

The Filson Historical Society

**Foote Family
Additional Papers**

The papers of the Foote family, farmers and businessmen of Va., Ky., and other states.

For information regarding literary and copyright interests for these papers, see the Curator of Manuscripts, James J. Holmberg.

Size of Collection

4 cubic feet

Locator Number Mss.\A\F688a

Scope and Content Note

Added papers include family correspondence, 1810-1868, containing letters to William Foote of Fauquier County, Va., from his sons in Alexandria, Va., N.Y., New Orleans, Ala., and the Mississippi Territory concerning the family's wheat, flour, and tobacco businesses, and the professional and domestic venture of his sons; letters after the death of William Foote in 1833 between sons and other heirs to the estate concerning the administration of the estate and its division among the heirs, in addition to other family money matters; and letters concerning Richard H. Foote's cotton business in Va. and on his new plantation in Colorado County, Tx. This early correspondence follows market prices for various agricultural goods and produce items.

Family correspondence, 1881-1943, begins with the courtship, engagement, and marriage of Gerard Alexander Foote and Annie Davis Cox, whose families settled in Breckinridge County; letters, 1917-1932, regarding Preston Work Foote's divorce and subsequent move to Rosenberg, Tx., to set up a medical practice, contain his observations of people and life in Tx.; and correspondence between the children and other relatives of Gerard Alexander and Annie Cox Foote contain family news and observations of the northeast, especially N.J. and N.Y.

Also included is business correspondence, 1900-1917, concerning the swine and poultry business of G.A. Foote and his wife of Irvington, Ky. Contains legal and land papers in regard to the estates of William Foote, George Foote, Richard H. Foote, and Preston Work Foote; a 1933 survey of G.A. Foote's farm in Irvington, Ky.; slave papers; a Civil War pass; a parole document from the State Penitentiary in Eddyville, Ky., 1915; academic records and tuition receipts; handwritten speeches possibly by G.A. Foote about the Bewleyville Methodist Church, the poultry business, and on farming in general; a selection of greeting cards and postcards; accounts, bills, and receipts, 1791-1942, containing accounts for the Foote's wheat and flour business and other plantation accounts; accounts for blacksmithing and other services for apparel, food and household items; accounts from the cotton business of Richard H. and Frederick Foote, including shipping orders and receipts; accounts of Henry Smith of Broad Run, Va. (executor of Richard H. Foote's estate); and records of the financial transactions of G.A. Foote.

A separate box contains miscellaneous account and memorandum books, 1852-1891, belonging to Henry Smith, Hardaway, and Foote family members; miscellaneous account books belonging to Ludwell A. Foote and Gerard Alexander Foote, 1875-1914; a record book containing minutes of the church conferences of the Bewleyville Methodist Society, 1881-1908; and a science textbook dated 1844.

Also contained is a school account book belonging to Edwin Cox Foote, some of whose pages are covered with scrapbook material and newspaper clippings; separate newspaper clippings, 1894-1970, regarding various members of the Foote family, poultry raising and agriculture, local news, and national political news; broadsides, circulars, and miscellaneous printed material;

poultry tags and exhibition cards; several unidentified photographs; and genealogical information on the Foote family.