

**The Filson Historical Society**

**The Papers of  
George Lancaster Miles**

The papers of George Lancaster Miles, merchant of Murfreesboro, Tenn., New Haven, Ky. and later a resident of Elizabethtown, Ky. where he served as commissioner for Hardin County.

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

**Size of Collection**

**5 cubic feet**

**Locator Number Mss.\A\M643**

### **Scope and Content Note**

Papers consist of letters from family members discussing topics such as land in Tx., family matters, and conditions in Mo. just prior to the Civil War; legal papers; account books of Miles and Hynes of Murfreesboro, Tenn., 1818-1820; daybooks, journal, and ledger of George L. Miles and Co. of New Haven, Ky., 1832-1841; and account books for George L. Miles for the years, 1838-1874.

Collection also includes a small grouping of Henry Miles's papers, 1812-1849, concerning land in Nelson and Hardin counties in Ky.; the estate of John Johnson; will, 1839 July 21, and papers related to his estate; and four shares of stock in the Bardstown and Green River Turnpike Road Co., 1846 Aug. 17.

Also included is a small collection of Slaughter family papers, 1830-1856, containing correspondence; land papers; legal papers; and papers relating to Severn's Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, Ky.

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