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1818-1861

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1840-1850

Text

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English .

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Biographical / Historical

John Augustine Washington III was the great-grand nephew of George Washington and the last private owner of Mount Vernon. He was born on May 3, 1821 to John Augustine Washington II and Jane Charlotte Blackburn Washington. His young childhood was spent at Blakeley Plantation near Charles Town, WV. After the death of Bushrod Washington and his wife, the family moved to Mount Vernon. He graduated from the University of Virginia in 1840 and returned to Mount Vernon to manage it for his mother, eventually inheriting it. However, he had to start encouraging tourism to make money. He tried to sell to the federal or state governments but finally sold Mount Vernon to the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association in 1858 for \$200,000. The family moved to Waveland plantation. Shortly after, he enlisted in the Confederate Army and served as an aid-de-camp to General Lee and was killed on September 13, 1861.

Jane Charlotte Blackburn Washington was the mother of John Augustine Washington III. When she died in 1855, she left Mount Vernon to her son.

Eleanor Love Selden Washington was the wife of John Augustine Washington III.

Louisa Washington was the daughter of John Augustine Washington III and Eleanor Washington.

Content Description

This collection includes correspondence between John Augustine Washington III and his mother and wife, as well as other family members, mostly dealing with family matters and running Mount Vernon.

Related Materials

Related materials can be found in the John Augustine Washington III Family Papers and the Historic Manuscripts Collection.

Keywords

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

Washington, Jane Charlotte Blackburn, 1786-1855

Washington, Bushrod, 1762-1829

Ford, West, approximately 1784-1863

Chew, Louisa Fontaine Washington, 1844-1927

Arrangement

The collection is organized in date order with undated letters at the end.

Description of Subordinate Components

Letter, Jane C. Washington to John Augustine Washington

Unit ID MS-4853

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/987

Unit Date 1818 September 30

Text 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Links

Letter: Jane C. Washington, Wheatland, to John Augustine Washington, Buffalo, 1818 September 30: 2020-03-04

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Language English.

Creator Washington, Jane Charlotte Blackburn, 1786-1855

Scope and Contents

Wheatland to Buffalo. Family matters; relates offer to him to purchase 800 acres of land.

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, John Augustine, 1789-1832

Letter, Bushrod Washington to Noblet Herbert

Unit ID MS-4854

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/989

Unit Date 1824 April 24

Text 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Digital Archival Object

Letter: Bushrod Washington, Philadelphia, to Noblet Herbert, Alexandria, 1824 April 24: 2020-03-04

Language English.

Creator Washington, Bushrod, 1762-1829

Scope and Contents

Philadelphia to Alexandria. Health improving after respiratory illness; returning soon to court.

Keywords

Correspondence

Herbert, Noblet

Letter, John Augustine Washington III to John Augustine Washington II

Unit ID MS-4855

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/990

Unit Date 1829 or 1830 February 4

Text 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Digital Archival Object

Letter: John Augustine Washington III, Richland, to John Augustine Washington II, Mount Vernon, 1829 or 1830 February 4: 2020-03-04

Language English.

Creator Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

Scope and Contents

Richland to Mount Vernon. Sends good wishes to family.

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, John Augustine, 1789-1832

Letter, John Augustine Washington III to John Augustine Washington II

Unit ID MS-4856

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1473

Unit Date 1829 February 8

Text 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Digital Archival Object

Letter: John Augustine Washington III, Richland, to John Augustine Washington II, 1829 February 8: 2020-03-04

Language English.

Creator Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

Scope and Contents

Richland. Sends love to all family members; requests ice skates.

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, John Augustine, 1789-1832

Letter, West Ford to Bushrod Washington

Unit ID MS-4857

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1474

Unit Date 1829 August 27

Text 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Digital Archival Object

West Ford to Bushrod Washington, Blakeley, 27 August 1829: 2017-11-21

Language English.

