honorary degree). After studying law at the University of Virginia, Walker was admitted to the state bar in 1856, and established a law practice in Newbern (Pulaski County), Virginia. He married Sarah Poage, and the couple would have six children.

At the commencement of the Civil War, Walker entered Confederate service as captain of the Pulaski Guards, later incorporated into the 4th Virginia Infantry as Company C. Walker was soon promoted to lieutenant colonel and assigned to the 13th Virginia Infantry and in February 1862 assumed command of the regiment as colonel. Promoted to brigadier general, he commanded the Stonewall Brigade during the Gettysburg Campaign and at the battles of the Wilderness and Spotsylvania. After recovering from a serious wound in the latter battle, Walker returned to duty, commanding a division at Petersburg and Appomattox.

Following the war, Walker returned to his Pulaski County law practice and was elected as a Democrat to the Virginia House of Delegates in 1871 and 1872. In 1877, he was elected Virginia's lieutenant governor. Walker joined the Republican Party in 1895 and served two years in Congress, from 1895 to 1899. He lost reelection to William F. Rhea in 1898, and was again defeated by Rhea in 1900. James A. Walker died in Wytheville, Virginia on October 21, 1901.

Manley Morrison Caldwell was born in Wytheville, Virginia on January 4, 1861. He graduated from Hampden-Sydney College and the University of Virginia School of Law, then briefly practiced law in Dallas, Texas before returning to Wytheville and entering into a law partnership with James A. Walker. Caldwell married Walker's daughter, Willie Brown Walker (1860-1946), in 1888; the couple had three children and lived with General Walker until his death in 1901. In 1906, the Caldwells moved to Roanoke, Virginia, where Caldwell continued his legal career and engaged in several business enterprises. Manley M. Caldwell died on May 25, 1940.

## Scope and Contents

This collection contains papers of Manley M. Caldwell, an attorney in Wytheville and Roanoke, Virginia, and his law partner and father-in-law, James A. Walker. The collection contains such legal and financial records as deeds, survey metes and calls, ledgers, promissory notes, checks, and correspondence. Approximately half of the collection relates to Caldwell's activities as executor of Walker's will and concerns property and

mineral rights owned in Wythe County, Virginia. Much of the remainder of the collection is devoted to Caldwell's business interests in Roanoke. The collection contains little that relates to the Walker and Caldwell law partnership and only a few items that do not relate to business or legal activities.

## Separated Materials

The following items were removed from the collection to be added to the Rare Book Collection:

Holden, Edward S. *A Brief Account of the Lick Observatory of the University of California* 2nd ed. Sacramento, CA: State Printing Office, 1895. (Call number QB82.U62 L53 1895 Spec Large)

Walker, Jame A. *Address Delivered in Richmond, Virginia, on the 30th of June, 1892, at the Unveiling of the Monument to Lieutenant General A. P. Hill*. [Wytheville, VA: Enterprise Job Office, 1892?] (Call number E467.H55 W25 1892 Spec Civil War)

## Related Archival Materials

See also the James A. Walker Papers, #852, Southern Historical Collection, The Wilson Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

## Keywords

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

Roanoke County (Va.)

Wythe County (Va.)

## Rights Statement for Archival Description

The guide to the Walker and Caldwell Papers by Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech, is licensed under a CC0 (<https://creativecommons.org/share-your-work/public-domain/cc0/>).

## Arrangement

The collection is arranged in three series:

Series I. Manley M. Caldwell Papers, 1886-1934. This series contains legal and financial documents created in the course of Caldwell's professional and business career. Included is an account book that seems to track not only the income of Walker's legal practice but also the income and expenditures of an apple orchard. Also included are papers relating to Caldwell's involvement in various elevated tramways in Roanoke and Botetourt counties, the Edgewood Land Company, and the Salem Improvement Company. The series also contains various legal, business, and personal financial documents such as deeds and contracts, tax forms, and bank records. Included are stock certificates for a number of area businesses. Among these is a certificate for the Old Dominion Match Company, attached to which is the formula for the company's product. The series is arranged alphabetically by document type and file topic.

