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Several collections selected for inclusion in this micropublication have not been filmed in their entirety. Material dating after 1865 has not been included, although Bound Volumes were filmed in their entirety. Information on any excluded material can be found in the descriptive introductions to each collection.

Divisions within individual collections include volumes and papers, and in some cases, further breakdowns indicate types of papers such as correspondence or notes and receipts. Within these classes of material, classifications are made by chronology. Any folders that cover a span of years are listed in brackets below the entry for the first of those years.

The John, Charles, and Landon Carter letterbook, acc. 4996 and John C. Cohoon account book, acc. 8868 were previously microfilmed by the University of Virginia and their film is reproduced for those two collections.
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Subjects of interest include experimental agriculture, plantations, overseers, slavery, slave management, and women's records. The records in this collection are arranged in five parts: Correspondence, Legal Papers, Financial Papers, Miscellaneous Papers, and Bound Volumes. The bulk of the correspondence, legal, financial, and miscellaneous papers relate to William Bailey's tobacco and dry goods business at Halifax Court House under the various names of Bailey and Young, Bailey and Clark, and William Bailey and Company. Many items among these papers concern slaves and slavery, including slave lists, which contain age and family data, and hiring and sales agreements for slaves. Other items provide material on overseers, family life, veterinary and medical cures, and many other facets of the 19th-century experience in south central Virginia and adjoining North Carolina.

Bound Volumes in this collection include two that relate to William Bailey and Company; four regard the agricultural and other interests of John Sims and William H. Sims; and one volume contains a commonplace book of Sallie Bettie Tayloe. Among the William Bailey and Company volumes is one listing debts due them in 1823 and 1824, and a ledger, 1830–1846, which details the dry goods and tobacco commission merchant business. A ledger, 1805–1828, of John Sims contains a wealth of material on agriculture, including slave lists and accounts for the hire of slaves. The ledger, 1829–1869, of John and William H. Sims includes an alphabetical index and entries ranging from an annual listing of their tobacco crop, amounts of guano and other items purchased, a list of pedigrees of horses, and yearly slave lists from 1834–1853. An 1863 tax assessment provides a glimpse at the Sims fortune with 168 slaves, 38 horses, 2 carriages, 13 head of cattle, 191 sheep, 165 hogs, bonds worth $25,000, and an inheritance of
$36,000. A blacksmith ledger, 1830–1852, of John Sims details the lot of a mender of ploughs, hoes and axes, and the frequency with which plantation equipment needed repair or replacement. The farm journal, 1855, of William H. Sims contains a daily accounting of work undertaken by his overseers and slaves at two plantations, "The River" and "Home House," and is a good example of the scientific management of tobacco, corn, and wheat culture. The commonplace book, 1855–1856, of Sallie Bettie Tayloe contains autographs, inscriptions and poetry current among the youth in southern Virginia and nearby North Carolina, including a New Year's Day pledge of 1856 to reconvene in three years if still in "maiden meditation, fancy free." Among the introductory materials filmed in this collection is a scope and content description of the papers, a list of material pertaining to Afro-Americans in the William Bailey Papers, Accession Number (acc.) 10586, and a container listing of the collection.

N.B. A commonplace book, 1871, of William B. Sims and papers regarding Episcopal High School, 1871–1875, were omitted as they fall outside the chronological bounds of this publication.

Correspondence

0016 1820. 6 frames.
0022 1822. 2 frames.
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0336  1840–1878, N.D. 50 frames.

Financial Papers

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0464  1820–1826. 105 frames.
0569  1827–1829. 13 frames.
[0582  David Perry, Accounts, 1827–1829. 5 frames.]
[0587  Papers regarding the Estate of Samuel Williams, 1827–1836. 26 frames.]
[0613  Papers regarding the Estate of John Murphy, 1829–1859, N.D. 45 frames.]
0658  1830–1839. 93 frames.
[0751  Thomas Wilborne Accounts, 1839–1845. 11 frames.]
0762  1840–1849. 67 frames.
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0839  1850–1859. 48 frames.
[0848  William H. Sims, Papers, 1852–1865. 8 frames.]
0887  1860–1871, N.D. 19 frames.

Miscellaneous Files

0906  Papers regarding the Halifax Academy, 1836–1843, N.D. 30 frames.
[One File: 1871–1875 regarding Episcopal High School Was Omitted]
0936  N.D., Miscellaneous. 8 frames.
0944  Manuscript Speeches and Toasts, 1826, 1876, N.D. 26 frames.

Bound Volumes

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*William Bailey Papers, acc. 10586 cont.*

**Bound Volumes cont.**

0001  John Sims, Blacksmith Ledger, 1830–1852. 145 frames.
0146  Sallie Bettie Tayloe, Commonplace Book, 1855–1856. 36 frames.
0182  William H. Sims, Farm Journal, 1855. 55 frames.

**Bound Volumes—Oversize**

0612  John Sims, Ledger, 1805–1828. 162 frames.

**Items Laid in Bound Volumes**

0912  Documents Laid in John Sims Ledger, 1805–1828. 18 frames.
0966  Documents Laid in John Sims, Blacksmith Ledger, 1830–1852. 8 frames.

Reel 3

*Mitchell-Garnett Ledgers, 1794–1797; 1830–1851, Essex County, Virginia, Accession Number 36-45*

This collection from the Essex County, Tidewater Virginia plantations “Elmwood” and “Woodland” are records of Muscoe R.H. Garnett, Maria H. Garnett, and R.M. Hunter. These four volumes are rich in statistics on slavery and farm accounts.

Two slavebooks, 1830–1851, detail the clothing, food, medicine, and other expenses of over 60 Afro-Americans. Slave lists show family groupings, birthdates, and ages while annual accounts provide figures on their diet and the provisioning of blankets and implements. Slaves were also credited for small amounts of corn, wheat, fodder, lard, meat, peas, and soap for plantation use or sale. Garnett used an intricate system of accounting by which the initial value of each slave was increased by the interest on that value and expenses minus the cost of hire, providing an index of the value, expenses, and cost of hire for each individual and for the whole of his slaves in Virginia.
the costs, expenses, and profits of an extensive agricultural enterprise. The oversize bound volume is a cash book, 1794—1796, for an unidentified estate, although mention is made of numerous Garnetts and Mercers. Entries include house, estate, sundries, and travelling expenses, in addition to crops of corn, wheat, and tobacco. Negro expenses are detailed as are wagonage and other needs from the agriculture of the day, making this an extremely useful record.

N.B. Sixteen volumes pertaining exclusively to saw and grain mill operations were omitted from this collection in an effort to save space.

0001 Introductory Materials. 3 frames.

Bound Volumes

0134 Mitchell-Garnett Ledger, 1830–1851. 86 frames.

Bound Volumes—Oversize


Tayloe Family Papers, 1708–1869,
King George County, Virginia, Accession Number 38-62

There are two discrete collections of Tayloe family material relating to one family. This is the first collection. The second follows on Reel 4, frame 0378.

This collection of bound volumes is extremely rich in eighteenth-century commerce; international commerce and the slave trade; and in nineteenth-century agriculture, experimental agriculture, and slavery. These materials concern the Northern Neck region of northeastern Tidewater Virginia, between the Potomac and Rappahannock rivers.

The earliest volume is a mercantile journal and account book, 1708–1710, kept by Lyonel and Stephen Loyde in Essex County, Virginia. Entries concern the sales of merchandise, tobacco transactions, and slave sales. These last include a shipload of slaves, imported in the Leopard Galley from Guinea, which landed in Virginia in 1710. A proposal of a “joynt trade” between Stephen Loyde in Virginia and his brother James in London, made in 1708/1709, is in the back of the volume. Stephen Loyde was, perhaps, the master of a merchant ship, a justice of the peace for Essex County in 1710, and the subject of an estate inventory in Essex during 1715 (see Introductory Materials filmed in this collection).
The farm journal of Edward T. Tayloe, "Powhatan Hill," 1850–1869, is a superb example of the scientific management of agriculture. The index of subjects in the front of this volume contains entries ranging from the agricultural society of the Rappahannock and apples in bloom through manure hauling and peas sown to yellow jasmine in bloom. The volume proper is formatted as a daybook, listing the activities on Tayloe's domain. The fields of his extensive farm are platted, numbered, and inventoried for each year, along with implements and supplies. A slave list from 1850 of 27 males, 28 females, and 36 children is continued through the years showing the ages, occupations, and family relations of slaves at "Lothion," the "Dogue," and "Powhatan Hill." By 1858, the number of Tayloe slaves had grown to 109 and he was planting 222 acres of corn.

N.B. Two volumes were excluded from this collection: an 1829 copybook and letterbook kept by Edward T. Tayloe at Harvard University and as a mining engineer in Bogota, Columbia, and his farm account book continued from 1866–1890. See also Tayloe family papers, accs. 38-630 and 5854.

0356 Introductory Materials. 7 frames.

Bound Volumes

Reel 4

Tayloe Family Papers, acc. 38-62 cont.


Tayloe Family Papers, 1756–1865,
King George County, Virginia; and Alabama and Maryland,
Accession Numbers 38-630 and 5854

This is the second separate collection of Tayloe family material. The major topics included in this collection are agriculture in Virginia and Alabama, the transportation and sales of slaves from both states, social history, and family correspondence charting the progress of westward and southward expansion in the second quarter of the nineteenth century. These papers relate to Edward T. Tayloe, Benjamin Ogle Tayloe, Henry A. Tayloe, George Tayloe, John Tayloe, and Virginia Tayloe. Correspondents include Francis Corbin, Mr. Alston, Lawrence Washington, and Henry S. Key.
Edward T. Tayloe's progress can be followed from Harvard University, 1823–1825, to Mexico and Bogota, Columbia, 1825–1828, and thereafter as a Virginia grain farmer. His views are preserved on a variety of subjects ranging from the tariff and South Carolina nullification to slave runaways and apprehension.

Henry A. Tayloe's movements can likewise be followed from his Oakley, Essex County, farm through his removal with contingents of Negroes to Alabama. His interest in horse raising continued unabated among descriptions of crop vicissitudes and corn gluts including a recommendation for starting a commercial venture, such as a distillery or textile factory over cotton and corn culture in Alabama. Henry A. Tayloe materials include 1851 inventories from seven plantations containing 536 slaves in Marengo, Perry, Sumter, and Green counties, Alabama. His failure and the attending discomfort of his brothers and partners are thoroughly charted.

