

MS 54 Smith Collection

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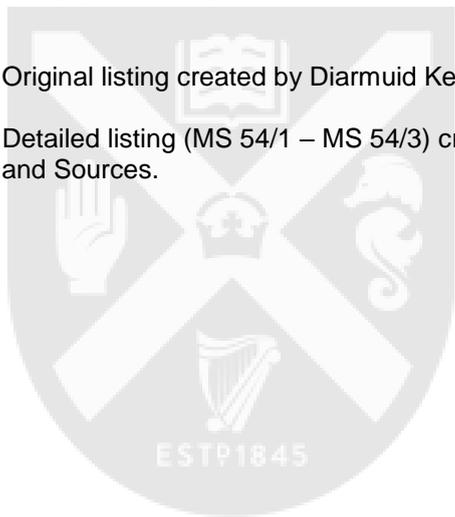
A collection of legal and business documents relating to the Smith family of Alleghany County, Virginia dating from 1845 to 1877. They deal with the concerns of Henry Smith (died c.1852) and his wife Jennet Smith who died in 1867. Jennet Smith is referred to variously as Janet, Jenet, Jannet, or even Jennetta in the documents. The estate passed from Jennet Smith to her nephew William Scott.

The documents include account statements, inventories and some letters. Most interesting is the insight the documents give to the Smith family's involvement in the slave trade. The executor of Henry Smith's estate, Mr. Andrew Damron appears to have hired slaves out and the collection includes numerous documents relating to this activity. In her will Jennet Smith bequeaths a "negro" called George to her nephew.

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c. 12 Bundles (plus some loose pages) of financial and legal documents relating to slave hire. Most marked Jennet (or Jenet) Smith and/or Andrew Williamson.

MS 54/1/1 Financial documents dated 1852

1. Memo from J. L. Boswell asserting that he will pay Mr. Corkle the amount owed to him by Henry Smith, (deceased), Jannet Smith and Andrew Williamson. He expects there may be no bill, but may be some surgical instruments charged to Mr. Smith. Lynchburg. 1 p.
2. 06/10/1852 Note of deposit made by Henry Smith of \$802.49 on 8th November 1849 and the interest of €116.79 accrued to 6th October 1853. Sum paid to J. L Boswell. Mathematical workings shown. Signed by J. W. Kennington of C.S Bank. 1 p.
3. Note of deposit made in Citizens Savings Bank of \$802.49 by Henry Smith and interest due until 8th October 1852 at 5pm of €117.03. Total of €919.52. Workings shown. 1 p.

MS 54/1/2 Bills, invoices and letters dated 1835-1868

1. 1850 Page used to bind documents regarding affairs of Henry Smith, D. Williamson and D. Circle in 1850. 1 p.
2. 17/12/1835 Note signed by Joshua Mitchell promising to pay Henry Smith the sum of \$50. Fragment.
3. 22/05/1867 Note signed by S. Hansbarger and A. A. Hansbarger promising to pay Andrew Damron \$13.90 six months from said date. 1 p.
4. 08/11/1851 Note signed by Jannet Smith binding her to pay Andrew Damron \$10, which was one half of the valuation of a colt. The other half is due to Andrew Williamson. 1 p.
5. Note regarding money owed by Joshua Mitchell, resident of Mill Creek. 1 p.
6. Jan. 1848 Invoice to Henry Smith from the clerk of Bath County Circuit Court totally \$5.66 for various legal activities in a suit against Jelson Douglas and Henson Douglas. Fragment.
7. 28/05/1868 Copy of letter to Charles L. Haynes from Andrew Damron warning him not to distribute any of Jennet Smith's estate until all legal difficulties between the legatees of Henry and Jennet Smith have been settled. Signed by Andrew Damron. Covington. 1 p.

MS 54/1/3 Annual account for slave Hire dated 1852

1. 04/01/1853 Annual account for slaves hired from the estate of Henry Smith by Andrew Damron. Total aggregate hire for the year, less expenses was \$344 with Jennet Smith and Andrew Williamson to receive \$172 each. After personal expenses Jannet Smith received \$69.10 and Andrew Williamson \$57.39. Signed by Janet Smith and Andrew Williamson. 2 pp.
2. 25/12/1852 Note to Andrew Damron from William H. Haynes promising to pay \$33 for the girl he hired in 1852. 1 p.

MS 54/1/4 Annual account for slave hire, bills and invoices dated 1853

1. 26/02/1854 Annual account for slaves hired from the estate of Henry Smith by Andrew Damron. Total aggregate hire for the year, less medical expenses was \$357.06 with Jannet Smith and Andrew Williamson to receive \$178.53 each. After personal expenses Jannet Smith received \$149.33 and Andrew Williamson \$64.53. Janet Smith's signature was attested by

David Williamson while Andrew Williamson signed alone. 4 pp.

2. 1853 Top note used to keep all expenses for 1853 together. Fragment.
3. 1853 Bill for \$5 to Alexander Simpson from Dr. G. W. Hammond for medical attention and medicine for boy Jacob. Confirmed as paid by Dr. Hammond and witnessed by W. M. Scott. 1 p.
4. 26/12/1853 Note by Clarissa H. Karney confirming payment of \$3 by John H. Hansbarger for attention to a black girl. Fragment.
5. 19/12/1853 Invoice to Andrew Damron from Dr R. M. Coleman for visits to and medicine for Jacob in October 1853. Total Bill was \$8 and payment was confirmed on said date by Dr. Coleman and David Williamson. Fragment.
6. Aug/Sep 1853 Bill totaling \$25.50 from B. J. Davies to Major. William Haynes for dental work carried out on the slave Julia. Twelve visits were made. Payment confirmed by B. J. Davies. 1 p.

