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Unit ID

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Unit Date

1798- 1897

Language

English

Creator

Laine Family

Creator

Travis Family

Extent

1.00 Linear Feet

Repository

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Scope and Contents

Contains letters, bills, receipts, business accounts, and miscellaneous personal writings of the Laine and Travis families of Southampton County, Va. The bulk of the collection concerns the business and general financial affairs of the Laine family, particularly Jeremy and Miles Laine. It also contains several short personal writings of the Travis family, who were the final owners of Nat Turner prior to his rebellion. This includes the names and birthdays of many members of the family shortly before 1831. Also featured is a letter discussing an enslaved girl asking to be resold to her previous owner as well as the business agreements of several "Free Negroes," including the apprenticeship indenture of a boy who was involved in Virginia's placement program for illegitimate children. This collection also contains correspondence with the United States Pension Agency and various nineteenth century advertisements.

Keywords

Financial records
Correspondence
Southampton County (Va.)--History
Virginia--Genealogy
Slavery--Virginia--19th century
Indentured servants--United States
Free blacks

Description of Subordinate Components

Benjamin Travis

Unit ID id313932

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/169678

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Document with the names and birthdays of several members of the Travis family, as well as a song/poem possibly written by someone in the family.

Peter Laine

Unit ID id313934

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/169679

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Various receipts, correspondences, appraisals, and writs of debt involving Peter Laine, Jeremiah Laine, and

Benjamin Cooper, including a letter discussing an enslaved girl's request to be sold from Peter Laine back to John Wilson.

Estate of Peter Laine

Unit ID id313942

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/169680

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Records regarding Jeremiah Laine's execution of Peter Laine's estate.

Jeremiah Laine

Unit ID id313952

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/169681

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Correspondence and numerous other records surrounding the business and personal accounts of Jeremiah Laine.

William Ricks

Unit ID id313954

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/169682

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

A collection of writs of debt and promissory notes, as well as an apprenticeship indenture for "free negro" Alfred Diggs as part of an assistance program for illegitimate children.

Thomas Shands

Unit ID id313964

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/169683

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

A draft for the beginning of a property appraisal for Thomas Shands.

Miles Laine

Unit ID id313966

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/169684

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Several letters to and from Miles Laine as well as receipts and other documents regarding his personal and business accounts.

Matilda A. G. Laine

Unit ID id313968

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/169685

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

A payment agreement and a property tax receipt for Matilda Laine.

Mrs. Mary (Polly) Laine

Unit ID id313970

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/169686

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

The correspondence of John Kitchen with his aunt Mary "Polly" Laine. Also advertisements for the United States Pension Agency and a letter from them to Mary Laine.

Laine Family Documents

Unit ID id313972

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/169687

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Numerous Laine family payment receipts, accounts, and agreements including a segment of an indenture, as well as miscellaneous personal family writings.

Laine Family Documents

Unit ID id313974

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/169688

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Family journals and memorandum books from the 1880s, including one advertising an 1888 medical practice and one describing a series of 1889 church services. Also several county obituaries from after 1940.