Other materials relate to land purchases in Arkansas and Illinois, as well as family matters. A wealth of data on slavery including prices, ages, occupations, and family relations is scattered throughout this collection.

N.B. One file dated April 7, 1827, Indenture between Walter Smith and John Tayloe, was omitted. Material which dates after 1865 can be identified in the calendar of documents in the Tayloe deposit, which was filmed in the introductory material of this collection. See also Tayloe family papers, acc. 38-62.

0378 Introductory Materials. 24 frames.

Papers

0402 Tayloe Family, Legal Documents and Letters, etc., 1756–1799. 31 frames.
0433 Tayloe Family, Horse Pedigrees, 1796–1800. 8 frames.
0441 Tayloe Family, Legal Documents and Letters, etc. (Includes letters from Francis Corbin), 1800–1815. 69 frames.
0510 Tayloe Family, Letters, Land Purchases, Inventories, etc., 1816–1819. 48 frames.
0558 Tayloe Family, Letters, Inventories, Legal Documents, etc, 1820–1829. 53 frames.
0611 John Tayloe and Benjamin Ogle Tayloe, Indenture, 1823. 14 frames.
0625 Edward T. Tayloe, Correspondence with Benjamin Ogle Tayloe and John Tayloe, II, 1825–1827. 146 frames.
0771 Edward T. Tayloe, Correspondence with Benjamin Ogle Tayloe, 1823–1825. 41 frames.
0812 Edward T. Tayloe, Correspondence with Benjamin Ogle Tayloe, 1828–1840. 164 frames.
0976 Henry A. Tayloe, Correspondence with Benjamin Ogle Tayloe, 1830–1834. 47 frames.
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Tayloe Family Papers, acc. 38-630 and 5854 cont.

Papers cont.

0001 Henry A. Tayloe, Correspondence with Benjamin Ogle Tayloe, 1834–1839. 75 frames.
0076 Henry A. Tayloe and Virginia Tayloe, Correspondence with Benjamin Ogle Tayloe, 1840–1842. 76 frames.
0152 Henry A. Tayloe, Correspondence with Benjamin Ogle Tayloe, 1842–1843. 68 frames.
0220 Henry A. Tayloe, Correspondence with Benjamin Ogle Tayloe, 1844–1845. 72 frames.
0292 Henry A. Tayloe et al., Letters, Indentures, etc., to Benjamin Ogle Tayloe, 1846–1949. 76 frames.
0368 Henry A. Tayloe et al., Papers regarding Lawsuit, etc., 1850–1854. 95 frames.
0463 Tayloe Family, Correspondence with Benjamin Ogle Tayloe, 1855–1856. 88 frames.
0551 Tayloe Family, Correspondence regarding Arkansas and Illinois Lands, 1837–1866. 34 frames.
0585 Tayloe Family, Correspondence with Benjamin Ogle Tayloe, 1857–1859. 72 frames.
0657 Tayloe Family, Correspondence, 1860–1868. 25 frames.
0682 Tayloe Family, War Letters, etc., 1860–1864. 94 frames.
0776 Tayloe Family, Correspondence, 1865–1867. 42 frames.
0818 Tayloe Family, Legal Papers, etc., N.D. 13 frames.

John Ambler Papers, 1770–1860, James City, Louisa, Amherst, Henrico, and Hanover Counties, Virginia, Accession Number 1140

Highlights of the agricultural material in this collection include plantation management, especially voluminous overseers’ agreements and correspondence from the many Ambler plantations. Slavery materials range from sales, runaways, and slave catchers to slave management, diet, maladies, treatments, and the work loads of adults and children.

The three sections which comprise this collection are Correspondence, Accounts, and Miscellaneous Papers, with the bulk of each section falling between 1800 and 1860. Colonel John Ambler is represented in the material before 1830, at which time Phillip St. George Ambler begins to play a prominent role, eventually taking full control of the vast Ambler holdings in Tidewater and Piedmont Virginia.
A tax receipt of 1799 credited Ambler with 1,642 acres at “James Town” plantation in James City County. This farm, which was the subject of an 1800 overseer’s agreement in the folder of legal material among the Miscellaneous Papers, listed 143 hands in 1825. A Louisa County assessment of 1816 showed 62 slaves and 48 levies on 3,030 acres of land which the correspondence reveals was managed as a grain and livestock enterprise. Henrico County taxes of 1823 list 2,280 acres, 31 slaves, and 31 levies at “Wistham” managed by Isham Cheatham, who described a slave runaway after an attempted switching in an 1829 letter. Ambler’s 1823 assessment from Hanover County listed 978 1/2 acres, 18 Negroes, and 15 levies. Throughout this extremely rich collection we find references to slavery, diet, working conditions, tobacco, wheat and corn culture, hogs, cattle, turkeys, fodder, straw, lumber, and firewood in addition to some references to milk cattle and butter making for shipment to Richmond.

N.B. Two folders of Miscellaneous Papers were omitted in an effort to save space. These were a folder of printed material and a folder of wrappers and miscellaneous material.

0831 Introductory Materials. 3 frames.

Correspondence

0834 John Ambler, 1780–1788. 16 frames.
0850 John Ambler, 1790–1799. 9 frames.
0859 John Ambler, 1800–1810. 53 frames.
0912 John Ambler, 1811–1819. 23 frames.
0935 John Ambler, 1820–1825. 68 frames.

Reel 6

John Ambler Papers, acc. 1140 cont.

Correspondence cont.

0001 John Ambler, 1826–1829. 109 frames.
0110 John Ambler and Phillip St. George Ambler, 1830–1839. 82 frames.
0192 Phillip St. George Ambler, 1840–1849. 30 frames.
0222 Phillip St. George Ambler, 1850–1859. 56 frames.
0278 Phillip St. George Ambler, 1860–1879. 28 frames.
0306 John Ambler and Phillip St. George Ambler, N.D. 67 frames.

Accounts

0373 John Ambler, 1767–1777. 5 frames.
Reel 7

*John Ambler Papers, acc. 1140 cont.*

**Accounts cont.**

0001 John Ambler and Phillip St. George Ambler, 1835–1839. 86 frames.
0087 Phillip St. George Ambler, 1840–1849. 44 frames.
0131 Phillip St. George Ambler, 1850–1859. 92 frames.
0248 Phillip St. George Ambler, 1870–1887. 10 frames.
0258 John Ambler and Phillip St. George Ambler, N.D. 46 frames.

**Miscellaneous Papers**

0304 John Ambler (D.J. Phillip, Overseer) Daybook, 1824–1825. 12 frames.
0316 John Ambler et al., Diary, Speeches, Essay, Poems, and Memoranda, 1820–1874. 47 frames.
0363 John Ambler et al., Invitations, Calling Cards, Class Notes, and Draft of a Report, 1821–1822, N.D. 14 frames.
0377 John Ambler et al., Legal Documents and Legal Memoranda, 1800–1830, N.D. 22 frames.

**Buck Family Papers, 1833–1860, Frederick County, Virginia, Accession Number 4932**

Buck family correspondence is especially rich in incoming letters from relatives and old friends, informative on the progress of westward migration, especially women’s and family views of the change from Piedmont Virginia in the Shenandoah valley to Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, Missouri, Mississippi, Kansas, and California. Slavery material relates to hiring, sales, runaways, catchers, and the general metes and bounds of respectable slave ownership in a variety of locations. Social life plays a prominent role in the collection as members of the Buck family were influ-
ential partners of the Capon Hot Springs in Virginia and employees of the Hammond House at Baltimore, Maryland. Economic conditions, including panics, were important factors in Buck family matters. Dr. Marcus C. Buck, sometime sheriff and small wheat farmer, was the subject of a December 1851 valuation listing five male slaves.

Included in this collection are typed descriptions of the correspondence for each year, filed with the materials from that year. One gets a real sense of the nostalgia and homesickness invoked by the Virginia memories of emigrants as far afield as Panama and Australia. A unique exchange of correspondence on March 18, 1852, and December 18, 1854, from a former Buck slave, Maria Cooper, at Washington, Pennsylvania, describes her reminiscences of the old place. Other letters mention Negroes who had gone to Canada and other places, as well as descriptions of slave markets in Richmond and a Winchester resident's aversion to them. Correspondence from Missouri and Mississippi detail methods of the care and successful management of slaves and efforts to buy additional bonds-men and -women from Virginia without the odium of splitting families. A September 2, 1858, letter from C.M. Callaway included the statement that "Kansas is all and more by 100 fold than I ever supposed it was." Correspondence of 1859 from Mississippi described methods of fighting floods and the desolation caused by the floods. Correspondence of 1860 reflects an ex-Virginian's aversion to northern society as found in the West. An 1862 diary of Lucy Rebecca Buck charts her experiences of the Civil War.

0399 Introductory Materials. 3 frames.

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0249 Buck Family, Papers, 1848. 139 frames.
0388 Buck Family, Papers, 1849. 168 frames.
0556 Buck Family, Papers, 1850. 332 frames.
0888 Buck Family, Papers, 1851. 188 frames.

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_Buck Family Papers, acc. 4932 cont._

0001 Buck Family, Papers, 1851 cont. 85 frames.
0086 Buck Family, Papers, 1852. 256 frames.
0342 Buck Family, Papers, 1853. 376 frames.
0718 Buck Family, Papers, 1854. 333 frames.

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_Buck Family Papers, acc. 4932 cont._

0001 Buck Family, Papers, 1854 cont. 34 frames.
0035 Buck Family, Papers, 1855. 214 frames.
0249 Buck Family, Papers, 1856. 4 frames.
0253 Buck Family, Papers, 1857. 375 frames.
0628 Buck Family, Papers, 1858. 134 frames.
0762 Buck Family, Papers, 1859. 266 frames.

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_Buck Family Papers, acc. 4932 cont._

0001 Buck Family, Papers, 1860. 312 frames.
0313 Lucy Rebecca Buck, Diary, May 28, 1862—July 8, 1862. 15 frames.
0328 Buck Family, Papers, 1863—1888. 28 frames.

"Pocket" Plantation, 1748–1861,
_Pittsylvania County, Virginia, Accession Number 2027_

This plantation of 713 acres formed in a bend of the Staunton River was in the south central tobacco region of Virginia near North Carolina. It was bought from Peter Jefferson in 1755 by John Smith, Jr., and was gradually expanded to 1,725 acres during the nineteenth century. Records are especially rich in agriculture, slavery, family correspondence, and account books.
The papers fall into three periods: John Smith, Jr., 1748–1776; Ralph Smith, 1776–1827; and the Clement family 1827–1861. Dr. George W. Clement married Stella Smith, a granddaughter of John Smith, Jr., thereby coming into possession of the "Pocket" after the death of her uncle Ralph Smith.