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Letter dated 21st August 1856

Letter from Janet Smith to Andrew Damron asking him to pay Jacob Grose \$18 for a saddle and bridle that her nephew William Scott received off Mr. Grose. Alleghany. 1 p.

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Annual account for slave hire, bills and invoices dated 1854-1855

1. 01/05/1855 Annual account for slaves hired from the estate of Henry Smith by Andrew Damron. Total aggregate hire for the year less expenses was \$402.24 with Jannet Smith and Andrew Williamson to receive \$201.12 each. After personal expenses, Jannet Smith was in a deficit of 22cents while Andrew Williamson was to receive \$3.87. Janet Smith's signature was attested by William Scott and Andrew Williamson's by David Williamson. 4 pp.
2. 20/06/1854 Note stating that the hire in 1854 for Isaac will be \$100 and for Dick \$55. Paid for Jannet Smith on said date. 1 p.
3. 01/05/1854 Bill totaling \$8.62 from Robert Skeen, Clifton Forge, to Mrs. Smith for blacksmith work carried out from Dec 1851 to Feb 1854. Mrs Smith asks Andrew Damron to settle said bill. 1 p.
4. 19/12/1854 Receipt signed by Jennet Smith confirming payment of \$33 by John H Hansbarger for hire of Esther in 1854. 1 p.
5. 1853 Receipt for taxes paid to the Sheriff of Allegany County for 1853. Total paid \$12.75. Signed by Jennet Smith and received by James M. Montague. Fragment.
6. 01/03/1855 Bill totaling \$10.75 from Jacob Grose to Jennet Smith for work in 1854 and 1855, including repairing a wagon saddle and purchase of two blind bridles. Confirmed as paid by Andrew Damron on said date by Jacob Grose. 1 p.
7. 21/05/1855 Receipt for \$100 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron for negro hire for 1854. Money to be given to Jennet Smith. Signed by David Williamson. 1 p.
8. 1854 Receipt for taxes paid to the Sheriff of Allegany County for 1854. Total paid \$12.22. Signed by James M. Montague. Fragment.

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Notes and receipts dated 1854-1855

1. 1854 Note of payment for D. Williamson[?]. 1 p.
2. 16/04/1855 Receipt for \$20 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron to be applied to payment of Negro Hire for 1854. Signed by David Williamson. 1 p.
3. 21/05/1855 Receipt for \$25 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron to be handed to Andrew Williamson for Negro Hire for 1854. Signed by David Williamson. 1 p.

MS 54/1/8 Bills and invoices dated 1854-1855

1. 09/01/1855 Bill for \$1.50 from J. W. Wyatt to Andrew Damron for a pair of shoes for the girl Julia. Confirmed as paid by J. W. Wyatt. Fragment.
2. 1854 Bill totaling \$12.50 to Maj. W. Haynes from Drs. Davies and Coleman for visits to and medicine for Julia in February and July of 1854. Bill confirmed as paid by B. J. Davies. 1 p.
3. 1854 Bill totaling \$10.25 from Drs. Hammond and McDonald to T. McAllister for services in 1854, including a bottle of cherry pictorial. Bill sent to Andrew Damron. 1 p.
4. 1854 Bill totaling \$8 to T. McAllister from Drs. Hammond and McDonald for visits to and medicine given to Isaac in 1854. Payment is confirmed by Dr. G. McDonald. 1 p.

MS 54/1/9 Bills, notes and receipts dated 1853-1855

1. 1854 Top note for all expenses regarding slave hire in 1854 including T. McAllister's medical account. 1 p.
2. 08/05/1855 Bill totaling \$2.38 to Jennett Smith from W. M Scott & Son for red flannell received in April 1854 and March 1855. Bill confirmed as paid by R. C Hickok. 1 p.
3. Feb/Mar 1854 Bill totaling \$6.50 from Dr. Coleman and Dr. Davies to Andrew Damron for prescription and medicine for his servant. 1 p.
4. 1853 Receipt for land tax of \$6.07 paid to Alleghany Sheriff for 1853. Received by James M. Montague. Fragment.
5. 1854 Receipt for land tax of \$6.07 paid to Alleghany Sheriff for 1854. Received by James M. Montague. Fragment.
6. 1854 Receipt for \$1.50 paid by Jennet Smith, Andrew Williamson and David Williamson for two transfers of land from Joseph Damron. Received by Thomas Pleasants[?]. Fragment.
7. 08/01/1855 Bill for \$1.50 to John W. Wyatt for one pair of shoes for Smith's negro woman. 1 p.

MS 54/1/10 Bills, notes and receipts dated 1855-1856

1. 1855 Top note for all Mrs. Smith's receipts for negro hire for 1855. Fragment.
2. 28/04/1856 Bill for \$8 from Jacob Grose to Mrs. Smith for one britchen sold in Dec 1855. Noted as paid by Andrew Damron on said date by Jacob Grose. 1 p.
3. 17/06/1856 Receipt for \$50 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron to be paid to Jennet Smith in part payment for Negro Hire for 1855. Signed by David Williamson. 1 p.
4. 20/02/1856 Receipt for \$50 paid to Jennet Smith by Andrew Damron on account of negro hire for 1855. Signed by Jennet Smith and attested by A. J. Hogshiva[?]. Fragment.

