

Elise White Heald collection of Stiles family papers

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
Creator:	Heald, Elise White.
Title:	Elise White Heald collection of Stiles family papers
Dates:	1758-1857
Extent:	0.1 cubic feet (2 folders)
Identification:	MS 1768

Biographical/Historical Note

The family of Samuel Stiles (circa 1737-1808) moved to Georgia around 1758 and acquired land around Savannah and Brunswick. A ship's captain from Bermuda, Stiles secured gun powder and ammunition for the colonists during the American Revolution. Joseph Stiles (1758-1838) was the son of Samuel Stiles. William H. Stiles (1808-1865), son of Joseph Stiles, served in Congress from 1843-1845, Charge d'Affairs to the Austrian Court from 1845-1849, and practiced law in Savannah. He later moved the Stiles family to the second family home at Etowah Cliffs in Cass County, Georgia in the 1830s. William H. Stiles Jr., first son of William H. Stiles, lived most of his life at Etowah Cliffs as a plantation owner. His wife, Eliza Clifford Gordon Stiles, was the daughter of William Washington Gordon and Sarah Anderson Stites-Gordon of Savannah.

William Bell (fl. 1770s) was the son of Andrew Bell who arrived in Savannah in 1734 as a servant to Patrick Houston. Andrew Bell left Savannah in 1737. Peter Sliterman (fl. 1770s) sided with the King during the American Revolution. As a result his land was confiscated and resold after the war ended. He stayed in Savannah and acted as a surety for Samuel Stiles in 1779 while Stiles was imprisoned for debt.

Scope and Content Note

This collection includes a land grant to Peter Sliterman for a town lot in Derby Ward in Savannah, Georgia, land grant to William Bell for a town lot in Reynold Ward in Savannah, land grant and seal to Samuel Stiles for 500 acres of land in St. Philip's Parish outside of Savannah, ledger belonging to Joseph Stiles, photostat reproduction of the presidential appointment of William H. Stiles as the Charge d'Affairs to the Austrian Court and travel diary written during his appointment, and marriage indenture between William H. Stiles Jr. and Eliza Clifford Gordon. The papers date from 1758 to 1857.

Index Terms

Bell, William, active 1770s.
Diaries.
Gordon, Eliza Clifford, approximately 1838-1926.
Land grants.
Ledgers (account books)
Marriage certificates.
Savannah (Ga.)--History.
Sliterman, Peter, active 1770s.
Stats (copies)
Stiles family.
Stiles, Samuel, approximately 1737-1808.
Stiles, William H., (William Henry), 1809-1865.
Stiles, William H., (William Henry), approximately 1834-1878.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Items were found in the attic of the Stiles family home of Etowah Cliffs near Chartersville, GA. The house burned in 1961. The materials were in possession of Elise White Heald, daughter of Dorothy Stiles White.

Preferred Citation

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Acquisition Information

Gift of Elise W. Heald, 1988, 1993.

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Container List

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1 Land grants, appointment, and indenture, 1759-1857

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2 Ledger and diary, 1790-1849

Artifacts

A-1768-001 Royal colonial seal from a land grant to Samuel Stiles in 1769 **View online.**