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Unit Date

1761 June 26 - 1802 July 11

Text

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Language

English .

Creator

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Extent

1.25 Linear Feet

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains letters to and from Martha Washington that have been acquired by the MVLA since 1858. For more information, see content note for individual items. The collection grows organically as new items are acquired.

Arrangement

This collection is divided into two series: From Martha Washington and to Martha Washington; and further arranged in chronological order by date.

Description of Subordinate Components

From Martha Washington

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3091

Unit Date 1761 June 26 - 1802 July 11

Language English.

Letter, to Mrs. Margaret Green

Unit ID RM-577; MS-4457

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6601

Unit Date 1761 June 26

Text 1 (box)

Container 1761.06.29 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Scope and Contents

Sending Julious (servant) for Kitty. Mentions Mr. Washington taking the Bark, probably for the treatment for malaria. "Our Ears are mending very fast ... please to send your Ear rings if you are resolved not to have yours now".

Keywords

Enslaved persons

Medicine -- History -- 18th century

Correspondence

Savage, Margaret Green

Letter, to Mrs. Charles Green

Unit ID RM-280; MS-2817

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6602

Unit Date 1761 December 18

Text 1 (box)

Container 1761.12.18 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Scope and Contents

Cannot be at Mr. West's as Mr. Washington is sending his man to Williamsburg ... glad to see the Greens at Mount Vernon on their way down and back ... will attend to anything in Williamsburg for her ...

Keywords

Correspondence

Savage, Margaret Green

Letter, to Anna Maria Dandridge Bassett**Unit ID** RM-466; MS-3583**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6603**Unit Date** 1762 April 6**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 1762.04.06 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Scope and Contents**

Personal letter expressing concern for the health of both families. Several references to the recent spell of bad weather.

Keywords

Correspondence

Bassett, Anna Maria Dandridge, 1739-1777

Letter, to "My dear children"**Unit ID** RM-375; MS-3129**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6605**Unit Date** 1778 March 19**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 1778.03.19 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Scope and Contents**

Mrs. Washington reports that she and the General are in good health. Col. Harrison has not arrived in camp; he is reported to be in Philadelphia. Bought a new doll for Beth. Possibly misdated from 1779.

Keywords

Correspondence

United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

Custis, John Parke, 1754-1781

Stuart, Eleanor Calvert Custis, approximately 1758-1811

Letter, to Bartholomew Dandridge**Unit ID** W-647**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6604**Unit Date** 1778 November 2**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 1778.11.02 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Scope and Contents**

Sorry that mama is ill--glad she recovered--expect she will take another trip to the northward--the "pore General is not likely to come to see us"--if she stays home hopes to see him soon--sends Patty a kiss and pair of shoes--not a doll in the city of Philadelphia--has had no letter since Washington came from camp--duty to Mama, love to sister Aylett [Elizabeth Dandridge Aylett, later to marry Henley] sister and family.

Keywords

Dandridge, Bartholomew, 1737-1785

Letter, to Elizabeth Powel**Unit ID** A-417.5**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6606**Unit Date** 1780 September 20**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 1780.09.20 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Scope and Contents**

Sends a piece of felt left by Mrs. Fitzhugh--Mr. Lee promises to deliver it--compliments to Mr. [Samuel] Powel.

Keywords

Correspondence

Powel, Elizabeth Willing, 1743-1830

Letter, to Hannah Washington**Unit ID** RM-154; MS-2431**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6607**Unit Date** 1784 June 22**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 1784.06.22 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Scope and Contents**

Martha Washington acknowledges that she has received the cotton for spinning from the addressee. Also hopes to visit Mrs. Washington if the General can find time. Intends to send a weeping willow when the season is right. She also congratulates Mrs. Washington on the birth of another child.

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, Hannah Bushrod, approximately 1738-1804

Letter, to Frances Bassett Washington**Unit ID** A-481.2**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6608**Unit Date** 1784 August 7**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 1784.08.07 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Scope and Contents**

Although not alone, she has missed her since she left--General goes over the mountains next month--expects brother [Bartholomew Dandridge] up and will go down to see him in Sept.--Mrs. [David] Stuart improving--her stays arrived from Annapolis--paid Mrs. Charles Stuart who paid mantua maker--Miss Ramsay married--Nelly well--Tubs [G.W.P. Custis] never unhappy about absent friends--letter from her [Fanny's] pappu, didn't mention Fanny.