Series II. Walker and Caldwell Papers, 1893-1912. The work of the Walker and Caldwell law partnership is represented in just one item: a ledger detailing the work done by the firm in collecting monies from legal judgments and delinquent business accounts.

Series III. James A. Walker Estate Papers, 1882-1952. Contained in this series are documents relating to Walker's estate, with Manley Caldwell serving as executor. The series includes such routine documents as a copy of the will, receipts and account statements, personal checks, and correspondence. Much of the material, however, relates to mineral rights held by Walker in several tracts of land in Wythe County and elsewhere in Southwest Virginia. Included is a notebook containing business meeting minutes of the Norma Iron and Mining Company, the Wythe County Iron and Zinc Corporation, and the Iron Mountain Company. The series is arranged alphabetically by document type and file topic.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### **Series I. Manley M. Caldwell Papers**

**Unit Date** 1886-1934

**Account Book****Unit Date** 1897-1903**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Aerial Tramways****Unit Date** 1907-1914, n.d.**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Bank Statements****Unit Date** 1932-1933**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Business / Financial Notes,****Unit Date** 1927-1930, n.d.**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit Date** 1901-1934, n.d.**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Deed Transcripts****Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Deeds and Contracts****Unit Date** 1904-1928**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Edgewood Land Company Corporate Tax Records****Unit Date** 1925-1931**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 8 (folder)**Edgewood Land Company Correspondence****Unit Date** 1928-1929**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 9 (folder)**Edgewood Land Company Financial Records****Unit Date** 1921-1933**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 10 (folder)

**Edgewood Land Company Promissory Notes****Unit Date** 1919-1931**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 11 (folder)**Physical Characteristics** [3 folders]**Federal Income Tax****Unit Date** 1922-1933**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 12 (folder)**Financial / Legal Documents****Unit Date** 1887-1908, n.d.**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 13 (folder)**Life Insurance****Unit Date** 1891-1915**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 14 (folder)**Personal Checks****Unit Date** 1905-1933**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 1-3 (folder)**Princeton Banking Company****Unit Date** 1900-1908, n.d.**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Property Taxes****Unit Date** 1915-1931**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Roanoke Real Estate Title Abstracts****Unit Date** 1891-1911**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Salem Improvement Company Checks****Unit Date** 1912-1913**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Stock Certificates****Unit Date** 1886-1929**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 8 (folder)