Creator Ford, West, approximately 1784-1863

Scope and Contents

A letter written by West Ford to Bushrod Washington at Blakeley, the home of Bushrod's nephew and nephew-in-law Augustine Washington II. Ford, a former slave of the

A letter written by West Ford to Bushrod Washington at Blakely, the home of Bushrod's neighbor and nephew John Augustine Washington II. Ford, a former slave of the Washington family who was later freed and employed as overseer of Mount Vernon, reports on arrangements being made at Mount Vernon for a workman to slate a "house for the books and papers." He mentions illnesses in his family and warns Bushrod against buying mules from his neighbor, Mr. Peake.

Keywords

Correspondence
Washington, Bushrod, 1762-1829

Letter, John Augustine Washington III to John Augustine Washington II

Unit ID MS-4858

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1475

Unit Date 1829 December 4

Text 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Digital Archival Object

Letter: John Augustine Washington III, Richland, to John Augustine Washington II, Mount Vernon, 1829 December 4: 2020-07-15

Language English.

Creator Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

Scope and Contents

Richland to Mount Vernon. Has not heard from home; sends love to all; send things he asked for.

Keywords

Correspondence
Washington, John Augustine, 1789-1832

Letter, John Augustine Washington III to Jane C. Washington

Unit ID MS-4859

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1476

Unit Date 1839 September 17

Text 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Digital Archival Object

Letter: John Augustine Washington III, Charlottesville, to Jane C. Washington, Charlestown, 1839 September 17: 2020-07-15

Language English.

Creator Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

Scope and Contents

Charlottesville to Charlestown. Needs her permission to take only 2 courses at university; wants to purchase mare, visited Aunt Judy.

Keywords

Correspondence
Washington, Jane Charlotte Blackburn, 1786-1855

Letter, John Augustine Washington III to Jane C. Washington

Unit ID MS-4860

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1477

Unit Date 1840 December 1

Text 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Digital Archival Object

Letter: John Augustine Washington III, University of Virginia, to Jane C. Washington, Charlestown, 1840 December 1: 2020-07-15

Language English.

Creator Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

Scope and Contents

University of Virginia to Charlestown. Discusses possible appointment of new professor who does not have JAW's vote.

Keywords

Correspondence
Washington, Jane Charlotte Blackburn, 1786-1855

Letter, John Augustine Washington III to Jane C. Washington

Unit ID MS-4861

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1478

Unit Date 1842 October 18

Text 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Digital Archival Object

Letter: John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Jane C. Washington, Charlestown, 1842 October 18: 2020-07-15

Language English.

Creator Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

Scope and Contents

Mount Vernon to Charlestown. Tells mother of proposing to Nelly; describes horse races; financial matters.

Keywords

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)
Enslaved persons -- Diseases
Washington, Jane Charlotte Blackburn, 1786-1855

Letter, Jane C. Washington to Eleanor L. Washington

Unit ID MS-4862

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1479

Unit Date 1844 April 11

Text 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Digital Archival Object

Letter: Jane C. Washington, Blakeley, to Eleanor L. Washington, Mount Vernon, 1844 April 11: 2020-07-29

Language English.

Creator Washington, Jane Charlotte Blackburn, 1786-1855

Scope and Contents

Blakeley to Mount Vernon. Relates ill health of various family members and other family news.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, John Augustine Washington to Jane C. Washington

Unit ID RM-710 ; MS-4863

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1585

Unit Date 1844 July 1

Text 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Digital Archival Object

Letter: John Augustine Washington, Mount Vernon, to Jane C. Washington, Blakeley, 1844 July 1: 2020-01-20

Language English.

Creator Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

Scope and Contents

Mount Vernon to Blakeley. Farm news; selling slave; thoughts on banks, family wishes.

Keywords

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Enslaved persons

Correspondence

Washington, Jane Charlotte Blackburn, 1786-1855

Letter, John Augustine Washington to Jane C. Washington

Unit ID MS-4864

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1586

Unit Date 1845 February 18

Text 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Digital Archival Object

Letter: John Augustine Washington, Mount Vernon, to Jane C. Washington, Blakeley, 1845 February 18: 2020-07-29

Language English.

Creator Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

Scope and Contents

Mount Vernon to Blakeley. Farm news; slave repeatedly running off; family matters.

