

Ramsay Papers Finding Aid MS012

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1742-1960



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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

MS012

Unit Date

1742-1960

Language

English .

Creator

Ramsay family

Creator

Reese, Rebecca (Ramsay), 1870-1955

Extent

.46 Cubic Feet 1 box, 8 files including account book, papers, diary

Repository

Local History and Special Collections Branch, Alexandria Library

Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

The Ramsay Family has been a part of Alexandria since the City was established in 1749. The early Ramsay family members bought property, established homes and businesses, and participated in the City government. The Ramsay House, located on King Street, was moved to this location around 1749. The house, after several renovations, now houses the Alexandria Tourist Center. Rebecca Ramsay Reese (she married Robert Miller Reese in 1900) was the daughter of George William and Harriet Fawcett Ramsay. She is a descendent of William Ramsay, one of the founders of Alexandria and of Dennis Ramsay who was a mayor of Alexandria and a peer of George Washington. Mrs. Reese was born April 22, 1870 in the family home at 517 Cameron. Her interest in preservation started in early life and the knowledge in this area led her to become a prominent figure in Alexandria. She was instrumental in the restoration of the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Shop, Gadsby's Tavern, Christ Church, and helped raise funds for the restoration of Woodlawn Plantation. Mrs. Reese died July 19, 1955 at her residence in Alexandria and is buried in Presbyterian Cemetery.

Content Description

This Collection contains a number of items all from the original Ramsay Family papers which were donated to the Smithsonian Institute: an account book from Andrew and William Ramsay dated 1798-1801, photocopies of Ramsay letters, history of Ramsay house, genealogical notes on the Ramsay family, Rebecca Ramsay Reese papers and diaries.

Related Materials

Ramsay Papers 1753-1757, Microfilm #00067; Vertical File: Biographies - Ramsay Family

Keywords

Genealogy

Ramsay House

Description of Subordinate Components

Ramsay Family Genealogy Notes from Ramsay House

Text 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Account Book for Andrew and William Ramsay (Merchants on King Street)

Unit Date 1796-1801

Text 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Ramsay Letters - Photocopies of letters from the Ramsay House

Text 1 (box)

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Ramsay House History

Text 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Ramsay House Restoration Correspondence and miscellaneous items pertaining to restoration

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Container 5 (folder)

Sketches (3) of Interior Rooms of Ramsay House - unknown artist

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Container 6 (folder)

Journal of Kate Harrison, Stoney Creek, Sussex, Virginia

Unit Date 1881

Text 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Reese Papers

Text 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Rebecca Ramsay Reese "Bird" talk schedule and correspondence

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Container 9 (folder)

Rebecca Ramsay Reese - Notes for Truro Manuscript

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Notes for Truro Manuscript

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Rebecca Ramsay Reese Correspondence for Truro Manuscript

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