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A Guide to the Walker and Stanfield Families Papers, 1838-1941

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Walker and Stanfield Families
Title:	Walker and Stanfield Families Papers
Dates:	1838-1941
Creator Abstract:	Jacob Walker (1799-1836) and his family came to Texas from Louisiana around 1830 and settled in Nacogdoches. Following Walker's death at the Battle of the Alamo in 1836, his widow Sarah Ann Vauchere Walker (1811-1899) relocated to McLennan County, Texas, where ensuing generations continued to reside.
Content Abstract:	Correspondence, legal documents, financial documents, and miscellaneous personal records are part of the Walker and Stanfield Families Papers, documenting various family members over four generations.
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Extent:	0.2 linear feet (1 box)
Language:	Materials are in English.
Repository:	Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library, San Antonio, Texas

Biographical Note

Jacob Walker (1799-1836), a native of Tennessee, and his Mississippi-born wife Sarah Ann Vauchere (1811-1899) came to Texas about 1830 and were listed as residents of Austin's colony. Living in Nacogdoches at the outset of the Texas Revolution, Jacob Walker joined the Texan forces and participated in the Siege of Bexar in late 1835. Remaining in San Antonio following the siege and battle, Walker was part of the force defending the Alamo and died in the battle there on 1836 March 6.

Following the war, Sarah Walker and her children lived in Sabine County, Texas, before relocating to McLennan County about 1850. She had married a second time, reportedly to a cousin of her first husband, and was widowed again about the time of the move. The Walker family settled on the headright land granted to the heirs of Jacob Walker. His heirs also claimed land grants in Kaufman and Upshur Counties for Walker's military service. The McLennan County land later became the site of the community of Lacy-Lakeview.

Jacob and Sarah Walker's daughter Margaret E. Walker was among the children who settled in the area. She married Franklin Stanfield, and her son James E. Stanfield was involved in several property transactions in the area.

Scope and Content Note

Correspondence, legal documents, financial documents, and a few miscellaneous personal records are part of the Walker and Stanfield Families Papers, documenting various family members over four generations.

Organization of Collection

This collection is organized into four series.

Series 1: Correspondence

Series 2: Legal documents

Series 3: Financial records

Series 4: Personal papers

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

No restrictions. The collection is open for research.

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Index Terms

Personal Names

Walker family.
Stanfield family.
Walker, Jacob, 1799-1836.
Walker, Sarah Ann, 1811-1899.

Subjects

Real property--Texas--McLennan County.

Locations

McLennan County (Tex.)--History--Sources.

Genres/Formats

Family papers.
Correspondence.
Deeds.
Estate records.
Financial records.
Legal documents.
Photographs.

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Detailed Description of the Collection

Series 1: Correspondence

Letters in this series cover family and business matters and include items related to Sarah Walker's pension applications for her first husband's military service. Family letters include a letter notifying Sarah Walker of the death of her son, George A. Walker, who was killed in battle while serving in the Confederate Army in Hood's Texas Brigade, and three letters from Rebecca Walker Adams, Sarah Walker's youngest daughter.

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| 1 | 1 | George Anthony Walker, Milam, Texas, to unidentified recipient, 1855 August 10.
John Jackson, Milam, Texas, to possibly Sarah A. Walker, 1856 January 8.
George T. McMillan, Kidds Mills, Texas, to Sarah A. Walker, 1860 August 6.
George A. Walker to probably Sarah A. Walker [incomplete], circa 1863-1864.
M. A. Dunham, Richmond, Virginia, to Sarah A. Walker, 1864 October 20.
S. W. Ford, Austin, Texas, to Richard Stanfield, Waco, Texas, 1877 January 30.
Beca Adams, Stephenville, Texas, to Sarah A. Walker, Waco, Texas, 1879 April 18.
Stewart, Lowday and Habicht, Austin, Texas, to J. W. Walker, Waco, Texas, 1879 September 29.
Beca Adams, Stephenville, Texas, to Sarah A. Walker, Waco, Texas, 1879 December 21.
R. A. Adams, Stephenville, Texas, to Sarah A. Walker, Waco, Texas, [1880?] June 13. |
| | 2 | Stewart and Habicht, Austin, Texas, to possibly Sarah A. Walker, 1881 March 19.
G. W. Crowder, Bremond, Texas, to G. E. Stansfield, Waco, Texas, 1882 July 29.
J. R. Nelson, Denison, Texas, to Sarah A. Walker, Waco, Texas, 1882 July 29.
Stewart & Habicht, Austin, Texas, to Texas Veterans and their widows, circular letter, 1882 August 15.
Stewart & Habicht, Austin, Texas, circular letter [incomplete], possibly 1883.
Foster, Stewart and Habicht, Austin, Texas, to Sarah A. Walker, Waco, Texas, 1884 October 23.
Foster, Stewart and Habicht, Austin, Texas, to Sarah A. Walker, 1884 November 5. |

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- 1 2 W. H. Jenkins to Sarah A. Walker, undated.
W. M. Mosley to Mrs. Walker [incomplete], undated.
Farrar Newberry, Omaha, Nebraska, to H. Battaile, Elm Mott, Texas, 1941
June 27.
Note, undated.
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Series 2: Legal documents

Legal documents include several items related to the estate of Jacob Walker and of that of his mentally disabled son, John V. Walker. More extensive are documents recording land transactions in Nacogdoches, Kaufman, and McLennan Counties. Most of the later transactions are related to members of the Stanfield family. Other legal documents include an abstract of title, a slave sale record, powers of attorney, and several items connected with legal actions against the Walker family, usually over debt.