MS 54/1/11 Bills, notes and receipts dated 1855-1856

1. 1855 Top note for all receipts relating to A. Williamson's slave hire during 1855. Mathematical workings shown on back. 1 p.
2. 26/12/1855 Bill for \$20 from Jacob Grose to David Williamson for one side saddle sold to him on 5th March 1855. Noted as being paid by Andrew Damron on said date by Jacob Grose. 1 p.
3. 17/06/1856 Receipt for \$24 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron for part payment of negro hire for the year 1855. The money is due to Andrew Williamson. Signed David Williamson. 1 p.
4. 28/04/1856 Bill for \$8 from Jacob Grose to David Williamson for one set of britchbans sold to him on 14th Jan 1856. Noted as being paid by Andrew Damron on said date by Jacob Grose. 1 p.
5. 01/02/1856 Receipt for \$146.13 paid to Andrew Williamson by Andrew Damron in part payment for negro hire for 1855. Signed for Andrew Williamson by David Williamson. 1 p.
6. 18/09/1856 Receipt for \$17.29 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron for negro hire for 1855. The money is due to Andrew Williamson. Signed by David Williamson. 1 p.
7. 18/08/1856 Receipt for \$60 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron to be applied to the payment for the hire of slaves for 1855. Signed by David Williamson. 1 p.

MS 54/1/12 Annual account for slave hire dated 1855

Annual account for slaves hired from the estate of Henry Smith by Andrew Damron. Total aggregate hire for the year less expenses was \$676.85 with Jannet Smith and Andrew Williamson to receive \$338.42 each. After personal expenses, Jannet Smith was in a deficit of \$2.08 while Andrew Williamson was to receive \$17.29. Janet Smith's signature was attested by William Scott while Andrew Williamson signed alone. 4 pp.

MS 54/1/13 Note of payments dated 1855

Top note for payments made by Mrs Smith in 1855. Note of a medical account for Charlotte worth \$5. 1 p.

MS 54/2 Documents dated 1856-1859

6 Bundles (plus some loose pages) of financial and legal documents relating to slave hire. Most marked Jennet (or Jenet) Smith and/or Andrew Williamson.

MS 54/2/1 Letter dated 2nd January 1858

Letter from Janet Smith to Andrew Damron enquiring about the placing of the slaves Esther, Julia, Bob, Dick and Jack for the coming year. She informs him that a Mr Surber wishes to give \$50 for Bob and would perhaps be prepared to offer \$110 for both Jack and Dick. She wishes him to come and see her to settle the matter. Covington. 1 p.

MS 54/2/2 Annual account for slave hire dated 1856

Annual account for slaves hired from the estate of Henry Smith by Andrew Damron. Total aggregate hire for the year less expenses was \$689.22 with Jannet Smith and Andrew Williamson to receive \$344.61 each. After personal expenses, Jannet Smith was in a deficit of \$10.29 while Andrew Williamson was in a deficit of \$8.28. Janet Smith's signature was attested by William Scott while Andrew Williamson signed alone. 4 pp.

MS 54/2/3 Bills, notes and receipts dated 1856-1857

1. 1856 Top note for all receipts relating to work with Mrs Smith in 1856. 1 p.
2. 16/02/1857 Receipt for \$30 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron for part payment of negro hire for the year 1856. The money is due to Janet Smith. Signed by David Williamson. 1 p.
3. 17/01/1857 Bill for \$16.20 from S. Hansbarger to Mrs. Jan Smith dated 10th February 1856. Noted as being paid by David Williamson on said date by S. Hansbarger. 1 p.
4. 17/04/1857 Bill for \$17.67 from John L. Pitzer to Mrs. Henry Smith for meat sold to her in the period from October 1855 to April 1856. Noted as being paid by Andrew Damron on said date by John L. Pitzer. 1 p.
5. 02/01/1857 Receipt for \$52.08 paid to Janet Smith by Andrew Damron on account of negro hire for the year 1856. Signed by Janet Smith. 1 p.
6. 16/03/1857 Receipt for \$20 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron for negro hire for the year 1856. The money is due to Janet Smith. Signed by David Williamson. 1 p.

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Bills, notes and receipts dated 1855-1857

1. 1856 Top note for all receipts relating to work with A. Williamson in 1856. 1 p.
2. 16/03/1857 Receipt for \$50 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron for part payment of negro hire for the year 1856. The money is due to Andrew Williamson. Signed by David Williamson. 1 p.
3. 1856 Receipt for land tax of \$10.12 paid for 1856 to Alleghany Sheriff. Received by James M. Montague. Fragment.
4. 1855 Receipt for land tax of \$6.07 paid for 1855 to Alleghany Sheriff. Received by James M. Montague. 1 p.
5. 16/07/1856 Bill for \$16.50 from J. W. Wyatt to David Williamson for 55 pounds of wool. Mr. Wyatt asks Mr. Williamson to pay the amount to A. Damron. 1 p.
6. 06/06/1857 Receipt for \$20 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron for negro hire for the year 1856. The money is due to Andrew Williamson. Signed by David Williamson. 1 p.
7. Sept 1856 Bill for \$3 from the Clerk of Alleghany County to Jennet Smith, Andrew and David Williamson. Signed by Andrew Fudge. 1 p.
8. 16/02/1857 Receipt for \$83.80 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron for negro hire for the year 1856. The money is due to Andrew Williamson. It includes \$33.80 paid by S. Hansbarger. Signed by David Williamson. 1 p.

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Bills, notes and receipts dated 1856-1858

Bill dated 5th May 1856 for \$2.87 from W. M. Scott to the estate of Henry Smith for footwear sold for the slaves Sue and Isaac. Noted as being paid by Andrew Damron on said date by W. M. Scott. 1 p.

