

# Inventory of the C. W. Murdaugh Papers 1853-1878

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## History

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## Overview of the Collection

### Identification:

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### Language of Materials

The papers are in: English

### Creator:

Murdaugh, C. W., 1828-1898 arrangement

### Quantity:

0.60

### Alternate Extent Statement:

3 volumes.

### Repository:

Special Collections Research Center

## Administrative Information

### **Conditions Governing Access**

Collection is open to all researchers.

### **Conditions Governing Use**

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### **Acquisition Information**

The materials were acquired by Special Collections Research Center on 09/07/2009.

### **Processing Information**

Accessioned and minimally processed in September 2009 by Ute Schechter.

### **Preferred Citation**

C. W. Murdaugh Papers, Special Collections Research Center, Swem Library, College of William and Mary.

## **Custodial History**

In the 1940s, the volumes were in the possessions of a member of the Murdaugh family, James Arthur Murdaugh, who signed his name on or in the book covers.

## **Additional Information**

### **Biographical Note**

C.W. Murdaugh was a lawyer, judge and politician and fought on the side of the Confederate Army during the Civil War. He was the son of James Murdaugh (1799-1871), also a Portsmouth lawyer. Excerpts from the Virginia State Bar Association Proceedings: "Claudius W. Murdaugh ... was educated at William and Mary College and the University of Virginia; began the practice of his profession ... in the year 1850, in Portsmouth, where he continued in the practice of the law, except during the intervals of the Confederate war and his judicial term, to the day of his death, October 12, 1898. He was a member of the House of Delegates in 1855-'56, and he was also elected to the House of Delegates by the soldiers during the Confederate war period....After the war Captain Murdaugh returned to his legal profession and practiced in connection with his father until the latter's death. He was elected Commonwealth's Attorney for the city of Portsmouth on May 23, 1878, and served one term of two years from July 1, 1878. At the session 1881-'82 of the Legislature of Virginia he was elected Judge of the Court of Hustings, qualified February 14, 1882, and entered upon the duties of the office January 1, 1883. He served through the term of six years with great credit and marked ability. After his retirement from the Bench he entered into the copartnership firm of Murdaugh & Marshall, which is dissolved by death....R. O. Marshall" Further information about this individual or organization may be available in the Special Collections Research Center Wiki: <http://scrc.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/C. W. Murdaugh>.

### **Scope and Contents**

Papers, ca. 1853-1878 of Portsmouth, Virginia attorney, judge and politician C.W. Murdaugh, consisting of 3 volumes of law notes, notes on politics and history, transcribed stories, poems and anecdotes, etc. and clippings from papers and magazines, some of which are annotated. The volumes had at some point been numbered 8, 19 and 83 which indicates that they were once part of a larger collection.

### **Index Terms**

This Collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

### **Genre/Form of Material:**

Clippings (information artifacts)  
Research notes  
Scrapbooks

### **Topical Term:**

Lawyers--Virginia--19th century.

Lawyers--Virginia--Portsmouth.

Poems

Portsmouth (Va.)--History--19th century.

Virginia--Politics and Government--19th century.

Virginia--Social life and customs--19th century

## Detailed Description of the Collection

**ArchonID** id60331

**Container** 1 (box)

### Scrapbook

**ArchonID** id60339

**Unit Date** 1953-1878

**Container** 1 (box)

**ArchonID** id60332

**Container** 2 (box)

### Volume of clippings and notes

**ArchonID** id60340

**Unit Date** 1850s-1870s

**Container** 2 (box)

**ArchonID** id60333

**Container** 3 (box)

### "Scrap-book, Law-Notes, Students, Exercise, Instructions"

**ArchonID** id60341

**Unit Date** 1870s

**Container** 3 (box)