

**Augusta County Historical Society**  
**Accession #59**  
**Reflections on Early Courts of Augusta and Nearby Counties**  
**1928**

**Size:** Two folders (4 items)

**Scope & Content**

1. Joseph Glasgow, a lawyer relates his memories of judges and court proceedings in Augusta and nearby counties. He describes various judges and their handling of cases (often in a humorous manner). Dates and names are given for the formation of early courts in neighboring counties of Augusta.
2. A booklet written by Charles Curry of the life and career of John Brown Baldwin, lawyer, soldier and statesman. Charles Curry was a member of the Staunton Bar in 1928.

**Historical/Biographical Note**

1. Joseph Glasgow graduated from Washington and Lee University. His license to practice law was signed by Judge William McLaughlin and Judge Henry Blair. He was a distinguished lawyer, judge, and scholar. Many of his memories deal with Judge William McLaughlin, a circuit judge for Augusta, Rockbridge and Highland counties. He also served as Rector of Washington and Lee University.
2. John Brown Baldwin, lawyer, soldier and statesman, was born 11 January 1820. After three years at the University of Virginia, he studied law under his distinguished father and began his practice with his brother-in-law Alexander H. H. Stuart. In 1845 he was elected to the Virginia legislature. Baldwin was active in politics prior to the Civil War and refused to sign the ordinance of secession. However, he was appointed inspector general and later colonel of the 52<sup>nd</sup> regiment of Virginia. After the war, he returned to the practice of law and was recognized as, "one of the ablest lawyers of his day." He died on 1 October 1873.

**Organization/Arrangement**

Folder 1

Booklet: John Brown Baldwin by Charles Curry

Folder 2

Three Monographs:

"Some Memories" by Joseph A Glasgow (Part One)

"Some Memories" by Joseph A Glasgow (Part Two)

"Some Memories" by Joseph A Glasgow (Part Three)