Keywords

Correspondence

Lear, Frances "Fanny" Bassett Washington, 1767-1796

Letter, to Elizabeth Powel**Unit ID** A-417.12**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6609**Unit Date** 1788 January 18**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 1788.01.18 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Scope and Contents**

The Powel's trip from Mt. Vernon to Philadelphia--they must come more often--thanks for collars for the girls [these were to correct posture; see Mrs. Powel's letter of Nov. 30, 1787 for description]--also, ribbons and sashes--"My pretty Boy"[G.W.P. Custis] pleased with book, will write her himself--Fanny's health improved--goes to her father's to have baby in March--F.'s brother to marry Miss McCarty--"She is as a child to me, and I am very lone some when she is absent. Her ill luck with her first child is the only reason of her wishing to change the place of her laying inn this time."--moroco thread case came safely--sorry the Powel's couldn't stay longer at Mt.Vernon--"... tho we are not as gay as you are at Philadelphia yet in this peace full retreat you will find friendship and cordiality ..."--sympathy with [Mrs. P.'s] sister [Mrs. Byrd's] troubles--Mrs. [Eleanor Calvert Custis] Stuart has lost her father--Custis girls send thanks for collars.

Keywords

Correspondence

Powel, Elizabeth Willing, 1743-1830

Invitation, to Mrs. Hamilton**Unit ID** A-301.276**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6610**Unit Date** 1789 August 30**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 1789.08.30 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Creator** Hamilton, Elizabeth Schuyler, 1757-1854**Creator** Lewis, Robert, 1769-1829**Scope and Contents**

"Mrs. Washington presents her compliments to Mrs. Hamilton, and if she's disengaged this Evening, will do herself the pleasure to visit her." On reverse an undated letter from Robert Lewis to Dr. Thornton.

Keywords

Invitations

Correspondence

Note, to Mrs. Adams**Unit ID** A-625.2.2**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6611**Unit Date** 1789 September**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 1789.09.00 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Creator** Adams, Abigail, 1744-1818**Creator** Lewis, Robert, 1769-1829**Scope and Contents**

Crossed out note on letter from Robert Lewis to Ann Willis thanking her for the gift of honey provided to the Washingtons.

Keywords

Correspondence

Correspondence

Letter, to Frances Bassett Washington

Unit ID RM-530; MS-4494

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6612

Unit Date 1790 March 22

Text 1 (box)

Container 1790.03.22 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Scope and Contents

Martha asks Fanny Bassett Washington to send her several articles up to New York from Mount Vernon: a silver seal "with my Father's arms" or a "good impression" of it and a "white necklace ... and some small mother of pearl beads that is in one of the drawers in my cabinet ..."

Keywords

Correspondence

Lear, Frances "Fanny" Bassett Washington, 1767-1796

Letter, to Fanny Bassett Washington

Unit ID RM-530; MS-4497

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4700

Unit Date 1791 April 19

Text 1 (box)

Container 1791.04.19 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Scope and Contents

In this letter Martha asks Fanny to send with Austin, her servant, several muslin borders which Charlot was to hem. Also, Martha insists that "you must let me know if you are in a certain way and when the event will happen,..." Expects to be home "about the first of August" and wonders "... is B[etty] Lewis married -".

Keywords

Correspondence

Lear, Frances "Fanny" Bassett Washington, 1767-1796

Austin, 1757?-1794

Charlotte, active 1782- (Seamstress)

Letter, to Frances Bassett Washington

Unit ID RM-487; MS-3936

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6614

Unit Date 1791 June 5

Text 1 (box)

Container 1791.06.05 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Scope and Contents

News of her health--purchasing silk and muslin in Philadelphia --sending some sewing and kitchen staples to Mount Vernon--news of the President (just completing his southern tour)--nephew Bartholomew Dandridge inoculated for small pox--news of her children.

