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Abstract

This collection contains a letter from Thomas K. Catlett (1796-1967), a Master Clergyman in Abingdon, Virginia, to James O. Lewis, a merchant in Pemberton, South Carolina. The letter dated December 15, 1831, discusses books that Catlett purchased but did not receive. After discussing the books, T. K. Catlett describes his new district to James O. Lewis before going on to mention the next South Carolina annual Methodist conference.

Creator

Catlett, T. K. (Thomas K.), 1796-1867

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Biographical Note

Thomas K. Catlett (1796-1867) was a Reverend and Master Clergyman in Abingdon, Washington County, Virginia. He preached for the Methodist denomination and was a member of the Holston Conference for 40 years. Reverend T. K. Catlett was also a Free Mason. According to the 1860 census, he enslaved four people, including two children. T. K. Catlett died in a friend's home on February 25, 1867. As a Free Mason, T. K. Catlett was buried with Masonic honors.

External Sources:

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Scope and Content

This collection contains a letter from T. K. Catlett, a preacher from Abingdon, Virginia, to a merchant named James O. Lewis in Pemberton, South Carolina. The letter dated December 15, 1831, addresses books that T. K. Catlett purchased but did not receive. Catlett informs Lewis that the book merchants may contact him, and Catlett explains what to do if they do. Catlett also asks Lewis to dispose of the books should he receive them. Notation from Catlett says, "Should they not write to you on the subject, and the books come to hand, I would thank you to dispose of them in the best way you can for the concern." Later in the letter, Catlett discusses the weather and the South Carolina Annual Conference, likely a Methodist Conference.

Please note, the item is very fragile and should be handled with care.

Keywords

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

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