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Abstract

Correspondence, legal and business papers, mercantile records and tax receipt books of Isaac McNeel, who operated a store at Edray and Mill Point, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, served as sheriff of the county, operated a gristmill, raised livestock, and was appointed provost marshal of the county in 1862 by the Confederate Army. The collection also includes letters and school reports of McNeel's sons, Winters and Summers, while students at Washington and Lee and the Medical and Law Departments of the University of Virginia, 1893-1897. Other school material pertains to the Hillsboro Male and Female Academy and the Lewisburg Female Institute. Subjects include mercantile and cattle trade with Baltimore and Richmond; business conditions in the 1850s and in Richmond during the Civil War; slave hiring; ginseng trade; agriculture; the American Party, 1855; Henry A. Wise; Virginia Secession Convention; effect of the Union blockade on Richmond commerce; speculation in whiskey, tobacco, and cattle during the Civil War; and postwar economic and political conditions in the Pocahontas County area.

Creator

McNeel, Isaac (b. 1830)

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3.7 Linear Feet Summary: 3 ft. 7 1/2 in. (8 document cases, 5 in. each); (1 small flat storage box, 3 in.); (1 account book, 1 1/2 in.)

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Universities and colleges

Virginia -- Secession Convention of 1861

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American Party

Hillsboro Male and Female Academy

Lewisburg Female Institute (Lewisburg, W. Va.)

University of Virginia.

Washington and Lee University

McNeel, Isaac.

McNeel, Summers.

McNeel, Winters.

Wise, Henry A. (Henry Alexander), 1806-1876