

The Filson Historical Society
Stone-Lapsley Family
Papers, 1794-1991 (bulk 1794-1846)

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Size of Collection:
0.66 cubic feet

Location Number:
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Scope and Content Note

The Stone-Lapsley Family Papers consist of correspondence and record books of Stone and Lapsley Family. The majority of the papers are the correspondence of John B. Lapsley (1814-1846), who practiced law in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, in the 1840s. Primarily, the letters pertain to collection claims that lenders hoped Lapsley would aid in collecting, although some letters are of a personal nature and contain references to politics and personal feuds. Also included are record books from Lapsley's practice and his partnership with Eli Stone that give some detail of cases handled by the firm. Other items include a record book of Davis Stone (c. 1761-1827), detailing his expenditures as well as jobs he performed to earn a living, and a music book belonging to Sarah Ellen Stone (1826-1908). The collection also contains one letter from 1911, and another from 1991 containing a legal document from 1794, pertaining to the family's history.

The collection also contains an exhaustive finding aid provided by the donor, complete with near item-by-item descriptions and biographical information on the authors.

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Biographical Note

The Lapsley and Stone families represented in this collection lived in or near Elizabethtown, Kentucky during the 19th and 20th Centuries. They were a prominent family in the region, and one descendant, Eli H. Brown, III, went on to serve in the Kentucky State General Assembly. The collection consists of documents from several authors, including: Davis Stone (1761-1827), who came to Kentucky sometime between 1790 and 1800 and worked various jobs; Sarah Ellen Stone (1826-1908), who eventually married William Sterrett and lived in Nelson County, Kentucky; John B. Lapsley (1814-1846), a lawyer in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, and his half-brother Eli H. Stone (1824-1889), with whom he shared a practice.

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Folder List

Box 1

- Folder 1: Personal Correspondence, 1840-1846
- Folder 2: Personal Correspondence, 1910, 1991
- Folder 3: Business Correspondence, August, 1841-November, 1841
- Folder 4: Business Correspondence, December, 1841- June, 1842
- Folder 5: Business Correspondence, August, 1842-November, 1842
- Folder 6: Business Correspondence, January, 1843-March, 1843
- Folder 7: Business Correspondence, April, 1843-November, 1843
- Folder 8: Business Correspondence, 1844
- Folder 9: Business Correspondence, January, 1845-July, 1845
- Folder 10: Business Correspondence. August, 1845-December, 1845
- Folder 11: Business Correspondence, 1846, Undated

Box 2

- Folder 12: Davis Stone Account Book, 1803-1826
- Folder 13: Davis Stone Account Book, Loose Paper, 1798-1826
- Folder 14: J.B. Lapsley Account Book, 1841-1845
- Folder 15: J.B. Lapsley Account Book, Loose Paper, 1841-1847
- Folder 16: Lapsley & Stone Account Book, 1846
- Folder 17: Lapsley & Stone Account Book, Loose Paper, Undated
- Folder 18: Sarah Ellen Stone Music Book

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