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The Foote Family Papers

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

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Size of Collection

3 cubic feet

Locator Number Mss.\A\F688

Scope and Content Note

Collection includes early family correspondence, 1810-1877, between William Foote of Cedar Hill estate in Fauquier County, Va., and his sons and grandsons who settled in the Mississippi Territory, Huntsville, Ala., Breckinridge County, Ky., and those who remained in Va. Early correspondence concerns family matters; pioneering efforts; farming and the agricultural economy, including market prices for various goods, esp. cotton, wheat, and flour; family businesses; discussions regarding the purchase of Indian lands and treaties; discussions on political views and on the doctrine of repudiation; and politics and government, including military news during the War of 1812, Mexican War, and Civil War.

Later family correspondence, 1900-1937, pertains to the poultry business of G. A. Foote and Son of Irvington, Ky., and includes personal correspondence of from the families of Gerard Alexander Foote and Edwin Cox Foote.

Papers also include legal documents, such as wills, contracts, bonds, and agreements; land papers, 1798-1883; estate inventories; a Confederate military appointment; slave papers, 1824-1840; accounts, bills and receipts for personal and business transactions, 1789-1881; personal and business accounts of G.A. Foote and family, 1902-1918 and Edwin Cox Foote, 1915-1951; academic records; poetry; programs; broadsides; greeting cards; pig pedigree record book; poultry show tickets; miscellaneous printed material and family items; scrapbook; Foote family genealogical records; and newspaper clippings.

Also included are papers of Henry Smith (executor of Richard H. Foote's estate) and family which include family correspondence; day books and account books of Henry Smith, 1846-1883, containing a travel log, descriptions of land lots, and accounts of produce and other goods; legal documents; land papers, 1836-1883; accounts, bills and receipts, 1855-1884; and papers about William G. Hunton's estate.