Records relating to the career of John Smith, Jr., as a surveyor and sheriff of Albemarle County, Virginia, in the years 1746–1766 have been omitted from this publication: these include surveys, survey receipts, sheriff's fees, wolf bounties, and other miscellaneous items not related to the "Pocket" plantation. With the exception of a file of land patents, 1766–1803, for 1,200 acres in Franklin County, Virginia, a few "Pocket" plantation financial accounts, 1765–1813 (too corrupted to film), a book of eighteenth-century colonial quitrents, and a Sunday school primer, the collection is filmed completely between 1766 and 1865. Bound volumes omitted in an effort to save space are a Lawyer's Account Book of William Calloway Clement, 1848–1851; Blacksmith Shop Account and Daybook, 1816–1827; Blacksmith Shop Account Book, 1796–1802 and Mercantile Account Book, 1793–1821 bound together; Physician's Account Book, 1810–1827; and three mercantile ledgers dating from the 1870s.

Eighteenth-century material included is very rich in economic matters, including currency, quartermaster impressments, levies, and military substitutes during the Revolutionary War. Agricultural material concerns tobacco, corn, and other crops including hemp. Overseers' agreements and leases of land provide an overview of plantation management. Slaves and slavery were part and parcel of the plantation experience and can be noted in a wide range of materials from personal correspondence to estate inventories and insurance policies. A 1786 letter from John Losson in Georgia telling Ralph Smith that "likely negroes is the best trade for land that can be, likely horses trades very well..." is an indication of exchange problems between Virginia currency and Georgia sterling.

With the dawn of the nineteenth century appeared a ten-year period of fascinating family correspondence among the Calloway family dealing with education, camp meetings, religion, and conversions. It reveals their sense of being of use to society as well as advice on what lands to rent and own so as to live near one's hands, proper cropping methods for hands, and special concerns when putting them under an overseer. Other letters reflect the gold rush of 1849 and westward migration.

0356 Introductory Materials. 5 frames.

Papers

0361 John Smith, Jr., 1748. 2 frames.
0363 John Smith, Jr., 1749. 96 frames.
[0361 John Smith, Jr., Pocket Account Book, 1749–1767. 96 frames.]
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"Pocket" Plantation, acc. 2027 cont.

Papers cont.

0001 John Smith, Jr., 1775. 20 frames.
0021 Ralph Smith, 1775. 100 frames.
[0021 Daybook, 1775–1848. 88 frames.]
0121 Ralph Smith, 1776. 12 frames.
0133 Ralph Smith, 1777. 4 frames.
0137 Ralph Smith, 1778. 60 frames.
[0155 Estate Papers, 1778–1831. 42 frames.]
0197 Ralph Smith, 1779. 63 frames.
[0202 Estate of John Smith, Jr., Division of Negroes, 1779. 3 frames.]
[0211 Sheriff Receipts, 1779–1825. 49 frames.]
0260 Ralph Smith, 1780. 32 frames.
0292 Ralph Smith, 1781. 91 frames.
[0312 Tobacco Papers, 1781–1826. 48 frames.]
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"Pocket" Plantation, acc. 2027 cont.

Papers cont.

0001 Ralph Smith, 1794. cont. 100 frames.
   [0007 Correspondence from John Smith, Sr., 1794–1819. 16 frames.]

0101 Ralph Smith, 1795. 53 frames.
   [0101 Pittsylvania County, Poll of Voters, 1795. 53 frames.]

0154 Ralph Smith, 1796. 5 frames.

0159 Ralph Smith, 1797. 57 frames.

0216 Ralph Smith, 1799. 37 frames.

0253 Ralph Smith and Henry Callaway, 1800. 20 frames.

0273 Ralph Smith and Henry Callaway, 1801. 30 frames.

0303 Ralph Smith and Henry Callaway, 1802. 13 frames.

0316 Ralph Smith and Henry Callaway, 1803. 26 frames.

0342 Ralph Smith and Henry Callaway, 1804. 16 frames.

0358 Ralph Smith and Henry Callaway, 1805. 51 frames.

0409 Ralph Smith and Henry Callaway, 1806. 23 frames.

0432 Ralph Smith, Henry Callaway, and George Clement, 1807. 16 frames.

0448 Ralph Smith, Henry Callaway, 1808. 35 frames.
   [0465 Samuel Smith, Overseer's Papers, 1808–1827. 18 frames.]

0483 Ralph Smith and Henry Callaway, 1809. 36 frames.
   [0503 Ralph Smith, Correspondence from Elizabeth Calland, 1809–1824. 16 frames.]
Ralph Smith, Henry Callaway and George Clement, 1810. 102 frames.
[0538  Miscellaneous Receipts, 1810–1825. 52 frames.]
[0590  George Clement, Accounts, 1810–1850. 21 frames.]

Ralph Smith, Henry Callaway and George Clement, 1811. 122 frames.
[0656  Miscellaneous Receipts, 1811–1828. 58 frames.]
[0714  George Clement, Receipts, 1811–1842. 29 frames.]

Ralph Smith and George Clement, 1812. 60 frames.

Ralph Smith and George Clement, 1813. 60 frames.
[0793  Ralph Smith, Correspondence from John Callaway, 1813–1820. 8 frames.]
[0801  Ralph Smith, Correspondence from William Steptoe, 1813–1821. 4 frames.]
[0805  Ralph Smith, Estate Papers, 1813–1829. 34 frames.]

Ralph Smith and George Clement, 1814. 45 frames.
[0847  George Clement, Accounts with William Owens (Medical Supplies),
      1814–1820. 21 frames.]
[0868  Ralph Smith, Correspondence, 1814–1827. 8 frames.]

Ralph Smith and George Clement, 1815. 16 frames.

Ralph Smith and George Clement, 1816. 69 frames.
[0926  Letters to Dr. George Clement, 1816–1851. 47 frames.]

Ralph Smith and George Clement, 1817. 20 frames.

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"Pocket" Plantation, acc. 2027 cont.

Papers cont.

Ralph Smith and George Clement, 1817 cont. 58 frames.
[0001  Ralph Smith, Correspondence from John Smith, Jr., 1817–1826. 58
       frames.]

Ralph Smith and George Clement, 1818. 15 frames.

Ralph Smith and George Clement, 1819. 37 frames.

Ralph Smith and George Clement, 1820. 34 frames.

Ralph Smith and George Clement, 1821. 111 frames.
[0161  George Clement, Account Books, etc., 1821–1824. 58 frames.]

Ralph Smith and George Clement, 1822. 98 frames.
       29 frames.]

Ralph Smith and George Clement, 1823. 56 frames.
[0390  Henry G. Callaway, Medical Account Book and Book Lists, pre-1824. 20
       frames.]

Ralph Smith and George Clement, 1824. 39 frames.
[0437  George Clement, Slave Papers, 1824–1852. 12 frames.]

Ralph Smith and George Clement, 1825. 42 frames.

Ralph Smith and George Clement, 1826. 38 frames.

Ralph Smith and George Clement, 1827. 356 frames.
[0541  Estate of Ralph Smith, Ledger, 1827–1837. 159 frames.]
[0758  Estate of Ralph Smith, Papers, 1827–1832. 127 frames.]
Reel 15

"Pocket" Plantation, acc. 2027 cont.

Papers cont.

0001 Dr. George Clement, 1836. 112 frames.
[0001 Letters regarding His Son at Randolph Macon College, 1836. 12 frames.]
0113 Dr. George W. Clement, 1837. 31 frames.
0144 Dr. George W. Clement, 1838. 33 frames.
0177 Dr. George W. Clement, 1839. 16 frames.
0193 Dr. George W. Clement, 1840. 26 frames.
0219 Dr. George W. Clement, 1841. 53 frames.
0272 Dr. George W. Clement, 1842. 29 frames.
0301 Dr. George W. Clement, 1843. 62 frames.
[0351 Dr. George W. Clement, Tobacco Sales, 1843–1849. 12 frames.]
0363 Dr. George W. Clement, 1844. 78 frames.
0441 Dr. George W. Clement, 1845. 47 frames.
0488 Dr. George W. Clement, 1847. 89 frames.
0577 Dr. George W. Clement, 1848. 42 frames.
0619 Dr. George W. Clement, 1849. 21 frames.
[0619 Dr. George W. Clement, Materials and Correspondence regarding His Sons in California, 1849–1853. 21 frames.]
0641 Dr. George W. Clement, 1850. 61 frames.
0702 Dr. George W. Clement, 1851. 77 frames.
0779 Dr. George W. Clement, 1852. 27 frames.
0806 Dr. George W. Clement, 1854. 3 frames.
0809 William C. Clement, 1855. 11 frames.
0820 William C. Clement, 1856. 26 frames.
0846 William C. Clement, 1857–1858. 12 frames.
0858 William C. Clement, 1859. 6 frames.
0864 Dr. George W. Clement and William C. Clement, 1860. 6 frames.
0870 Dr. George W. Clement, 1861. 3 frames.
0873 Clement Family, Miscellaneous Papers, 1816–1859. 32 frames.
0905 Ralph Smith and Dr. George W. Clement, N.D. 26 frames.
Bound Volumes


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"Pocket" Plantation, acc. 2027 cont.

Bound Volumes cont.

0001 Ralph Smith, Memorandum Book, 1791–1794. 6 frames.
0007 Ralph Smith, Daybook, 1784–1785. 478 frames.
0485 Ralph Smith, Daybook, 1788–1789. 194 frames.

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Pocket Plantation, acc. 2027 cont.

Bound Volumes cont.

0001 Ralph Smith, Ledger, 1788–1791. 226 frames.
0227 Ralph Smith, Slave Birth List, 1788–1826. 3 frames.
0230 Ralph Smith et al., Estate Account Book of H.C. Callaway, 1810–1825. 88 frames.

