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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

MS024

Unit Date

1890-1970

Language

English .

Extent

.42 Cubic Feet

Condition Description

Photos are fragile. If necessary, photos are to be handled with untreated nitrile or latex gloves.

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Biographical / Historical

Thomas Vowell and his brother John C. Vowell came over from England between the years 1749 and 1800. They were amongst the first settlement, to help build the town of Alexandria, Virginia. Thomas Vowell and his brother had a thriving shipping business before 1799. The firm occupied a warehouse on Prince Street but moved in 1805 to Union Street between King and Prince Street. In 1798 Thomas bought the property at 619 South Lee Street and constructed a house on it. He sold the property to Edgar Snowden, the editor of the Alexandria Gazette in 1842.

Thomas Vowell married three times. His first two wives: Mary Harper and Charlotte H. Douglas have both passed away. His third wife, Elizabeth Truscott would remain with him for the rest of his life. Thomas and Elizabeth had a daughter, Harriet Vowell on June 13, 1843.

Harriet Vowell married a druggist, William Franklin Creighton (b. January 5, 1840). They had three living children. In 1885, he purchased a wholesale and retail pharmacy located at the corner of King and Royal Streets. The continuous family owned the drug store until the 1964 urban renewal project when the building was destroyed.

Content Description

The collection consists of various objects, writings and ephemera pertaining to the Vowell-Creighton family. Most of the materials are from Hattie Vowell-Creighton. Writings include genealogical information and poetry written by Hattie. One piece of realia: a locket which includes a lock of hair, likely from Mary Vowell. There are a number of unidentified photographs, likely Vowell-Creighton family members. The oversized materials include certificates for the United Daughters of the Confederacy and an application for the Daughters of the Revolution.

Description of Subordinate Components

Manuscript

Language English.

Leather booklet, property of John T. Creighton.

Books 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English.

Abstract Contains musical notations and poetry. Described in manuscript by J. Elliot on Vowell & Creighton genealogy.

Monographed and hand bound booklet, "Word Pictures".

Unit Date 1948

Books 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English.

Abstract Written by Ethel S. Creighton, Mobile, Ala., Christmas 1948. Reference made from Elliot manuscript on Vowell & Creighton genealogy.

Cover and three pages of Bible and calling card belonging to Miss Hattie Vowell Creighton.

Unit Date 1891

Text 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English.

Part I of Manuscript by Jean Elliot of Vowell-Creighton Family.

Text 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English.

Handwritten paper listing births and deaths of family referred to in manuscript.

Text 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English.

Part II of Manuscript by Jean Elliot of Vowell-Creighton Family.

Text 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English.

Handwritten copy of scripture cake recipe referred to in manuscript.

Text 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English.

Letter from S. Dillion Ripley (Smithsonian Institution) to Mrs. Elliot and her reply.

Unit Date 1976-08-10

Unit Date 1976-08-17

Text 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English.

Abstract Carbon copy letters concerns McKnight portraits.

Locket, contains hair.

Unit Date Inscribed: 1895-08-19

Realia 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English.

Abstract Inscribed: Mary Vowell: obt 1 4 19 August 1895, AE 34

Vowell Family Tree

Text 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English.

Coat of arms for Vowell and Creighton families

Graphic Materials 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English.

Abstract Two coat of arms painted on cardboard

Poetry book belonging to Hattie Vowell-Creighton, "Illuminated Floral Album."

Books 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English.

Poem titled "The Broken Engagement".

Text 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English.

Photo card for Hattie Vowell-Creighton.

Graphic Materials 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English.

Calling card for Hattie Vowell-Creighton.

Text 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English.

Photographs

Language English.

Photographs, 1-27

Graphic Materials 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English.

Photographs, 28-34

Graphic Materials 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English.

Photographs, 35-43

Graphic Materials 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English.

Photographs, 44-78

Graphic Materials 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English.

Photographs, 79-96

Graphic Materials 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English.

Photographs, 97

Graphic Materials 2 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English.

Oversize

Language English.

1st Certificate - United Daughters of the Confederacy to Hattie Vowell Creighton

Mixed Materials 3 (Oversize Box)

Language English.

2nd Certificate - United Daughters of the Confederacy to Hattie Vowell Creighton

Mixed Materials 3 (Oversize Box)

Language English.

Wilcoxon Certificate - United Daughters of the Confederacy to Mrs. W.F. Creighton

Mixed Materials 3 (Oversize Box)

Language English.

Margaret Vowell Smith, Genealogical application for the Daughters of the American Revolution

Mixed Materials 3 (Oversize Box)

Language English.