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Unit ID

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Unit Date

1847-2023

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1900-1980

Language

English

source

Paxton, Mary Raine

Extent

2.0 Linear Feet 3 document cases, 1 short box with lid

Repository

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Administrative Information

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Scope and Contents

This collection consists materials compiled and collected by Matthew "Matt" White Paxton, Jr. The primary subject matter of the collection is Paxton family genealogy, the history of the Rockbridge County, Virginia, and related families including Houston, Walker, White, Brockenbrough, Hopkins, Bowyer, Owen, and Braxton. The collection includes original manuscripts, photographs, and secondary source materials such as notes, articles, clippings, pamphlets, and published materials. The photographs are predominately Paxton family members from the late 19th-mid 20th century. There is one photograph of Matthew Paxton, Sr. taken while a student at Washington and Lee University (1873-1874) as well as photographs of his son, Matthew Paxton, Jr. at Fancy Dress and dressed in military uniform in 1918. There are also cased ambrotypes and daguerreotypes of members of the White and Hopkins families. The collection includes a number of photographs from the Michael Miley Studio.

Related Materials

Elisha F. Paxton Papers (WLU Coll. 0273)

Related Materials

RHS Coll. 0509: Portraits of David L. Hopkins and Louisa Wade Hopkins. These paintings were made the ambrotype and daguerreotype photographs in this collection.

Keywords

Virginia -- Rockbridge County

Paxton family

Paxton, Mary Raine

Description of Subordinate Components

Papers regarding Katherine Hopkins Walker

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34344

Unit Date 1984 November 30, undated

Mixed Materials [3510120626616] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Papers about the Burial of the Latane Painting

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34346

Unit Date 1983, undated

Mixed Materials [3510120626616] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Research regarding Judge Brockenbrough

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34347

Unit Date 1970 March, 1976 May, 1983 April, undated

Mixed Materials [3510120626616] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Correspondence about Judge Brockenbrough

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34350

Unit Date 2004 December 17-2005 April 23

Mixed Materials [3510120626616] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Papers regarding Governor Alexander McNutt

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34351

Unit Date 1973 November 5-1980 October 16

Mixed Materials [3510120626616] 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Papers regarding John Grisby

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34353

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [3510120626616] 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Papers regarding Matthew White Paxton, III

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34355

Unit Date 1927-2023

Mixed Materials [3510120626616] 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Papers regarding Martha Paxton Walton

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34419

Unit Date 1972, 1984, 1988, undated

Mixed Materials [3510120626616] 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Papers regarding Nell O. Paxton

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34420

Unit Date 1999 September 23-2000 November 1, undated

Mixed Materials [3510120626616] 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Correspondence of Matthew W. Paxton, Jr.

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34421

Unit Date 1924 August 11-1974 June 6, undated

Mixed Materials [3510120626616] 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Career of Matthew W. Paxton, Jr.

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34422

Unit Date 1907 June 6-2013 June, undated

Mixed Materials [3510120626616] 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Papers regarding Matthew W. Paxton, Sr.

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34423

Unit Date 1931 May-1965 November 1, undated

Mixed Materials [3510120626616] 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Business transactions of Matthew W. Paxton, Sr.

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34424

Unit Date 1883 November 28-1902 March 19

Mixed Materials [3510120626616] 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Correspondence of Matthew W. Paxton, Sr.

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34425

Unit Date 1871 August 8-1925 January 2

Mixed Materials [3510120626616] 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Papers regarding Matthew X. White

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34426

Unit Date 1847, 1857, 1939, 1990, 2000, undated

Mixed Materials [3510120626616] 1 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Lexington, Virginia Postcards

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34458

Unit Date 1927-1928

Mixed Materials [3510120626616] 1 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Scope and Contents

One postcard features the exterior of the Dutch Inn and was addressed to Katherine M. Hunter of Berkeley Springs, West Virginia. The other postcard features the interior of the Dutch Inn. It's initialed and dated but not written on otherwise.

