

Augusta County Historical Society
Acc #: 237
Jefferson Kinney Collection
1829-1868

Size: 2 inches (3 folders)

Historical/Biographical Note:

Jefferson Kinney served as Augusta County Court Clerk from 1831-1858, and as a trustee for various personal estates.

Scope & Content:

The collection consists primarily of legal documents pertaining to Kinney's service as an estate trustee, as County Court Clerk, and his personal affairs, and is arranged chronologically and topically. One folder contains fifteen (15) documents relating to litigation between John Ruff, et al., and William Fisher, et al., in which Kinney and local Justice of the Peace Elijah Hogshead are involved. Documents include court decrees, summonses, judgements, indentures, and receipts.

A second folder contains twenty-seven (27) of Kinney's other legal documents, several of which are indentures from various individuals to Kinney. Also present are accounts, receipts, and letters relating to Kinney's work as trustee for the Braxton Davis estate. Two documents reveal an interesting domestic dispute between Philip and Mary Koiner (1851).

A third folder contains four (4) unique items. An 1862 broadside advertises the sale of the Staunton Steam Mill. As a member of the Jail Committee, Kinney retained a "Contract of Specifications for Carpenter's Work of Jail, Jan 19, 1847." An unidentified, undated, sketch over 3 feet long illustrates different elevation levels through an apparent mountain range for potential railroad construction. Also included is the publication By-Laws of the Virginia Central Railroad Company (Richmond: Ellyson's Steam Presses, 1860).

An oversized, newspaper-style publication in extremely poor condition was removed to the newspaper collection, as cited: The Art of Interchange (N.Y.: William Whitlock) vol. x, no. 3, Feb. 1, 1883.

Organization/Arrangement:

Folder 1: Ruff et al. vs. Fisher et al. Legal Documents, 1839-1841 (15 items)

Folder 2: Jefferson Kinney Legal Documents, 1829-1868 (27 items)

Folder 3: Miscellaneous Items, 1847, 1860, 1862, n.d. (4 items)