Keywords

Fugitive slaves -- Virginia

Correspondence

Washington, Jane Charlotte Blackburn, 1786-1855

Letter, Eleanor L. Washington to Mrs. Alexander

Unit ID MS-4865

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1587

Unit Date 1845 October 31

Text 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Digital Archival Object

Letter: Eleanor L. Washington, Mount Vernon, to Mrs. Alexander, Charlestown, 1845 October 31: 2020-07-29

Language English.

Creator Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

Scope and Contents

Mount Vernon to Charlestown. Sending various flower cuttings; family news.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter, John Augustine Washington to Jane C. Washington

Unit ID MS-4866

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1588

Unit Date 1845 November 29

Text 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Digital Archival Object

Letter: John Augustine Washington, Mount Vernon, to Jane C. Washington, Blakeley, 1845 November 29: 2020-07-29

Language English.

Creator Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

Scope and Contents

Mount Vernon to Blakeley. Illness is past; wants her to visit; concerned he might have offended aunt; other visits.

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, Jane Charlotte Blackburn, 1786-1855

Letter, John Augustine Washington to Jane C. Washington

Unit ID MS-4867

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1589

Unit Date 1846 January 27

Text 1 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Digital Archival Object

Letter, John Augustine Washington III to Jane C. Washington, Blakeley, 1846 January 27: 2020-10-12

Language English.

Creator Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

Scope and Contents

Mount Vernon to Blakeley. Relates travels home; landscape descriptions; family greetings.

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, Jane Charlotte Blackburn, 1786-1855

Letter, John Augustine Washington III to Jane C. Washington

Unit ID MS-4868

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1590

Unit Date 1846 February 13

Text 1 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Digital Archival Object

Letter, John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Jane C. Washington, Blakeley, 1846 February 13: 2020-10-12

Language English.

Creator Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

Scope and Contents

Mount Vernon to Blakeley. Family illnesses; Alexandria returning to Virginia; discusses selling Mount Vernon to government.

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, Jane Charlotte Blackburn, 1786-1855

Letter, John Augustine Washington III to Jane C. Washington

Unit ID MS-4869

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1591

Unit Date 1846 June 9

Text 1 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Digital Archival Object

Letter, John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Jane C. Washington, Blakeley, 1846 June 9: 2020-10-12

Language English.

Creator Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

Scope and Contents

Mount Vernon to Blakeley. Visitors to Mount Vernon; family matters.

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, Jane Charlotte Blackburn, 1786-1855

Letter, Eleanor L. Washington to Jane C. Washington

Unit ID MS-4870

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1592

Unit Date 1847 February 9

Text 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

Scope and Contents

Mount Vernon. Storm damaged trees; family matters.

Keywords

Washington, Jane Charlotte Blackburn, 1786-1855

Letter, John Augustine Washington III to "My Dear Sir"

Unit ID MS-4871

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1593

Unit Date 1848 February 4

Text 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

Scope and Contents

Mount Vernon. Legal concerns.

Letter, John Augustine Washington III to "My Dear Sir"

Unit ID MS-4872

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1594

Unit Date 1848 October 7

Text 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

Scope and Contents

Wants to meet in Alexandria about legal matters.

Letter, Jane C. Washington to Louisa Washington

Unit ID MS-4873

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1595

Unit Date 1850 July 29

Text 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Jane Charlotte Blackburn, 1786-1855

Scope and Contents

Blakeley. Much family news and love sent.

Letter, Eleanor L. Washington to "Sister Mary"

Unit ID MS-4874

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1596

Unit Date 1854 September 30

Text 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

Scope and Contents

Sunnyside. Louisa was sick; drought; family matters.

Letter, Louisa Washington to John Augustine Washington III

Unit ID MS-4875

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1597

Unit Date 1857 August 25

Text 2 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Chew, Louisa Fontaine Washington, 1844-1927

Scope and Contents

Charlestown. Family matters.

Letter, John Augustine Washington III to Louisa Washington

Unit ID MS-4876

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1598

Unit Date 1861 May 8

Text 2 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

Scope and Contents

Headquarters, Virginia Forces, Richmond. Tells of army life and waiting to engage enemy; send horse.

Letter, Eleanor L. Washington, to "My Dear Sister"

Unit ID MS-4877

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1599

Unit Date undated

Text 2 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

Scope and Contents

Requests various plants; family matters.

