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Scope and Contents

Letters and copies of eight letters, 1813-1841; pages 5-10 from Kanawha Salines general merchandise account book, 6-9 March 1827; three manuscript volumes by Henry Ruffner: "Notes on a Tour to the West" and "An Expedition to the North," 1815, and "An Account of Amounts Paid to Rev. Nath'l W. Calhoun," 1826-1834; and "Subscription for Church, 1836-1842," by David Ruffner. There is also a printed brief involving Ruffner-Donnally estates, 1875, and information on the Shackelford family.

Keywords

Account books

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General stores

Kanawha Salines.

Travel accounts.

Women's history -- 1800-1849

Women's history -- 1850-1899

Calhoun, N.W.

Ruffner, David.

Ruffner, Henry, 1790-1861

Ruffner family

Shackelford family

Description of Subordinate Components

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Forms: Correspondence -- autographed letter signed; **Persons:** Joseph Ruffner to "Brother" [David Ruffner] (Mentioned: Samuel Shrewsbury, Mr. Anthoney, John Randolph, Mr. Summers); **Places:** Cincinnati, OH to Kanawha [Kanawha], VA [now WV]; **Subjects:** Cincinnati (business conditions, woolen factory company forming, construction of "Meeting House," description), Philadelphia market conditions, family affairs (health, finances, moving to Cincinnati)

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Unit Date 1813 September 11

Forms: Correspondence -- autographed letter signed; **Persons:** Henry Ruffner to "Father" [David Ruffner] (mentioned: Mr. Wilson, Mr. Embry (brewery owner) Rev. Joshua L. Wilson, Mr. Kemper, Mr. Steel, Mr. Lewis, Dr. Allison); **Places:** Cincinnati, OH to Kanawha Salt Works, VA [now WV]

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/169480

Unit Date 1815 February 17

Scope and Contents

Subjects: Itinerary of proposed travel in Kentucky and Tennessee [see History Room "Notes on a Tour to the West" Vol. 3]; churches (Presbyterian [session in Rockbridge, VA], preaching and ministers in Cincinnati, Methodist [number and description of ministers in Cincinnati, OH]); Cincinnati (comparison of moral conduct of citizens to those of Kanawha area, brewery fire, description [number of dwellings inhabited and building, population and expected increase], real estate sale and profit, woolen factory, glue factory); family affairs (health, finances, etc.)

Forms: Correspondence -- autographed letter signed; **Persons:** David Ruffner to "Son" [Rev. Henry Ruffner], and Ann Ruffner to "Daughter" [Henry's wife] (Mentioned: Lewis Ruffner, Miss Nichols, T. Ruffner, Ann Putney, Rev. Page, "old father" Plumer, Mr. Graham, deaths of Miss Holt, Levi Whitteker and John Huff); **Places:** Kanawha, VA [now WV] to Lexington, VA

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Unit Date 1823 October 09-1823 October 10

Scope and Contents

Subjects: Health (family and community, mentions also deaths in Marietta, OH, Parkersburg, VA [now WV], and Wheeling, VA [now WV], 3/4 of inhabitants in Kanawha area "have been or are ill," health conditions in Louisville, KY, yellow fever in Cincinnati, OH); family affairs (Lewis Ruffner in Cincinnati, Ann Putney [sister of H.R.'s wife], finances); churches (need of Presbyterian minister, feeling of people regarding Episcopalian mode of worship); the salt industry (market prices, health of workers)

Forms: Correspondence -- autographed letter signed; **Persons:** Henry Ruffner to "Father" [David Ruffner] (mentioned: Lewis Ruffner, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Brown, Nat. Calhoon); **Places:** Lexington, VA to Kanawha Salines, VA [now WV]

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Unit Date 1840 December 31

Scope and Contents

Subjects: The salt industry (H.R.'s opinion on the plan submitted to him by Lewis R. for the proposed "Trust" by the owners); coal (property of members of the "Trust" designed to be "common stock," H.R.'s lack of share in profits in coal, use of at salt furnace); proposed resignation from the faculty and presidency of college in Lexington, VA [Washington College]; land purchase for retirement residence in Kanawha County; churches (new [Presbyterian] church, use of old building, decision not to accept regular charge on

return to Kanawha County); health of wife

Forms: Correspondence -- autographed letter signed; **Persons:** David Ruffner to "Son" [Henry Ruffner] (mentioned: Franklin Reynolds and Richard Putney [inspectors], Mr. Dearing [inventor], William Tompkins, John D. Lewis and Lewis Ruffner [assisting in installing new manufacturing process], Mr. Brown, school teacher [church?], Moses M. Fuqua [Hannibal, MO], Clavin C. Fuqua [Athens, MO], Mr. and Mrs. William and Alfred Whitteker, William Cunningham, Mr. Honeyman, Mr. Robinson, James Putney, Ann Brombach, Magdalene Reid); **Places:** Kanawha Salines, VA [now WV] to Lexington, VA

