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Biographical Note

Dr. George Addison Baxter was born in Rockingham County, Virginia in 1771. He attended Liberty Hall Academy, now Washington and Lee University, and received his diploma in 1796. Baxter was licensed to preach in 1797 and was elected president of Washington and Lee, when it was named Washington College, in 1799. He held that post until his resignation in 1829. Afterwards, he served as a professor at the Union Theological Seminary in Prince Edward County, Virginia until his death in 1841.

Scope and Contents

The George A. Baxter Family papers begin in 1797 and trace the history of three generations of the Baxter family in Virginia. The collection contains both correspondence and newspaper articles saved by the family.

The letters written by George Baxter primarily describe his ministry from 1798-1840. He writes with concern for both his family and the churches to whom he ministered. The collection also contains many of his sermons which were reproduced in assorted newspapers. Thirteen letters written in 1805 to Anne deal with the affairs of Washington and Lee University, when it was named Washington College.

Also included is a partial biography of Baxter written by his daughter, Louisa. It describes his time at Washington College, his church ministry, and his selection to the faculty at Union Theological Seminary.

Another large portion of the collection is the correspondence of Baxter's children. Sydney Baxter was an attorney whose practice covered a large portion of Virginia. His letters concern his children, who were primarily cared for by his family after the death of his wife, Anna. Two of his sons fought in the Civil War and both died during or soon after. He describes experiencing their deaths.

Baxter's other children maintained a steady correspondence between themselves. Joseph followed his father into the Presbyterian ministry and died at a young age. His wife, Susan, continued corresponding with family members. Louisa, Elizabeth, Nancy, and Mary also contained active correspondence with one another.

The family papers reflect the social life of 19th century Virginia, including a personal recipe book, as well as a folder on the genealogy of the Fleming family and a letter to Louisa Baxter from a missionary's wife in China. Other correspondents include Alexander Tedford Barclay, Louisa Baxter, William Brown, William Henry Foote, Edward Graham, Samuel L. Graham, Hugh Blair Grigsby, and William Swann Plumer.

Related Materials

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Keywords

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Baxter, Louisa
Foote, William Henry
Grigsby, Hugh Blair
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Baxter, Anne Christian Fleming
Baxter, George Addison
Union Theological Seminary in Virginia
Coulling, Martha

Description of Subordinate Components

Anne Fleming Baxter: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2507

Unit Date 1805

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Container 1 (folder)

Language English.

Anne Fleming Baxter: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2508

Unit Date 1831-1845

Mixed Materials [35101013591982] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English.

George Addison Baxter: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2509

Unit Date 1799-1809

Mixed Materials [35101013591982] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English.

George A. Baxter: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2510

Unit Date 1816-1823

Mixed Materials [35101013591982] 1 (box)

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Language English.

George A. Baxter: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2511

Unit Date 1826-1830

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George A. Baxter: Correspondence

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Unit Date 1831-1832

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Language English.

George A. Baxter: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2513

Unit Date 1833-1834

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Container 7 (folder)

Language English.

George A. Baxter: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2514

Unit Date 1835

Mixed Materials [35101013591982] 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English.

George A. Baxter: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2515

Unit Date 1836-1837

Mixed Materials [35101013591982] 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Language English.

George A. Baxter: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2516

Unit Date 1838-1839

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Language English.

George A. Baxter: Correspondence

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Unit Date 1840-1841

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Language English.

George A. Baxter: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2518

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [35101013591982] 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Language English.

George A. Baxter: Citations and Certificates

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2519

Unit Date 1797-1867

Mixed Materials [35101013591982] 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Language English.

George A. Baxter: Lectures

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2520

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [35101013591982] 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Language English.

George A. Baxter: Lectures

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2521

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [35101013591982] 1 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Language English.

George A. Baxter: Miscellaneous Church Papers and Resolutions

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2522

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [35101013592105] 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English.

George A. Baxter: Miscellaneous Papers

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2523

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [35101013592105] 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English.

George A. Baxter: Miscellaneous Receipts

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2525

Unit Date 1795-1844

Mixed Materials [35101013592105] 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English.

George A. Baxter: Estate Prince Edward Country Inventory

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2526

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [35101013592105] 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English.

Louisa Baxter: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2527

Unit Date 1838

Mixed Materials [35101013592105] 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English.

