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Scope and Contents

This collection includes individual or small collections of letters to the Custis, Lee, Davidson, McDowell, Reid, and Hale families. Subjects include the Custis family involvement in the American Colonization Society, John

Brown's Raid as recounted by V.M.I. cadet Charles A. Davidson of Lexington, Va., Henry "Lighthouse Harry" Lee's life, Lee family genealogy, Anne Lee Marshall's death, the Markoe family of Baltimore, Md., Edgar Allan Poe, and Washington College (Va.) history including a letter from Cyrus Hall McCormick. The material was found in upstate New York in the mid 20th century and given to Washington and Lee University Archives in 2013.

Keywords

Correspondence

Legal documents

John Brown's Raid (Harpers Ferry, West Virginia : 1859)

College Students

Slavery

Washington College (Lexington, Va.)

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Description of Subordinate Components

Control Folder

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/9170

Text 1 (box)

Container 0 (folder)

Language English.

William Ambers to Ms. Davidson letters

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/8883

Unit Date 1883

Text 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English.

Keywords

Poe, Edgar Allan, 1809-1849

Davidson, Mary

Letter, William Ambers to Ms. Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/9105

Unit Date 1883-07-20

Text 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

William Ambers writes a 3.5 page response to Ms. Davidson's (likely Mary Davidson of Lexington, Va.) request for information on the early life of Edgar Allan Poe. Ambers shares reminiscences gathered from James A. Clarke, of Manchester Va., who was a childhood friend of Poe. The contents of the letter were published November 19, 1885 in an article in the State, a Richmond, Virginia newspaper.

Keywords

Poe, Edgar Allan, 1809-1849

Davidson, Mary

Clarke, James A.

Letter, William Ambers to M. Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/9106

Unit Date 1883-08-13

Text 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Ambers writes a second letter offering a few more names of those who were childhood friends of Edgar Allan Poe. He wishes Ms. Davidson success on her Poe research project.

Letter, George D. Armstrong to Samuel McDowell Reid

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/8884

Unit Date 1854-02-21

Text 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English.

Custis family correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/8875

Unit Date 1822-1840

Text 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English.

Keywords

Liberia

Custis, Mary Lee Fitzhugh, 1788-1853

Custis, George Washington Parke, 1781-1857

Gurley, Ralph Randolph, 1797-1872

American Colonization Society

Letter, Mary L. Custis to Rev. R. R Gurley

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/8887

Unit Date 1827-11-12

Text 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English.

Letter, George W. P. Custis to Rev. R. R. Gurley

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/8885

Unit Date 1833-08-11

Text 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English.

Letter, Mary L. Custis to Rev. R. R. Gurley, undated letter 1

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/8886

Text 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English.

Letter, Mary L. Custis to Rev. R. R. Gurley, undated letter 2

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/8888

Text 1 (box)
Container 3 (folder)
Language English.

Letter, Mary L. Custis to Rev. R. R. Gurley, undated letter 3

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/8889

Text 1 (box)
Container 3 (folder)
Language English.

Letter, Charles A. Davidson to Hannah Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/8890

Unit Date 1859-12-02

Text 1 (box)
Container 4 (folder)
Language English.

Scope and Contents

A five page letter, dated December 2, 1859, written by Virginia Military institute cadet Charles A. Davidson, of Lexington, Va. to his mother Hannah. The letter documents the events leading up to and the execution of abolitionist John Brown at Charles Town. Davidson vividly describes the V.M.I. cadets' journey from Lexington to Charles Town including noteworthy events that transpired along the way, and offers a detailed account of the actual execution. Eighty-five V.M.I. cadets along with V.M.I. faculty attended the execution, by order of the governor of Virginia, to deter any potential protests or uprisings by Brown's supporters.

Keywords

John Brown's Raid (Harpers Ferry, West Virginia : 1859)
Abolitionists
Davidson, Charles A. (Charles Andrew)
Davidson family
Davidson, Hannah McClanahan Greenlee, 1812-1889

Letter, Col. Wade Hampton, Jr. to James McDowell

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/8891

Unit Date 1854-07-06

Text 1 (box)
Container 5 (folder)
Language English.

Henry Lee to Ann Lee Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/8873

Text 1 (box)
Container 6 (folder)
Language English.

Letter, Henry Lee to Ann Lee, Undated Letter 1

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/8895
Text 1 (box)
Container 6 (folder)
Language English.

Letter, Henry Lee to Ann Lee, Undated Letter 2

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/8896
Text 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English.

Letter, Henry Lee to Ann Lee, Undated Letter 3

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/8897

Text 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English.

Letter, Henry Lee to Ann Lee, Undated Letter 4

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/8898

Text 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English.

Letter, Henry Lee to Bernard Carter

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/8892

Unit Date 1813-02-04

Text 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English.

Letter, Henry Lee to Ann Lee

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/8894

Unit Date 1817-06-22

Text 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English.

Letter, Henry Lee to Ann Lee

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/8893

Unit Date 1817-12-27

Text 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English.

Document, Henry Lee

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/8900

Unit Date 1813-03-18

Text 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English.

Document, Henry Lee

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/8899

Unit Date 1813-12-13

Text 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English.

Robert E. Lee family material, part 1

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/8880

Text 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Language English.

Copy of bank check from the Exchange Bank of Virginia to Robert E. Lee

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/8907

Unit Date 1861-06-27

Text 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Item is likely a copy of a paycheck from the State of Virginia for his service.