1. 1857 Rough draft of the annual account for slaves hired for the estate of Henry Smith by Andrew Damron. The draft does not have the breakdown of how the slaves were distributed and is not signed. 1 p.
2. 06/05/1858 Receipt for \$100 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron on account of negro hire for

- the year 1857. The money is due to Andrew Williamson. Signed by David Williamson. 1 p.
3. 21/06/1858 Receipt for \$10 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron on account of negro hire for the year 1857. The money is due to Andrew Williamson. Signed by David Williamson. 1 p.
 4. 12/04/1858 Receipt for \$5 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron on account of negro hire for the year 1857. The money is due to Andrew Williamson. Signed by David Williamson. 1 p.
 5. 15/02/1858 Receipt for \$50 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron for negro hire for the year 1857. The money is due to Andrew Williamson. Signed by David Williamson. 1 p.
 6. 15/03/1858 Receipt for \$30 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron for negro hire for the year 1857. The money is due to Andrew Williamson. Signed by David Williamson. 1 p.
 7. 17/09/1858 Bill for \$17.50 from J. Grose to David Williamson for boot saddles. Noted as being paid by Andrew Damron on said date by W. M. Scott. Fragment.
 8. 17/09/1858 Receipt for \$9.17 paid to W. M. Scott by Andrew Damron for the account of David Williamson due on 22nd December 1857. Signed by W. M. Scott. 1 p.
 9. 06/01/1858 Receipt for \$40 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron for negro hire for the year 1857. Signed by David Williamson. Fragment.
 10. Mar-Apr 1857 Bill for \$16.50 from H. M. Mafsic to Jenet Smith for items sold including a pair of shoes for Jake. Noted as being paid by H. M. Mafsic. 1 p.
 11. 22/12/1857 Receipt for \$20 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron for negro hire for the year 1857. Signed by David Williamson. Fragment.
 12. 21/06/1858 Receipt for \$40 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron for negro hire for the year 1857. The money is due to Janet Smith. Signed by David Williamson. Fragment.
 13. 1857 Receipt for land tax of \$15.30 paid for 1857 to Alleghany Sheriff. Received by John D. Sadler. 1 p.
 14. 1857 Top note for all the expenses to be deducted from slave hire of 1857. 1 p.
 15. 20/08/1858 Bill for \$5 from William Shumaker, constable of Alleghany County to Mrs Smith for incidents including the arresting and whipping of four slaves. Noted as being paid by Andrew Damron on 20th September 1858 by William Shumaker. 1 p.
 16. 01/09/1858 Bill for \$3 from W. M. Scott to estate of Henry Smith for red flannel for Isaac. Noted as being paid by Andrew Damron on said date by W. M. Scott. 1 p.
 17. 02/01/1858 Bill for \$2 from Dr. J. H. McPherson to the administrator of Henry Smith for medical services rendered to a female servant. Noted as paid by J. H. McPherson. Fragment.
 18. 02/01/1858 Bill for \$1 from Dr. Surber and Dr. Bymatey to Andrew Damron for visit and medicine to Charlotte in August 1857. Noted as being paid on said date by S. Dickson. 1 p.

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Annual account for slave hire, bills, letters and receipts dated 1856-1857

Bill for \$18.50 from Jacob Grose to Mrs. Jennet Smith for saddle, bridle and martingale for William Scott. Noted as being paid by Andrew Damron on 24th August 1856 by Jacob Grose. 1 p.

1. 1857 Full annual account for slaves hired from the estate of Henry Smith by Andrew Damron. Total aggregate hire for the year less expenses was \$777.42 with Jannet Smith and Andrew Williamson to receive \$388.71 each. After personal expenses, Jannet Smith was to receive \$12.77 while Andrew Williamson was to receive \$13.45. Janet Smith's signature was attested by William Scott while Andrew Williamson signed alone. 4 pp.
2. 26/12/1857 Letter from Lewis Payne[?] to Mrs. Smith telling her that Levi Surber wishes to hire two hands off her for the following year and that he will do security for him. Fragment.
3. 1855-1857 Inventory of slaves hired by Mrs. Smith and A. Williamson for the years 1855, 1856 and 1857. It includes Mrs. Smith hiring Frank, Magdalin and Malinda for a total of \$160 in 1856. 1 p.

MS 54/2/7

Annual account for slave hire, bills, letters, and receipts dated 1858-1859

1. 1858 Annual account for slaves hired from the estate of Henry Smith by Andrew Damron. Total aggregate hire for the year, less expenses was \$717.22 with Jannet Smith and Andrew Williamson to receive \$358.61 each. After personal expenses, Jannet Smith was to receive \$36.81 while Andrew Williamson was to receive \$14.51. Janet Smith's signature was attested by William Scott while Andrew Williamson signed alone. 4 pp.
2. 1858 Inventory of slaves hired and who hired them in 1858. The total earned was \$715. 1 p.
3. 17/07/1859 Receipt for \$50 paid to Janet Smith by Andrew Damron on account of negro hire for the year 1858. Signed by Janet Smith and witnessed by William Scott. 1 p.
4. 12/11/1859 Receipt for \$34 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron for negro hire. The money is due to Andrew Williamson. Signed by David Williamson. 1 p.
5. 25/03/1859 Receipt for \$20 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron for negro hire for the year 1858. The money is due to Andrew Williamson. Signed by David Williamson. 1 p.
6. 14/09/1859 Receipt for \$30 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron for negro hire for the year 1858. The money is due to Andrew Williamson. Signed by David Williamson. 1 p.
7. 21/11/1859 Receipt for \$50 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron on account of negro hire for the year 1858. The money is due to Jannet Smith. Signed by David Williamson. 1 p.
8. 01/01/1858 Letter from Levi Surber to Andrew Damron asking to hire Jacob and Dick for the present year. He offers to pay \$200 for both or \$100 for either but will go a little higher if someone offers more. 1 p.
9. 04/06/1859 Receipt for \$25 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron on account of negro hire for the year 1858. The money is due to Andrew Williamson. Signed by David Williamson. 1 p.
10. 21/06/1859 Receipt for \$10 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron on account of negro hire for the year 1858. The money is due to Andrew Williamson. Signed by David Williamson. 1 p.
11. 1858 Receipt for land tax of \$15.30 paid for 1858 to Alleghany Sheriff. Received by John D. Sadler. 1 p.