Kennon Family Papers, 1808–1865,
Powhatan County, Virginia, Accession Number 38-95

Strengths of this collection include farm journals of Beverley Randolph and his son-in-law, William H. Kennon, with detailed slave lists of up to 84 individuals, among the Bound Volumes, and very rich family correspondence touching on both Virginia life and the far-flung naval career of William H. Kennon. These papers revolve around the Randolph and Kennon families of "Norwood" plantation in Powhatan County at the edge of Piedmont Virginia. Materials of the 1830s include the courtship of William H. Kennon and Nancy Randolph over the objections of her father and the correspondence of her brother Charles Randolph while a student at the University of Virginia and in Paris. Letters from "Norwood" contain information on planting activities and social events. This plantation on the James River was owned by Charles Randolph, but through an agreement
on March 21, 1840, came under the management of William H. Kennon, who hired an overseer on May 8 and resigned his commission in the Navy in December. Upon the death of Charles Randolph, Hill Carter was named trustee for Mrs. Nancy R. Kennon and continued in this capacity after the death of her husband in 1843. At the end of the 1844 materials is an interesting document of questions to ask the witnesses in a legal case known as Kennon v. Wilkinson.

Mr. Wilkinson was a carpenter who had apparently swindled William H. Kennon while Kennon was intoxicated or otherwise deranged as he was alleged to have been for a couple of years before his death. Nancy R. Kennon married Miles C. Selden sometime in the 1850s. Among the Civil War letters are many from Confederate prisoners interned in the North. References to slaves and slavery among this collection include overseers' contracts, an 1841 letter regarding a slave named Beverly found off the "Norwood" grounds, 1842 receipts for shoes bought, and an 1844 bill from Omohundras and Templeman for the board of a slave named Jim for 63 days at 25 cents per day with an additional 25 cents charged for soap.

N.B. Six Bank Books of Beverley Randolph, 1822–1832, and one of John Heth, 1827–1828, have been omitted from this publication. For more information on material dating after 1865, the "Guide to the Kennon Papers" was filmed in the Introductory Materials for this collection.

0318 Introductory Materials. 28 frames.

Bound Volumes

0346 Beverley Randolph, Journal, 1808. 34 frames.
0380 William H. Kennon, Farm Journal, 1840–1842. 56 frames.

Papers

0436 William H. Kennon, 1817. 1 frame.
0437 William H. Kennon, 1819. 2 frames.
0439 William H. Kennon, 1821. 2 frames.
0441 William H. Kennon, 1822. 4 frames.
0445 William H. Kennon, 1823. 44 frames.
0489 William H. Kennon and Nancy Randolph, 1824. 31 frames.
0520 William H. Kennon, 1825. 25 frames.
0545 William H. Kennon, 1826. 6 frames.
0551 William H. Kennon, 1827. 9 frames.
0560 William H. Kennon, 1828. 4 frames.
0564 William H. Kennon, 1829. 24 frames.
0588 William H. Kennon and Nancy Randolph, 1830. 64 frames.
0652 William H. Kennon and Charles Randolph, 1831. 23 frames.
0675  William H. Kennon, Charles Randolph and Nancy Randolph, 1832. 95 frames.
0770  William H. Kennon and Nancy R. Kennon. 4 frames.
0774  William H. Kennon, 1834. 32 frames.
0806  William H. Kennon, 1835. 20 frames.
0826  William H. Kennon and Charles Randolph, 1836. 21 frames.
0847  William H. Kennon and Nancy R. Kennon, 1837. 70 frames.
0917  William H. Kennon and Nancy R. Kennon, 1838. 10 frames.
0927  William H. Kennon and Nancy R. Kennon, 1839. 13 frames.
0940  William H. Kennon, Charles Randolph and Nancy R. Kennon, 1840. 58 frames.
0998  William H. Kennon, 1841. 38 frames.

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Kennon Family Papers, acc. 38-95 cont.

Papers cont.

0001  William H. Kennon, 1842. 67 frames.
0068  William H. Kennon and Nancy R. Kennon, 1843. 49 frames.
0117  Nancy R. Kennon, 1844. 36 frames.
0153  Nancy R. Kennon, 1845. 3 frames.
0156  Nancy R. Kennon, 1846. 10 frames.
0166  George Nicolson Johnson, Legal Opinion regarding Nancy R. Kennon, 1847. 4 frames.
0171  Nancy R. Kennon, 1848. 1 frame.
0172  Nancy R. Kennon, 1849. 7 frames.
0179  Nancy R. Kennon, 1850. 2 frames.
0181  Nancy R. Kennon, 1852. 72 frames.
[0184  Account Book, 1852–1853. 11 frames.]
[0195  Nancy Kennon Selden and Miles C. Selden, Account Book, 1848–1853. 58 frames.]
0253  Nancy R. Kennon, 1854. 2 frames.
0255  Nancy R. Kennon, 1855. 6 frames.
0261  Nancy R. Kennon and Miles C. Selden, 1857. 7 frames.
0268  J.A. Latane to F. Lay, 1858. 2 frames.
0270  Nancy Selden (Formerly Nancy R. Kennon) to Miles C. Selden, 1859. 40 frames.
0310  Nancy Selden and Miles C. Selden, 1860. 66 frames.
0376  Nancy Selden, 1861. 27 frames.
0403  Nancy Selden, 1862. 16 frames.
0419  Nancy Selden and Charles R. Kennon, 1863. 12 frames.
0431  Nancy Selden, 1864. 4 frames.
0435  Nancy Selden and Charles R. Kennon, 1865. 9 frames.
Charles L. Bankhead Papers, 1812–1831, Albemarle County, Virginia, Accession Number 2730

This collection consists of one agricultural account book with slave lists at the end of the volume. "Carlton" was the Bankhead plantation in Albemarle while other accounts concern Port Royal, Caroline County, and Seabrook's warehouse. Agricultural accounts relate to the numbers of hogs butchered, weights of pork and bacon, and numbers of lambs and fowl, as well as tobacco, wheat, corn, oats, and fodder for horses and cattle. Other accounts detail the gristmill and sawmill on "Carlton" and amounts of tallow, and other items bought. Over 40 slaves are listed near the end of this collection showing age, family data, and occupations including blacksmiths and carpenters.

0444 Introductory Materials. 3 frames.

Robert "King" Carter Letterbooks, 1723–1732; Cornbook, 1743; Diary, 1722–1727, Lancaster County, Virginia, Accession Number 3807

Robert "King" Carter (1663–1732) was one of the richest Virginians of the early eighteenth century, owning land across the breadth of the state, but headquartered at "Corotoman" in Lancaster County on the eastern seaboard. Strengths of these invaluable volumes range from international commerce and shipping to land transactions and extremely rich material on slavery and indentured servants in Virginia. As just one example of many, in a letter of July 13, 1731, to Benjamin Grayson, Carter provides a detailed discussion of the management of hired men and slaves, methods of accounting for misspent days, the location of Negro quarters on his land, and a description of how to keep his smith active doing work for neighbors. Carter also authorized a course of correction for two roguish indentured servants. The Cornbook contains items such as the expense of corn, wheat, and oats delivered to the Negroes and the stables and sent out from the mills.

N.B. A volume of Robert "King" Carter's sons, the John, Charles, and Landon Carter Letterbook, Accession Number 4996, is included on the last reel of this publication.
Walter Bowie Journals, 1848–1861, 
Westmoreland County, Virginia, Accession Number 8528

Of the two volumes comprising this collection, the first provides a daily chronicle of Bowie’s education and social activities at Winchester, Virginia, Columbian College in Washington, D.C., and at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, providing descriptions of meetings with young ladies, walks, field trips, and course work. The second volume details Bowie’s agricultural efforts in Westmoreland County in the northern neck of Virginia. Bowie, who turned 30 in 1861, hired about eight slaves and as he noted in January 1861: "Miss H. Parker lets me hire her man Jim free of hire in consideration for my attending to the hiring of her other Negroes and any other business she may call upon me to do." Work done on his farm included filling the ice house, fanning wheat, stock tending, fencing, ploughing, gardening, fencing, corn and wheat culture, and hay making. Bowie also comments on the weather, social calls, drills of the Potomac Rifles, false alarms and the advancement of the War in Northern Virginia. At the end of the volume is a depiction of the five-field systems, featuring corn, wheat, pasture, and fallow.

N.B. A collection of college lecture notes dating from 1850 was omitted from the second volume in this collection.

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Watson Family, 1750–1865, 
Louisa County, Virginia, Accession Number 530

This rich and varied collection includes a variety of subjects including agriculture, economics, family relations, medicine, religion, social matters, and westward migration. Afro-American material in the Watson family collection includes slavery in general, slave economics, slave man-
agement, and the religion of slaves. This collection consists of Bound Volumes and Papers. Bound Volumes relate entirely to the nineteenth century including agriculture, medicine, and Civil War relief activities. Volumes relating to post-bellum agriculture were excluded, as were parts of the bankbooks on this film and three other bankbooks, dating 1861–1863. Among the massive papers in the Watson family collections, an effort was made to exclude individual receipts when duplicated in summary form on accounts, as well as abundant legal materials relative to a Watson law practice.

Watson family papers, pre-1865, encompass the papers of Garritt Minor (d. 1799), David Watson (1773–1830), and Thomas S. Watson (1819–1895) in addition to allied families. Earliest papers are those of Garritt Minor in Spotsylvania County, where in 1791 he held 1,686 acres, with an additional holding of 600 acres in Louisa County. Among these approximately 1,000 Minor items dating from the nineteenth century are many of particular interest. Price fluctuations, market conditions, and money matters during the Revolution, Confederation, and early national periods are amply documented in accounts and correspondence. Tobacco and wheat sales formed the bulk of his enterprise. Material on the redemption of military certificates includes their use in the purchase of a slave family. Correspondence depicts the opinions of Virginians towards the resolving of western boundary disputes, settlement in Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee, family relations among Garritt Minor, his wife Mary, his brothers and their widows and families, and his brother-in-law, Richard Terrell.

Papers of David Watson, a son-in-law of Garritt Minor, appear after 1794, beginning with school correspondence from his days at the College of William and Mary. The first increment of his diary relating to agriculture, wheat, corn, and tobacco is dated 1796; the diary was continued throughout his life and thereafter in the lifetime of his son. Diaries, memo books, cash books, and account books of the Watson family are very rich in the Bound Volumes and are mixed in with the Papers. In 1810, David Watson bought a slave named Jack and his tools (he was a shoemaker by trade) from Edmund Pendleton for pound mark 190, and the accounts of Jack’s Shoemaker Shop can be followed for over sixteen years in the Bound Volumes and Papers of this collection. Correspondence of David Watson ranged from philosophy, law, and romance of his youth to letters regarding the loss of children, correspondence between his wife, Sally, and him, overseers’ agreements, leasing and sales of slaves, and slave lists of 1828 showing ages and the plantation residences of over 85 individuals.