**Physical Characteristics** [2 folders]

**Acme Match Company**

**Unit Date** 1908

**Physical Characteristics** [2 items]

**Aerial Amusement Company**

**Unit Date** 1908

**Anti-Toxin Cigarette Machine Company**

**Unit Date** 1909-1910

**Physical Characteristics** [5 items]

**Botetourt Tramway Company**

**Unit Date** 1908

**Physical Characteristics** [2 items]

**Brown Electric Company**

**Unit Date** 1898

**Buffalo Ridge Development Company**

**Unit Date** 1918-1919

**Physical Characteristics** [4 items]

**Chas. F. Swartz, Incorporated**

**Unit Date** 1926

**Citizens Crystal Ice Company**

**Unit Date** 1918-1927

**Physical Characteristics** [11 items]

**Colorado Tram Company**

**Unit Date** 1909

**Consolidated Tramway Company**

**Unit Date** 1909-1912

**Physical Characteristics** [5 items]

**Crescent Box and Lumber Company**

**Unit Date** 1910

**Federal Guarantee Mortgage Company**

**Unit Date** 1929

**Forney Mining Company**

**Unit Date** 1892-1896

**Physical Characteristics** [2 items]

**Fox Motor Car Company**

**Unit Date** 1922

**Physical Characteristics** [2 items]

**General Ice Delivery, Incorporated**

**Unit Date** 1917

**International Match Company**

**Unit Date** 1909

**Interstate Investment Corporation**

**Unit Date** 1925

**Iron Mountain Company**

**Unit Date** 1886

**Physical Characteristics** [3 items]

**Keyser-Vick Drug Company**

**Unit Date** 1924

**King Solomon's Mining Company**

**Unit Date** 1903

**Knob Apple Orchard Company**

**Unit Date** 1911-1916

**Physical Characteristics** [3 items]

**Lawson Lead and Zinc Company**

**Unit Date** 1899

**Physical Characteristics** [5 items]

**Old Dominion Match Company**

**Unit Date** 1913-1916

**Physical Characteristics** [3 items]

**Old Town Land and Mineral Water Company**

**Unit Date** 1891-1893

**Physical Characteristics** [4 items]

**Roanoke Aerial Transit Company**

**Unit Date** 1907-1912

**Physical Characteristics** [3 items]

**Roanoke Amusement Company**

**Unit Date** 1909

**Roanoke and Bent Mountain Railway Company**

**Unit Date** 1910

**Seaboard Development Corporation**

**Unit Date** 1927

**Physical Characteristics** [2 items]

**Southern Fire Insurance Company**

**Unit Date** 1905-1906

**Physical Characteristics** [2 items]

**Sterling Laundry Company**

**Unit Date** 1902-1906

**Physical Characteristics** [2 items]

**Vinton Burial Park**

**Unit Date** 1929

**Survey Metes and Bounds / Title Abstracts**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Virginia State Income Tax**

**Unit Date** 1922-1934

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Walker, H. M. Estate (Silas H. Walker, executor)**

**Unit Date** 1893-1905

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

**Series II. Walker and Caldwell Papers**

**Unit Date** 1893-1912

**Collections Ledger**

**Unit Date** 1893-1912

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Series III. James A. Walker Estate Papers**

**Unit Date** 1882-1952

**Account Statements and Receipts (numbered)**

**Unit Date** 1891-1902

**box-folder** 3 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Account Statements and Receipts (unnumbered)**

**Unit Date** 1897-1920

**box-folder** 3 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Buskick, James Lands**

**Unit Date** 1891-1903, n.d.

**box-folder** 3 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Checks Drawn on Estate****Unit Date** 1901-1902**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Clinch Valley Coal and Iron Company****Unit Date** 1890-1930**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit Date** 1901-1919, n.d.**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Deeds and Contracts****Unit Date** 1890-1928**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Fogelsong Valley (Wythe County, Virginia)****Unit Date** 1889-1904**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 8 (folder)**Forney, D. S.****Unit Date** 1894-1909, n.d.**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 9 (folder)**Norma Iron and Mining Company / Wythe County Iron and Zinc Corporation / Iron Mountain Company Notebook****Unit Date** 1882-1929**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 10 (folder)**Rye Valley (Smyth County, Virginia)****Unit Date** 1887-1952, n.d.**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 11 (folder)**Physical Characteristics** [3 folders]**Sanders, J. Adams tract (Wythe County, Virginia)****Unit Date** 1887-1909, n.d.**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 12 (folder)**Stocks and Bonds****Unit Date** 1887-1928**box-folder** 3 (box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**Walker, Sarah A.**

**Unit Date** 1901-1904

**box-folder** 3 (box)

**Container** 14 (folder)

**Wythe County Iron and Zinc Corporation**

**Unit Date** 1905-1912

**box-folder** 3 (box)

**Container** 15 (folder)

**General Estate Documents**

**Unit Date** 1890-1916, n.d.

**box-folder** 3 (box)

**Container** 16 (folder)

**Oversize Materials**

**Unit Date** 1891-1900, n.d.

**oversize** 1 (folder)

**James A. Walker Supreme Court Qualification Certificate**

**Unit Date** 1897

**Copy of Scott County, Virginia Ballot**

**Unit Date** 1900

**Map: "Norfolk and Western R.R. New River Cripple Creek Mineral Territory,"**

**Unit Date** 1891

**Map: "Slemp Tract No. 1: Walker-Forney, Sugar Grover, Va.,"**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**Photograph: "2d reunion of the 43d Battaloin, Virginia Cavalry, Mosby's Men,"**

**Unit Date** 1895