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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

WLU.Coll.0102

Unit ID

/repositories/5/resources/424

Unit Date

circa 1815-1867

Language

English

Extent

0.26 Linear Feet one document case (half-sized), one folder

Repository

Washington and Lee University, University Library Special Collections and Archives

Administrative Information

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Biographical Note

Henry Ruffner was president of Washington College from 1836-1848, as well as a professor, minister, and author. He was born on January 16, 1790 in Page County, Virginia and died on December 17, 1861 in Kanawha County, West Virginia.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes three manuscript novellas written by Henry Ruffner, including a draft of his published work titled "Judith Bensaddi," six sermons written in Ruffner's hand, Washington College student James S. Richeson's handwritten transcript of one of Ruffner's lectures on "Political Economy"(1840), a typescript copy of Ruffner's 1847 pamphlet regarding slavery in Virginia, an 1867 letter relating to Ruffner's estate by his widow, Laura Ruffner, and Ruffner's bound manuscript for the "History of Washington College" (circa 1857). This volume includes notes by Ruffner's son.

Separated Materials

January 20, 1897 letter from H. S. Day to the "President of Washington College" was separated and made its own collection (RG 2.11.1). The letter is said to have been found between pages in Ruffner's history of the college.

Keywords

Virginia -- Lexington
Slavery
Romance fiction
Antislavery movements
Legal documents
Manuscripts
Speeches, addresses, etc., American
Ruffner, Laura
Washington College (Lexington, Va.)
Ruffner, Henry, 1790-1861

Description of Subordinate Components

Letter, Laura Ruffner

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23487

Unit Date 1865-01

Manuscripts [35101013592295] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Manuscript novellas : "The Romance of the Matz family from the German of Weistflog" and "The tale of Judith Bensaddi"

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23488

Unit Date 1820-1861

Manuscripts [35101013592295] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Manuscript novellas: "Seaborn, A semi-poetical Romance of the Sea" and "Seaborn or the Hermit of the Ocean, A semi-poetical romance"

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23489

Unit Date 1820-1861

Manuscripts [35101013592295] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Sermons by Henry Ruffner: "Sermon on Heaven" and "Sermon on Judas Iscariot"

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23490

Unit Date 1820-1861

Manuscripts [35101013592295] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Sermons by Henry Ruffner: " A tract on Episcopal confirmation," " Errors of Romanism," and an untitled fragment

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23491

Unit Date 1820-1861

Manuscripts [35101013592295] 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

At least one of Henry Ruffner's sermons has period notation that it was given to the Washington and Lee University by his widow, Laura Ruffner. It is likely that the other early manuscripts were also given by her.

Typescript copy of the "Ruffner Pamphlet"

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23492

Unit Date 1940-1965

Manuscripts [35101013592295] 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

This typescript was in the office of WLU historian Ollinger Crenshaw.

Student James S. Richeson's notebook of Henry Ruffner's lecture on "Political Economy"

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23493

Unit Date 1840-04-15

Manuscripts [35101013592295] 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Clipped engraving of Henry Ruffner and a carte de visite of unknown people

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23494

Unit Date 1840-1875

Manuscripts [35101013592295] 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Scope and Contents

The engraving of Henry Ruffner was likely removed from a book. The carte de visite photograph is of three unknown people likely from Europe.

"The History of Washington College" by Henry Ruffner

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/29992

Unit Date 1857

Mixed Materials Manuscripts Small Collections Box 5 (box)

Container 1 (folder)