

**Augusta County Historical Society**  
**Acc #7**  
**William Kinney Letters Collection**  
**1839, 1842**

**Size:** 1 Folder (2 letters)

**Scope & Content**

Consists of two letters written by William Kinney to his brother, Nicholas C. Kinney, in Staunton. William wrote the first letter on 24 February 1839, perhaps from Charleston. Apparently, William was on a trip to purchase cotton. The letter dated 12 February 1842 was written from the House of Delegates. It mainly concerns the election for governor that was taking place in the General Assembly at the time. William informs his brother that he has not played an active part in the election for fear that he might cause "some feeling against our Hospital" [Western Lunatic Asylum].

**Historical/Biographical Note**

William Kinney represented Augusta County for two terms in the Virginia House of Delegates (1838-1839, 1841-1842), and represented Augusta and Rockbridge County in the Virginia Senate, 1847-1851. He also served as mayor of Staunton. His wife was Rebecca Porterfield, daughter of Colonel Robert Porterfield, who served in the Revolutionary War.

Nicholas C. Kinney was appointed clerk of the Augusta County Superior Court of Law and Equity in 1831. In 1852, he was appointed clerk of the Augusta County Circuit Court. He died in 1859.

**Organization/Arrangement**

Chronological

**Miscellaneous**