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1857-1860

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English

Creator

Adams, Hugh

Extent

0.25 Linear Feet

Repository

Washington and Lee University, University Library Special Collections and Archives

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Biographical / Historical

Hugh Adams (1793-1858) was a landowner, farmer, and slaveholder in the vicinity of Brownsburg, Rockbridge County, Virginia. He was a member and proponent of the American Colonization Society, the national organization promoting the emigration of free African Americans to Liberia.

Scope and Contents

The Hugh Adams Papers archive is comprised of approximately 75 documents concerning the emancipation of nineteen slaves of the Adams estate and their estate imposed emigration to Careysburg, Liberia. Adams was actively involved for many years with the American Colonization Society (A.C.S.) which promoted and engaged in the emigration process of free or freed African-Americans to Liberia on the west African coast. Included in the archive is an original handwritten copy of the will of Hugh Adams. Within the will, Adams settles his estate and specifically outlines his plan for emancipating his slaves and for funding their imposed emigration. The archive also contains account documents for living expenses of nine of the nineteen freed slaves during the interim period between emancipation and their voyage to Liberia in May 1860. The surnames of the emancipated persons and families are Adams, Miles, Halliburton, Lewis, and Johnston or Johnson. Other noteworthy contents include an official Rockbridge County manumission document and two contracts detailing the purchase of enslaved husbands by their wives who were emancipated and funded by Adams' will. Other individuals whose names are found on documents within this archive include Rockbridge County lawyers Greenlee Davidson and David P. Curry, lawyers 'Gilkeson and McNutt', possibly of Augusta County, Virginia, Rockbridge County officials Samuel McDowell Reid, Charles Chapin, and David J. Whipple, estate executors A.M. Carson and Robert Hutcheson, and A.C.S. secretary Reverend William McLain. Click [here](#) to access the Hugh Adams Papers in WLU's Digital Archive.

Keywords

Slaves -- Biography
Virginia -- Brownsburg
Free African Americans
Virginia -- Rockbridge County
Antislavery movements
Liberia -- Careysburg
Adams family
Lewis family
Miles family
Davidson, Greenlee
McLain, W. (William)
Halliburton family
American Colonization Society
Curry, David P.
Reid, Samuel McDowell
Whipple, David J.
Chapin, Charles
Hutcheson, Robert
Carson, A. C.

Online Access

This collection has been digitized in its entirety and may be viewed online via WLU's Digital Archive.

Custodial History

The archive was collected by Hugh Robert Bolen of Bustleburg, Rockbridge Co., Virginia. It was discovered amongst family papers by John Bolen, son of the collector.

Description of Subordinate Components

Control Folder

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14610

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Language English

General

The control folder for the Hugh Adams Papers contains a physical folder list with descriptive information about contents, a transcription of Hugh Adams' will (1860), copies of online resources, including materials provided by the Library of Virginia, pertaining to the families and individuals formerly enslaved by Hugh Adams who emigrated to Liberia in May 1860.

User copies

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/4202

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 1-2 (folder)

Language English

Keywords

Will

Adams, Hugh

Hugh Adams's Will

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/4209

Unit Date 1860

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English

Creator Adams, Hugh

Scope and Contents

Manuscript copy of the will of Hugh Adams. Adams was a supporter of the American Colonization Society. Within his will, Adams settles his estate and specifically outlines his plan for emancipating his slaves and for funding their imposed emigration to Liberia.

Keywords

Will

Slavery -- Emancipation

Court Document Pertaining to a Case Contesting Adams' Will

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/4210

Unit Date 1860

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English

Keywords

Adams, Hugh

Papers Pertaining to Adams' Slaves

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/4211

Unit Date 1859

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English

Extent 5 Item

Keywords

Slavery

Notes on "Adams Negroes"

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14525

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English

Invoice for A. M. Carson and R. S. Hutcheson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14526

Unit Date 1859-07-15

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English

Letter from R. Hutcheson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14527

Unit Date 1859-03-26

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English

Invoice for A. M. Carson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14528

