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Descriptive Summary

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1810-1839

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English

Abstract

The Michael Baker Estate Papers, 1810-1839, consists of one folder of receipts, legal notes, correspondence, and the sale bill of the Michael Baker estate.

Creator

Baker family

Extent

0.08 cubic feet 1 folder

Repository

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Administrative Information

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Bio/Historical Note

Michael Baker (1747-1803) was a large landholder and store owner in Brocks Gap in northwest Rockingham County. His store, located at the mouth of Lairs Run, served customers from Runions Creek, Bergton, Dry River, Criders, and Pendleton County, West Virginia. Baker also owned a house lot, tanyard, a slaughterhouse and lot in Georgetown, Maryland, and acreage in Greenbrier County, West Virginia. His estate was almost three times as large as any other estate in Rockingham County during 1800-1810. Michael and his wife, Elizabeth, who died in December 1824, had twelve children. Many of the children, including Sarah, Catharine, Isaac, Abraham, and John, are referred to in the documents within this collection.

Scope and Content

The Michael Baker Estate Papers, 1810-1839, consists of one folder of receipts, legal notes, correspondence, and the sale bill of the Michael Baker estate.

Comprised of thirteen documents, this collection contains the 1810 sale bill from the Michael Baker estate, legal notes and notices of received payments pertaining to the division of assets from the Elizabeth Baker estate, and a letter written by John Baker referencing the sale of land in Brocks Gap.

Keywords

Merchants -- Virginia -- Rockingham County -- Records and correspondence

Rockingham County (Va.) -- History, Local

Virginia -- History, Local

Estate records

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Provenance

The papers were purchased by Dale Harter and Pat Turner Ritchie at an auction held by Jeffrey Evans & Associates before being donated to Special Collections. The papers came from a Rockingham County, Virginia estate.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically in one folder.

Description of Subordinate Components

Michael Baker Estate Papers

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