Thomas S. Watson materials reflect the zenith of Watson affluence with several plantations including “Bracketts,” “Harris’s Creek,” and “Gold-mine” in the Green Springs area of Louisa County, near Albemarle, Virginia,
and a "Rented Plantation" in Henry County, Virginia, during the Civil War. Watson family activities extended westward into Arkansas and Louisiana with the emigration of George Watson and Shelton Watson in 1839. For this period the collection documents cotton culture, marketing through the firm of Moon, Titus and Company, and overseers' agreements stipulating fallows, guano, clearing of new lands, and the treatment of slaves. Two letters between Virginia and Arkansas slave relatives detail religion in each place. Family letters reveal conflicts among the three Watson brothers involving accusations and recriminations culminating in the death of Shelton Watson on a riverboat in Arkansas during 1858 and the institutionalization of George Watson at the Government Hospital for the Insane in Washington, D.C., and his death in 1860. Correspondence continues with overseers in Arkansas and the widow of George Watson at the house of her brother in Shelby County, Tennessee. The war diaries of Thomas S. Watson involve his activities in Louisa County, as a conscriptee in the Army of Northern Virginia, and at the "Rented Plantation" in Henry County, Virginia (appearing among 1813 materials at the end of a volume of Tax Assessments of Henry County, 1813–1814).

0001 Introductory Materials. 3 frames.

Bound Volumes

0004 David Watson, Cash Book, 1821–1829. 131 frames.
0135 James H. Minor, Medical Account Book, 1845–1851. 74 frames.
0209 Thomas S. Watson, Farm Account Book, 1859–1866. 128 frames.
0337 David Watson, Ledger and Journal, 1813–1830. 105 frames.
0442 Joseph W. Morris, Guardian Accounts, 1813–1830. 12 frames.
0570 David Watson, Daybook and Cash Book, 1829–1830. 33 frames.
0603 Thomas S. Watson, Estate Account Book, 1846–1861. 43 frames.
0646 Thomas S. Watson, Memoranda and Bank Book, 1858. 21 frames.
0667 Thomas S. Watson, Account Book, 1858–1860. 49 frames.
0716 Thomas S. Watson, Captain Sargent’s Company Volunteers and Louisa County Relief Rolls, 1861. 16 frames.
0732 Thomas S. Watson, Account Book with Louisa County, 1861–1862. 22 frames.
0754 Thomas S. Watson, Memoranda and Bank Book, 1864. 4 frames.
0758 Thomas S. Watson, Memoranda and Bank Book, 1861–1863. 2 frames.

Papers

0760 Minor Family, N.D. 2 frames.
0762 Minor Family, 1750. 2 frames.
0764 Minor Family, 1758. 1 frame.
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Watson Family, acc. 530 cont.

Papers cont.

0001  Garritt Minor, 1783 cont. 32 frames.
0033  Garritt Minor, 1784. 36 frames.
0069  Garritt Minor, 1785. 23 frames.
0092  Garritt Minor, 1786. 53 frames.
0145  Garritt Minor, 1787. 32 frames.
0177  Garritt Minor, 1788. 31 frames.
0208  Garritt Minor, 1789. 57 frames.
0265  Garritt Minor and the Estate of James Minor, 1790. 202 frames.
[0372  Garritt Minor, Account Book, 1789–1792. 36 frames.]
0467  Garritt Minor, 1791. 126 frames.
0596  Garritt Minor, 1792. 203 frames.
0799  Garritt Minor and David Watson, 1793. 190 frames.
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Watson Family, acc. 530 cont.

Papers cont.

0001 Garritt Minor and David Watson, 1794. 136 frames.
0137 Garritt Minor and David Watson, 1795. 106 frames.
0243 Garritt Minor and David Watson, 1796. 118 frames.
[0358 David Watson, Diary, 1796–1806. 3 frames.]
0361 Garritt Minor and David Watson, 1797. 84 frames.
0445 Garritt Minor and David Watson, 1798. 114 frames.
[0512 David Watson, Stud Book, 1798–1806. 18 frames.]
[0530 David Watson, Account of the Sale of the Estate of Reverend William Duglass, 1798. 27 frames.]
0559 Garritt Minor and David Watson, 1799. 93 frames.
[0618 David Watson, Memoranda Book, 1799–1803. 10 frames.]
0652 David Watson, 1800. 96 frames.
[0707 David Watson, Stud Book, 1800–1802. 15 frames.]
[0722 David Watson, Account Book, 1800–1804. 7 frames.]
0748 David Watson, 1801. 122 frames.
[0803 David Watson, Memoranda Book, 1801–1813. 15 frames.]
0870 David Watson, 1802. 26 frames.
0896 David Watson, 1803. 12 frames.
0908 David Watson, 1804. 50 frames.
[0908 David Watson, Cash Book, 1804–1813. 30 frames.]
0958 David Watson, 1805. 49 frames.

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Watson Family, acc. 530 cont.

Papers cont.

0001 David Watson, 1806. 103 frames.
[0071 David Watson, Diary, 1806–1813. 33 frames.]
0104 David Watson, 1807. 48 frames.
0152 David Watson, 1808. 32 frames.
0184 David Watson, 1809. 40 frames.
0224 David Watson, 1810. 85 frames.
[0241 David Watson, Jack's Shoemaker Shop Book, 1810–1811. 33 frames.]
0309 David Watson, 1811. 38 frames.
0347 David Watson, 1812. 153 frames.
[0406 David Watson, Jack's Shoemaker Shop Book, 1812–1816. 94 frames.]
Reel 23

*Watson Family, acc. 530 cont.*

*Papers cont.*

- 0001 David Watson, 1816 cont. 168 frames.
  [0001 David Watson, Diary, 1816–1824. 168 frames.]
- 0169 David Watson, 1817. 195 frames.
  [0237 David Watson, Jack’s Shoemaker Shop Book, 1817–1820. 114 frames.]
  [0351 David Watson, Medical Memoranda Book, 1817–1830. 13 frames.]
- 0364 David Watson, 1818. 80 frames.
- 0444 David Watson, 1819. 88 frames.
- 0532 David Watson, 1820. 102 frames.
  [0592 David Watson, Jack’s Shoemaker Shop Book, 1820–1822. 42 frames.]
- 0634 David Watson, 1821. 166 frames.
  [0698 David Watson, Jack’s Shoemaker Shop Book, 1821–1824. 99 frames.]
- 0800 David Watson, 1822. 175 frames.
  [0822 David Watson, Catalogue of Books, 1822. 11 frames.]
  [0916 David Watson, Jack’s Shoemaker Shop Book, 1822–1826. 59 frames.]

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*Watson Family, acc. 530 cont.*

*Papers cont.*

- 0001 David Watson, 1823. 134 frames.
- 0135 David Watson, 1824.
  [0278 David Watson, Jack’s Shoemaker Shop Book, 1824–1826. 39 frames.]
  [0317 David Watson, Farm Diary, 1824–1830. 205 frames.]
- 0522 David Watson, 1825. 109 frames.
- 0631 David Watson, 1826. 77 frames.
- 0708 David Watson and Dr. James Watson, 1827. 101 frames.
  [0768 Dr. James Watson, Medical Account Book, 1827–1835. 41 frames.]
- 0809 David Watson, 1828. 74 frames.
- 0883 David Watson, 1829. 102 frames.
Reel 25

*Watson Family, acc. 530 cont.*

*Papers cont.*

0001 David Watson and Dr. James Watson, 1830.

0089 David Watson, Letters from Sally Watson, 1801–1819. 64 frames.

0153 Dr. James Watson and Mrs. Sally Watson, 1831. 59 frames.

0212 Dr. James Watson and Mrs. Sally Watson, 1832. 44 frames.

0256 Dr. James Watson and Mrs. Sally Watson, 1833. 48 frames.

0304 Dr. James Watson and Mrs. Sally Watson, 1834. 85 frames.

0389 Dr. James Watson and Mrs. Sally Watson, 1835. 62 frames.

0451 Dr. James Watson and Mrs. Sally Watson, 1836. 52 frames.

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0546 Dr. James Watson, Mrs. Sally Watson and Thomas S. Watson, 1838. 75 frames.

0621 Thomas S. Watson and Mrs. Sally Watson, 1840. 172 frames.

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Hubard Family, 1781–1865,
Buckingham and Nelson Counties, Virginia,
Accession Number 8039

This is the first of three related accessions of Hubard family material included in this publication. Three other Hubard family accessions were omitted. The three collections filmed for this publication represent the materials of Robert T. Hubard (1808–1871). Papers of his son Robert T. Hubard II were omitted as they fall outside of the time constraints of this publication. (See Michael Plunkett, Guide).

The papers of Robert T. Hubard I contain extraordinarily detailed material on plantation management and the economics of slavery, including overseers' correspondence, agreements, and accounts from Nelson County and Buckingham County, Virginia, plantations. There are five categories of Hubard family material in this first accession: Correspondence; Legal Documents and Memoranda; Bills, Receipts, Promissory Notes, and Accounts; N.D. and Miscellaneous; and Bound Volumes. Correspondence of Robert T. Hubard, 1828, 1836–1844 includes letters to his sister at the University of Virginia and letters to a cousin at "Bolling Hall." Correspondence of John R. Edmunds to Walter Coles, 1835–1842, highlights plantation management, economic conditions, and politics. Robert T. Hubard correspondence of 1848–1849 contains excellent agricultural letters from A.C. Page and family letters from Edward Hubard. Robert T. Hubard correspondence of 1851–1860 detailing wheat, corn, tobacco culture, and massive applications of guano also relate to the activities of his sons and brother prior to the Civil War. Substantial Civil War materials depict the agricultural and other activities of the Hubards.

Legal Documents and Memoranda contain an overseer's contract of 1835, rental agreements from 1844–1848, and papers regarding a debt of Robert Bolling at court in Buckingham County, 1852–1875. Among the Bills, Receipts, Promissory Notes, and Accounts are amounts and prices of wheat, corn, and tobacco and figures on goods purchased by Hubard. The N.D. and Miscellaneous Items contain a slave list of over 90 individuals with age and family information, a unique and striking document containing the advice of Robert T. Hubard to his sons. It reveals his philosophy of life and management, representing a rare distillation of the ethos of a Virginia planter. Among the Bound Volumes is a volume of family history, 1858, and lecture notes, 1828, bound together, and two extraordinary volumes entitled "Journal of Annual Receipts and Disbursements," 1847–1854 and 1855–1871. These are complete account books including amounts received and paid at various Hubard plantations. Accounts range from hardware, tailoring, freight, hiring of labor including some free
Negro workers, and many other disbursements; to lists of Hubard debtors, 
stocks owned, tobacco, wheat, and corn crops, herds of cattle, and in-
umerable other facets of plantation life.