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Unit Date 1841 May 17

Scope and Contents

Subjects: Family affairs (health, comment and advice regarding disagreement between Henry and Lewis Ruffner); navigation of the Kanawha River (water level, steamboats); health in the Kanawha area (deaths from scarlet fever); the salt industry (shipping, market, quality of salt, inspectors, new furnaces, "white salt," invention of "L"[, or "C"[, machine, new manufacturing process described); churches (new members of Presbyterian church, attendance, minister)

Forms: Manuscript -- account book (6 pp.); **Persons:** Names of customers; **Places:** Kanawha Salines, VA [now WV]; **Subjects:** General merchandise

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Unit Date 1827 March 06-1827 March 10

Forms: Manuscript, Vol. 1 -- account book; **Persons:** "David Ruffner," Rev. H [Henry] Ruffner, Rev. John McIlhaney [sic] [McElhenney]; **Places:** Nicholas Court House, Kanawha Salines, VA [now WV] -- D. Ruffner's Meeting House; **Subjects:** (Presbyterian) church account of subscriptions, names of subscribers to fund for the support of Rev. Calhoon, also for the missionary fund and Sunday school books

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Unit Date 1826-1834

Forms: Manuscript -- memo; **Persons:** R.E Putney, Jr., Rev. N.W. Calhoon; **Places:** No place listed; **Subjects:** Putney noted that his grandfather, his brother, father and he accompanied Rev. J.C. [sic] Calhoon on a trip to Cincinnati, OH in 1829 (refers to p. 9 of book, this entry is for Rev. N.W. Calhoon) on steamboat Paul Pry

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/169486

Unit Date 1886

Forms: Manuscript, Vol. 2 -- account book; **Persons:** David Ruffner; **Places:** Saltborough, VA [now Malden, WV], Kanawha Salines, Charleston, VA [now WV]; **Subjects:** Record of subscriptions for new Presbyterian church with subscribers' names listed, dimensions of Charleston Church, ground for Kanawha Salines church donated by D. Ruffner

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Unit Date 1836-1841

Forms: Manuscript, Vol. 2 -- account book; Persons: No persons listed; Places: No place listed; Subjects: Sacrament collection memo

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Unit Date 1842

Forms: Manuscript, Vol. 2 -- account book; Persons: David Ruffner; Places: No place listed; Subjects: David Ruffner's account in Bank of VA

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Unit Date 1833

Forms: Manuscript, Vol. 2 -- account book; Persons: David Ruffner; Places: Saltborough, VA [now Malden, WV]; Subject: (Presbyterian) church account of subscriptions, including names of subscribers to fund for the support of Rev. Calhoon, also for the missionary fund and Sunday school books

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Unit Date 1840-1841

Forms: Manuscript, Vol. 3 -- journal; Persons: Henry Ruffner - "Notes on a Tour to the West" (February 21 - April); Places: Lexington, KY, Bethel, Versailles, KY, Frankfort, KY, Louisville, KY, Shippingport, KY, Jeffersonville, IN, Charlestown, IN, Madison, IN, N. Albany, IN; Subjects: travel itinerary and preaching schedule, description and statistics on towns visited, number of commercial, public buildings, and dwellings, type of construction, churches, schools, type and production of manufactories, births and deaths

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Unit Date 1815 February 21 - August 09

Forms: Manuscript, Vol. 3 -- journal (cont.)

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Unit Date 1815 February 21 - August 09

Scope and Contents

Persons: Henry Ruffner (Comments on: John Pope [law lecturer at Transylvania University and former U.S. Senator], Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Bates, Mr. McElwaine, Mr. Vance, Squire McCampbell, Mr. Noland [?], Judge Scott, Major Taylor, Major Hamilton, Mr. Still or Stull, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. McTaggart, DI[?]. Graham, Mr. Ross, Mr. Drake, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Cooper, General Harris, Mr. Wilson, Mr. McMurrough, Mr. Kemper, Mr. Wycoff, Mr. Rusk, Mr. VanHorn, Mr. Beaty, Mr. Sutherland, Mary Ludlow, Mr. Wallace, Judge Nesbe[i]tt, Mr. Winter, Mr. McCollum, Mr. Argenbroad, [partial transcription is available, 8 pp.]])

Places: Clarksville, IN; Beargrass Creek; Silver Creek; 14 Mile Creek; Laurenceburg, IN; Tanner's Creek; Miami River; Whitewater River; Cincinnati, OH; Indian Creek; Hamilton, OH; Rossville, OH; N. Lexington, OH; Dayton, OH; Mad River; Troy, OH; Staunton, OH

Subjects: Transylvania University (description and statistics, comment on faculty); churches (comment on churches and clergy, Lexington, Pisgah, Bethel); war (comment on celebration in Lexington, KY of defeat of British at New Orleans, small celebration of news of peace); John Pope (description, comment on political views); taverns and inns (Postlethwaite's Inn [Lexington, KY], Sign of the Spread Eagle [Louisville, KY], Vaughn's Tavern [Jeffersonville, IN], Armstrong's Tavern [Shippingport, KY]); comment on the religious practices of the Shakers; comment on new lights; descriptions and statistics of various cities (Lexington,

KY, Versailles, KY, Louisville, KY, New Albany, IN, and Cincinnati, OH); descriptions of various cities (Clarksville, IN, Jeffersonville, IN, Hamilton, OH, New Lexington, OH, Dayton, OH, Troy, OH, and Staunton, OH); comments on Charlestown, IN and Urbana, OH

Forms: Journal; Persons: Henry Ruffner -- "An Expedition to the North."

