

Shearer Family Papers, 1851-1911 (1 Folder)

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Restrictions

None.

Biographical Sketch

Absalom Shearer married his second wife, Rachel Huguely, on 25 Nov 1856. His first wife, Susan Lorimer, had died within months of their marriage, and they had no children. Rachel was the daughter of Jacob and Florina Huguely. She was born in 1838 and died in 1878. Absalom was born in 1824 and died in 1900. Absalom and Rachel had nine children: 1.) Jacob Shearer (5 Sep 1857 - 11 Oct 1936) married Mary Elizabeth (Bessie) Huguely. 2.) Matt (Bud) Shearer (17 Sep 1859 - 13 Jul 1936). 3.) Flora Alice Shearer (23 May 1862 - 5 Mar 1952) married John B. Parrish 29 May 1883. 4.) Mollie Lee Shearer (20 Jun 1864 - 17 Feb 1952) married Daniel Stafford 4 Feb 1890. 5.) Caleb Massie Shearer (16 Jun 1867 - Nov 1941) married Leta Feland 30 Jan 1901. 6.) Willie Shearer (4 Apr 1870 - 8 Jul 1871). 7.) Maggie Shearer (15 May 1872 - 11 Sep 1873). 8.) Hallie Katherine Shearer (23 Jul 1874 - 11 May 1939) married George Prewitt 8 Jun 1899. 9.) Abby Rachel Shearer (14 Sep 1877 - 14 Mar 1965) married Marion Sappington in 1901.

Absalom Shearer married Maggie Huguely Baxter, the sister of his second wife. They had five children:

- 1.) Harris Shearer (2 May 1885 - 12 Sep 1959).
- 2.) Susan Shearer (29 Oct 1887 - 13 Jan 1916).
- 3.) Huguely Shearer (30 Jul 1890 - 20 Aug 1963).
- 4.) Mary H. Shearer (1 Feb 1893 - 16 Dec 1986) married Floyd Anderson 23 Jul 1919.
- 5.) Minnie H. Shearer (1 Feb 1893 - 3 Oct 1962) married W.A. Green

For extensive biographical and family history, please refer to *Shearer*, a family genealogy by Oliver Shearer that may be found in the ECU Archives, Special Collections (non-circulating) - CS71.S538 1991a, and the Shearer Family History File #289 located in the ECU Archives Reading Room.

Absalom was also known as Abner and in these documents his name is often abbreviated as "Ab."

Caleb was also called Caley or Cale.

Scope and Content Note

The Shearer Family Papers consists primarily of receipts for store accounts, tax payments and court fees which belonged to various members of Absalom Shearer's immediate family. There are a few letters or letter fragments and school reports but none are extensive or detailed.

Donor Information

Oliver Shearer (2002-016).

Folder List

Financial Documents:

- 11 Jan 1851 ADS D.J. Rowland, receipt to Absalom Shearer in the amount of \$11.50.
- 1856 ADS J.H. Scholl, Clerk, Powell Circuit Court bill in the amount of \$3.45 for court costs in the case of Absalom Shearer vs Simon Shearer & others. On the back is a receipt from George Smith to Absalom Shearer for \$10.50 in payment for Smith's fees and the court costs dated 28 Jul 1856.
- 24 Dec 1857 ADS A. Hicks, receipt for wall cording in the amount of \$13.
- 2 Nov 1857 DS J.B. Jarman, receipt to Absalom Shearer for payment of County Levy and Revenue Tax in the amount of \$24.08.
- 7 Nov 1857 DS J.B. Jarman, receipt to A. Shearer and Lacamore for payment of County Levy and Revenue Tax in the amount of \$2.70.
- 5 Jan 1858 ADS J.S. White [Dr. Jacob White], receipt to Absalom Shearer for \$10.00 (this may be for attending the birth of his son Jacob who was born on 5 Sep 1857 as that date appears before "visit and [illegible] wife.")
- 18 Nov 1858 ADS John M. Harris, receipt to Abner [Absalom] Shearer for \$44.50, paid in full.
- 4 Apr 1859 ADS Thomas H. Barnes, licence to Absalom Shearer to "stand his jack Jim Porter" until 31 Dec (a jack is a male donkey that was used to breed mules) for \$8.
- 5 Sep 1859 ADS S. Sewell, receipt to Absalom Shearer for money loaned to Shearer in the amount of \$175.90.
- 2 Jan 1860 ADS J.M. Harris, receipt to Abner Shearer "in full of his bill," \$3.50.
- 11 Jan 1860 ADS S. Sewell, receipt to Absalom Shearer for a subscription, \$25.
- 19 Mar 1860 ADS John Larimor, receipt to Absalom Shearer for \$885 "on two notes he holds."

