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Descriptive Summary

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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

This collection includes correspondence and financial/legal papers of the Alexander McNutt Glasgow family of Rockbridge County, Virginia.

Creator

Glasgow family

Creator

Glasgow, Alexander McNutt, 1820-1894

Extent

0.7 Cubic Feet 2 boxes

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Biographical Note

Alexander McNutt Glasgow, son of John and Martha ("Patsy") McNutt Glasgow (1798-1866), was born five miles from Lexington (Rockbridge County), Virginia, on October 24, 1820. He earned bachelor of arts (1842) and bachelor of law degrees from Washington College (now Washington and Lee University) and would continue to live at "Tuscan Villa," the Glasgow family's Rockbridge County home, for the remainder of his life. He farmed (tobacco and grains), operated a general mercantile business, and served as a judge in the county court and as an elder in the local Presbyterian church. Records show that during the American Civil War Glasgow joined Company I, 4th Virginia Infantry in April, 1862, serving on detached duty in Staunton until being discharged in July. In 1863, he served as a captain leading the South River Home Guard.

On May 12, 1874, Glasgow married Laura B. Mackey (1853-1909), daughter of Henry and Nancy Hamilton Mackey, and the couple would have six children: Alexander M., John Henry ("Harry"), Elizabeth V., Lucy G., Mary T., and Otelia M. Glasgow. Alexander M. Glasgow died on August 4, 1894, and was buried in Stonewall Jackson Memorial Cemetery, Lexington, Virginia.

Scope and Content

This collection contains the papers of the Glasgow family of Rockbridge County, Virginia. The collection includes such materials as correspondence and financial/legal documents relating to farmer and businessman Alexander McNutt Glasgow; his parents, John and Martha McNutt Glasgow; wife Laura Mackey Glasgow; son John Henry "Harry" Glasgow; other children; and related families.

Alexander Glasgow's papers comprise the majority of the collection. The papers relate largely to business matters, personal finances, and several estates for which Glasgow acted as administrator (including that of his uncle, Anderson McNutt, of Mississippi). Also among Glasgow's papers are folders relating to Ben Salem Church and a Richmond and Alleghany Railroad siding and crossing at South River. A folder devoted to school is largely composed of secondary school and Washington and Lee University grade reports for Glasgow's children.

The papers of Glasgow's parents and wife consist entirely of receipts and account statements. The papers of son J. "Harry" Glasgow, too, hold such materials but also contain several pieces of correspondence, including two letters from his brother, Alexander M. Glasgow, Jr. Among the other relatives represented are the Alexander N. Bell and Lucius Desha families, the collection holding small selections of correspondence and other papers from each family. The collection also holds financial papers of Edward I. Jones (and his business, Buena Vista Plumbing and House-Heating Company) and John Kerr. Folders of general correspondence and financial/legal documents contain a few materials relating to other family members and

other, unrelated (sometimes unidentified) individuals. A folder of printed materials and mementos at the end of the collection contains, among other things, a handbill with instructions for water-proof leather blacking, a handwritten recipe for green tomato pickles, a business card for veterinarian E. E. Terry, and a lock of hair.

Keywords

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South
Rockbridge County (Va.)

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged alphabetically by name of family member with which materials are associated, followed by materials associated with individuals outside the immediate family or unidentified.

Description of Subordinate Components

Alexander M. Glasgow correspondence

Unit Date 1871-1893, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Alexander M. Glasgow receipts and account statements

Unit Date 1840-1893, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Extent [5 folders]

Alexander M. Glasgow checks

Unit Date 1870-1888, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Alexander M. Glasgow promissory notes

Unit Date 1870-1893, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Alexander M. Glasgow general financial documents

Unit Date 1847-1893, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Alexander M. Glasgow legal documents

Unit Date 1868-1893, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Ben Salem Presbyterian Church

Unit Date 1870-1892

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Anderson McNutt estate

Unit Date 1871-1885

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Richmond and Alleghany Railroad siding / crossing

Unit Date 1882

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

School

Unit Date 1867-1896, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

John Glasgow papers

Unit Date 1823-1830

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

John Henry "Harry" Glasgow papers

Unit Date 1891-1902, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Laura Glasgow papers

Unit Date 1880-1899

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Martha Glasgow papers

Unit Date 1825-1856, n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Bell family papers

Unit Date 1883-1895, n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Desha family papers

Unit Date 1851-1903

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Edward I. Jones / Buena Vista Plumbing and House-Heating Company papers

Unit Date 1887-1898

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

John Kerr

Unit Date 1835-1869

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

General correspondence

Unit Date 1882-1902, n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Bessie Glasgow to "Miss Laura"

Unit Date 1899, n.d.

Extent [2 items]

Backus Water Motor Company to Unidentified

Unit Date n.d.

Extent [fragment]

Lucy Effinger to "Mr. Glasgow"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent [2 items]

A. [Ann] Louisa Hickman to "very dear cousin"

Unit Date n.d.

Karn and Hickson to D. C. Irwin

Unit Date 1882

V. C. Swinford to Unidentified

Unit Date 1902

Jas. P. Woods to unidentified

Unit Date n.d.

Extent [fragment]

Unidentified to Dr. Strain

Unit Date 1893

Extent [fragment?]

General financial and legal documents

Unit Date 1838-1893, n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Printed material and mementos

Unit Date 1893-1908, n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 9 (folder)