0181 Introductory Material. 22 frames.

Correspondence

0203 William Hubard, 1781. 3 frames.
0206 Robert T. Hubard, 1828, 1836–1844. 45 frames.
0251 John R. Edmunds to Walter Coles, 1835–1842. 21 frames.
0272 Robert T. Hubard, 1847–1849. 29 frames.
0311 Robert T. Hubard, 1850. 48 frames.
0359 Robert T. Hubard, 1851. 83 frames.
0442 Robert T. Hubard, 1852. 57 frames.
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0764 Robert T. Hubard, 1865–1871. 5 frames.
0769 Robert T. Hubard, 1861–1878. 5 frames.

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0774 Robert T. Hubard, 1829–1839. 8 frames.
0782 Robert T. Hubard, Receipts for Grain Received at Tye River Warehouse, 
1839–1849. 17 frames.
0799 Robert T. Hubard, 1839–1849. 21 frames.
0820 Robert T. Hubard, 1850–1859. 37 frames.

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0857 Robert T. Hubard, Slave List Showing Values at Time of Emancipation, 1869. 4 
frames.
0861 Robert T. Hubard, Family History and Advice to His Sons, 1839–1849, N.D. 118 
frames.
0979 Robert T. Hubard, Medical Prescription for an Ill Slave, 1837. 3 frames.
0982 Robert T. Hubard, Family History, 1858, and Lecture Notes on Political Economy at 
the University of Virginia, 1828. 65 frames.
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Hubard Family, 1841, Buckingham and Nelson Counties, Virginia, Accession Number 7786m

This is the second of three related accessions of Hubard family material. The present collection consists of one document, a register of Negroes in Buckingham County, Virginia from 1841–1859, containing the name, age, birth, death, cause of death, and any other information available on up to 95 Hubard slaves. Like some of the N.D. and Miscellaneous Items of the last collection, this material was written for the benefit of Robert Hubard’s sons so they would have a more accurate appraisal of their inheritance and to show them the proper concerns and cares of a Virginia slaveowner. Materials of a similar nature are included in the next Hubbard family accession in this publication, including a register of Negroes in Nelson County, Virginia, 1857–1862, and the “Rosny” agricultural memoranda, 1836–1853.

0670 Robert T. Hubard, Register of Negroes Owned in Buckingham County, 1841–1859. 8 frames.

Hubard Family, 1808–1865, Buckingham and Nelson Counties, Accession Number 8708

This is the third and largest of three related accessions of Hubard family material in this publication. These records, consisting almost entirely of receipts and accounts for purchases, contracts, and sales of produce in Richmond, Buckingham County, and Nelson County, run continuously from 1835 through the Civil War and provide a source for possible quantitative and other studies in ante-bellum agriculture, education, inheritance, and slavery. Items of particular interest are agricultural memoranda from Robert T. Hubard’s “Tye River” and “Rosny” quarters, a register of Negroes in Nelson County, and farming advice directed to his sons. Cor-
respondence files include letters of James T. Hubard to Leneaus Bolling (father-in-law and half uncle to Robert T. Hubard) and letters from Robert T. Hubard’s sons and their teachers at various educational institutions. Filing peculiarities in this collection enable scholars to isolate receipts from two counties as well as Richmond. Although some dates may seem out of order, this was the method used by Robert T. Hubard when bundling these materials, and the chronology generally is arranged by the last date in a file.

In 1838 Robert T. Hubard owned two tracts in Nelson County, one of 1,550 acres and the other of 2,300 acres upon which were 60 slaves and 17 horses. Correspondence from the overseer in Buckingham County regarding general plantation matters reveals the effort of Hubard and George Jones to apprentice some young slaves as a shoemaker, cooper, or smith in the neighborhood, 1845–1847, and an agreement of 1851–1855 testifies to their success in that Hubard’s slave Ampie would work with a blacksmith one half of each year, at least, to learn the trade. Hubard’s Buckingham County lands were assessed at 5,993 1/2 acres in 1857. All pre-1865 portions of this collection are included, with the exception of Robert T. Hubard II Law Notes at the University of Virginia, 1860–1861, 1869, which have been excluded in order to save space, although the bills from this period of his education are included.

N.B. A substantial related collection of Hubard family material exists among the holdings of the Southern Historical Collection at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

0780 Robert T. Hubard, Register of Negroes in Nelson County with Overseer’s Accounts and List of Stock, 1857–1862. 25 frames.
0824 Robert T. Hubard, Farming Advice Addressed to His Sons, 1846–1857. 44 frames.
0892 Robert T. Hubard, Business Correspondence, 1847. 40 frames.
0932 Robert T. Hubard, Business Correspondence, N.D. 11 frames.
0943 James T. Hubard to Leneaus Bolling, 1808–1812, N.D. 33 frames.
0976 Papers relating to the Estate of Leneaus Bolling, 1812–1843. 31 frames.
1007 Robert T. Bolling, Receipts and Accounts for Sundry Articles, 1834. 5 frames.
1012 Robert T. Hubard, Accounts, Receipts, and Correspondence, 1834–1835. 14 frames.
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0001 Robert T. Hubard, Accounts and Receipts for Furniture Bought in Richmond, 1835. 9 frames.
0010 Robert T. Hubard, Tavern Bills on Trip to Richmond, 1835. 5 frames.
0015 Robert T. Hubard, Accounts, Receipts and Correspondence from Richmond, 1835–1837. 21 frames.
0036 Robert T. Hubard, Receipts of Austin Wright and Others for Freight on Tobacco from New Market to Richmond, 1836. 5 frames.
0041 Robert T. Hubard, Accounts and Receipts, 1836. 35 frames.
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0232 Robert T. Hubard, Accounts and Receipts from Richmond and Buckingham County, 1838. 4 frames.
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0293 Robert T. Hubard, Nelson County Receipts by G. Jones, April 6–July 22, 1839. 5 frames.
0298 Robert T. Hubard, Nelson County Receipts by G. Jones, July 1–November 19, 1839. 11 frames.
0309 Robert T. Hubard, Receipts, June 29, 1836–February 28, 1840. 14 frames.
0323 Robert T. Hubard, Buckingham County Receipts, September 1, 1839–December 14, 1840. 20 frames.
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0368 Robert T. Hubard, Richmond Receipts, September 29–October 1, 1840. 9 frames.
0377 Robert T. Hubard, Accounts and Receipts for the Purchase of Shipment of Plaster, 1841. 13 frames.
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Robert T. Hubard, Account with Farmers Bank of Farmville, 1862. 9 frames.

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Robert T. Hubard, Account with Farmers Bank of Farmville, 1863. 11 frames.

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Robert T. Hubard, Accounts and Receipts from Farmville, 1863–1864. 19 frames.

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Robert T. Hubard, Accounts, Receipts, and Business Correspondence from Buckingham County and Richmond, 1864. 23 frames.

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Robert T. Hubard, Accounts and Receipts from Richmond, Farmville, and Buckingham County, 1864–1865. 28 frames.

Gordon Family, 1807–1865, Nelson County, Virginia, Accession Number 9553

Included are the first five volumes of William F. Gordon’s plantation journal, 1845–1865, and a one-volume letterbook, 1807–1812, of Samuel Gordon dealing with commerce between Fredericksburg, Virginia, and Great Britain. William Gordon, commencing with approximately 40 slaves at “Esmont” in Nelson County, set out to record “incidents connected with
the plantation as they may occur from day to day, together with such facts, and opinions as they may come to my knowledge, which may prove useful or conclusive to general improvement." This amazing series of documents provides yearly inventories of plantation equipment, supplies, and slaves. Daily entries detail the fine points of tobacco, wheat, and corn culture, the pasturage of livestock, gardening, orchard keeping, and timbering or cutting shingles in the winter months. Crop rotations and experiments with new techniques and equipment became more frequent and complex as Gordon developed his system of agriculture. Guano, plastering, clover, and fallowing combine with descriptions of harrowing, coultering, grain drills, guano attachments and other novelties as Gordon charts the effects of new equipment, including some he thought too complex. At the beginning of the fourth volume, in an entry dated April 1, 1857, are descriptions of the woeful year preceding and Gordon’s prospects for the coming year. Gordon also details his 1863 experience with Nash, a terrible overseer and the “meanest” man he ever knew. Entries from 1865 contain accounts with 28 freedmen. The letterbook of Samuel Gordon, 1807–1812, consists of correspondence regarding sales of tobacco from Fredericksburg, Virginia to England. Letters addressed to James Scott and John Brown and Company describe the Virginia crop outlook for the years included, accounts of ship cargoes and the loss of ships, and insurance matters. Cash accounts are included at the end of the volume.

N.B. Four volumes of William Gordon plantation journals, dating 1868–1888, have been omitted from this publication.

0079 Introductory Materials. 3 frames.

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0591 Samuel Gordon, Letterbook, 1807–1812. 185 frames.

Palmore Family, 1828–1865, Cumberland County, Virginia, Accession Number 38-149a

This collection from the central Virginia tobacco country is particularly rich in slave-related materials generated by a small slaveowner and family
and women's correspondence. The two parts are Business and Legal Papers, 1781–1865, and Correspondence, 1828–1865. Among the Business and Legal Papers, N.D. files marked [Selections] reflect the omission of receipts from the career of Joseph S. Palmore (1805–1846) as sheriff of Cumberland County between 1840 and 1846. Papers included reflect tobacco sales, hiring and sales of slaves, and overseers' records from James D. Allen (1788–1836), Sarah Palmore (d. 1834), Joseph S. and Lucy A. Palmore (Gauldin) (1807–1881), and their two sons, William James Palmore (1829–1861) and Charles Benjamin Palmore (1832–1896). Among the correspondence are items dealing with filial devotion, westward and southward migration, slave sales and their hiring, religion, and extended family relations. An 1860 letter from Lewis, a Palmore slave of long standing, requests permission to choose a home for the remainder of his life, so as to live with his wife at Mrs. James Dowdy's house. The N.D. correspondence marked [Selections] contains ante-bellum family correspondence, while later material is omitted.

0776 Introductory Materials. 9 frames.

Business and Legal Papers

0785 Palmore Family, 1781–1829. 52 frames.
0837 Palmore Family, 1830–1835. 45 frames.
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0923 Palmore Family, 1840–1841 [Selections]. 29 frames.
0965 Palmore Family, 1845–1849 [Selections]. 35 frames.

