George Walton letters and biography

Descriptive Summary

Repository: Georgia Historical Society
Creator: Walton, George, 1749 or 1750-1804.
Title: George Walton letters and biography
Dates: 1778-1797
Extent: 0.05 cubic feet (1 folder)
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Biographical/Historical Note

George Walton was a lawyer, secretary of the Provincial Congress of Georgia, colonel in the Georgia Militia, delegate to the Continental Congress, signer of the Declaration of Independence, twice governor of Georgia, commissioner of Augusta, commissioner of a Native American treaty, chief justice of Georgia, superior court judge, founder and trustee of Richmond Academy, and trustee of the University of Georgia.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of letters written by George Walton, a letter written to George Walton, and an incomplete biographical sketch. Included is a letter from Walton to Robert Morris, 1778, in which Walton tells Morris he cannot follow his advice and quit public office. He congratulates Morris upon the capture of British warships and inquires after Morris' wife and family. The second item in the collection consists of an envelope addressed to David Zubly and Joseph Nicholson, 1785, that includes a note that it is to be opened at the examination of William Moss. The third letter is written from James M. Simmons to Walton, 1789. In the letter, which includes an enclosure, Simmons writes that the enclosed is a determination of the Board of Trustees of Richmond Academy for consideration by the state legislature in Augusta. The enclosure is an extract from the proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of the Trustees of Richmond Academy requesting that, the church being completed, the governor appoint a day for St. Pauls Parish to choose vestrymen in order that a clergyman may be appointed and church worship regulated. The last letter recommends James Kidd for reappointment as tobacco cooper. Also included in the collection is a biographical sketch of George Walton prepared for Sanderson's Lives of the Signers, IV, 151; the first four pages are missing.

Index Terms

Biographies (documents)
Georgia--History--Revolution, 1775-1783.
Georgia--Politics and government--1775-1865.
Great Britain--Colonies--America.
Letters (correspondence)
Walton, George, 1749 or 1750-1804.

Location of Originals

Original letter from Walton to Robert Morris, 1778, In the New York Public Library.

Administrative Information

Custodial History
Item 4 purchased from Schindler's Antique Shop, Charleston, South Carolina.

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Container List

Item 1: George Walton to Robert Morris. Savannah, Georgia, 1778 April 26 (2.0 p.) (Photocopy. Original in New York Public Library.)

Walton tells Morris he cannot follow his advice and quit public office. He congratulates Morris upon the capture of British warships and inquires after Morris' wife and family.

Item 2: Envelope addressed to David Zubly and Joseph Nicholson, 1785 October 26 (1.0 p.)

Note on envelope says it is to be opened at the examination of William moss in the presence of Moss and some magistrate for the State of South Carolina. Signed Geo. Walton. In Court October 26, 1785.

Item 3: James M. Simmons to George Walton. Augusta, Ga., 1789 May 6 (1.0 p.) (With enclosure.)

Letters says that enclosed is a determination of the Board of Trustees of Richmond Academy for consideration by the state legislature in Augusta. Enclosure is an extract from the proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of the Trustees of Richmond Academy requesting that, the church being completed, the governor appoint a day for the Parish of St. Pauls to choose vestrymen in order that a clergyman may be appointed and church worship regulated.
Item 4: George Walton to unknown recipient. Augusta, Ga., 1791 June 6 (1.0 p.)
Recommends James Kidd for reappointment as tobacco cooper.

Item 5: Biography of George Walton (First four pages missing.)
This biography was prepared for Sanderson's Lives of the Signers, IV: 151 ff.