- 22 Mar 1860 ADS Stephen B. Eubank, lumber bill for A. Shearer in the amount of \$106.39.
- 30 Mar 1860 AD Absalom Shearer to Elisha Roberts for unspecified reasons or amount.
- 18 Jun 1860 ADS Thomas Phelps, receipt to Absalom Shearer in the amount of \$7.50 for first call on stock in the R.B. & O. turnpike [Richmond, Otter Creek & Boonesborough Turnpike Road Company]. Appended to this receipt is another receipt in the amount of \$12.50 for second call on stock in the R.B & O. turnpike dated 1 Oct 1860.
- 17 Oct 1860 ADS Thomas Phelps, receipt to Absalom Shearer in the amount of \$12.50 for third call on stock in the R.B. & O. turnpike [Richmond, Otter Creek & Boonesborough Turnpike Road Company].
- 17 Sep 1861 ADS J.W. Biggerstaff, receipt to A.B. Shearer in the amount of \$10.24.
- 8 Apr 1862 ADS John M. Harris, receipt of Abner Shearer for \$1.50 and another receipt to \$1.50 for "our bill" signed Harris & Chenault.
- 13 Dec 1862 ADS Rowland Shackleford, receipt to Absalom Shearer in the amount of \$19.50.
- 6 Dec 1864 DSG.M. Parks, U.S. Internal Revenue receipt to Absalom Shearer in the amount of \$40.66 for "special income" and hogs.
- 10 Nov 1866 DS W.C. Gillis, U.S. Internal Revenue receipt to Absalom Shearer in the amount of 60 cents for "hogs slaughtered."
- 21 Dec 1863 ADS Bronston & Francis [Dry Goods], receipt to Absalom Shearer for \$87.28.
- 14 Sep 1863 DSG. Parish, receipt to Absalom Shearer for payment of Revenue Tax and County Levy in the amount of \$28.95.
- 1 Oct 1866 DS N. Jones, receipt to Absalom Shearer for payment of Revenue Tax and County Levy in the amount of \$28.50.
- 1 Apr 1867 ADS Jesse T. Cobb, receipt to James Slivers in the amount of \$35.
- 4 Nov 1867 DSP. Smith, receipt to Absalom Shearer for payment of Revenue Tax, County Levy and Railroad Tax in the amount of \$57.48.

