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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 412 WARREN County, Kentucky Court Records – Civil War Indictments

1 box. 24 folders. 257 items. 1862-1866. Originals, typescripts.

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COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists of records of the Warren (County, Kentucky) Equity and Criminal Court or the Warren Circuit Court relating to the attempted prosecution of Confederate soldiers and sympathizers for acts of theft, property destruction, aid to the enemy, conspiracy or treason committed in Bowling Green, Kentucky during the Civil War. The records commonly contain an indictment and supporting documentation such as arrest warrants, summons to witnesses, and bail bonds. The defendants include local citizens, soldiers and officers of the Confederate Army, and members of the provisional Confederate government of Kentucky, a pro-secessionist group that convened in Russellville in November 1861, declared itself a government in opposition to the elected state government, and designated Bowling Green as its capital.

The folder information below summarizes each case by giving the names of the defendants and a brief description of the charge(s). No final dispositions of the cases appear in these records, although a few include pardons or reprieves. Some of the indictments have been typescripted. This collection also includes the record of an 1866 murder charge against a free man of color (Folder 23), and an incomplete record of an unspecified charge against a woman in 1864 (Folder 24).

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| Folder 9 | Commonwealth v. Simon Bolivar Buckner, W. J. Hardee, John T. Cox, Captain Noquid(?), Captain Steel, H. T. Arnold, William Newman, T. B. Wright, P. N. Loving, H. B. Elrod, Samuel J. Preston, William McDaniel, Elijah Smith, Phineas Hampton, Gideon McDaniel, Ben Covington and William Murray Unlawful conspiracy; setting up fortifications on behalf of the Confederates on the property of Larkin Baker | 1862-1863 | 15 items |
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| Folder 18 | <p>Commonwealth v. Lewis W. Potter, Joseph F. Bettersworth and William H. Jones</p> <p>Usurpation of office; pretending to be and exercising the duties of Sheriff of Warren County and deputies; Lewis Potter pardoned</p> | 1862-1866 | 19 items |
| Folder 19 | <p>Commonwealth v. John C. Breckinridge, John H. Morgan, Simon B. Buckner, Thomas C. Hindman, William J. Hardee, Samuel K. Hays, Loyd Tighlman, John D. Pope, Wirt Adams, Thomas H. Hunt, Joseph H. Lewis, John Brown, R. W. Hanson, Charles F. Johnson, Thomas Clay, Jr., J. P. Nuckols, Charles B. Semple, Levi M. Tucker, John Patterson, B. M. Webb, D. W. Yandell, J. R. McKinney, John Young, Samuel W. Coombs, W. H. Hays, S. B. Crewdson, Frank Tryon, John LaRue, John M. Sharp, Thomas L. Burnam, James H. Burnam, Curtis P. Burnam, John W. Valentine, John H. Hines, Edward Hines, J. F. Hines, Chasteen Dunavan, Joseph Dunavan, H. C. Hines, Joseph Kahn, Jesse McCormick, Albert Dulaney, W. E. Barringer, William Browning, John T. Cox, Robert M. Cox, George Todd, Joseph Barclay, William L. Dulaney, Hiram Dulaney, M. Hardin Howsley, Charles L. Porter, James M. Cook, William Adams, Charles J. Vanmeter, William S. Vanmeter, John A. Robinson, Joseph S. Smith, Charles C. Smith, David S. Campbell, Jonathan Lawless, Samuel D. Blackburn, W. K. Barre, Arthur Gardner, Patrick H. Gardner, Arch Howard, Thomas J. Buckner, Henry Magruder, Charles Starr, Thomas D. Biggs, Richard Sublett, William B. Roberts, James Thomas, Robert Thomas, P. Crow, Tubal McDaniel, Curtis May, Thomas Robinson, Vivian Crosthwaite, Milton Taylor, Rufus Jones, Burrell Jackson, John W. Browning, Lafayette Walters, William L. Dulaney, Farmer Dulaney, Frances G. Patterson, Lewis W. Potter, James E. Norris, John Kerr, L. C. Kirby, A. C. Wright, James Porter, C. A. Everhart, Ira Gladish, Charles M. Beckwith, Burch Musselman, John A. Hughes, John J. Hilburn, W. R. McQuown, Thomas H. Hines, John D. Clark, Wetherford Rasdale, Lorenzo Rasdale, John Stockdale, Ben Andrews, A. Kuykendall, John M. Porter, Frank Porter, Sr.,</p> | 1862-1866 | 41 items |

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| Folder 22 | Commonwealth v. John McMahan | 1865 | 3 items |
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| Folder 23 | Commonwealth v. George Sheridan, a free man of color | 1866 | 9 items |
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| Folder 24 | Commonwealth v. Lucretia Potter et al. | 1864 | 3 items |
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