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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

MS417

Unit ID

/repositories/2/resources/178

Unit Date

1771-1993

Language

English

Creator

Gregory, William, III, 1789-1875

Extent

1.11 Cubic Feet 1 document box, 2 flat file boxes, 1 oversize folder (assorted oversize box), 1 object (assorted media box)

Repository

Local History and Special Collections Branch, Alexandria Library

Administrative Information

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Historical Note

William Gregory was a Scottish immigrant, businessman, landowner, and enslaver.

He was born in Kilmarnock, Scotland in 1789, and emigrated to New York, and then Alexandria, Virginia in 1807. Gregory worked for Alexandria businessman Robert McCrea as a clerk until 1812, and then as a partner until 1827. He owned property in Alexandria as well as several enslaved persons ("Old Mary Morse", Charlotte Blue, Eugenia, Sarah, Roxie, Frank Stewart, and Lucy the daughter of Caroline Branham, as well as other unidentified individuals). Gregory served in the War of 1812. He was also a member of the Presbyterian Church and of St. Andrew's Society. In 1822 Gregory married Margaret Douglass Bartleman, who bore four children (Douglas Smith, Elisabeth Smith, William Bartleman, and Margaret Douglas) and died in 1833. In 1838, William Gregory married Mary Donaldson Long and had five more children (Isobel Anne, Julia Harper, Boyd, Mary Crawford, and Janet Boyd).

William Gregory passed in 1875 at the age of 87.

Content Description

This collection predominantly contains the personal papers of William Gregory, including: journals, notebooks, property records, deeds, and family records. Approximately two-thirds of the collection comprise original correspondence, and late 20th century transcriptions of such.

Keywords

Kilmarnock (Scotland)
Alexandria (Va.)
New York (N.Y.)
Families -- Alexandria (Va.)
Alexandria (Va.) -- Genealogy.
Alexandria (Va.) -- Social life and customs -- 19th century.
Deeds -- Virginia -- Alexandria.
Alexandria (Va.) -- Maps
Powell, Mary Crawford (Gregory), 1847-1928
Lee, Robert E. (Robert Edward), 1807-1870
Gregory, Peter Mallard
McCrea, Robert (c.1765-c.1840)
Bartleman, Margaret Douglas (-1833)
Long, Mary Donaldson (-1896)
Branham, Caroline, 1764?-1843
Harrison, Lucy Branham (1806-)

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Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1: Miscellaneous family records

Unit ID MS417 Series 1

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/12279

Unit Date 1771-1993

Language English

Extent 0.46 Cubic Feet1 box

Content Description

Series 1 contains property records, birth and death records, manuscripts, journals, correspondence, and other ephemera of the Gregory family of Kilmarnock, Scotland, later Alexandria, Virginia, USA. The series also contains late 20th century correspondence between descendants of William Gregory that discuss some of the items within this collection.

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Donor's index of correspondence

Unit ID MS417-01-001

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/12280

Text 01 (box)

Container 001 (folder)

Language English

Content Description

This folder contains the donor's inventory of the correspondence in series 2. The donor compiled these letters in chronological order and numbered them 1-263. He then created this index which groups the letters according to three categories; Scottish internal, Trans-Atlantic, and American internal correspondence.

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Family history and genealogy information

Unit ID MS417-01-002

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/12281

Text 01 (box)

Container 002 (folder)

Language English

Content Warning

This folder contains materials which include the use of offensive, racist language as well as descriptions of people enslaved by the Gregory family which may be disturbing or offensive to readers.

Content Description

This folder contains an account of the history of the Gregory family beginning with William Gregory. It is retold by Judith Winter Hammet from a manuscript written by Mary G. Powell, and seems to be a collection of memories and oral histories constituting something of a family mythology.

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Portrait and property records

Unit ID MS417-01-003

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/12282

Unit Date 1817-1875

Text 01 (box)

Container 003 (folder)

Language English

Content Description

Items of note include a portrait of Peter Mallard Gregory, an order from Gen. Robert E. Lee, and property records and deeds.