Keywords

Correspondence

Lear, Frances "Fanny" Bassett Washington, 1767-1796

Letter, to Frances Bassett Washington**Unit ID** A-680.34**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/26634**Unit Date** 1791 August 29**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 1791.08.29 (folder)**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Creator** Lear, Frances "Fanny" Bassett Washington, 1767-1796**Scope and Contents**

The significance of this letter to Martha's niece Fanny is the mention of several specific slaves in the Presidential household. Martha complains about the sewing work of Charlotte and Caroline and gives her condolences regarding Giles, an enslaved coach driver who was apparently injured in an accident. She also mentions Hercules, the enslaved Washington cook who several years later would run away from the household. Misdated as '1790.' Autograph letter signed, 3 pages.

Keywords

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Slavery

Correspondence

Posey, Hercules, 1748-1812

Branham, Caroline, 1764?-1843

Charlotte, active 1782- (Seamstress)

Giles, approximately 1750- (Postilion)

Letter, to Frances Bassett Washington**Unit ID** RM-563**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6615**Unit Date** 1793 February 8**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 1793.02.08 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Scope and Contents**

Southern post not in yet -- all are well -- winter has been warm, causes a sickly season -- Mr. Blair says many friends "are dead below" -- warm winter -- farmers ploughed all winter -- afraid there will be no ice for ice houses in the city -- hears from Mrs. Stuart -- she [Mrs. Stuart] hasn't seen Mr. Fairfax and doesn't know whether he got to England -- Mrs. Harrison is well -- Mrs. Mercer in town and sick -- love to the Major -- "I hope ere this that he has got the better of the spitting Blood you mentioned in your last."

Keywords

Lear, Frances "Fanny" Bassett Washington, 1767-1796

Letter, to Frances Bassett Washington**Unit ID** RM-556; MS-4232**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6616**Unit Date** 1793 February 10**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 1793.02.10 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Scope and Contents**

Concerning the declining health of Fanny's husband, George Augustine Washington, who had just relinquished his job as manager of Mount Vernon and moved to Eltham, the Bassett family home. Also other family news.

Keywords

Lear, Frances "Fanny" Bassett Washington, 1767-1796

Letter, to Frances Bassett Washington**Unit ID** RM-290; MS-2907**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6617**Unit Date** 1793 August 4**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 1793.08.03 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Scope and Contents**

Martha Washington writes from Philadelphia to her niece Fanny Bassett at Mount Vernon. Mrs. Washington recounts the recent illness and death of Mrs. Tobias Lear, wife of Washington's personal Secretary, and close friend, and how the event had saddened the presidential household. She is pleased that Fanny has had her room white washed and expresses her desire to have Frank white wash the Kitchen and his room in the seller (cellar) as well as him continually keeping things in order for Mrs. Washington's return some time next month. Other topics include prized gold thread, an unpaid bill to Mr. Lewis for silk, a report by Austin that the Bacon was all spoiled in the smoke house, transporting lockets by way of a gentleman going to Alexandria, shoes being sent to Mr. Porter for Fanny and cutting and sewing clothes for the enslaved workers.

Keywords

Correspondence

Clothing and dress

Slavery

Lear, Frances "Fanny" Bassett Washington, 1767-1796

Charlotte, active 1782- (Seamstress)

Lee, Frank, -1821

Letter, to Frances Bassett Washington**Unit ID** A-520**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6618**Unit Date** 1794 March 2**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 1794.03.02 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Scope and Contents**

Bad winter--Nelly has a rash--Washington Custis is very thin but well--Mrs. Stuart has another son, Charles Calvert--Mr. Thomas Peter and Patty [Martha P. Custis] appear to be going to wed--urges Fanny to wait until roads and weather clear before going up country--will assist her in moving when she comes to Mt. Vernon, probably in late summer--new French minister has come to Philadelphia--players have come to town and are much applauded--hears Patty Dandridge is getting better--concern for her dear sister [Elizabeth Dandridge Aylett Henley]--what are Mr. Henley's plans?

