

Augusta County Historical Society
Acc #274
John Logan Collection
1979

Size: 1 Folder

Scope & Content

The collection contains two copies of a 32-page manuscript written by Dr. Carl N. Shull (1979). Dr. Shull discusses the concept of singing schools and their history in early colonial churches. He points out that singing schools provided a systematical vocal music instruction in music reading and singing for inhabitants of both rural and urban areas. Also included are copies of correspondence between John Logan and Andrew Law, a writer of music books. In these letters, John Logan discusses the use of books with music teachers as well as possible revisions.

Historical/Biographical Note

John Logan was an important figure in the musical life of Augusta County and other sections of Virginia as well as central North Carolina. He was born 1765 in Augusta County, VA. He was an elder in Brown's Meeting House and Bethel Presbyterian Church. He taught singing schools for over twenty years. His efforts to develop a musical literacy among the Scotch-Irish settlers, his attempt to establish Andrew Law's shaped note method and publications, and initiative in having compositions of Lucius and Amzi Chapin published for the first time are considered creditable accomplishments. He is also recognized as being responsible for having the first southern folk-hymns published for singing schools.

Organization/Arrangement

Chronological

Miscellaneous

Added Entry: Andrew Law