Papers regarding Bowyer Family

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34427

Unit Date 1936, undated

Mixed Materials [35101206266020] 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Correspondence regarding Bowyer and Paxton Families

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34428

Unit Date 1932-1986, undated

Mixed Materials [35101206266020] 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Paxton and Owen Families Genealogy

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34429

Unit Date 1994 October 21, undated

Mixed Materials [35101206266020] 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Paxton and Brockenbrough Families Genealogy

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34430

Unit Date 1997, undated

Mixed Materials [35101206266020] 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Paxton and Grigsby Families Genealogy

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34431

Unit Date 1974 June 21-1981

Mixed Materials [35101206266020] 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Paxton Family Genealogy

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34432

Unit Date 1952 February 5, undated

Mixed Materials [35101206266020] 2 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Papers regarding Paxton Relatives

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34433

Unit Date 1909 May 13, 1974 January, 2015 January 29, undated

Mixed Materials [35101206266020] 2 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Papers regarding Paxton residences

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34434

Unit Date 1936 May-July, 1972 February 21, 1978 March, 1998 March 7, undated

Mixed Materials [35101206266020] 2 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Photographs: Nell O. Paxton

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34440

Unit Date circa 1903-1999

Mixed Materials [35101206266020] 2 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Photographs: Katherine Hopkins Walker

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34441

Unit Date circa 1910-1971

Mixed Materials [35101206266020] 2 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Photographs: Jenny Hopkins

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34442

Unit Date circa 1906-1921

Mixed Materials [35101206266020] 2 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Photographs: Paxton Family

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34443

Unit Date circa 1927-1982, 2007

Mixed Materials [35101206266145] 3 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Photographs: Paxton Family

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34444

Unit Date circa 1900-1980

Mixed Materials [35101206266145] 3 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Photographs: Paxton Family

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34445

Unit Date circa 1870-1890, circa 1900-1935

Mixed Materials [35101206266145] 3 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Scope and Contents

One photograph was produced by Boude and Miley Studio

Photographs: Photograph and Copy prints of Elisha F. and Elizabeth Paxton

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34446

Unit Date circa 1895-1899, 20th century

Mixed Materials [35101206266145] 3 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Includes one photographic print of Paxton produced by Miley and Son, circa 1895-1899

Photographs: Copy prints of the Paxton, Grigsby, and Brockenbrough Families

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34447

Unit Date 20th century

Mixed Materials [35101206266145] 3 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Photographs: Paxton Family

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34448

Unit Date circa 1894-1936, 1988, 2015, undated

Mixed Materials [35101206266145] 3 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Civil War Information (including printed material)

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34449

Unit Date 1935, 1979, 1986, undated

Mixed Materials [35101206266145] 3 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Newspaper Clippings

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34450

Unit Date 20th century

Mixed Materials [35101206266145] 3 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Newspaper Clippings

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34451

Unit Date 1980 January 27-1999 September 29, 2008 March 17

Mixed Materials [35101206266145] 3 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Newspaper Clippings

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34452

Unit Date 1960 June 9-1979 March 29

Mixed Materials [35101206266145] 3 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Newspaper Clippings

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34453

Unit Date 1946 August 18-1953

Mixed Materials [35101206266145] 3 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Newspaper Clippings

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34454

Unit Date 1934 November 15, 1935 February 28, 1936 November 12

Mixed Materials [35101206266145] 3 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Newspaper Clippings

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34455

Unit Date 1863 May 12, 1917 April 3, 1918 June 11, 1925 October 22

Mixed Materials [35101206266145] 3 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Ambrotype of Louisa Wade Hopkins

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34463

Unit Date circa 1865-1866

Mixed Materials [35101206266269] 4 (box)

Container 1 (Item)

Scope and Contents

Hopkins is wearing black mourning clothes. Her husband died in September 1865.

Daguerreotype of David Hopkins

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34464

Unit Date circa 1850s

Mixed Materials [35101206266269] 4 (box)

Container 2 (Item)

Daguerreotype of Louisa Wade Hopkins

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34465

Unit Date circa late 1860s-early 1860s

Mixed Materials [35101206266269] 4 (box)

Container 3 (Item)

Daguerreotype of an Unidentified Woman

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34466

Unit Date circa 1860s

Mixed Materials [35101206266269] 4 (box)

Container 4 (Item)

Daguerreotype of an Unidentified Man

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34467

Unit Date circa 1860s

Mixed Materials [35101206266269] 4 (box)

Container 5 (Item)

Ambrotype of Matthew White (born in Londonderry)

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/34469

Unit Date circa 1850s

Mixed Materials [35101206266269] 4 (box)

Container 6 (Item)