INTRODUCTION: This collection of letters and ledgers belonged to James Fugate Lawrence (1918-2006). Before his death he asked his son Richard Lawrence to follow through with his plans to donate the collection to Carson-Newman. Richard did so in July 2009. (See also biographical information on James Fugate Lawrence attached to accession sheet in notebook).

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 5 Boxes (331 pieces / 4 ledgers / 6 manuscripts)

HISTORICAL / BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH: The following is taken from The Lawrence Letters, a brief genealogy organized and transcribed by Sandra Cole and included with the collection. (See Box 1 Folder 1 for more information on the immediate and extended family).

“The Father: John Lawrence – John Lawrence, son of James and Mary Cate Lawrence, was born about 1790 in Wilkes Co., NC. His parents moved their young family to Jefferson County, TN. (Time unknown) John was a veteran of the War of 1812...A published source says John was at Tohopeka 27 March 1814. John died 17 December 1866 in Hamblen Co., TN.”

[John was a veteran of the War of 1812.
All of his sons served in the Confederate army.]

“The Mother: Amy McCollough, daughter of James and Elizabeth McCollough, was born about 1795 in Mocksville, NC.

John and Amy were married 4 June 1822 in Jefferson County, Tennessee. John was approximately 32 and Amy was about 28 years old.”

“The Children: Mary E. Lawrence was married 20 December 1847 in Jefferson Co., Tennessee to Dr. James L. Houston...Mary died December 1860.”

“James Lawrence was born 25 December 1827. He married 22 February 1822 Mary Catherine “Mollie” Fudge who was born 24 May 1845 in Hawkins Co., TN...James died, at age 76, 9 July 1903 in Grainger Co., Tennessee and was buried in Reids Chapel, Tennessee with his daughter Effie. Mollie died 11 February 1931 in Waynesville, NC.”

[James graduated from Strawberry Plains College. School papers are included. He went on to teach and farm.
His son, James C. F. Lawrence, attended Carson & Newman College during the 1904-05 school year but withdrew to take over the family farm in Grainger Co.]

“Amazon Lawrence was born about 1828 in Tennessee. She never married...Amazon lived with her brother James until her death, during her ‘60’s, sometime in the 1890’s.”
“George Washington Lawrence was born 4 March 1830 in Tennessee. He married on 1 December 1860 in Monroe Co., Tennessee Mary Ann “Cate” Walker, a (widow / divorcee)…”

“Alzira Lawrence was born June 1833. She never married. Alzira lived with her brother John for a time before his marriage in 1876. She died in 1902, at the age of 69.”

“John Lawrence was born September 23, 1834 in Jefferson Co., Tennessee. In 1876 he married Mary Callie Hale who was born July 1859 in Tennessee. Mary Callie died April/May 1926.”

“William Wallace Lawrence was born January 1837. He married, first, Elizabeth “Scott” Means who was born in Forsyth, Georgia. He married, second, in 1879 Alaqueen “Ella” Richardson who was born September 1853 in Georgia.”

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1832-2006

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTES: “John Lawrence (ca. 1790-1866) married Amy McCollough (ca. 1795 - ?) in 1822 in Jefferson Co., TN. They purchased and farmed land in Hamblen and Grainger counties, on both sides of the Holston River. The family’s homestead was a Panther Springs. John and Amy had seven children and most of my father’s collection consists of letters between these family members from the 1840’s to the 1870’s. Also included are several farm ledger books from the last quarter of the 19th century and first quarter of the 20th century, detailing financial transactions on the farm (e.g. hiring labor, purchases, etc.).”

[From Richard Lawrence email 6/3/09]

SERIES DESCRIPTION:

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Correspondence
Ledgers
Manuscripts
Photographs
Transcripts

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