

## NUCMC Catalog Record

Creator: McNeill, Alexander Hamilton, 1831-1906

Title: Alexander Hamilton McNeill papers

Date Created: 1848-1905

Extent: 4.7 cubic ft.  
1 v.  
95 items

Location: North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, N.C. (P.C. 1761)

Biographical Data: Merchant, clerk of court for Moore County, N.C., and Confederate States enlistment officer and tax assessor for the county.

Notes: Gift of Mr. & Mrs. Gene J. Williams, 1989  
Gift of Louise B. Williams (Mrs. Gene J. Williams), 1998

Finding aid in the repository

Summary: Correspondence, deeds, plats, bills and receipts, advertising circulars and brochures, Moore County, N.C., estate records, guardianship records, and wills, legal papers, and Civil War material of McNeill relating to his family, businesses, church, Democratic Party politics, and offices he held. Bulk (1880-1895) of the personal correspondence (1848-1905) is to McNeill from his sons, daughters Fannie and Ella, and his second wife, Emma S. Worthy McNeill. Letters (1890-1891) from his daughters describe their life as schoolgirls at the Nash and Kollock School at Hillsborough, N.C., and Peace Institute in Raleigh, N.C., and include information concerning Rev. Henry D. Wood (1848-1915), an African American agent of the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., who operated Dayton Academy, a freedman's school, and pastored a Presbyterian Church. Bulk (1890-1895) of the business correspondence (1854-1905) relates to McNeill's entry into gold mining and venture into brownstone quarrying in Moore County, N.C., with his principal partners, Lewis Grimm (1850-1895), with whom he formed the Grimm Brownstone and Improvement Company, and John Wetmore Hinsdale (1843-1921), a Raleigh lawyer specializing in commercial law.

Business and legal paper includes bills and receipts, promissory notes, accounts, and bank records; Kelly et al vs. Grimm and McNeill papers (1886-1904) covering various stages of a suit brought by the Kelly family, heirs of a man named Richardson, to recover lands held by Grimm and

McNeill either in trust according to the plaintiffs or by absolute conveyance according to the defendants; and Richardson and Grimm matter (1872-1896) includes papers antecedent to, arising from, and related to the suit brought by the Kellys. Miscellaneous papers include the wills of John McLeod (1860) and Pleasant Short (1895) and material related to Carthage Male and Female Academy, Claremont College (Hickory, N.C.), Hamilton Seminary (Carthage, N.C.), Iredell High School (Fancy Hill, N.C.), freemasons, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Junior Order United American Mechanics, and Presbyterian Church.

Civil War materials include 95 letters (1863-1865) originating with the Confederate States of America Conscript Bureau and its offices including one letter concerning the conscription of one fifth of all men employed in mining and nitre work into active military service and the transfer of certain men from duties at the C.S.A. arsenal at Fayetteville, N.C., and 94 letters of investigation and arrest issued between the end of Dec. 1863 and the end of Feb. 1865 in an effort to recover 81 Confederate soldiers, 2 sailors, and one blacksmith, who were natives of Moore County or who had gone there to escape detection as deserters or as soldiers absent without leave. Also includes 1 v. of accounts (1861-1863) of the Board of Agents for the Volunteer Companies from Moore County, N.C., containing information relating to the boarding, provisioning, and clothing of volunteers and economic support for their families during the Civil War; together with a list of 96 marriage licenses issued in Moore County between Aug. 1855 and Feb. 1857. The four volunteer companies covered are Capt. Jesse L. Bryan's Company of Cavalry (Company I, 2nd North Carolina Cavalry), Capt. William P. Martin's Company (Moore County Independents, Company H., 26th North Carolina Regiment), Capt. John M. Kelly's Company (Moore County Scotch Riflemen, Company C, 35th North Carolina Regiment), and Capt. M.W. Swann's Company (Company H, 30th North Carolina Regiment)

Subjects:

Accounts--North Carolina--Moore County.  
Orders (military records)--North Carolina--Moore County.  
Orders (military records)--Confederate States of America.  
Marriage records--North Carolina--Moore County.  
Deeds--North Carolina--Moore County.  
Plats--North Carolina--Moore County.  
Estate records--North Carolina--Moore County.  
Legal documents--North Carolina--Moore County.  
Wills--North Carolina--Moore County.  
Family papers--North Carolina--Moore County.  
Draft--North Carolina--Moore County.  
Draft--Confederate States of America.  
Confederate States of America. Army--Recruiting, enlistment, etc.  
Miners--North Carolina--Government policy--Confederate States of America.

Saltpeter industry--North Carolina--Government policy--Confederate States of America.  
United States—History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Desertions.  
Military deserters--Confederate States of America.  
Military deserters--North Carolina--Moore County.  
Naval deserters--Confederate States of America.  
Naval deserters--North Carolina--Moore County.  
Blacksmiths--Confederate States of America.  
Blacksmiths--North Carolina--Moore County.  
Arsenals--Confederate States of America.  
Arsenals--North Carolina--Fayetteville.  
Absence without leave--Confederate States of America.  
Absence without leave--North Carolina--Moore County.  
Confederate States of America. Bureau of Conscription--Correspondence.  
North Carolina—History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Desertions.  
North Carolina—History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Equipment and supplies.  
United States—History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Equipment and supplies.  
North Carolina—History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Civilian relief.  
United States—History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Civilian relief.  
Confederate States of America. Army. North Carolina Infantry Regiment, 26th. Company H.  
Confederate States of America. Army. North Carolina Infantry Regiment, 35th. Company C.  
Confederate States of America. Army. North Carolina Cavalry Regiment, 2nd. Company I.  
Confederate States of America. Army. North Carolina Infantry Regiment, 30th. Company H.  
North Carolina--Politics and government--1865-1950.  
Democratic Party (N.C.)  
McNeill, Fannie--Correspondence.  
McNeill, Ella--Correspondence.  
McNeill, Emma S. Worthy--Correspondence.  
Nash and Kollock School (Hillsborough, N.C.)  
Peace Institute (Raleigh, N.C.)  
Girls—Education--North Carolina.  
Wood, Henry D., 1848-1915.  
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Board of Home Missions.  
Dayton Academy (Carthage, N.C.)  
Freedmen—Education--North Carolina.  
Presbyterian Church--North Carolina --Carthage--Clergy.  
Gold mines and mining--North Carolina--Moore County.  
Brownstone--North Carolina--Moore County.  
Grimm, Lewis, 1850-1895.  
Grimm Brownstone and Improvement Company.  
Hinsdale, John Wetmore, 1843-1921.  
Lawyers--North Carolina--Raleigh.  
Kelley family--Trials, litigation, etc.

Kelly family.  
McNeil family.  
McNeill family.  
Land titles--North Carolina.  
Grimm, Lewis, 1850-1895--Trials, litigation, etc.  
McNeill, Alexander Hamilton, 1831-1906--Trials, litigation, etc.  
McLeod, John, of Moore County, N.C.--Will.  
Short, Pleasant--Will.  
Carthage Male and Female Academy (Carthage, N.C.)  
Claremont College (Hickory, N.C.)  
Hamilton Seminary (Carthage, N.C.)  
Iredell High School (Fancy Hill, N.C.)  
Freemasons--North Carolina.  
Independent Order of Odd Fellows--North Carolina.  
Junior Order United American Mechanics.

Other Creators: Board of Agents for the Volunteer Companies from Moore County, N.C.