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Summary:

Title: Ruth Johnson Collection  
Span Dates: 1788-1864  
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Repository: Marshall University Special Collections, Morrow Library (Huntington, WV)  
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Accession Number: 1980/12.0317  
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Access to Collection: Open  
Extent: 1 folder  
Donor: Ruth Johnson  

Search Terms:

Collections and Compilations  
Benjamin Lemasters  
Letters  
Deeds, Surveys, and Land Sales  

Biographical Notes:

Benjamin Lemasters (1756-1837), was born in Charles County, Virginia or Maryland (sources conflict). He was the son of Isaac and Ann Scott Lemasters. His family lived in Frederick County, Maryland, through the 1760s and migrated to Monongalia County, Virginia, in 1770. After serving in the Revolutionary War, 1776-1779, Benjamin married Rebecca Ann Martin in 1779. They were the parents of ten known daughters. The family was living in Nicholas County, Virginia, by 1793. Some of his struggles with gaining recognition as a veteran of the Revolutionary War are transcribed here:  
http://revwarapps.org/s18490.pdf  

Additional information can be found in Benjamin Lemasters of Nicholas County, West Virginia: his ancestry, his war record, his descendants by Ronald V. Hardway. The table of contents can be found here: http://catdir.loc.gov/catdir/toc/fy0606/94174880.html  

Scope and Content:

This collection consists of seven nineteenth century documents, including:

An 1830 account of goods sold. The two parties are P. Beirne & Co. (spelling uncertain) and Benjamin Lemasters, and it is unclear of who is selling goods to whom.

Survey of Lemasters’ plot of 1135 acres in Greenbrier County, West Virginia. The same mylar enclosure includes another copy of a survey from 1788 for Henry Banks.
Letter dated 1835 from the War Department’s Pension Office to Lemasters relating to his service in the Revolutionary War.

An anonymously written song or poem from 1864 regarding the Battle of Cedar Crick (also known as the Battle of Cedar Creek or the Battle of Belle Grove).

An 1822 letter to the Hon. W. Smith (House of Representatives) from the War Department Pension Office asking for verification of Lemasters’ service in the Revolutionary war as he was not found on the rolls.

An 1848 indenture between James M. Corley, deputy sherriff and Nathaniel M. Triplett, sheriff of Braxton County, Virginia for a sale of land.

Processing Notes:

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