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**RAMAGE, JOHN STEWART**  
**(1835-1918)**  
**PAPERS**  
**1808-1933**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The John Stewart Ramage Papers, 1808-1933, deal with the life of John Stewart Ramage (1835-1918). Ramage, a Saltville, Virginia native, moved to Nashville, Tennessee and entered his father's shoe business after finishing school. The John Stewart Papers were given to the Manuscript Division of the Tennessee State Library and Archives by Mrs. Merrill Moore.

The materials in this collection measure .42 linear feet.

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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The John Stewart Ramage Papers, containing approximately 300 items, span the period 1808-1933. Included in the collection are correspondence, legal documents (wills, deeds, bills of sale), receipts from stock companies, stock certificates, and the naturalization papers of John Stewart Ramage in 1855. The legal documents include a case concerning land in the Mero district with participants William T. Lewis and Stockley Donelson in the year 1808.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

### **John Ramage, Jr.**

- 1830      August 27 – Born in Saltville, Virginia to William and Sarah (Powell) Pepper
- After finishing school, he entered his father's shoe store as a partner and continued in the shoe business for more than a half century
- 1870      May 11 – Married Miss Jane Adams of Nashville, Tennessee, and had two daughters, Mary and Jean Ramage
- 1918      Died Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> at 428 Sixth Avenue in Nashville, Tennessee  
            Buried Oct. 22 in Mt. Olivet Cemetery

## CONTAINER LIST

### **Box 1**

1. Booklet – Haulah Mining Company, March 30, 1850
2. Correspondence – to John Ramage re: stocks, 1850-1909
3. Correspondence from Misses Jean & Mary Ramage, 1909
4. Debts of John Ramage to John Overton & F. W. Hunter, 1859, 1894
5. Legal documents – Case re: Land in Mero District – William T. Lewis, Stockley Donelson, 1808
- 5a. L. D. – Rent proposition – to John Ramage from Thomas S. Preston, March 10, 1839
6. L. D. – Alex. McCall's answer to court order, 1833
7. L. D. – Bequest of James King – November, 1839
8. L. D. – Compromise re: Saltworks, Dec. 1849  
David M. Hunter, Thomas Preston, William King
9. L. D. – Proposition to rent Saltworks by Wyndham Robertson, Sept. 1854
10. L. D. – Bill of sale by A. R. Claiborne to John Ramage, March 1856
11. L. D. – Bill of sale from W. Lovell to Thomas Hale, Feb. 1861
12. L. D. – Bill of complaint – Charles A. Bailey, Sept. 1871
13. L. D. – Receipt to John S. Ramage, Dec. 1874
14. L. D. – Bill of complaint of John Ramage, March 1889
15. L. D. – Distribution of James King's estate, 1889
16. L. D. – Deeds & bills of sale – of John Ramage, 1905-1916
17. L. D. – Will of David P. Adams, Jan. 1908
18. L. D. – Deeds, bills of sale – of John S. Ramage, 1919-1933
19. List of John Ramage (?) of stocks
20. Naturalization paper of John Ramage, June 1855
21. Receipts from stock companies, 1855-1860
22. Stock certificates of John Ramage, 1888-1910
23. Wills of James and William King, 1806, 1809