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Title: George W. Locke family letters
Collection No: MSS.344
Extent: 0.25 cubic feet
Inclusive Dates: 1852-1902

Abstract: This collection contains copies of letters written by the George W. Locke family of Fayette and Shelby Counties, Tennessee, and genealogical information on the family.

Access: Open to all researchers.
Language: English
Preferred Citation: George W. Locke family letters, Special Collections Department, University Libraries, University of Memphis

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Biographical Information

George Washington Locke was born on October 28, 1803, in North Carolina, the son of Alexander R. (1777-1822) and Ann Brandon Locke (1781-1835). His siblings were Sarah (Sally) (1801-1850) and John B. George married Nancy Hester in 1824 in Giles County, Tennessee, and had 10 children: Amanda F. (1826-1895), Franklin A. (1829- ), Mary Ann (1831- ), Walter Scott (1833-1834), Genoa C.V. (1836-1913), John G. (1838-1860), Rebecca R. (1840- ), William P. (1842-1857), Sarah I. (1845-1846), and George Wellington (1847-1908). George died in Shelby County, Tennessee, on April 11, 1873.

Scope and contents

The collection contains copies of letters written by the George W. Locke family of Fayette and Shelby Counties, Tennessee, between 1852 and 1902, and genealogical information on the family compiled by Mary Randall and John E. Abernathy in the 1970s, and their cousin Joseph B. Green, Jr. The letters are photocopies of photocopies and are often hard to read. This makes it difficult to ascertain which transcriptions—those made by the Abernathys or those made by Green—are the most accurate.

Subject terms

Locke, George Washington, 1803-1873.

Inventory

Box 1

Folder

2 Locke family letters 1-15, 1852-1871 (photocopies). Includes transcriptions by Mary and John Abernathy.
3 Locke family letters, 16-38, 1874-1902 (photocopies). Includes transcriptions by Mary and John Abernathy.