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Biographical/Historical Information

George W. Rosenberger was born on February 23, 1823 at "Rosendale", his family's farm in Rockingham County, Virginia. He was one of the pioneers in the breeding of fine stock in Rockingham County, and as early as 1842 began raising improved breeds of cattle, sheep, hogs, and poultry. From 1866 to 1876 he sold full-bred Cotswold sheep and shorthorn cattle.

Rosenberger married Barbara Ann Kagey (b. 1830 d. 1887) on October 16, 1845. The couple had 8 children--William, Jacob, Frances, Florence, Martha, Arthur, Georgia, and Charles. He died on November 9, 1902, in Rockingham County.

Scope and Content Information

The George W. Rosenberger Papers consist of miscellaneous documents and photographs relating to Rosenberger, his family, and the operation of his cattle breeding operation at the family farm, "Rosendale", located in Rockingham County, Virginia. Included are papers documenting the breeding and sale of cattle, 1854-1870's; Confederate government "tax in kind" assessment documents, 1864; miscellaneous Civil War documents, largely pertaining to Rosenberger's hiring of Abner Canada to serve as his substitute in Confederate Army; one Confederate bond, 1863, (500 dollar denomination); and photographs and albums including images of family members and family property.

Contents List

Civil War Papers, 1861-1865

Scope and Content

This series includes documents relating to the hiring of Abner Canada as a substitute for George W. Rosenberger in military service; Confederate bond, 1863 (\$500); two Confederate "tax in kind" documents assessing payment in wheat, corn, potatoes, and hay.

Papers relating to Stock Raising, 1854-1884

Scope and Content

This series includes correspondence, advertisements, and pedigree information relating primarily to Rosenberger's shorthorn cattle.

Photographs and Photograph Albums, 1860's-1880's

Scope and Content

Includes photographs of individual family members and family groups; "Rosendale" and other family property; friends.