

Willie Blount Papers
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Finding Aid

No Date

Jackson, Andrew. Major General of the Military District. Nashville. To Major John Hutchins. Re: Hutchins assignment to secure and store incoming supplies. AL 2 pp.

1801
May 15

Dearborn, Henry. Secretary of War. Washington. To R. J. Meigs. Re: Discusses treatment of local Indians, and trading to take place. ALS 5 pp.

1801
June 5

Glass. Cherokee chief. Tellico Blockhouse. To the agent for the Cherokee Nation. Request to see and speak to the United States President. AD 1 p. Transcription available.

1801
June 30

Sevier, John. Knoxville. To Col. R. J. Meigs. Agent for the Department of War. Re: Boundary line of Cherokee lands. Transcription available. ALS 2 pp. From J. W. Maloney, 4-30-1930.

1802
August 26

Roane, Archibald. Knoxville. To Major Lovely. Re: Relaying information concerning the death of a local Indian. ALS 2 pp.

1802
Dec. 4

Major Lovely. Tellico. To Col. R. J. Meigs. ALS 1p. Re: Concerns a murder on the Pigeon River.

1803
June 3

[Frimble], James. Knoxville. To Col. R. J. Meigs. ALS 1 p. Re: Request for office space in Knoxville.

1807
July 11

Hoyl, Robert. Knoxville. To John Sevier. ALS 1 p. Re: Request for Sevier to inform Col. Meigs of a murder committed by an Indian against John Prigman, Hoyl's son-in-law. Copy.

1807
August 29

Meigs, [Josiah]. Athens. To Col. R. J. Meigs. Agent of War. Tennessee. ALS 2 pp. Refers to a battle where many Indians are killed.

1807
Oct. 8

Terrel, William H. To James Vann. ADS 1p. Receipt for goods. From J. W. Maloney, 4-30-1930.

1807
Dec. 18

Reid, George. Highwassee River Cherokee Nation. To Col. R. J. Meigs. War office. ALS 1 p. Re: Contacting Meigs about a call for wagons, and establishing and settling on some land.

1808
March 3

Crozier, John. Knoxville. To Col. R. J. Meigs. Agent of War. Highwassee Garrison. ALS 2 pp. Request for permission to establish a school.

1808
May 4

Jefferson, Thomas. Address to the Cherokees. AD 3 pp.

1808
July 14

Sevier, John. Knoxville. To Col. R. J. Meigs. Agent for the War department. Highwassee Garrison. ALS 1p. Re: Requests the surrender of James Vann for atrocities and murders.

1809
Oct 20

Blount, Willie. Knoxville. To Col. R. J. Meigs. Agent of the department of War. Highwassee. ALS 1p. Re: Discusses proposed treaty with the Cherokee. Transcription available. From J. M. Maloney, 4-30-1930.

1809
Nov. 20

Blount, Willie. Knoxville. To Col. R. J. Meigs. Agent of the department of War. Highwassee. ALS 1p. Re: Territory trade with the Cherokee. Transcription available. From J. M. Maloney, 4-30-1930.

1809
Dec. 8

Blount, Willie. Knoxville. To Col. R. J. Meigs. Agent of the department of War. ALS 1p. Re: Requests Col. Meigs to act as commissioner in the proposed exchange of territory with the Cherokee. Transcription available.

1810
Dec. 6

Blount, Willie. Knoxville. To Col. R. J. Meigs. Agent of the department of War. ALS 1p. Re: Discusses treaty to be held with the Cherokee.

1811
Jan. 2

Blount, Willie. Knoxville. To Col. R. J. Meigs. Agent of the department of War. Highwassee Garrison. ALS 1 p. Re: Permission granted to allow a turnpike to be built. Also lists the population of Knoxville and West Tennessee. Transcription available.

1811
Jan. 20

Blount, Willie. Knoxville. To Col. R. J. Meigs. Agent of the department of War. Highwassee Garrison. ALS 1 p. Re: Report on Cherokee behavior at a toll on the Georgia Road. Transcription available.