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Deeds and property records

Unit ID MS417-01-004

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/12283

Unit Date 1854-1897

Text 01 (box)

Container 004 (folder)

Language English

Content Description

This folder contains property records related to a property in Alexandria, VA on Royal Street and Sharpshin

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Late 20th century correspondence about family history

Unit ID MS417-01-005

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/12284

Unit Date 1977-1993

Text 01 (box)

Container 005 (folder)

Language English

Content Description

This folder contains correspondence between individuals associated with the Gregory family.

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Journals and pamphlets

Unit ID MS417-01-006

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/12285

Unit Date 1827-1847

Text 01 (box)

Container 006 (folder)

Language English

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Family papers

Unit ID MS417-01-007

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/12286

Unit Date 1771-1826

Text 01 (box)

Container 007 (folder)

Language English

Content Description

This folder includes a record of births/deaths/marriages, a manuscript, memoirs about the Kennedys, and other various pamphlets and papers.

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Transcriptions of "Late 20th century correspondence about family history, bulk: 1977 - 1993" (MS417-01-005)

Unit ID MS417-01-008

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/12287

Text 01 (box)

Container 008 (folder)

Language English

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Transcriptions of "Family papers, 1771 - 1826" (MS417-01-007)

Unit ID MS417-01-009

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/12288

Text 01 (box)

Container 009 (folder)

Language English

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Property record and notice of Lee's surrender

Unit ID MS417-02-010

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/12289

Unit Date 1865-1870

Text 02 (box)

Container 010 (folder)

Language English

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Plat of the McKnight property on Royal St adjoining Market Square

Unit ID MS417-AOS02-011

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/12290

Unit Date 1842

Text AOS02 (assort_os_box)

Container 011 (folder)

Language English

Content Description

Hand-drawn plat drawing of the McKnight property on Royal St adjoining Market Square from the Land records of Alexandria County, dated 1842

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Shaker box

Unit ID MS417-AM01-012

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/12291

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Container 012 (object)

Language English

Series 2: Correspondence

Unit ID MS417 Series 2

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/12292

Unit Date 1788-1896

Language English

Extent 0.65 Cubic Feet2 boxes

Content Description

Series 2 contains correspondence between members of William Gregory and family, and others, dated between 1788 and 1896, and includes Scottish, Trans-Atlantic, and American correspondence. These letters have been indexed and described by the donor, whose index can be found in "Donor's index of correspondence" (MS417-01-001)

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Correspondence

Unit ID MS417-02-013

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/12293

Unit Date 1788-1807

Text 02 (box)

Container 013 (folder)

Language English

Content Description

This folder contains correspondence dated 1788-1807. Correspondence matches #1-20 in Donor's index of correspondence (MS417-01-001)

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Correspondence

Unit ID MS417-02-014

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/12294

Unit Date 1807-1812

Text 02 (box)

Container 014 (folder)

Language English

Content Description

This folder contains correspondence dated 1807-1812. Correspondence matches #21-40 in Donor's index of correspondence (MS417-01-001)

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Correspondence

Unit ID MS417-02-015

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/12295

Unit Date 1812-1815

Text 02 (box)

Container 015 (folder)

Language English

Content Description

This folder contains correspondence dated 1812-1815. Correspondence matches #41-60 in Donor's index of correspondence (MS417-01-001)

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Correspondence**Unit ID** MS417-02-016**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/12296**Unit Date** 1815-1818**Text** 02 (box)**Container** 016 (folder)**Language** English**Content Description**

This folder contains correspondence dated 1815-1818. Correspondence matches #61-80 in Donor's index of correspondence (MS417-01-001)

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Correspondence**Unit ID** MS417-02-017**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/12297**Unit Date** 1818-1819**Text** 02 (box)**Container** 017 (folder)**Language** English**Content Description**