Louisa Baxter: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2529

Unit Date 1856-1884

Mixed Materials [35101013592105] 2 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English.

Louisa Baxter: Reminiscences of George A. Baxter

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2531

Unit Date 1880

Mixed Materials [35101013592105] 2 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Language English.

Louisa Baxter: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2530

Unit Date 1886-1893

Mixed Materials [35101013592105] 2 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English.

Louisa Baxter: Reminiscences of George A. Baxter

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2532

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [35101013592105] 2 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Language English.

Louisa Baxter: Reminiscences and Resignation of Dr. Baxter from Washington & Lee University

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2534

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [35101013592105] 2 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Language English.

Louisa Baxter: Reminiscences of George A. Baxter

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2533

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [35101013592105] 2 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Language English.

Louisa Baxter: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2528

Unit Date 1845-1853

Mixed Materials [35101013592105] 2 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Language English.

Louisa Baxter: Miscellaneous Items and Receipts

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2535

Unit Date 1853-1867

Mixed Materials [35101013592105] 2 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Language English.

Louisa Baxter: Receipts and Business Papers

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2536

Unit Date 1890-1891, undated

Mixed Materials [35101013592105] 2 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Language English.

Baxter Family: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2537

Unit Date 1826-1840

Mixed Materials [35101013592105] 2 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Language English.

Baxter Family: Land Vouchers

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2538

Unit Date 1856-1859

Mixed Materials [35101013592105] 2 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Language English.

Baxter Family: Tax Vouchers

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2539

Unit Date 1849-1879

Mixed Materials [35101013592105] 2 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Language English.

Presbyterian Church USA: General Assembly USA

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2540

Unit Date 1838

Mixed Materials [35101013592105] 2 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

Language English.

Presbyterian Church USA: Resolution of General Assembly

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2541

Unit Date 1835

Mixed Materials [35101013592105] 2 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

Language English.

Union Theological Seminary: Subscriptions and Scholarships

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2542

Unit Date 1833, 1837

Mixed Materials [35101013592105] 2 (box)

Container 20 (folder)

Language English.

George A. Baxter: Obituaries, Miscellaneous

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2543

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [35101013592105] 2 (box)

Container 21 (folder)

Language English.

Baxter Family: Empty Envelopes and Fragments

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2544

Unit Date 1884

Mixed Materials [35101013592105] 2 (box)

Container 22 (folder)

Language English.

Samuel Ramsey: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2483

Unit Date 1797-1812

Mixed Materials [35101013591511] 3 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English.

Eliza Ramsey: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2484

Unit Date 1798-1833

Mixed Materials [35101013591511] 3 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English.

James M. Coulling: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2485

Unit Date 1811-1815

Mixed Materials [35101013591511] 3 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English.

Anne Fleming: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2486

Unit Date 1799-1809

Mixed Materials [35101013591511] 3 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English.

George A. Baxter: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2487

Unit Date 1798-1840

Mixed Materials [35101013591511] 3 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English.

George A. Baxter and Family: Correspondence, Newspaper Clippings, and Sermons

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2488

Unit Date 1814-1845

Mixed Materials [35101013591511] 3 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English.

Ann Christian Kent: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2489

Unit Date 1831-1852

Mixed Materials [35101013591511] 3 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Language English.

Joseph F. Baxter: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2490

Unit Date 1837-1864

Mixed Materials [35101013591511] 3 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English.

Louisa Baxter: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2491

Unit Date 1870-1897

Mixed Materials [35101013591511] 3 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Language English.

Letters to Louisa P. Baxter: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2492

Unit Date 1838-1895(?)

Mixed Materials [35101013591511] 3 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Language English.

Letters to Elizabeth Baxter: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2493

Unit Date 1836-1857

Mixed Materials [35101013591511] 3 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Language English.

Material Specification Letter dated June 9, 1851, from Anne S. Rice of Rice Hill, Virginia to Elizabeth Baxter concerning a former Rice family slave, Hannah, and her condition in Liberia. Hannah was emancipated by the Rice family and sent to Liberia.

Sidney S. Baxter: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2494

Unit Date 1831-1859

Mixed Materials [35101013591511] 3 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Language English.

Sidney S. Baxter: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2495

Unit Date 1860-1879

Mixed Materials [35101013591511] 3 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Language English.