- 28 Jan 1868 ADS Jonathon Ross, receipt to A. Shearer in the amount of \$45.
- 9 Oct 1868 DSP. Smith, receipt to Absalom Shearer for payment of Revenue Tax, County Levy and Railroad Tax in the amount of \$47.25.
- ca.1869 ADS Absalom Shearer, receipts showing that Dan Ballard, Dan Rodes, William Crawford and George Bruce had paid him money owed the Jabez M. Tipton estate.
- 1 Feb 1869 ADS Isaac Hutcheson for Hutcheson, McChesney & Co., receipt to Abner Shearer in the amount of \$107.47 on a claim against the estate of Jabez Tipton.
- Sep 1869 DS R.B. Ferrill, Madison District Court order for Richard Davis to be paid \$1 for attending as a witness in the trial of J.M. Tipton vs S. Sewell, etc.
- 6 Sep 1869 ADS Stephen C. Powell, receipt to Absalom Shearer in the amount of \$22.80.
- 1 Jul 1870 AD D. Tipton, receipt to Asa Brochman, Milo Baxter, and Abner Shearer in the amount of \$10.57 for four months tuition of one pupil.
- 29 Jul 1870 ADSS.C. Harris, receipt to Abner Shearer in the amount of \$146.36 for services as a teacher in the Brookstown District.
- 7 Mar 1872 Doc. C.K. Oldham, Sheriff, summons for Absalom Shearer to appear in H. Cobb vs C.N. Tribble as a witness for the plaintiff.
- 1 Sep 1873 ADS John D. Hamilton and Benjamin F. Croke, description of the boundary of Brookstown District No.47.
- 20 Sep 1873 ADS J.P. Herndon, receipt on ledger page to Absalom Shearer in the amount of \$19.65 for candy, "old whiskey," eye balm, fish oil and other items.
- 12 Aug 1874 ADS T.J. Lanter and Joel T.Kerby, contract between the two for land belonging to the estate of Alex Lanter.
- 1 Dec 1874 DS Croke & Hume, receipt on ledger page from Crook & Hume Dry Goods, Notions & Stationery to Absalom Shearer in the amount of \$66.12 for sewing notions, suspenders, calico cloth, and hose.
- 3 Jan 1876 ADS H.D. Dillingham, two pages from an account book or store ledger, receipt and

list of goods purchased between 20 May & 22 Oct 1875, for Absalom Shearer in the amount of \$204.11. The entries include clothing items such as a boys suit, corsets, shoes and collars, cloth such as calico, silk, cashmere and cotton, and sewing notions that include buttons, ribbon, hooks & eyes and needles.

- 18 Apr 1876 DS T.W. Burnett, receipt to Absalom Shearer in the amount of \$8.50 for seeds, potatoes and produce purchased at W.H. Burton Wholesale & Retail Grocer.
- 1 Jan 1877 DS C.I. Miller & Co., receipt to Absalom Shearer for nails, hinges, a ram rod and cartridges in the amount of \$3.70.
- 2 June 1877 DS J.T. Haydon, store bill for Miss Alice Shearer in the amount of \$19.37 (it includes kid gloves and sewing notions such as whalebones and ribbon).
- 31 Dec 1877 DS Shackelford & Gentry, receipt to Absalom Shearer in the amount of \$1.95 for fruit cans and wax at Shackelford & Gentry Hardware, Stoves, Tinware & Agricultural Implements.
- 12 Aug 1878 DS Francis and White, receipt to Absalom Shearer from Ballard, Francis, and White in the amount of \$11.80 for a gilt picture frame, two pencils, composition paper, a cook book and several textbooks.
- 11 Nov 1879 DS Absalom Shearer and E.L. McGhee, payment agreement with the Southern Calendar Clock Co. for the purchase of "One White-wood Walnut Veneered 'Fashion' Calendar Clock" in the amount of \$36.
- 20 May 1881 ADS H.B. Dillingham, receipt to Absalom Shearer in the amount of \$32.57.
- 19 Oct 1882 ADS Crooke & Son, receipt to Absalom Shearer for buttons & silk, \$2.08.
- 4 Dec 1882 DS Joe Deatherage, receipt to Absalom Shearer, guardian of Katie Shearer, for \$1.50 in payment of Revenue, County Levy, Railroad and School Tax.
- 4 Dec 1882 DS Joe Deatherage, receipt to Absalom Shearer, guardian of Mollie Shearer, for \$1.50 in payment of Revenue, County Levy, Railroad and School Tax.
- 22 Jun 1883 ADS J.P. Herndon, receipt to Absalom Sheare for merchandise such as cologne, polish, turpentine, magnolia balm, tooth brush and old whiskey, \$13.12.