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0131 Palmore Family, 1860–1865. 49 frames.

Correspondence

0180 Palmore Family, 1828–1844. 74 frames.
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Minor Family, 1830–1865,  
Amherst County, Virginia, Accession Number 6055a

This collection includes a volume and assorted papers of Lancelot Minor (1807–1887). Plantation equipment, supplies, labor, and religion fill these documents stemming from "Pedlar Mills" in the heart of Piedmont Virginia. Minor was a blacksmith, farmer, and lay minister, who married twice: Sarah Winston (1817–1849) and Mary Ann Swann (1821–1900); each marriage resulted in four children. The Bound Volume of this collection is a combined farm daybook, ledger, and diary spanning the years from 1838 to 1887. The cash and ledger entries refer to articles such as tobacco, wheat, oats, livestock and cowhides, also recording the hiring of slaves, with slave lists including age data and amounts of cash paid Negroes for various items. The end of the volume contains a diary of farm work, and other endeavors running from 1843 through the 1870’s interspersed with entries such as a listing of rates for blacksmith work in 1845. Among the Papers, correspondence covers the religion, bereavement, grief, and other worldly affairs of Lancelot Minor. Highlights of this collection include an 1852 letter regarding slave house painters and family correspondence. Among the file of sermons and essays are two essays, dated 1861 and 1865, on agriculture.

N.B. Pre-1865 Bible transcripts and financial papers were not filmed for lack of substance. All items dated after 1865 were omitted except for the Daybook and Ledger, 1838–1887, among the Bound Volumes.

0484 Introductory Materials. 3 frames.

Bound Volume

0487 Lancelot Minor, Daybook and Ledger, 1838–1887. 304 frames.

Papers

0791 Lancelot Minor, Miscellaneous Writings, Printed Material and Memorabilia, 1830–1865. 8 frames.
0799 Lancelot Minor, Correspondence, 1838–1865. 70 frames.
0869 Mary Ann Swann Minor, Miscellaneous Writings and Diary, 1840–1865. 17 frames.
0886 Lancelot Minor, Sermons and Essays, 1840–1865. 53 frames.
Hooe-Harrison Letters, 1832–1836,  
King Georges County, Virginia, and Alabama,  
Accession Number 10548

This series of twenty letters exchanged between Nathaniel H. Hooe of Virginia and his son-in-law, William A. Harrison of Alabama, discuss slavery, emigration, and life in Virginia. Items from Alabama include the trading, hiring, and selling of slaves and land in Choctaw territory and prospects for cotton culture. Descriptions of land around Huntsville, Alabama, in Pickens County, Alabama, and elsewhere dwell on the propriety of certain claims in the titles to lands and other factors such as the health of slaves or the benefits of mules versus horses in southern climates. Tales from these regions are embellished with flies, gnats, diseases of the Mississippi River, and the mass migration of South Carolinians into Alabama. Letters from Virginia detail local matters and the shipment of slaves and slave families toward Alabama. Others document the hesitation among Virginia slaves facing the move, including the escape of one, so as not to leave. Some candid remarks recur throughout on problems with overseers, depreciation in the value of property, the difficulties of absentee ownership, and the movement of people from Virginia to Alabama.

0939    Introductory Materials. 3 frames.
0942    Correspondence between Nathaniel H. Hooe and William A. Harrison, 1832–1833. 43 frames.
0985    Correspondence between Nathaniel H. Hooe and William A. Harrison, 1834. 35 frames.
1020    Correspondence between Nathaniel H. Hooe and William A. Harrison, 1835–1836. 23 frames.

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Morton-Halsey Family, 1812–1865,  
Culpeper County, Virginia; Alabama; and Florida,  
Accession Number 3995

This sampling from the papers and volumes of Jeremiah Morton (1799–1878) and his son-in-law, Joseph J. Halsey (ca. 1820–1894), concerns their farms in Orange and Culpeper counties, Virginia; slave trading; land sales; land speculation ranging from Pensacola, Florida to Texas; and family correspondence with northern relatives between 1850 and 1865. General correspondence of Jeremiah Morton, 1831–1865, in-
cludes material describing his residence "The Hall" in Orange County, Virginia; activities as a member of Congress, 1849–1851; investment in the White Sulphur Spring Company of Virginia; land speculation in Baldwin, Alabama; family matters; slave trade with Pensacola, Florida, and Mobile, Alabama; finance; railroads; and the Great Kanawha Coal and Oil Company.

Topical Correspondence and Papers of Jeremiah Morton contain papers regarding slavery, 1847–1863. They document work done by bondsmen in the Pensacola Navy Yard; accounts of extra work undertaken by servants; slave lists with descriptions and prices; and sales, lease agreements, and receipts. Family correspondence of Joseph J. Halsey, 1856–1865, contrasts the life and politics of himself and his New Jersey relatives including comments on marriage and innumerable other personal matters.

Jeremiah Morton's personal account book and notebook, 1836–1844, includes notations regarding slave sales. The ledger, 1836–1844, which is indexed, delves into the world of finance—bonds, notes, slave lists and estate inventories—and material on the hireings, purchases, and sales of slaves. In an 1852 statement as the owner of 73 slaves in Virginia and Alabama, Morton records: "My intention is to sell off all of my real property and to pay off all my creditors and take my Negroes to Mobile and hire them out..." The final volume, also indexed, is a ledger, 1822–1826, detailing agricultural supplies, carriage of flour, expenses for harvest such as the hire of various slaves or McCormick plows, and an entry to J.S. Skinner for a subscription to the American Farmer.

N.B. Among the Introductory Materials is an inventory of Morton-Halsey Papers Number 3995. Selections filmed are but a sampling from this massive collection consisting of approximately 21,000 items (39 Hollinger boxes, approximately 14 linear shelf feet), ca. 1786–1838. Among the Bound Volumes law notes appearing in Jeremiah Morton, Personal Account Book and Notebook, 1823–1844, were omitted. Selections include all pre-1866 Jeremiah Morton General Correspondence, all Jeremiah Morton Topical Correspondence relating to slavery, all Joseph J. Halsey pre-1866 Family Correspondence, and all pre-1866 Volumes which relate to agriculture. This edition does not include any Joseph J. Halsey General Correspondence, any Joseph J. Halsey Topical Correspondence or Related Materials, any Winston Family Correspondence, or any Financial and Legal Papers.

0001 Introductory Materials. 34 frames.

General Correspondence

0035 Jeremiah Morton, 1831–1849. 43 frames.
0078 Jeremiah Morton, 1850–1856. 63 frames.
0141  Jeremiah Morton, 1857–1858. 65 frames.
0216  Jeremiah Morton, 1859. 56 frames.
0272  Jeremiah Morton, 1860 43 frames.
0315  Jeremiah Morton, 1861–1862. 22 frames.
0337  Jeremiah Morton, 1863. 62 frames.
0395  Jeremiah Morton, 1864. 76 frames.
0461  Jeremiah Morton, 1865. 27 frames.

*Topical Correspondence and Papers*

0488  Jeremiah Morton, Papers regarding Slaves, 1847–1863. 83 frames.

*Family Correspondence*

0571  Joseph J. Halsey, 1856. 57 frames.
0628  Joseph J. Halsey, 1857. 74 frames.
0702  Joseph J. Halsey, 1858–1859. 131 frames.
0981  Joseph J. Halsey, 1864–1865. 155 frames.

*Bound Volumes*

1136  Jeremiah Morton, Personal Account Book and Notebook, 1823–1844. 29 frames.
1165  Jeremiah Morton, Ledger, 1836–1844. 158 frames.
1323  Morton-Halsey Ledger, 1822–1826. 61 frames.

*Reel 38*

*Silas and R.H. Omohundra Slave Sales Book, 1857–1864, Richmond, Virginia, Accession Number 4122*

This listing of sales of slaves in Richmond includes the name, cost, sales price, name of person brought from, and name of person sold to. Though never completely filled and damaged in the margin, it still yields an embodiment of the Richmond slave market in the final days of the institution. Some figures emerge on comparative profits and losses for traders over the better part of seven years. Final entries are 1864 farm expenses including the lease of a market stall, purchase of manure, and cost of shoeing mules. See also *Series F, Duke University, Part II*, Daniel K. Jordan collection for Omohundra correspondence.
Harris-Brady Papers, 1832–1865, Richmond and Scottsville, Virginia, Accession Number 38-597

Highlights of this collection center around the slave markets of Richmond and Scottsville, Virginia, from correspondents that discuss the conditions at various exchange points ranging as far as Port Gibson, Mississippi, and Atlanta, Georgia. James Brady was kept continually apprised of the volume and prices of sales and exchanges at the Richmond market. Reports run through the different classes of chattel including boys and girls, men, good shipping men, and women. Slaves were generally graded by height, although quotes include ones such as: "$825 for no. 1 160 lb. men." Correspondence with Brady's clients furthermore reveals some reasons for selling, not selling, and buying slaves during varying market conditions. Among the N.D. items is a description of a trip to South Carolina for the purpose of selling slaves.

N.B. Seven account files relating exclusively to urban domestic expenses were omitted as only those relating to slave maintenance and sales were microfilmed.

Correspondence

0042 Harris-Brady, 1832. 1 frame.
0043 Harris-Brady, 1833. 2 frames.
0045 Harris-Brady, 1835. 2 frames.
0047 Harris-Brady, 1837. 3 frames.
0050 Harris-Brady, 1840. 1 frame.
0051 Harris-Brady, 1841. 1 frame.
0052 Harris-Brady, 1844. 3 frames.
0055 Harris-Brady, 1846. 5 frames.
0060 James Brady, 1847. 7 frames.
0067 James Brady, 1848. 3 frames.
0070 James Brady, 1849. 8 frames.
0078 James Brady, 1850. 3 frames.
0081 James Brady, 1851. 8 frames.
0089 James Brady, 1852. 5 frames.
0094 James Brady, 1853. 1 frame
0095 James Brady, 1854. 7 frames.
0102 James Brady, 1855. 5 frames.
Accounts and Receipts relating to Slave Maintenance and Sales

0118  James Brady, 1844–1849. 6 frames.
0124  James Brady, 1850–1856. 11 frames.

Tucker Family, 1814–1835,
Brunswick County, Virginia, Accession Number 3483

These two volumes shed light on the activities of an overseer of cotton, tobacco, and grain culture on the North Carolina border with information on slavery and Negroes' crops of corn at various Tucker plantations. The first volume shows the overseers' part and expenses incurred in growing crops of cotton, tobacco, oats, wheat, and corn. Plantations mentioned include "Home," "River," "Springfield," and "Farmers Hope." Overseers included Gideon Perkins, 1810–1820, Charles Clay, 1821–1824, and Bennett Thomas, 1825–1826. Shop accounts at the end of the volume relate work undertaken by John Tucker in the employ of G.H. Tucker during 1843. The second volume details the farming and sawmill activities of Edmund Lancer and Wright Lancer as overseers for George Tucker, 1834–1835. Plantation names include "Priestwood" and "High Hope." Entries include accounts with Negroes for their crop of corn at various plantations. Other items include the number of chickens, sheep, and hogs, and an account with G.H. Oliver.