Anna Nickolls Baxter: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2496

Unit Date 1824-1867

Mixed Materials [35101013591636] 4 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English.

William (Willie) Fleming Baxter: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2497

Unit Date 1856-1867

Mixed Materials [35101013591636] 4 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English.

George Baxter: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2498

Unit Date 1837-1862

Mixed Materials [35101013591636] 4 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English.

Thornton Baxter: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2499

Unit Date 1853-1864

Mixed Materials [35101013591636] 4 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English.

Miscellaneous letters

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2500

Unit Date 1822-1918

Mixed Materials [35101013591636] 4 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English.

Assorted Newspaper Articles

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2501

Unit Date 1866-1884

Mixed Materials [35101013591636] 4 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English.

Assorted Newspaper Articles

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2502

Unit Date 1867-1891

Mixed Materials [35101013591636] 4 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Language English.

Assorted Newspaper Articles

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2504

Unit Date 1881-1902

Mixed Materials [35101013591636] 4 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English.

Miscellaneous Newspaper Clippings

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2503

Mixed Materials [35101013591636] 4 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Language English.

Miscellaneous Newspaper Clippings

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2505

Mixed Materials [35101013591636] 4 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Language English.

George A. Baxter: Correspondence and Printed Documents

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2546

Unit Date 1819-1847

Mixed Materials [35101013591750] 5 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English.

George A. Baxter: Sermon and Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2547

Unit Date 1832-1866

Mixed Materials [35101013591750] 5 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English.

George C. Baxter: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2548

Mixed Materials [35101013591750] 5 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English.

Joseph Fleming Baxter: Sermons and Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2549

Unit Date 1845-1880

Mixed Materials [35101013591750] 5 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English.

Louisa Baxter: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2550

Unit Date 1837-1878

Mixed Materials [35101013591750] 5 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English.

Louisa Baxter: Correspondence and Will

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2551

Unit Date 1885-1893, undated

Mixed Materials [35101013591750] 5 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English.

Martha (Mattie) Nickolls Baxter: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2552

Unit Date 1858-1898

Mixed Materials [35101013591750] 5 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Language English.

Mary Selina Baxter: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2553

Unit Date 1860-1871

Mixed Materials [35101013591750] 5 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English.

Nancy Baxter: Recipe Book

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2554

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [35101013591750] 5 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Language English.

Baxter Sisters: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2555

Unit Date 1836-1887

Mixed Materials [35101013591750] 5 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Language English.

Material Specification Letter dated November 21, 1843 from Anne S. Rice to Nancy M. Baxter concerning the health of enslaved person Hannah, formerly owned by the Baxter Family and then by the Rice family.

Sidney Smith Baxter: Correspondence and Book

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2556

Unit Date 1856-1879

Mixed Materials [35101013591750] 5 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Language English.

Thorton Baxter: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2557

Unit Date 1860-1864

Mixed Materials [35101013591750] 5 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Language English.

William (Willie) Fleming Baxter: Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2558

Unit Date 1860-1871

Mixed Materials [35101013591750] 5 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Language English.

Fleming Genealogy

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2559

Mixed Materials [35101013591750] 5 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Language English.

Nickolls Papers

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2560

Unit Date 1820-1862

Mixed Materials [35101013591750] 5 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Language English.

See Family Correspondence and Obituary

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2561

Unit Date 1861-1918

Mixed Materials [35101013591750] 5 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Folder includes letters written by Charles S. M. See to his aunt Louisa Baxter during the American Civil War. Includes description of early war situation in Tucker (W. Va.) and Augusta County, Virginia. One letter details the death of his brother George Baxter See in a Confederate hospital in 1864. Another details Charles' capture and confinement in both the old Capital Prison in Washington D.C. and Johnson's Island Prison in Ohio. This letter also mentions President Abraham Lincoln's assassination and the surprisingly cordial relations of Unionists and Secessionists in the immediate post war period in Tucker County, West Virginia.

A Solemn Summons

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2562

Unit Date 1775

Mixed Materials [35101013591750] 5 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Language English.

Letter from George Addison Baxter to Anne Fleming on the death of William Graham

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/2563

Unit Date 1799 June 17

Mixed Materials [35101013591750] 5 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

Language English.

George A. Baxter Liberty Hall Academy Diploma

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/26159

Unit Date 1796

Mixed Materials [35101013593962] Folder 1 (Oversize)