Unit Date 1860

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English

Receipt for R. Hutcheson from W. McLain

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14529

Unit Date 1860-04-19

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English

Correspondence from Hugh Adams family about the estate

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/18480

Unit Date 1858-1859

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 4a (folder)

Papers Related to Business Conducted Between Adams and Hutchinson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/4212

Unit Date 1878-1890

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English

Creator Adams, Hugh

Extent 4 Item

Invoice for R. Hutcheson from Wade

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14530

Unit Date 1880-01-01

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English

Receipt from Adams & Lockridge to R. S. Hutcheson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14531

Unit Date 1890-12-04

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English

Receipt from Adams & Lockridge to R. S. Hutcheson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14532

Unit Date 1890-11-18

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English

Papers Related to the Living Expenses of Andy Adams

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/4213

Unit Date 1860-1870

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English

Extent 6 Item

Keywords

Adams, Andy (1850-1870)

Invoice from McNutt for Andy

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14533

Unit Date 1860

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English

Invoice from A. M. Carson for Andy

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14534

Unit Date early 1859

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English

Invoice from A. M. Carson for Andy

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14535

Unit Date late 1859

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English

Invoice from A. M. Carson for Andy

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14536

Unit Date 1860-04-14

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English

Final Statement for Andy

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14537

Unit Date 1860-04-19

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English

Final Receipt for Andy

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14538

Unit Date 1860-04

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English

Papers Related to the Living Expenses of George Adams

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/4214

Unit Date 1860-1870

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Language English

Extent 1 Item

Keywords

Adams, George

Invoice from W. McLain for George

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14539

Unit Date 1860-04

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Language English

Papers Related to the Living Expenses of Henry Adams

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/4215

Unit Date 1838-1860

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English

Extent 7 Item

Keywords

Adams, Henry

Invoice from A. M. Carson for Henry

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14541

Unit Date 1859

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English

Invoice from Gilkeson & McNutt for Henry

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14540

Unit Date 1860

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English

Invoice from A. M. Carson for Henry

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14542

Unit Date 1859-07-01

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English

Invoice from A. M. Carson for Henry

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14543

Unit Date 1860-04-14

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English

Invoice from Ward Bros. for Henry

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14546

Unit Date 1860-04-18

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English

Final Receipt for Henry

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14545

Unit Date 1860-04

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English

Papers Related to the Living Expenses of Isabella Adams

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/4216

Unit Date 1859-1860

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Language English

Extent 3 Item

Keywords

Adams, Isabella

Invoice from Gilkeson & McNutt for Isabella

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14547

Unit Date 1859-12

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Language English

Final Receipt for Isabella

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14549

Unit Date 1860-04

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Language English

Papers Related to the Living Expenses of Joshua Adams

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/4217

Unit Date 1859-1860

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Language English

Extent 6 Item

Keywords

Adams, Joshua

Invoice from A. M. Carson for Josh

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14551

Unit Date 1859-07-01

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Language English

Invoice from A. M. Carson for Josh

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14552

Unit Date 1860-04-14

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Language English

Invoice from Gilkeson & McNutt for Josh**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/14553**Unit Date** 1860**Text [0000004537]** 1 (box)**Container** 10 (folder)**Language** English**Final Statement for Josh****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/14554**Unit Date** 1860-04-19**Text [0000004537]** 1 (box)**Container** 10 (folder)**Language** English**Final Receipt for Joshua****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/14555**Unit Date** 1860-04**Text [0000004537]** 1 (box)**Container** 10 (folder)**Language** English**Certification and Declaration of Joshua Adams****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/4218**Unit Date** 1860**Text [0000004537]** 1 (box)**Container** 11 (folder)**Language** English**Extent** 1 Item**Keywords**

Adams, Joshua

Emancipation Certificate for Joshua Johnson**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/14556**Unit Date** 1860-04-02**Text [0000004537]** 1 (box)**Container** 11 (folder)**Language** English**Papers Related to the Living Expenses of Mary Adams****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/4219**Unit Date** 1860**Text [0000004537]** 1 (box)**Container** 12 (folder)**Language** English**Extent** 3 Item**Keywords**

Adams, Mary

Invoice from Gilkeson & McNutt for Mary

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14560

Unit Date 1860-03

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Language English

Final Statement for Mary

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14561

Unit Date 1860-04-19

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Language English

Final Receipt for Mary

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14562

Unit Date 1860-04

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Language English

Papers Related to the Living Expenses of Rose Adams, Reuben Lewis, and Their Daughter, Rose Adams

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/4220

Unit Date 1859-1860

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Language English

Extent 10 Item

Scope and Contents

Rose and Rueben's daughter was two-years old at the time.