- 10 Jul 1883 DS J.E. _____, receipt to Bud Shearer from Adams Express Company.
- 7 Jan 1884 DS G.W. Pickels, receipt to Matthew Shearer from the G.W.Pickels Manufacturers of Saddles, Harness, Collars, Bridles, Saddle-Bags, Etc., for the purchase of a saddle and bridle, \$19.75.
- 10 Apr 1884 DS Lyter, notice of store balance due Lyter & Johnson, Clothiers & Merchant Tailors, from Matt Shearer in the amount of \$12.10.
- 17 Nov 1884 DS Crooke & Son, receipt to Absalom Shearer for merchandise such as silk gloves, cloth and sewing notions purchased at Crooke & Son Staple & Fancy Dry Goods between 7 Apr 1883 and 17 Oct 1884, \$172.20.
- 5 Jan 1885 DS Joe Deatherage, receipt to Absalom Shearer, guardian of Hallie Shearer, for 95 cents in payment of Revenue, County Levy, Railroad and School Tax.
- 24 Jan 1885 DS Harry Shearer, Clabourn Shearer and Matthew Shearer (and by R.H. Crooke as witness), promissary note to S.D. Parris, administrator of the T. Turpin estate, for rent of the Turpin farm, \$90.
- ca. 1886 DS J.P. Herndon, receipt to Caley [Caleb] Shearer for cigarettes and a book, \$2.05.
- 1 Feb 1886 ADS J.C. Lyter, receipt to Matt Shearer in the amount of \$6.
- 1 Feb 1886 ADS Stephen Parrish, administrator of the T. Turpin estate, receipt to M.W. and Harry Shearer on account of Absalom Shearer for rent of the Turpin farm, \$50.
- 7 Feb 1887 ADS C.C. Wallace, receipt Caleb Shearer for cigarettes, figs and candy, \$3.50.
- 11 May 1887 DS W.W. Pigg & Son, Livery, Sale & Feed Stable, to Caley [Caleb] Shearer for horse & buggy rentals but includes the rent of a "sad" horse [saddle horse], \$10.25.
- 28 May 1887 DS J.C. Lyter, Merchant Tailor, receipt to C.M. Shearer for merchandise, \$34.75.
- 30 Jul 1887 DS D.M. Bright, Dealer in Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps and Gent's Furnishing Goods, receipt to Matt Shearer for clothing, boots and a "ventilator hat," \$16.75.
- 3 Oct 1887 ADS Lyman Parrish, receipt to James W. Smith on the account of B.W. Turner against Absalom Shearer, \$45.65.

- 3 Jan 1888 DS Million & Fox, receipt to Caleb Shearer for horse & buggy rentals, \$40.25.
- 3 Jan 1888 DS H.J. Streng, Dry Goods, receipt to Caleb Shearer for the purchase of underwear and a handkerchief, \$5.00.
- 1 Feb 1888 DS T.H. Karr, Dealer in General Merchandise, receipt to Matthew Shearer for coffee, cigars, coal oil, shoe polish and other items, \$5.30.
- 1 Mar 1888 Receipt to [Caleb] Shearer from S. Dinelli & Co., Confectioners and Dealers in Foreign and Domestic Fruits, Cigars and Tobacco a Specialty, Restaurant and Ice Cream Parlor, Oysters in Season, for supper, breakfast and candy, \$1.40.
- 24 Mar 1888 DS T.E. Bush, receipt to Caleb Shearer for a one year subscription to Kentucky Stock Farm, \$2.00.
- 22 Aug 1888 ADSE.W. Woodruff, receipt to Brooksville Christian School of Madison County for the Kentucky Sunday School Union, \$1.00.
- 25 Aug 1888 DSH.C. Rice, summons for Absalom Shearer to appear in answer to a claim of \$3.25 past due to White & Stockton. On the back is an ANSLyman Parish saying that the amount had been paid in full, 27 Aug 1888.
- 1 Jan 1889 DS G.W. Pickels, receipt to Caleb Shearer for straps and saddle blanket, \$2.00.
- 4 Jun 1889 ADS C.M. Shearer, I.O.U. to J.J. Embrey for \$7.50. On the back is an ANS W.A. Williams saying that payment in full was received, 1 Jul 1889.
- 1 Jul 1889 ADS Denny & Green, receipt to Matthew Shearer for clothing, \$5.00.
- 1 Jul 1889 DS Wallace & Rice, receipt to Bud Shearer for clothing, \$41.25.
- 2 Jun 1890 DS Jonathon G. Taylor, receipt to Caleb Shearer for a cart wheel, \$5.60.
- 21 Sep 1891 DS D.M. Bright, receipt to Absalom Shearer for payment due in 1890, \$25.25.
- 13 Mar 1891 DS J.W. Baker, receipt to Caleb Shearer for \$45.25 in payment of Revenue, County Levy and Railroad Tax with a note that it was paid by Thomas Phelps.
- 13 Mar 1891 DS J.W. Baker, receipt to Absalom Shearer for \$47.75 in payment of Revenue,

