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Washington G. Singleton Papers
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EXTENT: 1.68 linear feet

CREATOR: Singleton, Washington G. (1796-1866)

DATE: 1829 – 1866

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection contains business correspondence and financial records for W.G. Singleton, Attorney of the U.S. for the Western District of Virginia for President Andrew Jackson. Note: Correspondence is addressed to Singleton from other people including family members. However, the bulk regards matters before him in his official capacities as U.S. Attorney and Clerk of the Superior Court.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: Washington G. Singleton, son of Joshua Singleton and Nancy Wynne, was born ca. 1798 in Virginia. He married Maria Antoinette Waite on April 26, 1823. Admitted to the practice of law in 1828, he was appointed Attorney for the U.S. for the Western District of Virginia by President Andrew Jackson in 1834. He served in that office until 1842. In 1858, Singleton became Clerk of the Superior Court of the Chancery in 1858. After the court adjourned on September 5, 1864, the court met at Singleton's home on Cork Street. He and Maria had eight children, all born in Winchester. He continued to practice law until his death in 1866.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: "General James Washington Singleton and Colonel Ward Hill Lamon, Local area confidants of Abraham Lincoln" in *Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society Journal*, Volume XVI, 2004.

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CONTAINER LIST:

Box 1 Correspondence

Revolutionary War Soldier Pensions—letters offering inquiries into pensions of soldiers of the Revolution (March 11, 1834-March 8, 1855); 20 letters (transcribed), printed/typescript. *NOTE: Original letters of transcribed versions filed within correspondence. Folder contains the following:

- Bevine, Andrew (June 4, 1838)

- Dent, Marshall M. (March 8, 1855)
- Edwards, John S. (May 3, 1853)
- Faulkner, Char Jam (February 9, 1855)
- Gilpin, H.D. (April 13, 1838 and April 18, 1838)
- Goff, Nathan (February 24, 1835)
- Good, M.C. (February 11, 1836)
- Hagman, Peter (March 11, 1834)
- Kinchalore, Thomas (March 15, 1842)
- Lucus, E. (December 18, 1835)
- Moore, Richard W. (October 12, 1838)
- Morris, D.G. (November 25, 1835)
- Points, James (November 29, 1834)
- Sanders, Lewis (December 20, 1835)
- Smith, Alex (January 23, 1835)
- Squires, Asa (July 12, 1839)
- Thomas, J.B. (October 3, 1840)
- Vosburgh, Isaac (August 14, 1835)
- William, H.C. (February 22, 1855)

1829, 1 page, manuscript

1832, 2 leaves, manuscript (photocopy); 1 page, manuscript

1833, 5 pages, manuscript

1834, 2 pages, printed with manuscript notes; 56 pages, manuscript

1835, 64 pages, manuscript

1836, 50 pages, manuscript

1837, 74 pages, manuscript

1838, 51 pages, manuscript

1839, January-April, 47 pages, manuscript

1839, May-December, 52 pages, manuscript

BOX 2 Correspondence

1840, January-June, 42 pages, manuscript; 1 page, manuscript on printed form

1840, July-December, 1 page, printed with manuscript note; 62 pages, manuscript

1841, 2 pages, printed with manuscript note; 76 pages, manuscript

1842, January-May, 73 pages, manuscript

1842, June-December, 87 pages, manuscript

1843, January-May, 53 pages, manuscript

1843, June-December, 65 pages, manuscript; 1 leaf, printed

BOX 3 Correspondence

1844 and 1848 letters –signed by James Buchanan, 2 pages, manuscript

1844, 76 pages, manuscript; 1 leaf, printed

1845, 81 pages, manuscript; 1 leaf, printed with manuscript note

1846, 70 pages, manuscript

1847, 57 pages, manuscript; 1 leaf, manuscript on printed form

1848, 67 pages, manuscript

1849, 68 pages, manuscript

1850, 41 pages, manuscript

BOX 4 Correspondence

1851, 32 pages, manuscript; 1 leaf, manuscript on printed form

1852, 46 pages, manuscript

1853, 52 pages, manuscript

1854, 31 pages, manuscript

1855, 20 pages, manuscript

1856, 8 pages, manuscript

1857, 20 pages, manuscript

1858, 9 pages, manuscript

1859, 20 pages, manuscript

1860, 7 pages, manuscript

No date, 15 pages, manuscript

Legal papers, 1790-1842, 8 pages, manuscript; 1 leaf, manuscript on printed form

Miscellaneous, 9 items, printed:

Document with seal granting Washington G. Singleton as Deputy Grand Master over Masonic District No. 14 of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. December 17, 1840

Physical Location: Oversize, Box 17

"Mr. Jefferson's Letters on Subject of Convention," by Samuel Kercheval, 1829, 12 pages

Proceeding, Public Dinner given to Ex-Senator William C. Rives in Albemarle County, no date, 8 pages

Message -- President of the United States, on objections to Bank Bill, 1832, 13 pages

White, Mr. of Tennessee -- speech on prolonging Bank of U. S. charter, 1834, 24 pages

Harris, Hon. Benjamin G. -- House of Representatives, June 14, 1866, 8 pages

Honey Blade Hungarian Grass Seed, pamphlet, 15 pages

Mirror of Mirth, Volume 1, No. 3 -Ferguson & Bowen, Winchester, December 19, 1835, 4 pages

Broadside, no date - "To the Freeholders of the District (Frederick & Shenandoah)," 1 leaf

Broadside, no date - "An Address to Parents . . .," John B. Snyder, Woodstock, 1 leaf

Receipts, 1831-1850, 6 leaves, 1 page, manuscript

Religious items, 22 pages, manuscript; 1 leaf, printed

Selected letters of Singleton Family, primarily family data, 2 leaves, manuscript on printed form; 63 leaves, manuscript (photocopy)

Singleton, Obed - report card, Winchester Academy, 1844, 1 leaf, manuscript on printed form

Singleton, Washington G. - will, Winchester City Clerk's Office, Will Book 2, page 269, 3 leaves, manuscript (photocopy)