Letter, Eleanor L. Washington, to "My Dear Sister"

Unit ID MS-4878

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1600

Unit Date undated

Text 2 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

Scope and Contents

Sending the children for Easter; wants dresses made to her specifications.

Letter, Eleanor L. Washington to "My Dear Sister"

Unit ID MS-4879

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1601

Unit Date undated, April 18

Text 2 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

Scope and Contents

Mount Vernon. Misses her children; inviting others to visit.

Letter, Eleanor L. Washington to "My Dear Sister"

Unit ID MS-4880

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1602

Unit Date undated

Text 2 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

Scope and Contents

Written in the winter as talks about sleighing; wants her to visit.

Letter, Eleanor L. Washington to "My Dear Sister Mary"

Unit ID MS-4881

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1603

Unit Date undated, September 20

Text 2 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

Scope and Contents

Cave Farm to Warwick, VA. Family news from her visit; preacher's sermons very dull.

Letter, Eleanor L. Washington to Jane C. Washington

Unit ID MS-4882

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1604

Unit Date undated, October 1

Text 2 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

Scope and Contents

Mt. Ida to Blakeley. Much sickness at Mount Vernon; family greetings.

Letter, Eleanor L. Washington to Mrs. Alexander

Unit ID MS-4883

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1605

Unit Date undated, November 15

Text 2 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

Scope and Contents

Mount Vernon to Walnut Farm. Very busy with sewing clothes for children; family visits and greetings.

Eleanor L. Washington, Cave Farm, to Mrs. Lippitt, Warwick

Unit ID MS-4884

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1606

Unit Date [?] August 10

Text 2 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

Scope and Contents

Very crowded there - many children; many family greetings.

Eleanor L. Washington, to John A. Washington, Ferry Landing

Unit ID MS-4885

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1607

Unit Date undated

Text 2 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

Scope and Contents

Sorry to hear of his illness; wants him to come up.

Eliza A. Lloyd, to Nelly

Unit ID MS-4886

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1608

Unit Date undated

Text 2 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Lloyd, E. A.

Scope and Contents

Much family news; concerned about sale of Mount Vernon.

Letter, Lou to Fontaine Lippitt

Unit ID MS-4887

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1609

Unit Date undated, April 30

Text 2 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Chew, Louisa Fontaine Washington, 1844-1927

Scope and Contents

Waveland to Halltown. Family visits and greetings; John A. Washington gone to Richmond to join General Lee's staff.

Pencil sketch

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1610

Unit Date undated

Text 2 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

Digital Archival Object

Pencil sketch, undated: 2020-11-25

Language English.

Keywords

Drawings (visual works)

Ford, West, approximately 1784-1863 -- Portrait

General

Note on folder: "The enclosed picture was always said by Mrs. R.P. Chew to be of West Ford."

3 packets of seeds

Unit ID MS-4888

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1611

Unit Date undated

Text 2 (box)

Container 20 (folder)

Language English.

General

Envelope labeled in John Augustine Washington's handwriting, said to have been found on his body after his death on 13 September 1861

Cake and calf head soup recipes, (in the hand of Eleanor L. Washington)

Unit ID MS-4889

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1612

Unit Date undated

Text 2 (box)

Container 21 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

Benjamin Dean, Alexander Gibson, and William [?]

Unit ID MS-4890

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1613

Unit Date 1825 December 26

Text 2 (box)

Container 22 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Promises return of hired Negro, along with two suits of clothes.

Keywords

Slavery

Clothing and dress

Copy of list of slaves owned by John A. Washington

Unit ID MS-4891

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1614

Unit Date undated

Text 2 (box)

Container 23 (folder)

Language English.

Keywords

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

Copy of John Augustine Washington's will

Unit ID MS-4892

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1615

Unit Date 1861 October 30

Text 2 (box)

Container 24 (folder)

Language English.

Keywords

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

Copy of eulogy of Col. John Augustine Washington, from the Richmond Dispatch

Unit ID MS-4893

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1616

Unit Date undated

Text 2 (box)

Container 25 (folder)

Language English.

Keywords

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861