

Augusta County Historical Society  
Acc. # 331a  
James M. Stout Collection  
1835-1931, [bulk 1835-1850]

Size: .40 cubic feet

Creator: James M. Stout

Donor Information: Percy C. Manley Estate

Restrictions: None

Preferred Citation: James M. Stout Collection, Augusta County Historical Society,  
Staunton, VA.

Processed by: ?; described by Dale F. Harter, August 2002

Associated Material: Acc. 331b

**Historical/Biographical Note:**

James M. Stout was a merchant and postmaster in New Hope, Va., from at least 1835 to 1850. He also contributed money in 1848 for building the Round Hill Methodist Church (also known as Providence Methodist Church) in New Hope.

**Scope & Content:**

Collection consists almost exclusively of correspondence relating to financial transactions between Stout and other merchants in Virginia, Baltimore, and Philadelphia, 1835-1850. Hugh W. Fry and J. J. Fry, of Richmond, and J. W. Timberlake, of Albemarle County, were some of his most frequent correspondents. In an 18 August 1843 letter sent from Germantown, Tennessee, his brother requests information on purchasing slaves. A **Miscellaneous** folder contains four items, none of which appear to pertain to Stout. Those items are: an invoice for a Mr. I(?) B. Cauthorn, of Milboro, Va.; a letter to W. F. Fretwell & Bro., in New Hope; a card addressed to W. W. King, of the First Presbyterian Church in Staunton; and a business card for Mills, Small & Co., of Baltimore.

**Organization/Arrangement:**

Chronological

Folder 1: 1835-1839

Folder 2: 1840

Folder 3: 1841-1842

Folder 4: 1843-1845

Folder 5: 1846-1849

Folder 6: 1850, n.d.

Folder 7: Miscellaneous, 1867, 1898, 1931, n.d.