

Augusta County Historical Society
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Beale Treasure
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Scope & Content

Mr. Greaves describes his efforts to verify the events set forth in a pamphlet published in 1885 entitled "The Beale Papers". Over a period of 4 years, Mr. Greaves traveled thousands of miles visiting a myriad of places hoping to find the solution to the mystery. He concluded, "There is no treasure, there never was any treasure. The pamphlet is a fictional narrative."

.Historical/Biographical Note

The pamphlet was sold in Lynchburg, Virginia in April 1885. It was a story about Thomas Jefferson Beale leading a party of 29 men west in search of adventure in 1817. North of Santa Fe, members of the group discovered gold and silver. After mining a considerable quantity, the precious metals, along with jewels obtained in St. Louis, were taken to Virginia for burial in Bedford County. The rest of the story involves a cast of characters with close ties trying to find the treasure through special instructions and secret codes.

Organization/Arrangement

Booklet (10 pages)

Miscellaneous