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              Foote Family
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              Correspondence, 1810-1813.
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              Correspondence, 1814-1816.
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              Correspondence, 1818.
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              Correspondence, 1833-1834.
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              Correspondence, 1835-1837.
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              Correspondence, 1838-1839.
              Correspondence, 1840-1842.
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              Correspondence, 1843-1857.
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              Correspondence, 1861-1865.
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              Correspondence, 1866-1877.
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              Correspondence, n.d.
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              Photocopies of letters dated 1811-1864, transcribed by Edwin S. Foote.
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              Edwin Cox Foote-Gerard Alexander Foote correspondence, 1905-1937.
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              G.A. Foote & Son business correspondence, 1900-1902 Jan.
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              G.A. Foote & Son business correspondence, 1902 Feb.-Nov.
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              G.A. Foote & Son business correspondence, 1903.
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              G.A. Foote & Son business correspondence, 1904 Jan.-May.
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              G.A. Foote & Son business correspondence, 1904 July-Sept.
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              G.A. Foote & Son business correspondence, 1904 Oct.-Dec.
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              G.A. Foote & Son business correspondence, 1905.
              G.A. Foote & Son business correspondence, 1906 Jan.
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              G.A. Foote & Son business correspondence, 1906 Feb.-May.
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              G.A. Foote & Son business correspondence, 1907-1908 Jan.
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              G.A. Foote & Son business correspondence, 1908 Feb.-May.
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              G.A. Foote & Son business correspondence, 1909-1910.
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              G.A. Foote & Son business correspondence, 1911-1941.
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              Unmatched envelopes to the entire Foote Family correspondence, 1904-1912 and
              n.d.
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Box 4
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               Legal papers, 1759-1826, including will of George Foote of Fauquier County,
               Va., 1759.
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               Legal papers, 1828-1918, including transcribed copy of Williams Foote's will,
               1833.
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               Contracts, bonds, and agreements, 1791-1833.
               Contracts, bonds, and agreements, 1834-1847.
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               Land papers, 1798-1848.
               Land papers, 1850-1870.
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               Land papers, 1871-1883.
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               Land papers, n.d.
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               Land papers, n.d.
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               Land papers, n.d.
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               Estate inventories: George Foote, 1759 and Richard H. Foote, n.d.
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               Confederate appointment of G.A. Foote, 1863.
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               Slave documents, 1825-1840 and n.d.
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Box 5
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               Accounts, bills, and receipts, 1789-1820.
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               Accounts, bills, and receipts, 1822-1825.
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               Accounts, bills, and receipts, 1826-1827.
               Accounts, bills, and receipts, 1828-1829.
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               Accounts, bills, and receipts, 1830.
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               Accounts, bills, and receipts, 1831-1832.
               Accounts, bills, and receipts, 1833.
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               Accounts, bills, and receipts, 1834.
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               Accounts, bills, and receipts, 1834 and n.d.
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               Accounts, bills, and receipts, 1835.
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               Accounts, bills, and receipts, 1835 and n.d.
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               Accounts, bills, and receipts, 1836.
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               Accounts, bills, and receipts, 1837.
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               Accounts, bills, and receipts, 1838.
               Accounts, bills, and receipts, 1839.
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               Accounts, bills, and receipts, 1840.
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               Accounts, bills, and receipts, 1841.
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               Accounts, bills, and receipts, 1842-1843.
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               Accounts, bills, and receipts, 1846-1849.
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               Accounts, bills, and receipts, 1850-1881.
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               Accounts, bills, and receipts, n.d.
               Vouchers for the settlement of William Foote's estate, 1830-1849.
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               G.A. Foote accounts, bills, and receipts, 1902-1904 June.
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               G.A. Foote accounts, bills, and receipts, 1904 July-Sept.
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- fl. 71 G.A. Foote accounts, bills, and receipts, 1905-1906.
- fl. 72 G.A. Foote accounts, bills, and receipts, 1907-1909.
- fl. 73 G.A. Foote accounts, bills, and receipts, 1911.
- fl. 74 G.A. Foote account booklets, 1902-1918.
- fl. 75 Edwin Cox Foote accounts, bills, and receipts, 1915-1934.
- fl. 76 Edwin Cox Foote accounts, bills, and receipts, 1946-1951.

Box 8

- fl. 77 Academic records, 1837-1926.
- fl. 78 Poetry and an anonymous tribute, n.d.
- fl. 79 Invitation, 1922.
- fl. 80 Programs, 1907-1946.
- fl. 81 Broadside, 1907.
- fl. 82 Greeting cards, 1923-1933, and n.d.
- fl. 83 Poultry show cards, G.A. Foote, 1904-1906, and n.d.
- fl. 84 Miscellaneous printed material, 1882-1927.
- fl. 85 Miscellaneous printed material, n.d.
- fl. 86 Miscellaneous Foote family items, 1869-1904 and n.d.
- fl. 87 Genealogical information on the Foote family including newspaper clippings, 1961-1987 and n.d.

Box 9

- fl. 88 Smith family correspondence, 1860-1889.
- fl. 89 Henry Smith day books, 1846-1852.
- fl. 90 Henry Smith memorandum and account books, 1880-1883 and n.d.
- fl. 91 Legal documents, 1867-1878.
- fl. 92 Land papers, 1836-1873.
- fl. 93 Land papers, 1875-1883.
- fl. 94 Land papers, n.d.
- fl. 95 Land papers, n.d.
- fl. 96 Land papers, n.d.
- fl. 97 Smith family accounts, bills, and receipts, 1855-1870.
- fl. 98 Smith family accounts, bills, and receipts, 1871-1873.
- fl. 99 Smith family accounts, bills, and receipts, 1874-1880.
- fl. 100 Smith family accounts, bills, and receipts, 1881-1884, and n.d.
- fl. 101 William G. Hunton estate papers, 1844-1858.
- pkg. 102 Pig pedigree record book of G.A. Foote & Son, 1900.
- pkg. 103 Scrapbook of genealogical and miscellaneous material, 1806-1970.