Keywords

Lear, Frances "Fanny" Bassett Washington, 1767-1796

Letter, to Frances Bassett Washington**Unit ID** RM-147**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6619**Unit Date** 1794 June 2**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 1794.06.02 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Creator** Lear, Frances "Fanny" Bassett Washington, 1767-1796**Scope and Contents**

Martha Washington writes to her niece Fanny Bassett wishing she could visit Mount Vernon this summer

but is uncertain when she and the President will be able to travel. Asks Fanny to air out bedrooms and bed clothes and to have Caroline brush and clean the room. Asks Fanny to send some clothes from her closet and to inquire about rose water and mint water ordered from Alexandria. Includes on page 3 of the manuscript a portion of a letter from Fanny Washington to Martha Washington on the same date. Fanny requests that the President have a few repairs done on her stable in Alexandria as well as building an enclosure for her wood to prevent thievery.

Keywords

Correspondence

Lear, Frances "Fanny" Bassett Washington, 1767-1796

Letter, to Frances Bassett Washington

Unit ID A-680

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6620

Unit Date 1794 August 3

Text 1 (box)

Container 1794.08.03 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Scope and Contents

Comments on the death of a son of Dr. and Mrs. James Craik--Mrs. Harrison and children in German Town for their health--will send Fanny's shoes and mattress by packet to Mt. Vernon--President says she may use broad or narrow boards, whichever she prefers--Bartholomew Dandridge is sick--they came to German Town for his health and President's--the spot on Washington's face doesn't seem to respond to medicine--Nelly has returned from her jaunt.

Keywords

Lear, Frances "Fanny" Bassett Washington, 1767-1796

Letter, to Mary Stilson Lear

Unit ID RM-530; MS-4502

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6621

Unit Date 1794 August 24

Text 1 (box)

Container 1794.08.24 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Scope and Contents

Mrs. Washington writes to Mrs. Lear, (mother of Tobias Lear) "... be so good ... as to tell dear Lincoln that I send my love ... we all are anxious to see the dear little creature ... My grand children are very much grown, Nelly is a woman in size--and Washington begins to be a sturdy Boy. My children often talk of dear little Lincoln ... Tobias Lear will be returning to America from England ...".

Keywords

Lear, Mary Stilson, 1739-1829

Letter, to Frances Bassett Washington

Unit ID RM-365; MS- 2950

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6622

Unit Date 1794 November 22

Text 1 (box)

Container 1794.11.22 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Scope and Contents

Chocolate and shoes for Maria--poor condition of schools--Carter Harrison and family.

Keywords

Correspondence

Lear, Frances "Fanny" Bassett Washington, 1767-1796

Letter, to Frances Bassett Washington

Unit ID A-680.41

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6623

Unit Date 1794 December 15

Text 1 (box)

Container 1794.12.15 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Scope and Contents

Hopes Fanny's children will be well thru winter--uneasy over Dr. David Stuart's illness, but is recovering--sent Maria's shoes to her--Nelly not so much grown as Mr. Lear described, but Wash [George Washington Parke Custis] outgrows his clothes--"I hope that when Nelly has a little more gravatie she will be a good girl. At present she is I fear half crazy."

Keywords

Lear, Frances "Fanny" Bassett Washington, 1767-1796

Letter, to Frances Bassett Washington

Unit ID 2023-SC-016

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/37723

Unit Date 1795 February 25

Text 2 (box)

Container 1795.02.25 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Extent 4 pages1 bifolium sheet26 x 20 cm

Keywords

Correspondence

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Lear, Frances "Fanny" Bassett Washington, 1767-1796

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Henley, Elizabeth Dandridge Aylet, 1749-1800

Letter, to Frances Bassett Washington

Unit ID RM-305; MS-2949

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6712

Unit Date 1795 April 6

Text 2 (box)

Container 1795.04.06 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Scope and Contents

Family news--has sent her gowns by ship--her poor sister [Elizabeth Dandridge Henley's] hard lot in life; a drunken husband--Betsy [Eliza Parke] Custis's grave and retiring disposition.

Keywords

Lear, Frances "Fanny" Bassett Washington, 1767-1796

Letter, to Mary Stilson Lear**Unit ID** RM-767; MS-5052**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6713**Unit Date** 1796 November 4**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 1796.11.04 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Scope and Contents**

Mrs. Washington writes to the mother of Tobias Lear concerning the care and schooling of Maria Washington (daughter of George Augustine Washington and Fanny Bassett), Lear's stepdaughter from his marriage to Fanny Bassett, who died earlier that year.

