



Guide to the Patrick H. Cain papers, 1783-1940

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Summary

Collection Title:

Patrick H. Cain papers, 1783-1940

Creator:

Cain, Patrick H.

Abstract:

Merchant, tobacco merchant, landowner, distiller, and State Representative, from Mocksville and Settle (Davie Co.), N.C. Personal, legal, business, and financial papers of Patrick H. Cain and the Cain family, from Davie County, N.C. Included are letters describing life and social customs in Georgia; the education of women; student life at Normal College (later Trinity College, then Duke University) and at the University of North Carolina; Western migration; prices of products and services, the value of slaves, and the wages of freedmen; and the life of Confederate soldiers and military actions at First Manassas and Gettysburg. Legal papers consist of land grants, deeds, mortgages, arrests and summonses for debts, promissory notes, and material relating to the administration of various estates. Financial records include tax receipts and accounts. There is one volume of patient accounts, 1906-1925, belonging to Dr. John Cain. Correspondents include George Burgess Anderson, Francis Asbury, Samuel Ashe, Kemp P. Battle, John Joseph Bruner, D. R. Bruton, Lyman Copeland Draper, David Moffatt Furches, William H. Hayes, William Hill, Hamilton C. Jones, Leonidas Polk, Zebulon Vance, and Jonathan Worth.

Extent:

6 Linear Feet
Approx. 2,904 Items

Language:

Material in English

Collection ID:

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Permalink:

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Background

Scope and Content

Personal, legal, business, and financial papers of the Cain family. Included are letters describing life and social customs in Georgia, 1824-1827; school life at girls' academies, 1843-1856, at Normal College (later Trinity College), 1855-1856, at a seminary, 1869, and at the University of North Carolina, 1871-1880; Western migration and Western lands; business methods; prices of products and services, the value of slaves, and wages and tenancy of freedmen; the life of Confederate soldiers, including accounts of military activities, especially First Manassas and Gettysburg, and comments on conditions in the army and on officers, Jefferson Davis, and Abraham Lincoln.

Legal papers consist of land grants, deeds, mortgages, arrests and summonses for debts, promissory notes, and material relating to the administration of various estates. There are broadsides concerning Jonathan Worth and W. W. Holden. Financial records consist of tax receipts; accounts, 1889-1895, kept in advertising booklets; and a ledger containing patient accounts, 1906-1925, belonging to Dr. John M. Cain, Patrick Cain's brother. There are many manuscript volumes in the collection, chiefly financial.

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Biographical/Historical

Patrick H. Cain was born in 1815 in Davie County, N.C., the son of Daniel Cain and Elizabeth Hutchins. Patrick Cain married Susan Wilder Cheshire and had the following children: William Gaston, John Manley, Betty Ann, Millard Fillmore, Robert Lee.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Related Materials

Related Material

Last Will and Testament of Daniel Cain of Davie County, NC, 1844, 1849 [Patrick Cain was the executor; contains names of slaves]NC State Archives, Raleigh, N.C.

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Names and Subjects

- Merchants -- North Carolina
- Merchants -- Accounting
- Slave trade -- North Carolina
- Probate law and practice -- North Carolina
- Universities and colleges -- North Carolina
- Slavery -- North Carolina
- Women -- Education -- North Carolina
- Daybooks
- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
- Georgia -- Social life and customs
- Southern States -- Economic conditions
- Davie County (N.C.) -- Commerce
- African Americans -- North Carolina -- Social conditions
- Bull Run, 1st Battle of, Va., 1861
- Freedmen -- North Carolina
- Gettysburg, Battle of, Gettysburg, Pa., 1863
- Migration, Internal -- United States
- Cain, Patrick H.
- Draper, Lyman Copeland, 1815-1891
- Normal College (Randolph County, N.C.)
- Asbury, Francis, 1745-1816
- Battle, Kemp P. (Kemp Plummer), 1831-1919
- Vance, Zebulon Baird
- Cain family
- Polk, Leonidas, 1806-1864
- Worth, Jonathan, 1802-1869

Collection Inventory

Letters, 1824-1940

1824-1878	Box 1
Physical Description: 2 folders	
1879-1897	Box 1
Physical Description: 2 folders	
1898-1912	Box 1
Physical Description: 2 folders	
1913-1940	Box 1

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Legal Papers, 1783-1924

1783-1827	Box 1
1783-1827 oversized	Box 4
1828-1846	Box 1
1847-1856	Box 1
1857-1860	Box 1
Physical Description: 2 folders	
1861-1876	Box 1
1878-1896	Box 1
1897-1924	Box 1

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Bills, Receipts, 1811-1940

1811-1830s	Box 1
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1840s	Box 1
Physical Description: 3 folders	
1850s	Box 2
Physical Description: 3 folders	
1860s	Box 2
Physical Description: 2 folders	
1870s	Box 2
Physical Description: 2 folders	
1880s-1890s	Box 2
1890s	Box 2
1900-1909	Box 2
1912-1940	Box 2
Physical Description: 2 folders	

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Miscellany and Printed Material, 1841-1938

Miscellany and Printed Material, 1857-1938	Box 2
Miscellany and Printed material oversize, 1841	Box 4

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Volumes

Volumes, 1833-1935	Box 2-3
Physical Description: 12 folders	
Volumes, 1881-1885, 1891-1892	Box 4
Day Book, 1840-1844	Box 5
John M. Cain Ledger, 1906-1925	Volume F:6868

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