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1815

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Language

English .

Creator

Venable, Nathaniel E.

Extent

.8 Linear Feet 1 archival flat box

Repository

Greenwood Library Archives and Special Collections

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access

There are no restrictions to access or use for research purposes.

Biographical sketch

Nathaniel E. Venable was born on December 5, 1791 at the Springfield Plantation in Prince Edward County, Virginia. He graduated from Hampden-Sydney College in 1808 and served as a Captain in the militia during the War of 1812. He was a member of the Virginia House of Delegates and of the State Senate, and was a trustee of Hampden-Sydney College from 1827 until his death in 1846. In 1814, Venable married Mary Embra Scott of Halifax County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Colonel Charles Scott, a Cornet in the Revolutionary Army and a member of the original Society of Cincinnati. Her mother was Priscilla Reade, whose father, Colonel Issac Reade was also a Revolutionary Soldier. Also in 1814, Nathaniel E. Venable was given the Longwood Estate and Plantation by his father, Samuel Woodson Venable, who had previously inherited the property from his brother, Abram Venable, after his death in the Richmond

Theater Fire in 1811. Shortly after acquiring the property, the original home was destroyed in a fire. Nathaniel E. Venable began building the present-day Longwood House in 1815 and moved his family into the home in the fall of that same year. The home and property were later sold by Venable's descendants in 1873, and were eventually acquired by [then] State Teachers College in 1924. Longwood House now serves as the home of the president of Longwood University.

Scope and content

This collection consists of a letter, written by Nathaniel E. Venable to his wife Mary E. Venable, and is dated, November 9, 1815. The letter is addressed to Mary E. Venable in Scottsburg, Halifax, where she was recuperating after the birth of their second child, Mary Priscilla Venable. In the pages of the letter, Venable expresses his joy at the birth of their daughter and his happiness that his wife is recovering her health. He discusses the state of affairs of their home and plantation in Prince Edward County, the ill health of his overseer, news of Prince Edward County, and the death of a Mrs. Lacy.

Related Archival Materials

Title--HS-032, Prince Edward County Militia Records. Custodian--Greenwood Library Archives and Special Collections: Address--201 High Street, Farmville VA, 23909, Country--USA. Note--This collection is part of the Farmville-Prince Edward Historical Society Archives stored at Greenwood Library.

Keywords

Prince Edward County (Va.) -- History.
Venable, Nathaniel E., 1791-1846.

Ownership and Custodial History

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General Note

A digitized version of the correspondence in this collection, as well as a transcript thereof, is available on request.

Description of Subordinate Components

Letter from Nathaniel E. Venable to Mary E. Venable

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Extent 1 LeavesOverall, the condition of the letter is fair, with the exception of light to moderate foxing in some places and slight damage likely due to insect activity.

Agnes Catherine Venable Letters

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Processing Information

These letters are unprocessed, and have some physical damage similar to the 1815 letter

Custodial History

It is unclear if these letters were all donated to Longwood by the same person as the 1815 Letter, but since the individuals are part of the same family we think it is likely.

General

Three untranscribed letters - E. G. Venable to A. Catherine Venable 1840, E.V. Carrington to A. Catherine Venable 1847, and A. C. Morton to N.E. Venable.