Keywords

Adams, Rose

Lewis, Reuben

Adams, Rose

Purchase Agreement, Rosa and Reuben

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14563

Unit Date 1860-04-14

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Language English

Invoice 1 from A. M. Carson for Rosy

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14564

Unit Date 1859

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Language English

Invoice 2 from A. M. Carson for Rosy

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14565

Unit Date 1859

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Language English

Invoice from Gilkeson & McNutt for Rose

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14566

Unit Date 1860-04

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Language English

Invoice from A. M. Carson for Rosey

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14567

Unit Date 1860-04-14

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Language English

Final Statement for Rosa

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14568

Unit Date 1860-04-19

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Language English

Summary of Boarding Charges

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14569

Unit Date 1860-04-20

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Language English

Final Receipt for Rosa

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14570

Unit Date 1860-04

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Language English

Invoice from Ward Bros for Reuben

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14572

Unit Date 1860-04-19

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Language English

Contract between John Letcher and Robert Hutcheson for the sale of Rosa

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/18481

Unit Date 1856-04-06

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 13a (folder)

Papers Relating to the Living Expenses of Scylla Adams and William Halliburton

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/4221

Unit Date 1859-1860

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Language English

Extent 7 Item

Keywords

Adams, Scylla

Halliburton, William

Invoice from A. M. Carson for Scilla

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14573

Unit Date 1859-07-01

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Language English

Final Receipt for Sylla Jane

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14574

Unit Date 1860-04

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Language English

Final Statement for Sylla Jane

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14575

Unit Date 1860-04

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Language English

Invoice from Gilkeson & McNutt for Scilla

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14576

Unit Date 1860

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Language English

Invoice from A. M. Carson for Scylla

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14577

Unit Date 1859

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Language English

Invoice from A. M. Carson for Scilla

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14578

Unit Date 1860-04-14

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Language English

Receipt from Hamilton Easter & Co. for Wm. Halliburton

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14579

Unit Date 1860-04-19

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Language English

Additional Items relating to Scylla Adams and William Halliburton

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/18476

Unit Date 1859-01-19-1861-04-01

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 14a (folder)

Agreement between Andrew Patterson and Robert Hutcheson for the sale and emancipation of William "Bill" Halliburton

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/18477

Unit Date 1859-01-19

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 14a (folder)

Letter from William Halliburton to Jacob Halliburton

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/18478

Unit Date 1866-04-01

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 14a (folder)

Creator Halliburton, William

Keywords

Antislavery movements

Americo-Liberians

Liberia

Colonies -- Emigration and immigration

Emigration and immigration

Hutcheson, Robert

Halliburton family

Scylla Adams' Purchase Agreement for William Halliburton

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/4222

Unit Date 1860

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Language English

Creator Adams, Scylla

Extent 1 Item

Scope and Contents

William Halliburton was Scylla's husband.

Keywords

Halliburton, William

Purchase Agreement, Sylla Jane and Bill Haliburton

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14580

Unit Date 1860-04-14

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Language English

Papers Related to the Living Expenses of Susan Adams

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/4223

Unit Date 1860

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Language English

Extent 2 Item

Keywords

Adams, Susan

Final Receipt for Susan

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14581

Unit Date 1860-04

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Language English

Final Statement for Susan

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14582

Unit Date 1860-04-19

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Language English

Papers Related to the Living Expenses of Andrew Miles

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/4224

Unit Date 1860

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Language English

Extent 2 Item

Keywords

Miles, Andrew

Invoice from Ward Bros. for Andrew Miles

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/14583

Unit Date 1860-04-19

Text [0000004537] 1 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Language English