This folder contains correspondence dated 1818-1819. Correspondence matches #81-100 in Donor's index of correspondence (MS417-01-001)

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Correspondence**Unit ID** MS417-02-018**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/12298**Unit Date** 1819-1822**Text** 02 (box)**Container** 018 (folder)**Language** English**Content Description**

This folder contains correspondence dated 1819-1822. Correspondence matches #101-120 in Donor's index of correspondence (MS417-01-001)

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Correspondence**Unit ID** MS417-02-019**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/12299**Unit Date** 1822-1823**Text** 02 (box)**Container** 019 (folder)**Language** English**Content Description**

This folder contains correspondence dated 1822-1823. Correspondence matches #121-135 in Donor's index of correspondence (MS417-01-001)

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Correspondence**Unit ID** MS417-02-020**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/12300**Unit Date** 1823-1826**Text** 02 (box)**Container** 020 (folder)**Language** English**Content Description**

This folder contains correspondence dated 1823-1826. Correspondence matches #136-150 in Donor's index of correspondence (MS417-01-001)

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Correspondence**Unit ID** MS417-02-021**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/12301**Unit Date** 1826**Text** 02 (box)**Container** 021 (folder)**Language** English**Content Description**

This folder contains correspondence dated 1826. Correspondence matches #151-170 in Donor's index of correspondence (MS417-01-001)

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Correspondence**Unit ID** MS417-02-022**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/12302**Unit Date** 1826**Text** 02 (box)**Container** 022 (folder)**Language** English**Content Description**

This folder contains correspondence dated 1826. Correspondence matches #171-190 in Donor's index of correspondence (MS417-01-001)

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Correspondence**Unit ID** MS417-02-023**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/12303**Unit Date** 1826-1828**Text** 02 (box)**Container** 023 (folder)**Language** English**Content Description**

This folder contains correspondence dated 1826-1828. Correspondence matches #191-210 in Donor's index of correspondence (MS417-01-001)

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Correspondence**Unit ID** MS417-02-024**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/12304**Unit Date** 1828-1829**Text** 02 (box)**Container** 024 (folder)**Language** English**Content Description**

This folder contains correspondence dated 1828-1829. Correspondence matches #211-224 in Donor's index of correspondence (MS417-01-001)

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Correspondence**Unit ID** MS417-02-025**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/12305**Unit Date** 1830-1833**Text** 02 (box)**Container** 025 (folder)**Language** English**Content Description**

This folder contains correspondence dated 1830-1833. Correspondence matches #225-235 in Donor's index of correspondence (MS417-01-001)

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Correspondence**Unit ID** MS417-02-026**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/12306**Unit Date** 1833-1845**Text** 02 (box)**Container** 026 (folder)**Language** English**Content Description**

This folder contains correspondence dated 1833-1845. Correspondence matches #236-250 in Donor's index of correspondence (MS417-01-001)

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Correspondence**Unit ID** MS417-02-027**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/12307**Unit Date** 1847-1896**Text** 02 (box)**Container** 027 (folder)**Language** English**Content Description**

This folder contains correspondence dated 1847-1896. Correspondence matches #251-263 in Donor's index of correspondence (MS417-01-001)

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Transcriptions of Correspondence

Unit ID MS417-03-028

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/12308

Unit Date 1788-1807

Text 03 (box)

Container 028 (folder)

Language English

Content Description

This folder contains transcriptions of correspondence dated 1788-1807. Correspondence matches #1-20 in Donor's index of correspondence (MS417-01-001)

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Transcriptions of Correspondence

Unit ID MS417-03-029

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/12309

Unit Date 1807-1812

Text 03 (box)

Container 029 (folder)

Language English

Content Description

This folder contains transcriptions of correspondence dated 1807-1812. Correspondence matches #21-40 in Donor's index of correspondence (MS417-01-001)

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Transcriptions of Correspondence

Unit ID MS417-03-030

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/12310

Unit Date 1812-1815

Text 03 (box)

