

Collection: LITTLETON, W. K., COLLECTION  
Montgomery (Stanly) County, North Carolina

P.C. 227.1

1782 (1800-1860) 1933

**Physical Description:** Diary, will warrants, land grants and plats, letters, power of attorney, receipts, accounts, articles of agreement, bonds, prescriptions, promissory notes (originals and photostats). 204 items.

**Acquisition:** On loan from W. K. Littleton, Badin, North Carolina. November 22, 1957. The status of the collection was converted to a gift by contract from Patricia Littleton Whiteside, Rockville, Maryland, Donna Littleton Taylor, Guilford, Connecticut, and Barbara Littleton Wakamo, Atlanta, Georgia on February 27, 1992.

**Description:** The typescript (15 pages, single spaced) of the diary of Dr. Francis Joseph Kron (1798-1835) covers a brief period from November 14 through December 7, 1835. Dr. Kron, a native of Prussia, emigrated to North Carolina in 1823 and taught at the University of North Carolina for a year before settling in Montgomery County. He describes his farm, near the Fayetteville-Salisbury road, his neighbors and their customs, and medical practices and usages. The Kron house has been restored by the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development and is located in Morrow Mountain State Park. In addition to the typescript there is a typed copy of the will of Henry Delamothe, September 11, 1838, Montgomery County. Delamothe was Mrs. Kron's uncle and her two daughters are beneficiaries in the will. See Dr. Francis Joseph Kron in the *NC. 63* Miscellaneous Papers in the Personal Collections for more material on Dr. Kron.

Other papers in the collection concern Joseph and Mary Bell and their descendants including a brief genealogy of the family tracing the line down to the wife of W. K. Littleton. The majority of these original papers and the photostatic copies relate to Benjamin Bell but his brothers Richard, John, and James and his sisters Nancy and Elizabeth are represented. Correspondence (1809-1846) includes letters from James and Elizabeth in Wilson County, Tennessee, to their father Joseph in Montgomery County, and letters to Elizabeth and Benjamin Bell. Land grants, plats, and entries (1782-1818) record transactions for property on the Yadkin River in Montgomery County in the name of John Allen, Joseph McLester, John Marberry, Robert Smith, and Benjamin Bell.

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Deeds (1803-1820), also to land in Montgomery, are between Leonard Sides, Daniel Harris, John Marberry, and Robert Smith. Receipts and accounts (1799-1815) are for Benjamin Bell and (1826-1860) for Mrs. Elizabeth Harris. Miscellaneous items include: permission for Benjamin Bell to build a grist mill on the "Uharry" River (1801); a complaint to the "Circuit Preacher for the Methodist Church of Bell's Meeting-house" (1813) by Henry Delamothe against Benjamin Bell; a prescription for the cure of consumption; a suit between George McCulloch and Joseph and Benjamin Bell (1815) relative to land deeded by Adlai Osborne to Joseph Bell in 1795; and a list giving the birth dates of the children of Charles and Frances Z. Ledbetter.

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Collection: ~~BELL, BENJAMIN~~, PAPERS  
Montgomery County, North Carolina

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Misc.  
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1790-1819

Physical Description: Receipts, tax receipts, bills, statements,  
letters, bills of sale, deeds, promissory notes, appointments. 24 items.

Acquisition: Photostatic copies of originals belonging to W. Kemp  
Littleton, Badin, North Carolina.

Description: The papers indicate that Bell probably farmed and operated  
a grist mill. Permission to build a mill was granted him (1801) by  
the clerk of court with the statement that he owned land on both sides  
of the "Uhary River." A typewritten list of the items is included.

Photocopies of originals <sup>now</sup> in the collection.

PRIVATE COLLECTIONS WORK SHEET

NUMBER: P.C. 227.1 (Addition).

NAME OF COLLECTION: W. K. Littleton Collection.

DATES: 1836-1915, undated.

ACQUISITION INFORMATION: received as a gift on September 25, 1992 from Patricia Littleton Whiteside, Rockville, Maryland, Donna Littleton Taylor, Guilford, Connecticut, and Barbara Littleton Wakamo, Atlanta, Georgia; accessioned on October 14, 1992 (92.10.26).

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 20 original manuscript items and 1 printed broadside.

HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION: an addition comprising Civil War letters; letters of dismissal from Lick Creek Baptist Church; certificate of ordination; manuscript obituary; deed, records of births and deaths of the Bell, Miller, and Moose families; an essay entitled "Stick to Your Farming"; school account books; and a printed broadside containing political cartoons.