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Andrew Kincannon Sr.

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1 letter

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Special Collections, Wytheville Community College

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There are no restrictions.

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There are no restrictions.

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Biographical/Historical Information

Andrew Kincannon Sr. was born on 27 October 1744 to Francis Kincannon who settled in Washington County, Virginia around 1769. Andrew Kincannon Sr. married Catherine McDonald (1748-1835) in 1770 and had nine children including Andrew Kincannon Jr. who was born on 5 January 1780 in Washington County.

The senior Kincannon served with William Campbell at King's Mountain, taking command as captain after Capt. Dysart was wounded. He was a blacksmith and gunsmith. About 1785-1786 he moved to Tom's Creek in Surry County, North Carolina where he died on 20 November 1829.

Andrew Kincannon Jr. married Elizabeth Newell (1778-1857) on 15 December 1807 in a ceremony performed by Rev. John Stanger. They had five children whom they raised near the lead mines in Austinville, Virginia. Andrew Kincannon Jr. died on 19 April 1849 and is buried in the Trigg Cemetery in Wythe County, Virginia.

Scope and Content Information

In a letter dated 30 March 1824, Andrew Kincannon Sr., Surry County, North Carolina, writes his son Andrew Kincannon Jr., Austinville, Virginia, regarding a plot by a John Smith to assist three runaway slaves owned by Peter Simmon. Smith, along with slaves named Duk, Hall, and George, planned to escape across the Ohio River to freedom.

Kincannon warns his son that "George will go hither to Cripple Creek or Peak Creek [Wythe County, Virginia] where he has an acquaintance. You will do well to take a little notice. Perhaps you have some [slaves] which [would enlist] list in such an enterprise."