Container 030 (folder)

Language English

Content Description

This folder contains transcriptions of correspondence dated 1812-1815. Correspondence matches #41-60 in Donor's index of correspondence (MS417-01-001)

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Transcriptions of Correspondence

Unit ID MS417-03-031

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/12311

Unit Date 1815-1818

Text 03 (box)

Container 031 (folder)

Language English

Content Description

This folder contains transcriptions of correspondence dated 1815-1818. Correspondence matches #61-80 in Donor's index of correspondence (MS417-01-001)

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Transcriptions of Correspondence

Unit ID MS417-03-032

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/12312

Unit Date 1818-1819

Text 03 (box)

Container 032 (folder)

Language English

Content Description

This folder contains transcriptions of correspondence dated 1818-1819. Correspondence matches #81-100 in Donor's index of correspondence (MS417-01-001)

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Transcriptions of Correspondence

Unit ID MS417-03-033

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/12313

Unit Date 1819-1822

Text 03 (box)

Container 033 (folder)

Language English

Content Description

This folder contains transcriptions of correspondence dated 1819-1822. Correspondence matches #101-120 in Donor's index of correspondence (MS417-01-001)

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Transcriptions of Correspondence

Unit ID MS417-03-034

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/12314

Unit Date 1822-1823

Text 03 (box)

Container 034 (folder)

Language English

Content Description

This folder contains transcriptions of correspondence dated 1822-1823. Correspondence matches #121-135 in Donor's index of correspondence (MS417-01-001)

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Transcriptions of Correspondence

Unit ID MS417-03-035

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/12315

Unit Date 1823-1826

Text 03 (box)

Container 035 (folder)

Language English

Content Description

This folder contains transcriptions of correspondence dated 1823-1826. Correspondence matches #136-150 in Donor's index of correspondence (MS417-01-001)

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Transcriptions of Correspondence

Unit ID MS417-03-036

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/12316

Unit Date 1826

Text 03 (box)

Container 036 (folder)

Language English

Content Description

This folder contains transcriptions of correspondence dated 1826. Correspondence matches #151-170 in Donor's index of correspondence (MS417-01-001)

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Transcriptions of Correspondence

Unit ID MS417-03-037

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/12317

Unit Date 1826

Text 03 (box)

Container 037 (folder)

Language English

Content Description

This folder contains transcriptions of correspondence dated 1826. Correspondence matches #171-190 in Donor's index of correspondence (MS417-01-001)

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Transcriptions of Correspondence

Unit ID MS417-03-038

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/12318

Unit Date 1826-1828

Text 03 (box)

Container 038 (folder)

Language English

Content Description

This folder contains transcriptions of correspondence dated 1826-1828. Correspondence matches #191-210 in Donor's index of correspondence (MS417-01-001)

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Transcriptions of Correspondence

Unit ID MS417-03-039

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/12319

Unit Date 1828-1829

Text 03 (box)

Container 039 (folder)

Language English

Content Description

This folder contains transcriptions of correspondence dated 1828-1829. Correspondence matches #211-224 in Donor's index of correspondence (MS417-01-001)

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Transcriptions of Correspondence

Unit ID MS417-03-040

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/12320

Unit Date 1830-1833

Text 03 (box)

Container 040 (folder)

Language English

Content Description

This folder contains transcriptions of correspondence dated 1830-1833. Correspondence matches #225-235 in Donor's index of correspondence (MS417-01-001)

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Transcriptions of Correspondence

Unit ID MS417-03-041

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/12321

Unit Date 1833-1845

Text 03 (box)

Container 041 (folder)

Language English

Content Description

This folder contains transcriptions of correspondence dated 1833-1845. Correspondence matches #236-250 in Donor's index of correspondence (MS417-01-001)

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Transcriptions of Correspondence

Unit ID MS417-03-042

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/12322

Unit Date 1847-1896

Text 03 (box)

Container 042 (folder)

Language English

Content Description

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