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Descriptive Summary

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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

This collection includes the papers of Samuel W. Williams, an attorney in Bland County, Virginia. It includes three notebooks from Williams's law education at the University of Virginia, a receipt book, four ledgers, and numerous notes concerning his law practice.

Creator

Williams, Samuel W., 1848-1921

Extent

0.7 Cubic Feet 2 boxes

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

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Processing Information

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Biographical Note

While this collection contains no biographical information on its subject, biographical information has been found elsewhere for a Samuel Walker Williams, who is presumed to be the Samuel W. Williams to whom these papers belonged.

Samuel Walker Williams was born around 1848 on the "Leatherwood" Plantation in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. He was one of eleven children. At the age of 15, Williams joined the Fifth Virginia Calvary, C.S.A. as a private. He moved to Bland County, Virginia, around 1872, and married Bland County resident Maggie Grayson. The Williamses raised many children at their home, located just south of the old Bland Courthouse. Williams later married a daughter of Major R. R. Henry of Tazewell, Virginia. He practiced law in Tazewell County, was the commonwealth attorney for Bland County for many years and served a term in the Virginia Senate. He was also a judge of the circuit court of Tazewell, the attorney-general of Virginia for four years, and a Democratic nominee for Congress in 1896. At the time of his death, Williams owned more than 4,000 acres of land and mineral interests in Bland County, most of which were situated near the Bland Courthouse. He died in 1921.

Scope and Content

This collection contains the papers of Samuel W. Williams, a lawyer in Bland County, Virginia during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Included within the collection are three notebooks containing Williams's notes from law classes at the University of Virginia; the notebooks also contain other miscellaneous notes, as well as accounting ledger entries for 1871-1873. The collection also contains a receipt book, together with various letters, notes and miscellaneous items which had been inserted within it. Completing the collection is a set of four ledgers containing details on the credits and debits of Williams's law practice and numerous other notes concerning the practice. The records have value to those interested in local history and genealogy in Bland County at the turn of the 20th century.

Keywords

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged by material type then chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Notebook

Unit Date 1868

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Notebook

Unit Date 1869-02-1869-04

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Notebook

Unit Date 1869-04-1869-06

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Receipt book

Unit Date 1878-1899

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Letters, notes, etc. from receipt book

Unit Date 1878-1899

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Ledger

Unit Date 1872-1890

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Ledger

Unit Date 1878-1883

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Ledger

Unit Date 1893-1908

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

S. E. [single entry] ledger

Unit Date 1918-1919

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)