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Language

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Creator

LaPrade, J. E. (Joseph Edgar), 1845-1903

Extent

.35 Cubic Feet Making portfolio 48x50

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Biographical / Historical

W.G. Crenshaw was born on July 7, 1824. He married Fanny Elizabeth Graves of Orange County on May 25, 1847. Crenshaw served as a Captain in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. He organized the "Crenshaw Battery" of Virginia Light Artillery in March 1862 and was mustered into service. Crenshaw resigned his commission on April 18, 1863, to serve as a purchasing agent for the Confederate government in England. After the war, he farmed in Orange County and served as president of a saltpeter mine in Louisa County. He purchased Hawfield and resided there until his death on May 24, 1897. He and his wife are buried at Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia.

J.E. LaPrade became well known for his printed map of Chesterfield County, Virginia, which now resides in the Library of Congress. He was a skilled surveyor and created many estate and government-use maps throughout his career.

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Content Description

This collection contains a 2977-acre estate map of Hawfield, Orange County, Virginia. The map measures 48"x50" and was commissioned by Captain William G. Crenshaw, owner of Hawfield. It denotes field use, service and public use roads, outbuildings, homes, barns, potential enslaved community ruins.

Mentioned are Mt. Pisgah Church (now defunct but was prominently mentioned in Civil War accounts from the area), and adjacent property owners. Individual trees, springs, and other natural features are highlighted. Inscribed in the upper right corner is "Map of Hawfield, Situated in Orange County, Virginia. Surveyed for

W.G. Crenshaw, Esq., April 1877 by J.E. La Prade." The map was made on heavy paper cardstock in three pieces; it was then glued together on the back with overlapping lap joints.

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