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- 1 Estate records, 1838-1867
- 3 Jacob Walker estate, 5 items, 1838-1848.
- 4 John V. Walker estate, 1 item, 1867.
- Land transactions, 1858-1941
- 5 Deed: Sarah Ann Walker to Margaret E. Walker, Nacogdoches County, Texas, 1858 September 14.
Deed: McLennan County, Texas, Assessor and Collector to William McKenall, 1861 September 2.
Deed: James H. Starr to Margaret Stanfield, McLennan County, Texas, 1870 June 4.
- 6 Deed: Evaline Burton to George Stanfield, McLennan County, Texas, 1879 March 24.
Deed of trust: George Simmons to Sarah A. Walker, Kaufman County, Texas, 1881 March 30.
Deed of trust: Joseph Bolfing and Dora Bolfing to W. R. Bright, McLennan County, Texas, 1892 January 9.
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Deed: Joseph Bolfing and Dora Bolfing to G. C. Barnett, McLennan County, Texas, 1893 July 8.
- 7 Deed: Sarah A. Walker to M. E. Stanfield, McLennan County, Texas, 1894 July 3.
Deed: Joseph Bolfing and Dora Bolfing to G.C. Barnett, McLennan County, Texas, 1895 March 23.

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- 1 Land transactions, 1858-1941 (continued)
- 7 Deed: G. C. Barnett and Lou Barnett to James E. Stanfield, McLennan County, Texas, 1895 March 23.
Deed of trust: J. E. Stanfield to F. Pottgen, McLennan County, Texas, 1897 January 5.
Deed: J. W. Walker and N. A. Patterson to M. E. Stanfield, McLennan County, Texas, 1895 December 7.
Deed: J. W. Walker and N. A. Patterson to M. E. Stanfield, McLennan County, Texas, 1895 December 7.
- 8 Release: L. L. Pottgen to J. E. Stanfield, McLennan County, Texas, 1900 February 18.
Quit claim deed: Fannie M. Stanfield to James E. Stanfield, McLennan County, Texas, 1915 August 23.
Deed: G. A. Stanfield, et al. to J. E. Stanfield, McLennan County, Texas, 1923 May 30.
Release: G. A. Stanfield and Grace Gill to J. E. Stanfield, McLennan County, Texas, 1926 June 5.
Quit claim deed: Fannie M. Stanfield to R. F. Stanfield, McLennan County, Texas, 1941 June 25.
- 9 Other property transactions, 1843-1920
Sale of headright certificate: W. Furgeson to H. Atkins, San Augustine County, Texas, 1844 December.
Gift of livestock: Nancy Hyer to Margaret E. Walker, San Augustine County, Texas, 1851 August 19.
Sale of slave: E. S. Powell to L. W. Hyers, Sabine Parish, Louisiana, 1843 May 19.
Right of way: Margaret E. Stanfield to Loan Star Gas Co., McLennan County, Texas [incomplete], 1920 January.
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- 10 Abstract of title: Morris Moore 1/4 league survey, McLennan County, Texas, 1895 March 7.
- 11 Power of attorney, circa 1840-1857
Sarah Walker to J. A. Greer [incomplete], circa 1840-1849.
Margaret E. Walker to Sarah A. Walker, 1857 June 2.
- 12 Legal actions, 1854-1913
Petition: Daniel Renfro vs. Sarah A. Walker and John Voshay, 1854 November 7.
Citation: Daniel Renfro vs. Sarah A. Walker and John Voshay, 1854 November 7.
Petition: H. C. Dunn vs. Sarah A. Walker, 1858 September.
Execution: R. M. Billingsley vs. Sarah A. Walker, et al., 1859 June 22.

- 1 Legal actions, 1854-1913 (continued)
- 12 Summons: Richard Waterhouse vs. Sarah A. Walker, 1860 March 13.
 Petition: A. M. Wright vs. Jesse Jones, et al., 1877.
 Release of lien: National Cotton Oil Co. vs. Bird and Stanfield, 1913
 June 21.
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Series 3: Financial records

This series consists of loan-related items, some miscellaneous account records, and receipts. Some of the early financial documents are associated with Sarah Walker's mother, Nancy Hyer.

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| 1 | 13 | Promissory notes and loan records: 31 items, 1883-1923. |
| | 14 | Account records: 7 items, 1846-1876. |
| | 15 | Tax receipts: 6 items, 1852-1921. |
| | 16 | General receipts: 6 items, 1852-1889. |
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Series 4: Personal papers

The personal items in the collection include an unattributed poem, a membership certificate, and photographs of the family cemetery in McLennan County.

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| 1 | 17 | Membership certificate: McLennan County Farm Bureau, 1920. |
| | 18 | Poem, undated. |
| | 19 | Photographs: Stanfield-Walker cemetery, 4 items. |