1811
April 12

Blount, Willie. Knoxville. To Col. R. J. Meigs. Agent of the Highwassee Garrison. ALS 2 pp. Re: Discussion of Cherokees in relation to land regulations. Copy.

1811
April 23

Blount, Willie. Knoxville. To Col. R. J. Meigs. Agent of the Highwassee Garrison. ALS 1p. Re: Discusses proposed treaty with the Cherokee. Transcription available.

1811
May 2

Blount, Willie. Knoxville. To Col. R. J. Meigs. Agent of the Highwassee Garrison. ALS
1 p. Re: Discusses proposed treaty with the Cherokee.

1811
May 20

Blount, Willie. Knoxville. To Col. R. J. Meigs. Agent of the Highwassee Garrison. ALS
2 pp. Discussion of issues with local Indians, including exchanges of land.

1811
Sept. 10

Blount, Willie. Knoxville. To Col. R. J. Meigs. Agent of the Highwassee Garrison. ALS
1 p. Includes letter from John Gordon. Re: Disagreeable occurrences with Indians. Copy.

1812
Jan. 9

Blount, Willie. Knoxville. To Col. R. J. Meigs. Agent of the Highwassee Garrison. ALS 1 p.
Discusses outlaws who flee and find shelter among Indian tribes.

1812
June 1

Blount, Willie. Knoxville. To Judge Locke. Rutlege (sic.), Grainger Co. ALS 1 p. Re: Acknowledgment of Judge Locke's request to participate as a leader for Tennessee's volunteers.

1812
June 14

Blount, Willie. Knoxville. To Col. Meigs. Agent of Highwassee, Rhea County. ALS. 1 p. Re: Neighbor's account of a supposed violent occurrence with nearby Indians. Transcription available.

1813
March 9

Blount, Willie. Knoxville. To Col. R. J. Meigs. Agent of the Highwassee Garrison. AL 1 p. Letter discussing issues of territory between Indians and Whites, possibly James White family. Signature illegible.

1813
Sept. 21

Blount, Willie. Nashville. To Brigadier General James White. Rendezvous at Highwassee Garrison. ALS 1 p. Re: James White's expected encounters with Indians. Copy. Transcription available.

1815
Sept. 28

Blount, Willie. Nashville. To Col. R. J. Meigs. United States Agent to the Cherokees. Rhea County, East Tennessee. ALS 1 p. Blount replies to Meig's request that Col. Anderson obtains an official appointment, as well as Meig's appointment as commissioner for a treaty with the Cherokee. Transcription available.

Folder of typed transcriptions of selected letters.

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Willie Blount, son of Jacob Blount and his second wife Hannah Salter Baker, was born on April 18, 1768, in Bertie County, North Carolina. Willie (pronounced Wiley) moved to the Tennessee area about 1790 to serve as the private secretary of his half-brother William Blount, who was governor of the Southwest Territory. In 1794 he received his license to practice law. After 1802 he moved from Knoxville to Montgomery County, Tennessee. He served one term in the Tennessee legislature and was elected governor of Tennessee in 1809. He was elected to additional terms in 1811 and 1813. Willie Blount was noted for his support of General Andrew Jackson's campaign against the Creek Indians. He died on September 10, 1835. (For additional information about Willie Blount, see *The French Broad-Holston Country* .

This collection ranges in date from 1801 to 1815. It includes thirty-one documents, with the Willie Blount correspondence starting in 1809 and ending in 1815. Correspondents include Andrew Jackson, Henry Dearborn, R. J. Meigs writing from the Highwassee (Hiwassee) Garrison, Cherokee Chief Glass writing from the Tellico Blockhouse, Archibald Roane, and John Sevier. Subjects include Native Americans, Cherokee Indians, treaties, trading, crimes, and land. Also included is an 1808 'Address to the Cherokees' by Thomas Jefferson.

An item by item, chronologically arranged finding aid was prepared for this collection. Typed transcriptions are available for ten of the documents. They are located in the final folder of the collection.

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