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Summary Information

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Biographical/Historical Note

General Richard C. Gatlin, veteran of the Seminole and Mexican wars, as well as the Civil War, was born at Kinston, North Carolina, on January 18, 1809. He was the son of John Gatlin and the grandson of Richard Caswell, first governor of North Carolina. He entered the United States Military academy at West Point, New York, in 1828 and graduated in 1832. His first assignment was at Fort Gibson in eastern Oklahoma. He served in Florida and then in Mexico, where he was promoted to brevet major. He commanded the garrison at Fort Smith, Arkansas, from 1852 to 1857. At the beginning of the Civil War, he resigned his commission and was appointed brigadier-general of North Carolina troops and later brigadier-general in the Confederate Army. He returned to western Arkansas after the Civil War and settled in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He died September 8, 1896, and is buried in Fort Smith's National Cemetery. Over the course of his life, Gatlin married twice, first to Scoito Sandford, and, after her death, to Mary Ann Gibson.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains deeds, mortgages, tax receipts, plats, contracts, a stock certificate, a bill, a note, and other documents related to Gatlin family property in Sebastian County, Arkansas. It also contains two report cards from Fort Smith, Arkansas, public schools. Notable names included in this collection are William E. Woodruff, Robert S. Gibson, Edward N.B. Noland, Eli Bell, John Farnall, Richard and Mary A. Gatlin, Emma McClare, George C. Faucett, T.W. Bugg, John Carnall, George T. Harrell, J.L. Tilley, S.A. Williams, and John Schaap.

Administrative Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Collection Inventory

Box

1. Biographical and genealogical information

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2. 1835-1867: Correspondence, bills, and deeds

3. 1871-1883: Tax receipts, report cards, mortgages, and notes

4. 1885-1903: Deeds, bills, stock certificates, receipts, contracts, and plats

5. Photograph and published materials