

A Guide to the Beck Family Papers

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325 items

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University of Virginia
Charlottesville, Virginia 22903
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Access Restrictions

Collection is open to research.

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Scope and Content

This collection, 1789-1897, n.d., of approximately 325 items contains business papers of the Thomas Beck Family of Amherst County, Virginia. Captain Thomas Beck, who sold corn and grains from his mill and general store, was a lawyer who appears to have practiced law with Captain Charles Mundy. There are papers of the James Davis Family who apparently also owned a general store and were active in local government. Included are receipts, orders, promissory notes, accounts, legal papers, and some correspondence.

Items of interest include: mentions Jesse Back as administrator of Sarah Goodwin and as guardian for David and Spotswood the infant children of "Jane Hugh[e] slate Jane Goodwin. .." (1820 Sep); sale of two slaves, Harry and Andersson, to Jesse Beck (1821 Jul 23); appraisal made on "an Estray Hog," which was declared to be "a spotted boar..." (1825 Feb 25); "James Davis his Book 8th July 1830": a handmade account book containing some Davis family genealogical information (1830 Jul 8); sermon by James Davis (1831 Aug 8); and account book containing records concerning division of Jesse Beck's [father's] estate and mentions family members and property received (1813-1836).