MS 54/3

Documents dated 1859-1864

5 Bundles (plus some loose pages) of financial and legal documents relating to slave hire. Most marked

Jennet (or Jenet) Smith and Andrew Williamson.

MS 54/3/1 Court notice dated 24th March 1859

Notice of a bond taken by J. and J. Paxton on behalf of Kent Paine in regards to the sum of \$632.18 owed by David Williamson and Daniel Circle. The bond was originally executed on the 3rd January 1859 and they were given until 21st February 1859 to pay the debt. It was noted on the reverse that the bond was executed on 25th March 1859 by serving a copy to Mr. Williamson and Mr. Circle by J. Carpenter on behalf of J. D. Sadler. 1 p.

MS 54/3/2 Letter dated 1st January 1859

Letter to Andrew Damron from H. M. Mafsic informing him that he is unable to pay for slave hire at the present time, but that he will endeavor to get him the money as soon as possible. Alleghany County. Signed by H. M. Mafsic. 1 p.

MS 54/3/3 Court notice dated 3rd January 1859

Court document from the Circuit Court of Alleghany County noting that David Williamson and Daniel Circle have been sued for the sum of \$632.58. They have been sued by John and James Paxton for the benefit of Kent Paine. They have been given until 21st February 1859 to pay the said amount. Signed by David Williamson and Daniel Circle in the presence of James M. Montague on behalf of John D. Sadler. On reverse, there is a note of \$100 given by A. J. Richards to W. Alexander on 9th March 1859 and an order from D. Circle to W. Skeen for \$221.30 on 29th March 1859. 1 p.

MS 54/3/4 **Bills, legal notices, letters, receipts and statements dated 1859-1860**

1. 1859 Full annual account for slaves hired from the estate of Henry Smith by Andrew Damron. Total aggregate hire for the year less expenses was \$832.02 with Jannet Smith and Andrew Williamson to receive \$416.01 each. After personal expenses, Jannet Smith was to receive \$41.47 while Andrew Williamson was to receive \$12.62. Janet Smith's signature was attested by William Scott while Andrew Williamson signed alone. 4 pp.
2. 04/02/1860 Receipt for \$75 paid to Janet Smith by Andrew Damron on account of negro hire for the year 1859. The amount was split into \$55 in cash and \$20 claim on M. Raines for hire of Esther for 1859. Signed by Janet Smith and witnessed by William Scott. 1 p.
3. 16/07/1860 Receipt for \$50 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron on account of negro hire for the year 1859. The money is due to Mrs. Smith. Signed by David Williamson. 1 p.
4. 19/11/1860 Receipt for \$12.62 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron on account of negro hire for the year 1859. The money is due to Andrew Williamson. Signed by David Williamson. Fragment.
5. 19/12/1859 Receipt for \$10 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron in part payment for negro hire in 1859. Signed by David Williamson. 1 p.
6. 29/03/1859 Note from Daniel Circle to William Skeen asking him to pay Andrew Damron \$221.30. Signed by Daniel Circle. On reverse, there is a note of \$222.03 paid to J. D. Sadler on 23rd May 1859 for account of Kent Paine. David Williamson gave the order to pay a debt in favor of J. and J. Paxton. When the negro hire for 1859 became due, this amount was to be charged to D. Williamson. 1 p.
7. 16/04/1860 Receipt for \$80 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron on account of negro hire for

the year 1859. The money is due to Andrew Williamson. Signed by David Williamson. 1 p.

8. 08/08/1860 Bill for \$10 from Dr. Clarissa H. Karney to the estate of Henry Smith for six visits to the slaves Julia and Esther during 1859 and 1860. Noted as being paid by Andrew Damron on said date by Clarissa H. Karney. 1 p.
9. 24/12/1859 Receipt for \$1.80 for 6 yards of red flannel bought for the slave Isaac. Paid by Andrew Damron to James Burk. Covington. 1 p.
10. 08/10/1858 Original court notice levied to David Williamson for the debt of \$264.84. It was stated that the case was taken by John and James Paxton on behalf of Kent Paine. He was given until the first Monday in January 1859 to pay the debt plus costs of \$7.25. Notice signed by D. Holloway and attested by Andrew Fudge. On reverse, there is workings of how the total bill would eventually reach \$632.18 and a note by James M. Montague stating that the bond taken with Daniel Circle was forfeited on 21st February 1859. 1 p.
11. 05/04/1860 Receipt for \$5 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron on account of negro hire for the year 1859. The money is due to Andrew Williamson. Signed by David Williamson. 1 p.
12. 09/08/1860 Bill for \$5 from Dr. Catherine Hinton to the estate of Henry Smith for visit to the slave Esther on 13th February 1860. Noted as being paid by Andrew Damron on said date by Clarissa H. Karney. Fragment.
13. 19/11/1860 Receipt for \$50 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron on account of negro hire for the year 1859. The money is due to Janet Smith. Signed by David Williamson. Fragment.
14. 1859 Inventory of slaves hired and who hired them for the year 1859. The total earned came to \$855. 1 p.

