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Biographical/Historical Information

The Meriweathers were a prominent Virginia family. The first of their line was Nicholas Meriweather who emigrated from Wales in the eighteenth century.

Scope and Content Information

Miscellaneous papers include land grant, April 26, 1792, for 820 acres of land in Jefferson County, Va., to Nicholas Meriweather; account, November 6, 1795, Richard Bowman to William Meriweather; notice, 1853, concerning the proposed route of the Louisville and Memphis Railroad; letter, 1860, from George P. Deweer, Rome [?], to John Brener, n.p., mentioning a Mr. Ray, a "Black Republican," and the Lincoln-Douglas election; letter, 1864, "Johnny," fortifications [at] South James River [near Petersburg], military activities in the area; and three undated pieces discussing the surrender of the Confederacy, the school system, and the White Star Steamship Line.

Index Terms

Family Names:

Meriwether family.

Persons:

Bowan, Richard.

Brener, John.

Deweer, George P.

Douglas, Stephen Arnold, 1813-1861.

Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865.

Meriweather, Richard.

Meriweather, William.

Ray, Mr.

Corporate Names:

White Star Line.

Subjects:

African Americans.
Education-- Kentucky.
Presidents--United States--Election-- 1860.
Railroads-- Kentucky.
Railroads--Tennessee.
Slaves--United States.

Geographical Names:

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Genre and Form Terms:

Land grants--Kentucky--Jefferson County--1792.

Arrangement

Chronologically arranged.

Contents List

Land grant, 26 April 1792.

Physical Location 1X

Scope and Content

Copy of grant, Henry Lee to Nicholas Merriweather for 820 acres in Jefferson County.

Account, 6 November 1795.

Extent 2 pages.

Scope and Content

Richard Bowman to William Meriweather. Hire of 2 negroes, sale of a heifer and a yearling cow.

Notice, 5 August [18]53.

Scope and Content

Notice of a meeting of Breckinridge County, at the Courthouse in Hardinsburg, re: citizens appointing delegates to a Railroad convention in Greenville. "To take steps to secure the Louisville and Memphis Railroad through Breckenridge Co."

George P. Deweer, Rome, to John Brener, 15 August 1860.

Scope and Content

Request B. to reply to Mr. Ray (a "Black Rep[ublican].") aim of the Douglas men is to defeat Lincoln by carrying one or two of the most important northern states for Douglas.

Johnny, at fortification South James River (near Petersburg), to "My own dear mother." 23 May 1864.

Scope and Content

Marched from Petersburg across the Appomattox; Gen. B., Gen. Hill, describes wounds of friends.

Memo, n.d.

Scope and Content

Concerns the establishment of a paper in the capital of this nation aimed at the surrender of the confederacy and at the bemoaning of such a deed.

Petition, Frankfort, Ken., to the General Assembly, n.d.

Scope and Content

Petition advocating the taxing of citizens who have children between 5 and 16 to support the common school system.

"Value of micrometer," n.d.

Scope and Content

Ms. chart of micrometer settings and values and a chart of unexplained numbers. Reverse: advertising card of Alfred Lagegren, agent for the White Star Line. Steamship Line.

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