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Summary Information

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Biographical Note

Charles Pelham (1790-1855) was a member of a prominent family of land surveyors who helped chart westward expansion. Before settling in Batesville, Arkansas, Pelham fought with the Kentucky Militia during the War of 1812. He was among the earliest settlers of the Arkansas Territory, which was an incorporated territory of the United States from July 4, 1819, until June 15, 1836, when it was admitted to the Union. In 1821, Pelham was appointed Deputy Surveyor of the Arkansas Territory for the U.S. General Land Office, and he served on the first Board of Trustees for the Batesville Academy, the first incorporated institution of learning in Arkansas. He was also the older brother of William Pelham who was appointed by President John Tyler as Surveyor General of Arkansas in 1841 and later appointed the first Surveyor General of New Mexico by President Franklin Pierce in 1854.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains eight letters and two deeds of indenture relating to the sale and payment of taxes on land in the Arkansas Territory.

Administrative Information

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Collection Inventory

Letter from C.H. Pelham, Batesville, to William Murphy, Esq., concerning payment of taxes on land in the Arkansas Territory 1825 June 27

Letter from C.H. Pelham, St. Louis, Mo., to William Murphy, Esq., Maysville, concerning payment of taxes on land in the Arkansas Territory 1825 September 10

Letter from C.H. Pelham, Batesville, to William Murphy, Esq., Maysville, Kentucky, concerning payment of taxes on land in the Arkansas Territory 1826 November 21

Letter from A. Boswell, Batesville, to William Murphy, Esq., Maysville, Kentucky, concerning payment of taxes on land he owns 1824 December 3

Letter from A. Boswell, Batesville, to William Murphy, Esq., concerning payment of taxes on land he owns 1826 December 3

Letter from [unknown person], indicating that William Murphy is deceased and seeking information about lands owned 1837 May 13

Letter from [T.E.] Pelham (Charles Pelham's son), Batesville, to [Chas. B. Lyan Esq.] ([] of William Murphy's heirs), Maysville, Kentucky, informing them that his father paid the taxes on one tract of land for six years and is owed \$17.60, while the other two tracts were sold for taxes. He also states that he was able to renew the ownership of some of the property and was owed a total of \$117.14. 1840 July 25

Letter from [Charles P. Ryan], Maysville, written on behalf of the heirs of William Murphy to William Pelham Esq., seeking information about the amount of taxes due and possible value for selling the land 1843 January 14

Deed of indenture showing the sale of a 160-acre tract of land in the Arkansas Territory by Jeepee Campbell to William Murphy 1822 April 29

Deed of indenture detailing the sale of three sections of property in the Arkansas Territory, each consisting of 160 acres, by Charles Pelham to William Murphy for \$30.00. 1825 May 24