



Guide to the William Thomas Leavell Papers, 1831-1932

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Summary

Collection Title:

William Thomas Leavell papers, 1831-1932

Creator:

Leavell, William Thomas; McDonald, Edward Allen Hitchcock

Abstract:

Collection contains the papers of W. T. Leavell and of his son-in-law, Edward Allen Hitchcock McDonald, Confederate officer, attorney, and businessman. Leavell's papers contain correspondence with leaders of the Episcopal Church concerning church business, doctrinal disputes within the church, and debates between the Episcopal Church and other Protestant denominations; along with family letters and papers which provide information on the salaries, duties, and home life of a minister. The papers of Edward Allen Hitchcock McDonald contain letters from Civil War veterans of McDonald's regiments, the 11th Virginia Cavalry and the 77th Virginia Militia, concerning battles and skirmishes in which they participated; a manuscript copy of McDonald's "The History of the Laurel Brigade," and letters, 1870-1890, pertaining to the Louisville Abstract and Loan Company and general business conditions in Louisville, Ky.

Extent:

5.6 Linear Feet (17 boxes; 5,136 items)

Physical Location:

For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

Language:

English

Language:

Materials in English

Collection ID:

RL.10149

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Background

Scope and Content

Collection comprises the papers of W. T. Leavell and of his son-in-law, Edward Allen Hitchcock McDonald, Confederate officer, attorney, and businessman. Leavell's papers contain correspondence with leaders of the Episcopal Church concerning church business, doctrinal disputes within the church, and debates between the Episcopal Church and other Protestant denominations; and family letters and papers which provide information on the salaries, duties, and home life of a minister.

The papers also contain material pertaining to the economic and agricultural conditions in Leavell's parishes in Virginia and West Virginia and genealogical material on many of his parishioners; letters while a student at Bristol College, Bristol, Pa., 1833-1836, and at Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary, 1836-37; letters from brothers and sisters in Spotsylvania and Culpeper counties, Va., discussing agriculture; correspondence between daughter Anne Leavell and John M. Daniel in the 1870s, both before and after their respective marriages; and over 200 sermons. Leavell was a teacher at Fairfax Institute, 1837-39. Box 9 contains a diary in which Leavell included much autobiographical information.

The papers of Edward Allen Hitchcock McDonald contain letters from Civil War veterans of McDonald's regiments, the 11th Virginia Cavalry and the 77th Virginia Militia, concerning battles and skirmishes in which they participated; a manuscript copy of McDonald's "The History of the Laurel Brigade," and letters, 1870-1890, pertaining to the Louisville Abstract and Loan Company and general business conditions in Louisville, Ky.

Biographical/Historical

William Thomas Leavell was an Episcopal clergyman and farmer, of Charles Town (Jefferson Co.), W. Va.

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- Episcopal Church -- Virginia
- Episcopal Church -- Bishops

Collection Inventory

William Thomas Leavell papers, 1832-1932

Papers, 1831-1837	Box 1
Physical Description: 1 boxes	
Papers, 1838-1841	Box 2
Physical Description: 1 boxes	
Papers, 1842-1847	Box 3
Physical Description: 1 boxes	

Papers, 1848-1852 Physical Description: 1 boxes	Box 4
Papers, 1853-1857 Physical Description: 1 boxes	Box 5
Papers, 1858-1869 Physical Description: 1 boxes	Box 6
Papers, 1870-1876 Physical Description: 1 boxes	Box 7
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Papers, 1902-1932, and undated Physical Description: 1 boxes	Box 11
Papers, undated Physical Description: 1 boxes	Box 12
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EAH McDonald manuscript : History of the Laurel Brigade, no date Physical Description: 1 boxes	Box 14
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