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Annual account for slave hire, bills, notes and receipts dated 1860-1861

1. 1860 Annual account for slaves hired from the estate of Henry Smith by Andrew Damron. Total aggregate hire for the year less expenses was \$767.52 with Jannet Smith and Andrew Williamson to receive \$201.12 each. After personal expenses, Jannet Smith was to receive \$44.50 while Andrew Williamson was to receive \$77.36. Janet Smith's signature was witnessed by William Scott while Andrew Williamson signed alone. 2 pp.
2. 1860 Top note belonging to Andrew Damron for all documents relating to Jennet Smith and Andrew Williamson for the year 1860. 1 p.
3. 1860 Receipt for land tax of \$15.30 paid for 1860 to Alleghany Sheriff. Payment received by John J. Stack. 1 p.
4. 12/01/1860 Bill totaling \$7.50 from O. J. Rogers to the executor of Henry Smith(deceased) for five visits to Charlotte in 1860. Noted as being paid by A. Damron on said date by O. J. Rogers. 1 p.
5. 02/02/1860 Note from Sebastian Hansbarger to Andrew Damron binding him to pay \$120 before 25th December 1860 for the hire of Jake. He promises to cloth said boy in good clothes throughout the year and to return him in good winter garments. Signed by Sebastian Hansbarger. 1 p.
6. 12/11/1861 Bill for \$14.75 from John L. Pitzer to David Williamson for sole leather. Noted as being paid in full by Andrew Damron by John L. Pitzer. 1 p.

7. 07/01/1861 Note from David Williamson to Andrew Damron asking him to pay O. J. Rogers \$100 as part of the negro hire for 1860. Signed by David Williamson. On reverse O. J. Rogers acknowledges this as being paid on 12th January 1861. 1 p.
8. 05/01/1861 Bill for \$18.50 to William Damron for three visits to Isaac during 1860 and shoes for Dick and Bob. Noted as being paid by Andrew Damron on said date by William Damron. Fragment.
9. 21/01/1861 Receipt for \$50 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron on account of negro hire for the year 1860. The money is due to Andrew Williamson. Signed by David Williamson. 1 p.
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11. 1861 Bill for \$3.60 from W. M. Scott to the estate of Henry Smith for flannel sold on 2nd September 1858 and 8th February 1861. Noted as being paid in full by Andrew Damron. Fragment.
12. 18/05/1861 Receipt for \$10 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron on account of negro hire for the year 1860. The money is due to Andrew Williamson. Signed by David Williamson. 1 p.

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Annual account for slave hire, bills, notes and receipts dated 1861-1862

1. 1861 Annual account for slaves hired from the estate of Henry Smith by Andrew Damron. Total aggregate hire for the year less expenses was \$777.29 with Jannet Smith and Andrew Williamson to receive \$388.64 ½ each. After personal expenses, Jannet Smith was to receive \$21.67 while Andrew Williamson was to receive \$152.83. Janet Smith's signature was witnessed by William Scott while Andrew Williamson signed alone. 4 pp.
2. 01/01/1861 Note from Sebastian Hansbarger to Andrew Damron binding him to pay \$120 before 25th December 1861 for the hire of Jake. He promises to cloth said boy in good clothes throughout the year and to return him in good winter garments. 1 p.
3. Feb-Apr 1861 Bill totaling \$14.00 from Dr. Rucker and Dr. McDonald to William Damron for visits and medicine administered to Isaac from February to April 1861. Noted as being paid in full by Andrew Damron by William Rucker. 1 p.
4. 18/08/1862 Receipt for \$50 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron on account of negro hire for the year 1861. The money is due to Andrew Williamson. Signed by David Williamson. Fragment.
5. 29/03/1862 Receipt for \$10 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron on account of negro hire. The money is due to Andrew Williamson. Signed by David Williamson. 1 p.
6. 17/02/1862 Receipt for \$100 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron on account of negro hire. The money is due to Andrew Williamson. Signed by David Williamson. 1 p.
7. 10/03/1862 Bill for \$1.13 from J. Burk to A. Damron for three yards of cotton flannel. Acknowledged as being paid by J. Burk. Fragment.
8. 17/02/1862 Receipt for \$50 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron on account of negro hire due to Mrs. Smith. 1 p.

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Notes and receipts regarding slave hire dated 1862-1863

1. 09/01/1862 Note from J. C. Kincaid and A. G. Mann to A. Damron binding them to pay \$110 for the hire of the slave Ben until 25th December 1862. They are expected to clothe him and hand him

back with good winter clothes. They note here that the possibility of invasion by the Federal Army means that slaves may have to be given up and handed back to Mr. Damron early. 1 p.

2. 1861-1862 Inventory of slaves hired and who hired them for the years 1861 and 1862. The total earned was \$805 in 1861 and \$680 in 1862. 1 p.
3. 18/03/1863 Receipt for \$140 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron on account of negro hire for the year 1862. The money is due to Janet Smith. Signed by David Williamson. 1 p.

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Annual account for slave hire, bills, letters and receipts dated 1863-1866

