

# Duncan, Landon, Letters

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1812-1837



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### Unit ID

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### Unit Date

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### Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

### Abstract

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### Creator

Duncan, Landon, 1786-1867

### Extent

0.1 Cubic Feet 1 oversize folder

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## Processing Information

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# Biographical Note

Landon Duncan was born in Fauquier County, Virginia, on March 26, 1786. He moved to Stokes County, North Carolina, presumably to live with his uncle Alamander Duncan. At an undetermined date he moved to Giles County, Virginia, and lived there, in the Wolf Creek section, for the remainder of his life. He married Sarah Kirk on August 12, 1812; they had nine children.

Duncan was a Baptist minister and established several churches in the county. He also served as a teacher in Pearisburg and was a Commissioner of the Revenue. He died on September 22, 1867.

# Scope and Contents

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Many of the letters are addressed to the North Carolina Duncan family in Blakely, Stokes County, but a recent check (March 1998) of a North Carolina map shows that this town no longer exists.

Landon Duncan's religious convictions are evident in all of the letters he writes to his North Carolina relatives. In several of the letters he expounds at length about the nature of God's grace and his faith. Duncan also writes frequently about the current prices of basic goods such as pork and corn, and occasionally about his neighbors. In his letter of December 16, 1814, he gives his opinion of the draft laws passed in the Virginia legislature for War of 1812.

# Keywords

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South  
Duncan family (Blakely, NC)

# Alternate Form Available

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Letters

**Unit Date** 1812-1837

**oversize** 1 (folder)

**Letter from Landon Duncan to "Respected Uncle & relatives"**

**Unit Date** November 21, 1812

**Letter from Landon Duncan to "Respected Uncle Relations"**

**Unit Date** December 16, 1814

**Letter from Jane H. Threves near Gallatin, Tennessee, to her cousin Hiram Duncan of Stokes County, North Carolina**

**Unit Date** December 19, 1836

**Letter from Landon Duncan to his cousin Hiram Duncan in Blakely, Stokes County, North Carolina**

**Unit Date** March 24, 1837

**Letter from Landon Duncan to his cousin Hiram Duncan in Blakely, Stokes County, North Carolina**

**Unit Date** December 1, 1837

**Letter from Landon Duncan to his cousin Hiram Duncan in Blakely, Stokes County, North Carolina**