Letter, Mrs. Mary G. Markoe to Robert E. Lee

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/8901

Unit Date 1865-05-27

Text 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Mary G. Markoe of Baltimore, Maryland writes to General R.E. Lee describing the final days, death, and burial of her friend Anne Kinloch Lee Marshall, Lee's sister, in 1864. Anne Lee married Revered William Louis Marshall also of Baltimore, Md. In the final section of the letter, the author asks that General Lee provide her son, Francis "Frank" Markoe, a former Confederate officer, advice regarding taking the oath of allegiance to the United States. She includes the compelling three page letter from her son, Frank, dated May 25, 1865, written to her from Canada where he had travelled just after Lee's surrender at Appomattox. In it he clarifies his circumstances and his wishes to come home to Baltimore, but is unwilling to take the oath and return without Lee's blessing.

Letter, Francis (Frank) Markoe, Jr. to his mother Mary G. Markoe

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/8934

Unit Date 1865-05-22

Text 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Language English.

Letter, Edward H. Wyvill to Robert E. Lee

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/8908

Unit Date 1867-01-28

Text 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Letter explaining why Mr. Wyvill's son is not returning to Washington College for the 1867 session.

Keywords

Wyvill, Edward H., Jr.

Letter, Charles H. Smith to Robert E. Lee**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/8909**Unit Date** 1868-01-25**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Dr. Charles H. Smith, Medical Examiner for the Arlington Mutual Life Insurance Company writes to Robert E. Lee to ask if he is interested in being the president of company. Lettter is two pages and describes the company. Also included is a published prospectus of the company, a published chart of insurance price tables, the company's charter and bylaws, and two published lists of all who are insured by the company and and the envelope addressed to Lee in which these items were delivered. Eight items total including the letter and its enclosure.

Keywords

Smith, Charles H., M.D.

Arlington Mutual Life Insurance Company of Virginia

Robert E. Lee family material, part 2**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/14396**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 8 (folder)**Language** English.**Letter, James D. Davidson to Robert E. Lee with follow-up notes from both****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/9024**Unit Date** 1869-05-13**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 8 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Lexington, Virginia lawyer James D. Davidson writes a one page note to Robert E. Lee asking him to explain his family relationship to Arthur Lee, signer of the Virginia's Deed of Cession in 1784. Lee responds initially on the same page. The note was then delivered back to Davidson who corrected his initial question and asks for an updated response which Lee provides on the reverse of the page.

Keywords

Lee, Robert E. (Robert Edward), 1807-1870

Davidson, James D. (James Dorman)

Lee, Arthur, 1740-1792

Letter, Henry J. Furber, Sr. to Robert E. Lee**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/8903**Unit Date** 1869-06-13**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 8 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Henry Jewett Fuber, Sr., the Vice President of Universal Life Insurance Company based in New York, writes to Robert E. Lee to once again offer him an opportunity to join the company as its Southern officer or agent. According to the letter, Lee had turned down a previous offer from Furber and his company. The letter is ten pages.

Keywords

Universal Life Insurance Company

Publication, Echoes of Christian Truth, from the life of Robert E. Lee. printed in Baltimore 1871 (Mildred C. Lee's copy)

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/8904

Unit Date 1871

Text 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English.

Creator McKim, Randolph H. (Randolph Harrison), 1842-1920

Scope and Contents

The publication was signed by Robert E. Lee's daughter Mildred Childe Lee and dated 1871.

Separated Materials

This item has been removed and cataloged to Rare Books.

Copy, Washington and Lee University's surrender of bonds and certificates, including Washington's gift of James River Company stock

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/8905

Unit Date 1892-03-22

Text 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English.

Extent Photograph is faded.

Scope and Contents

This is a photographic copy of a document generated by the Commonwealth of Virginia's Second Auditor's Office. The document notes Washington and Lee University's official surrender of Virginia bonds and certificates which included George Washington's gift of James River Company stock.

Keywords

Washington and Lee University

Peabody, George, 1795-1869

James River and Kanawha Company (Richmond, Va.)

Letter, Paul B. Davis to Mrs. Mildred Lee Francis

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/8906

Unit Date 1928-09-17

Text 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English.

Letter, Hannah Turner to Thomas E. Hale, Esq.

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/8910

Unit Date 1818-05-31

Text 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Hannah Turner writes from "Rutland" (perhaps Rutland, Vermont) to her son Thomas Hale, Esq. about day to day business, family matters, and Hannah (perhaps her daughter?) planning for travel to a school called Windsor. The letter is addressed to Thomas E. Hale, Esq. "at the Legislature, Boston."

Washington College related correspondences and printed material

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/9041

Unit Date 1866-1870

Text 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Language English.

Letter, D. F. Bittle to Prof. W. Preston Johnson of Washington College

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/8912

Unit Date 1868-05-26

Text 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Language English.

Letter, Cyrus Hall McCormick to Washington College Faculty

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/8913

Unit Date 1868-06-03

Text 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Language English.

Keywords

Washington College (Lexington, Va.)

Letter, Mrs. C. J. Steele to Professor J. White of Washington College

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/8911

Unit Date 1870

Text 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Language English.

Printed Notice, W. N. Pendleton will be offering rooms to Washington College student boarders

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/9042

Text 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Language English.

Account/Loan Document pertaining to Thomas J. (Stonewall) Jackson's estate

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/8914

Unit Date 1863-06-01

Text 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Language English.