1. 1863-1864 Inventory of slaves hired and who hired them for the years 1863 and 1864. The total received was \$965 in 1863 and \$2350 in 1864. 1 p.
2. 18/01/1864 Receipt for \$200 paid to Janet Smith by Andrew Damron on account of negro hire. Signed by Janet Smith and attested by William Scott. 1 p.
3. 1863 Bill totaling \$136.14 to Mrs. Jeanetta Smith for taxes, including property tax and tithes. Payment received by R. C. Noel. 1 p.
4. 18/01/1864 Receipt for \$100 paid to David Williamson by Andrew Damron on account of negro hire. The money is due to Andrew Williamson. Signed by David Williamson. 1 p.
5. 21/01/1864 Receipt written by James Bradley stating that he received \$31.50 from William Scott. Signed by James Bradley. 1 p.
6. 18/03/1863 Bill originally totaling \$11.75 from O. J. Rogers to David Williamson for visits and medicine to the slaves Jim and Julia in 1856. Due to interest, the bill increases to \$15.29. Noted on reverse as being paid in full by Andrew Damron on said date by David Williamson. 1p.
7. 28/03/1864 Receipt for tax totaling \$58.45 paid for 1863 by Andrew Damron to the State of Virginia. Received by James M. Montague. 1 p.
8. 1863 Bill totaling \$47.83 to the estate of Henry Smith for land tax for 1863. Payment received by R. C. Noel. 1 p.
9. 1865 Bill totaling \$7.65 to the estate of Henry Smith for land tax for 1865. Payment by Andrew Damron received by John R. Pharr and John B. Pitzer. 1 p.
10. 15/01/1865 Receipt for \$75 paid to Janet Smith by Andrew Damron. Signed by Janet Smith and witnessed by William Scott, Mile Creek. Fragment.
11. 23/12/1864 Receipt for tax totaling \$340 paid for 1864 by Andrew Damron to the State of Virginia. Received by James M. Montague. 1 p.
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13. 01/01/1864 Note from Caleb Griffith and A. G. Mann to Andrew Damron binding them to pay \$500 for the hire of the slave Dick until 25th December 1864. They are expected to clothe him and hand him back with good winter clothes. Signed by Caleb Griffith and A. G. Mann. 1 p.

MS 54/4 [Note regarding land dispute \[n.d\]](#)

Note to Mr. James D. Davidson requesting a record search to establish legal title to land at Rockbridge. 1 p.

MS 54/5 [Letter dated 6th January 1845](#)

Letter to Mr. Henry Smith from J. D. Davidson, Lexington. It regards a debt owed to Mr. Smith by the firm Furkin and Finsley. Mr. M. Miller has bought their land for \$339.85 and paid \$290 in cash. Mr. Davidson informs Mr. Smith that he is presently ready to give him \$280 in cash in part payment of the debt. 2 pp

MS 54/6 [Inventory of slaves dated 14th January 1852](#)

An inventory of slaves hired by Henry Smith's Executor, Andrew Damron, for the year 1852, including cost of hire and allocation. The total received for the year was £312.50. On reverse, Andrew Fudge notes that this inventory was sent to Alleghany County Court in order to be recorded. 1 p.

MS 54/7 [Will of Jennet Smith dated 30th September 1853](#)

Last Will and Testament of Jennet Smith, widow of Henry Smith of Alleghany County, Virginia. She bequeaths all her personal possessions to her nephew William Scott, including \$500 in cash and a negro boy named George. Signed by Jennet Smith and witnesses, James Ritchie and William Ritchie. 1 p.

MS 54/8 [Copy of Will of Jennet Smith dated 20th \[sic\] September 1853](#)

Copy of Last Will and Testament of Jennet Smith, widow of Henry Smith of Alleghany County, Virginia. Signed by Jennet Smith and countersigned as 'A True Copy Teste' by Joseph T. Fudge, Clerk. 1 p.

MS 54/9 [Agreement relating to slaves dated 1st January 1854](#)

'Agreement between Mrs. Smith and A. Williamson for keeping negroes 1854'. Agreement relates to the retention of 4 named slaves, one with children, from the estate of Henry Smith, deceased. Mrs. Smith was to keep Magdalin and Malinda while Mr. Williamson was to keep Charlotte and Bob. Signed by Jennet Smith and Andrew Williamson. 1 p.

MS 54/10 [Statement of account dated 1861](#)

Mrs. Jennet Smith in account with A. J. Simpson 1861. Account detailing work and materials and associated costs. Items include shoes, chains, nails, shovels and repairs. Invoice total \$19.39 ½. 1 p.

MS 54/11 [Note of inquiry \[1862?\]](#)

Note of inquiry by William Scott relating to settling outstanding business and interest payments from the period 1861- 62. It includes the board of the slave Esther and her family and an enquiry about the Douglas debt. 1 p.

MS 54/12 [Statement of account dated 1862](#)

Mrs. J. Smith's account with A. J. Simpson. Account detailing work and materials and associated costs from February to May 1862. Items include horse shoe nails, 'removes', lap links and steeling mattock. Invoice total \$4.88. 1 p.

MS 54/13 **Legal note dated May 1867**

A copy teste signed by Joseph T. Fudge, Clerk, and motioned by Charles L. Haynes, Administrator, appointing appraisers to report on the monetary value of the personal estate of Jennet Smith, deceased. 1 p.

MS 54/14 **Sale notice dated 8th May 1867 and sale bill dated 20th May 1867**

Notice relating to the sale of the personal property of Jennet Smith, deceased. Sale to be held on Wednesday 22nd May 1867 at Jennet Smith's residence. Goods to be sold listed including farm animals, implements and crops. Signed by Charles L. Haynes, Administrator of Jennet Smith's estate. 1 p.

Bill recording proceeds from sale of Jennet Smith's personal estate on 20th May 1867 as \$993.98. Signed by J. J. Hobbs. 1 p.

MS 54/15 **Legal note dated 14th May 1867**

Note signed by Joseph T. Fudge, Clerk, recording tax payments made by Charles L. Haynes relating to the Will of Jennet Smith, deceased. Mr. Haynes paid him \$1. 1 p.

MS 54/16 **Note relating to inventory dated 21st May 1867 and inventory of sundry items [n.d.]**

Note relating to an inventory of personal property and its appraised value compiled by the signatories relating to the estate of Henry Smith, deceased. 1 p.

Inventory of sundry household items, mainly kitchen utensils and bedding, and some tools. No values attributed. 1 p.

MS 54/17 **Account document dated 22nd May 1867**

Mrs. Jennet Smith, deceased, in account with Dr. J. F. Hughes. Account amounting to \$3.50 relating to medical expenses incurred on 4 December 1866, attested as just and correct by Dr. J. F. Hughes.

