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INTRODUCTION

The papers of Michael B. D. Lane, lawyer, judge, and member of the Virginia General Assembly from Lee County, were given to the Tennessee State Library and Archives by Mrs. Helen Ramsey, Registrar, Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tennessee.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The papers of Michael B. D. Lane, lawyer, judge and member of the Virginia legislature from Jonesville, Lee County, Virginia, contain approximately 300 items and are composed of clippings, correspondence, surveys, land grants, legal records, receipts, promissory notes, and memoranda. The oldest item is the will of Jeremiah Orear, Madison County, Kentucky, dated 1799. Several old Virginia newspapers in this collection were given to the State Library in Virginia. The correspondence contains items of interest concerning Virginia politics and M.B.D. Lane's law practice. The correspondents, several of whom were members of the Virginia Legislature and Congress, include E.S. Bishop, W.H. Burroughs, Walter Harriman, John W. Johnston, John A. Kelly, Sam Logan, Fayette McMullen, B.M. Page, J.B. Richmond, Henry C. Slep, and William Terry.

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