County Levy and Railroad Tax with a note that it was paid by Thomas Phelps.

- 4 Apr 1891 DS Shackelford & Gentry, receipt to Abner Shearer for nails and other items, \$1.60.
- 25 Jul 1892 DS Powers & Hagen, Dealers in Drugs, Medicines, Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Dye Stuff - Pure Wines and Liquors for Medical Purposes - Toilet & Fancy Articles, Books & Stationery and All Standard patent Medicines, Etc., receipt to C.M. Shearer for cigarettes, perfumery, paint, ginger and soap, \$10.10.
- 25 Sep 1893 DS P.H. Gum, receipt to Bud Shearer for rope, paint and other merchandise, \$4.80.
- n.d. Fragment, an 'I owe you' \$10.36, initialed H.C.

Correspondence and Notes:

- ca.1888 ANS "Lace," with an address, L.L. Bright, Alleghaney Academy, Lexington, KY. It contains a list of initials with dollar amounts and dated 1 Feb to 1 Mar 1888. [This is probably Lacey Bright who appears on the 1880 Census as the 11 year old son of David & Laura Bright of Richmond.]
- 14 Mar 1893 ALS J.W. Spencer, letter addressed to Absalom Shearer & Sons discussing a \$15 payment and offering to stand one of two horses "Idol Wilkes" or Umpire S." at stud for one of the Shearer's mares.
- 8 Feb 1895 ALS Bud Shearer, letter to Absalom Shearer addressed, "Dear Pa," describing his new job as an attendant at the Kentucky Lunatic Asylum.
- 14 Feb 1895 AL [Bud Shearer], letter to Abby Shearer discussing his new roommate and asking her to write to him.
- 26 Apr 1896 ALS C.M. Shearer, letter to R.A. Sparks discussing farming and the prospects of a job in Livingston, Ky at his "firm."
- Mar 1910 DS Ruth Crow, Pupil's Report, Caldwell High School, for Mary Shearer showing perfect attendance and excellence in English and Algebra.
- 28 Oct 1910 DS Ruth Crow, Pupil's Report, Caldwell High School, for Mary Shearer showing perfect attendance and excellence in English and Algebra.

Dec 1910 DS Ruth Crow, Pupil's Report, Caldwell High School, for Minnie Shearer showing perfect attendance and excellence in Physical Geography, Algebra and Latin.

Feb 1911 DS Ruth Crow, Pupil's Report, Caldwell High School, for Minnie Shearer showing perfect attendance and excellence in Algebra and Latin.

28 Oct [1911] DS Ruth Crow, Pupil's Report, Caldwell High School, for Mary Shearer showing perfect attendance and excellence in English, Biology, Algebra and Latin.

n.d. AN to Miss Loula, "Bessie is giving a candy pulling tonight."