

Armstrong Family Papers, 1781-1960

Physical Description:

.6 linear feet, including

Deeds, plats, receipts, news clippings, correspondence, estate papers

Dates:

1781-1960s

Restrictions:

Collection is extremely fragile and use is restricted to Curator of Collections. Research copies are located in Box 2.

Provenance:

The collection was donated to the Pendleton District Commission by the Armstrong family in 1984 and 1985.

History:

Benjamin Armstrong purchased land in the Richland community of what is now Oconee County from Richard and Kitty Harrison in 1826. Armstrong appears to have purchased this land from the Harrisons and other original land grantees in the area. According to Benjamin Armstrong's will, his children included Abner C. Armstrong, Charles Armstrong, Nancy Gaines, Rebekah McWhorter, Zella Wooten and Syntha Armstrong. Other members of the Armstrong family included Margaret Armstrong, Turner Armstrong, James O., J.C., J.P. and William P. Armstrong.

Scope and Content:

The majority of this collection consists of legal and financial records of various members of the Armstrong family. This includes deeds, wills, receipts, bills and estate papers. This collection also contains a limited amount of correspondence. Other names that appear in this collection include John Adair, Kitty Sloan, Richard Harrison, Elinor Pickens, William Sloan, Richard Farrant and Joseph Grisham. The series are arranged by subject. For more information, see also the itemized list created by Curator Donna Roper, located at the end of this document.

Related Materials:

See also the Armstrong Family Vertical File in the PDC Research Room. For more information on families in the Richland area, see the Stribling Family Papers (SC2009.2)

Series Description:

Series 1: Correspondence ranges from 1828-1940. This series consists primarily of fragments, although there are several complete letters and postcards.

Series 2: Financial Records ranges from 1803-1960 and contains, bills, accounts, notes, bonds, liens and receipts to various members of the Armstrong family. This series

also includes Oconee County tax receipts and canceled checks. Notable is a bill of sale for a slave from 1803.

Series 3: Land Records ranges from 1781-1881 and includes several of the original land grants for the property purchased by the Armstrong family. This series also includes deeds, plats and an equity title.

Series 4: Legal Records ranges from 1810-1939 and consists primarily of estate papers. Several subpoenas and court summons are also part of this series.

Series 5: Miscellaneous Documents ranges from 1805-1960s and includes news clippings, two voter registration cards, church pamphlets and two brief biographies. Two notable items in this series are a passport for Alexander Bryce and Alexander Armstrong to visit a sick brother in Orr's Regiment in Richmond Virginia, 1862 and a furlough for J.O. Armstrong, dated March 1, 1865.

Box and Folder List:

Box 1

Folder

1. Correspondence, Letters and Fragments, 1828-1940
2. Correspondence, Postcards, 1885-1905
3. Financial Records, Bill of Sale, Slave, 1803
4. Financial Records, Bills and Accounts, 1829-1960
5. Financial Records, Notes, Bonds, Liens, 1809-1940
6. Financial Records, Receipts, 1805-1889
7. Financial Records, Receipts, 1890-1953
8. Land Records, Deeds, 1808-1882
9. Land Records, Grants, 1786-1798
10. Land Records, Plats, 1781-1839
11. Land Records, Titles, 1859
12. Legal Records, Estate Papers, 1810-1857
13. Legal Records, Estate Papers, 1863-1939
14. Legal Records, Subpoenas and Summons, 1820-1884
15. Miscellaneous Documents, Civil War furlough, passport
16. Miscellaneous Documents, Church, Family, Civic Documents
17. Miscellaneous Documents, News Clippings

Box 2

Folder

1. Research Copies, Correspondence
2. Research Copies, Financial Records
3. Research Copies, Land Records
4. Research Copies, Legal Records
5. Research Copies, Miscellaneous Documents