Signed by David Williamson. 1 p.

MS 54/18 **Legal document dated 1868 and 1870**

Document relating to monies owed by Mrs. Jennet Smith's estate to Mr. Thomas Sithington amounting to \$15.60 for 3 bags of wheat acquired in 1863 and attested by Mount Joy Luckett before John M. Armintrout, JP, on 10th October 1868. Document undersigned by Charles L. Haynes, Administrator of Jennet Smith's estate, agreeing to pay this amount, dated 6th October 1870. 1 p

MS 54/19 **Account document dated 26th 1868**

Mrs. J. Smith's account with Clarissa H. Karney dated 1862-63 relating to visits and medicine amounting to \$5.00, attested and signed by Asbury Matheny, JP.

Note penciled on reverse relating to visit to Sallie, Jennet Smith's servant. 1 p.

MS 54/20 **Legal document dated 3rd April 1868**

Document to Charles L. Haynes, Executor of Jennet Smith's Will, signed by Legatees of Henry Smith's estate, relating to a pending Alleghany Court decision regarding legal allocation of Smith estate assets. 1 p.

MS 54/21 **Note dated 13th November 1868**

Note from William Scott to C. L. Haynes, outlining agreement reached with [William] Simpson regarding monies

owed to Mr. Simpson by Jennet Smith's estate on 1st January 1862 and further updated on 13th November 1868 considering unfulfilled work relating to waggon adjustments. 1 p.

MS 54/22 **Account of slave bonds dated 10th April 1873**

Statement of account outlining amounts owed by John W. Wyatt to Andrew Damron relating to hire of slaves from 1855 to 1861 and interest accrued to 10th April 1867. Statement total \$508.20. 1 p.

MS 54/23 **Sale bill dated 2nd November 1877; sale bill [n.d.]**

Sale bill to C. L. Haynes for \$24.62, signed by William Scott. Fragment.

Sale bill to Dr. Hughes for amount of \$1.90. Fragment.

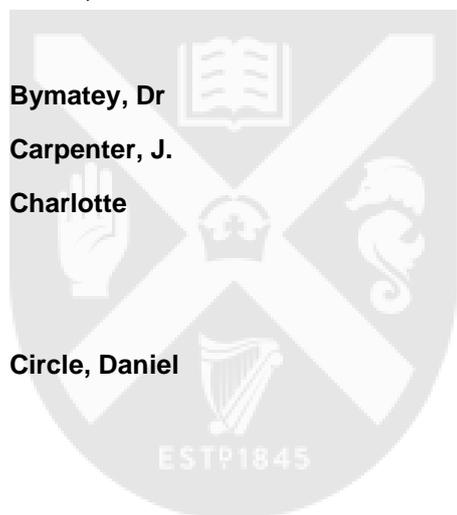


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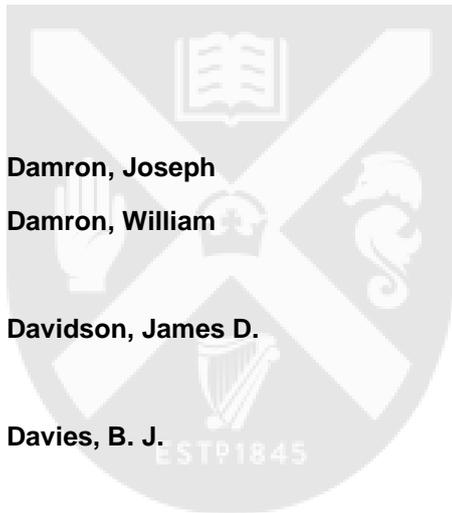
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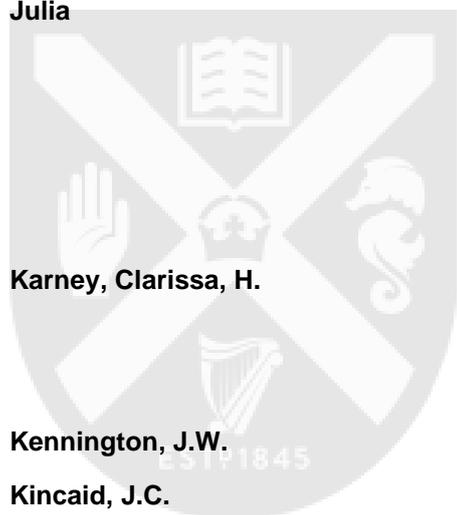
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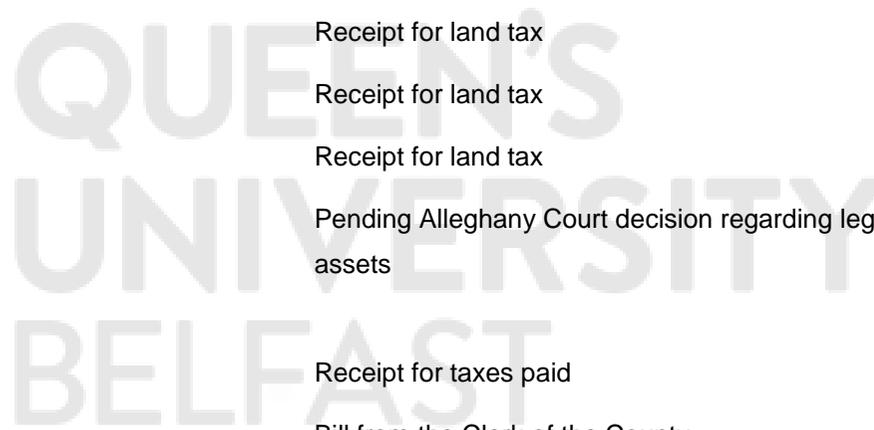


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