

Collection: Eli COBLE Papers
 Randolph County
 1807-1883

Physical Description: Approximately 232 items, including letters, accounts, articles of indenture, attachment bonds, deeds and land records, estates, marriage licenses, promissory notes and receipts, slave papers, tax receipts, wills, and so forth.

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Description: These papers are primarily those of Eli Coble (1786-1843), a Randolph County, N.C. farmer and justice of the county court. The greater part of the papers relate to Randolph County estates administered by Coble directly or at second hand as further administrator through the death of the original administrator. The marriage licenses in the collection presumably represent couples for whom Coble performed the marriage ceremony.

The six letters include a Sept. 8, 1840 letter from Dr. Benjamin Robinson of Fayetteville prescribing a course of medication for "Mr. Coble", and two Civil War letters—one written by Wiley Prentis M. Kirkman to his grandmother, Mrs. Eli (Polly) Coble and one written by Mrs. Coble to her son, Eli Graham Coble. The letter from Kirkman of Co. G, 26th Regiment, is dated Dec. 27, 1861, and describes conditions at Camp Vance near Carolina City, Beaufort County. Mrs. Coble's letter to her son (Co. H, 3rd N.C. Regt.) is written to him while he is in prison at Elmira, N.Y., and is dated Feb. 2, 1865. Related Civil War papers are young Coble's discharge, the oath taken by him at Elmira, N.Y., the oath taken upon his return home to Randolph County, a leave of absence from his unit, and a copy of temporary orders detailing him to other duties. A document that may, or may not, be related to the 1840 letter, is a ca.1808 direction for an emetic.

Randolph County estates represented in these papers are: William Amick, 1823-1826; George Black, 1814-1825; Robert Curtis, 1821-1824; Christian Kime, 1823-1829; George Kime, 1824-1829; Henry Reitzel, 1834-1839; Patience Pickett, 1829-1830; Michael Reitzel, 1814-1834. Additionally, there is a copy of the will of George Black (proved in 1817) and the will of Eli Coble (dated 1843), both of Randolph County.

In addition to fifteen Randolph County marriage licenses issued between 1821 and 1831 (all of which were reported in the Spring 1990 issue, Vol.XIV, no.2, of The Genealogical Journal of the Randolph County Historical Society, and all of which are represented by marriage bonds on file in the Archives), these papers include the original marriage bond for William Johnson and Susan Whit, dated Feb. 12, 1843 (bondsmen William Whit), witnessed by Eli Coble who, apparently, failed to return the bond to the clerk of court's office as directed by law.

Arrangement of the papers is as follows (folder titles)

Letters, 1840-1867
Accounts, 1805-1843
Articles of Indenture, 1828
American Party Ticket, 1856
Attachment Bonds
Civil War Papers
Deeds and Land Records
Estates—Amick, William, 1823-1826
 —Black, George, 1814-1825
 —Curtis, Robert, 1821-1824
 —Kime, Christian, 1823-1829
 —Kime, George, 1824-1829
 —Pickett, Patience, 1829-1830
 —Reitzel, Henry, 1834-1839
 —Reitzel, Michael, 1814-1834
Marriage Licenses, 1821-1831; Bond, 1843
Medicine—Directions for a Physic [ca.1808?]
Power of Attorney, 1814
Promissory Notes, 1807-1841
Receipts, 1811-1838; 1883
Slave Papers—Bills of sale & Receipts, 1820-1832
Stampless Cover—Free franked by Congressman Abraham Rencher
Tax Receipts (County), 1808-1878
Tax Receipts (Confederate), 1863-1864
Tax Receipts (U.S. Direct Tax), 1815-1816
Wills: 1815; 1843

Subject entries

American Party
Camp Vance (Beaufort County)
Elmira Prison
26th Regt. N.C.T. (Co. G)
3rd Regt. N.C.T. (Co. H)
Coble, Eli Graham
Kirkman, Wiley Prentis M.
Medicine
Robinson, Benjamin
Marriage Licenses
Marriage Bond
Confederate States of America
Direct Tax

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Subject entries continued

Slave sales
Prisoners of War
~~Elmira, N.Y.~~
Kirkman, Wiley Prentis M.
Coble, Eli Graham
Coble, Polly
Oath of Allegiance
Robinson, Benjamin
Medical Prescriptions
Amick, William
Black, George
Curtis, Robert
Kime, Christian
Kime, George
Reitzel, Henry
Pickett, Patience
Reitzel, Michael
Coble, Eli
Johnson, William
Whit, Susan
Estates Records
Randolph County
Election, 1856
Politics
Rencher, Abraham

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