N.B. Four volumes dated 1797–1810 were omitted from this collection as they pertain exclusively to general store daybooks and sheriff's accounts from Brunswick County, Virginia.

0135  Introductory Materials. 3 frames.
0270  George Tucker, Ledger, 1834–1835. 118 frames.

George E. Grymes Journal, 1855–1857,
King George County, Virginia, Accession Number 4494

This volume contains daily records of "Mount Stuart," a grain plantation of 1,351 acres in the northern neck region of Virginia over a two-year period. Items include a summary of expenses and sales, a list of 24 slaves, and valuations and inventories of implements on the farm. Weather notes mingle with daily chores such as fencing and with crop notes following the yearly cycles of marling, manuring, plowing, harrowing, planting, siding,
hoeing, cultivating, and harvest chores. Corn, wheat, oats, peas, and turnips figure in this sequence, in addition to apples, fishing, and fodder gathering. Livestock included 2 horses, 9 mules, 10 work oxen, 9 cows with calves, 10 yearling cattle, 3 sows, 27 shoats, and miscellaneous sheep. Another chore undertaken with the hands, while farming, was the rebuilding of a house on the grounds.

0388 Introductory Materials. 3 frames.
0391 George E. Grymes, Manager's Journal, 1855–1857. 75 frames.

**Phillip Slaughter Diaries, 1796–1848,**
**Culpeper County, Virginia, Accession Number 6566**

Phillip Slaughter (1758–1848) recorded his agricultural activities from 1796 to 1848, with only one hiatus, 1808–1816. Slaughter and his overseers ran a wheat, corn, tobacco, and horse-breeding operation in Piedmont Virginia. Inventories in 1796 list 20 horses, 56 cattle, 38 sheep, and 34 hogs. Clover and timothy hay fed these livestock and fit into a rotation scheme with crops. Vegetables included beans and cucumbers. Slaughter divided his domain into "upper" and "lower" sections with individual overseers and a slave force averaging nine hands and assorted families per overseer. Items of interest include speculation in Kentucky lands; trips to Morgantown, Virginia; bonds, notes, and financial matters; slaves bought and sold; appraisals of slaves; and crop notes. Slaughter was elected high sheriff of Culpeper County in 1840 and provides a good description of how he farmed this office out to John C. Majors, who for a fee was allowed to use Slaughter's name in an official capacity.

0466 Introductory Materials. 3 frames.
0469 Phillip Slaughter, Diary, 1796–1799. 116 frames.
0585 Phillip Slaughter, Diary, 1800–1807. 154 frames.
0739 Phillip Slaughter, Diary, 1817–1835. 344 frames.
1083 Phillip Slaughter, Diary, 1835–1848. 112 frames.

**Reel 39**

**Sigismunda S. Kimball Journal, 1849–1863,**
**Shenandoah County, Virginia, Accession Number 2534**

The heart of this volume concerns the Civil War activities of Mrs. Kimball while her husband was off to war (1861–1863). Cash accounts and records of slave mortality run in with sales of corn, wheat, hogs, and timber by this Shenandoah Valley, Mount Jackson farm woman. Information
regarding slavery includes the hiring of slaves and descriptions of tasks and production as well as details regarding the return of runaway slaves with Union troops to claim their wives and children. Kimball's personal feelings toward Yankee depredations around her home are bolstered and weakened at intervals in the progress of the war and are presented in conjunction with church attendance, area deaths, and social calls, including ones made by herself to "Springfield."

N.B. A Civil War scrapbook and other printed records kept by Sigismunda S. Kimball were omitted from this publication.

0001 Introductory Materials. 3 frames.

**Martha Tabb Dyer Diaries, 1823–1839, Albemarle County, Virginia; and Missouri, Accession Number 7776d**

Included in the Introductory Materials for this collection are a typescript and background information on these remarkable diaries. Commencing before the great migration from Albemarle County, Virginia, to Calloway County, Missouri, Dyer's first entries record her sense of awe attending the move away from family and friends. After describing the journey, she settled into a routine of weather notes, housework, reading, church attendance, sicknesses, and disappointments. The chronology, 1823–1839 (comprising two volumes) is flawed by four gaps: April 27, 1826–January 1834, June 7, 1835–April 1, 1837, May 6, 1837–January 1, 1838, and August 21, 1838–January 1, 1839.

0160 Introductory Materials. 25 frames.
0185 Martha Tabb Dyer, Diary, 1823–1826. 38 frames.
0223 Martha Tabb Dyer, Diary, 1834–1839. 50 frames.

**Elizabeth Edmonia Cooke Diary, 1855–1858, Hanover County, Virginia, Accession Number 1197a**

This diary kept by the widow of Thomas Nelson Berkeley, at "Dewberry" on the edge of Tidewater Virginia concerns her household. The entries on management of servants, social activities and visits, records of the weather, flowers, fowl consumption, Trinity Church attendance, and other matters yield fascinating snippets on slavery. One detail related to house management is the date when servants were called to harvest and the length of their absence. An 1857 entry dated October 12, Sabbath is, in part, as follows: "The servants who are going with Charles to Alabama, had
an auction of their goods, I do not justify thus proceeding, tho' it seems hard to forbid it. We are sadly inconsistent in our dealings towards our servants...." The diary is a combination of sensitivity, sentimentality, and mundane happenings.

0273 Introductory Materials. 3 frames.
0276 Elizabeth Edmonia Cooke, diary, 1855–1858. 155 frames.

"Hawfield" Plantation Books, 1851–1868, Orange County, Virginia, Accession Number 2198

This collection details the tobacco, grain, and general farm activities of William G. Crenshaw, his slaves and overseer, in Piedmont Virginia. The ledger, 1851–1868, records the hiring of land, works such as ditching, overseer's wages for John G. Graves from 1850 to 1862, purchases of supplies such as guano, and sales of grains and tobacco, including oats to Jeremiah Morton and Joseph J. Halsey in 1853, and accounts of horse breeding. The diary of 1852 is a daybook for "Watermelon Hill" with descriptions of work undertaken including a July 20 entry when two slaves were injured by a thrashing machine. The overseer's book, 1856–1868, concerning "Hawfield" was kept by John G. Graves chronicling tobacco, grain culture, the management of 41 slaves, the innovation of techniques for plastering and applying guano to tobacco, and manuring and fallowing methods. The memoranda book, 1853–1856, contains lists of articles received at and shipped from "Hawfield." Accounts include those of Richardson and Smith and William G. Crenshaw in account with John G. Graves. The overseer's diary, 1856, contains descriptions of the day-to-day progress of different varieties of wheat and other practical experiments undertaken with a staff of 16 hands (2 hired) and 5 women.

N.B. Papers and other material dating after 1865 were omitted.

0431 Introductory Materials. 3 frames.
0434 William G. Crenshaw, Ledger, 1851–1868. 44 frames.
0478 William G. Crenshaw, Diary, 1852. 84 frames.
0758 William G. Crenshaw, Overseer's Diary, 1856. 97 frames.

Fontaine Humphrey Account Books, 1819–1831, Fluvanna County, Virginia, Accession Number 1623

Records from 1819 to 1828 are those of a general store in "Palmyra." The farmbook, entered in the same volume beginning at frame 870, dates
1828–1831. This details the activities of Humphrey, his overseer James J. Jones, and a force of about five slaves on a small farm at the edge of Piedmont Virginia. Accounts include a reckoning of time lost in sickness during 1821, daily entries regarding the weather, crops, construction of outbuildings, illness among the Humphreys, church and meeting attendance, hog butchering, and the hauling of ice and other winter chores. An entry of January 12, 1831, records the sighting of a comet with the trail upwards. This farm named “Spring Hills” yielded 150 barrels of wheat in 1831 in addition to other produce.

0855    Introductory Materials. 3 frames.
0858    Fontaine Humphrey, Account Book, 1819–1831. 184 frames.

**John, Charles, and Landon Carter Letterbook, 1732–1782, Lancaster County, Virginia, Accession Number 4996**

This volume concerns the three sons of Robert “King” Carter named executors of his estate in 1732. Letters document transatlantic tobacco trade and warehousing and river shipments of tobacco to the Carter warehouses; slave trade aboard the Antelope, Liverpool Merchant, and other vessels including a 1738 shipload from Gambia; and numerous other slave-related transactions. The purchases of plantation and household supplies and the revolving issues of creditor accusations of extravagance marking planter/factor relations are well documented among correspondents including John Hanbury, Edward Athawes, Foster Cunliffe, Micajah Perry, and John Pemberton. Carter estates mentioned include “Nomini” on the Rappahannock River, “Shirley” on the James River, and an estate known as the “Mountains” producing tobacco of the first quality carried 90 miles overland in 1738. Family matters entered into the division of the estate, with some hard feelings between George Carter of “Rippon” and his brothers that were eventually resolved. Correspondence relating to overseers and slavery appear throughout. See also Robert “King” Carter diary and letterbooks, 1722–1743, on Reel 18 of this micropublication. Also see Ulrich B. Phillips, *Life and Labor in the Old South* (Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 1929; 1963), pp. 220–232, for more on the Carter family.

1043    Introductory Materials. 2 frames.
This small volume, used to great advantage by Herbert G. Gutman in his study of black family life, contains two parts. The first section consists of a detailed family register of slaves owned by John C. Cohoon, 1810–1860, in Tidewater Virginia. These lists document the parentage, age, and deaths of over 60 individuals at “Cedar Vale.” The second part of the volume, dating from the 1830’s, is a record of the hire of slaves from various estates. Names occurring with lists of slaves include Adelaide Browne, Ann Browne, John Brewer, James Bowers, William Darden, and John Hargroves, Jr. Records include the amount of fees received for slave labor and the terms of leases as well as names and data on slaves. See also Herbert G. Gutman, *Black Family in Slavery and Freedom, 1750–1925* (New York: Pantheon, 1976).
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