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Unit Date 1815 June 23 - August 09

Scope and Contents

Persons visited or commented on: Mr. McElhenney, Mr. Noyes[?], Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, Mr. Armentrout, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Baxter, Captain Lyle, Dr. Ruddle [?], Mr. McMahon, Mr. and Mrs. Bowman, Mr. Erwin, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Scott, J. Ruffner, Mr. Blackford, C. Forver[?], Mr. Ferrel, Mr. McDaniels, Mr. Duval, Mrs. Coyle, Mrs. Gibson, Orrel [?], Mr. Prater [?], Dr. J., Mr. Patton

Places: Lewisburg, VA [now WV]; Union, VA [now WV]; Massanutten, VA; Monmouth, VA; Staunton, VA; Harrisonburg, VA; New Market, VA; Blackford's Furnace, VA; Thorn's Gap, VA; Washington, VA; Haymarket, VA; Centreville, VA; Fairfax Court House, VA; Bladensburg, MD; Patapsco R., MD; Fell's Point, MD; Fort McHenry, MD; Washington, D.C.

Subjects: Travel (description of countryside, towns, houses, crops); preaching (places and number in congregation, subjects); chattel slavery (proposed sermon on, "circumspection" necessary in remarks to slave holders); charges for toll road; taverns and hotels (Meene's Hotel, Ward's Tavern, Foley's, Washington Tavern, Ross's Tavern, Davis' Tavern, Jones Tavern, Gadsby's Hotel); industry and manufacturing (wool carding machine, coppersmith's shop, mill, banks, flour exports, powder mill); recreation (preparation of grounds for a barbecue and dance); list of expenses at various stopping points; a description of Fort McHenry (number of bastions and guns)

Forms: Printed brief; Persons: Andrew Donnaly's Administrator and others vs. David Ruffner's Administrator, Heirs, et al. and Lewis Ruffner and Henry Ruffner's Administrators, Heirs, et al. vs. R.E. Putney's Administrator and Heirs; Otis Thayer, sole applicant; Places: Supreme Court of Appeals of WV, Charleston, WV; Subjects: Estate of David Ruffner

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Unit Date 1875

Forms: Broadside with writing on back; Persons: Shackleford family (ages, etc.); Places: No place listed; Subjects: "Prices Current, Brown, Graves, & Co., General Commission Merchants, Baltimore"

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Unit Date 1870 February 02

Forms: Typed letter (copy); Persons: Joseph Ruffner to brother David Ruffner; Places: Cincinnati, OH to Kenhawa [Kanawha], VA [now WV]; Subjects: Encloses \$150, urges David to come to Cincinnati, James Schrewsbury, Mr. Anthony anxious for David Ruffner to join mercantile business, John Randolph, Mr. Lummary, woolen factory forming, sheep company, prices of goods in Philadelphia

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Unit Date 1813 September 11

Forms: Manuscript letter (copy); **Persons:** Rev. Henry Ruffner to his father, Colonel David Ruffner; **Places:** Cincinnati, OH to Kanawha, VA [now WV]; **Subjects:** Travel plans, preaching in Cincinnati where a large Presbyterian congregation under charge of Rev. Joshua L. Wilson, Mr. Kemper moral conduct of citizens exemplary, Mr. Embree's brewery caught fire, description of Cincinnati (665 dwellings, 614 inhabited, about 6500 people and more to come in summer), Uncle sold for \$1000 per acre land he bought at \$50, Dr. Allison, Methodists strong

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Unit Date 1815 February 17

Forms: Typed letter (copy) incomplete; **Persons:** [?] to his son (possibly David Ruffner to Henry Ruffner); **Places:** Kanawha Salines, VA [now WV]; **Subjects:** Mr. Calhoun, preacher, carrying on with Maria Whitaker, causing dissention in church, but hangs on as a dead weight, "Could you come to preach in Kanawha?"

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Unit Date 1835 January 24

Forms: Autographed letter signed; **Persons:** Richard Putney to Cousin David Putney; **Places:** Richmond, VA, Kanawha [Kanawha] Salines, WV; **Subjects:** Working on father's farm [Dr. Richard E. Putney is son-in-law of David Ruffner]

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Unit Date 1866 March 01

Forms: Receipt; **Persons:** Lewis Putney, Nathan Martin; **Places:** No place listed; **Subjects:** Lewis Putney paid Nathan Martin \$8.00

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Unit Date 1848 December 21