Keywords

Lear, Mary Stilson, 1739-1829

Letter cover, to Elizabeth Powel**Unit ID** A-417.37**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6714**Unit Date** 1797 May 4**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 1797.05.04 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Scope and Contents**

Autograph document, docketed by Mrs. Powel, "Received Thursday May ye 4th 1797, Answered May y 9th 1797," directed "Favred. by Mr. Craik", excellent black seal with George Washington's coat of arms, pencil notation in another hand: "Duval - he is not a compleat Cook - but understands making a Bouille Soups - Compots or preserves - a compleat Steward & Waiter -understands arranging his Table cleaning plate &ca. -- is honest sober & obliging - cleanly in his Person - careful of everything under his Direction".

Keywords

Powel, Elizabeth Willing, 1743-1830

Letter, to Elizabeth Powel**Unit ID** A-417.40**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4943**Unit Date** 1797 May 20**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 1797.05.20 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Scope and Contents**

This letter gives requisites for a servant needed at Mt. Vernon to look after and supervise household negroes--thanks Powel for continuing her enquiries to locate such a person--"To be trustworthy - careful of what is committed to him - sober and attentive are essential requisites in any large family, but more so among blacks - many of whom will impose when they can do it."--notes the postponement of the Powels' visit to Mt. Vernon until autumn--the best lots in the Federal city may be gone by then, building in the city progresses rapidly--Mr. Fitzhugh not moved to Alexandria yet--the Washington family enjoys good health.

Draft copy in George Washington's hand included in this folder.

Keywords

Correspondence

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Slavery

Powel, Elizabeth Willing, 1743-1830

General

A previous accession number in this record identified this item as A-417.36. However, the description and date matches the letter marked A-417.40 so it has been changed.

Letter, to Elizabeth Powel

Unit ID A-417.38

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6716

Unit Date 1797 July 14

Text 2 (box)

Container 1797.07.14 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Scope and Contents

Martha Washington states her objections to the French man mentioned by Mrs. Powel for job of supervising household servants at Mount Vernon--saying that servants engaged in Philadelphia are too expensive, she affirms she must get one in Virginia--mention Mrs. Hair--the rumor of Nelly Custis's accident is groundless, and one of General's serious illness is based only on a slight cold he had in May--laments Mr. Robert Morris's situation and confinement [imprisoned for debt]--Mrs. Fitzhugh visited recently, and they are moving to Alexandria in October.

Keywords

Powel, Elizabeth Willing, 1743-1830

Letter, to Elizabeth Dandridge Henley

Unit ID MSS-470

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4942

Unit Date 1797 August 20

Text 2 (box)

Container 1797.08.20 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Scope and Contents

Fanny [Henley] arrived safely at Mt. Vernon--must act as her own housekeeper--cook Hercules left, so at a loss for a cook--sorry ague and fever have attacked her already--sickly at [Mt. Vernon]--Nelly [Custis] has been indisposed--Washington Custis at school at Princeton College and is much grown--granddaughters in city [Martha Peter & Eliza Law] both have little girls--she and General in tolerable health--wishes to see [Elizabeth]--"Fanny is I hope very happy here she and Nelly is to go to the city to see Mrs. Law and Mrs. Peter."

Keywords

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

Slavery

Correspondence

Henley, Elizabeth Dandridge Aylet, 1749-1800

Posey, Hercules, 1748-1812

Letter, to Elizabeth Powel

Unit ID A-417.60

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6718

Unit Date 1797 December 18

Text 2 (box)

Container 1797.12.18 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Scope and Contents

Martha Washington writes that she hopes that Powel can make the trip to Mt. Vernon "when all things will be blooming here in the Spring, except the proprietors of the Mansion"--expresses her concern over sickness in Philadelphia--Robert Morris's difficulties--Mrs. Marshall's return from Europe--Mrs. Bishop

White's bad health--Mrs. Fitzhugh and family moved to Alexandria, but winter weather has prevented making a social call on them--George Washington "has entered into an engagement with Mr. Morris and several other gentlemen not to quit the theatre of this world before the year 1800, [and] it may be relied upon, that no breach of contract shall be laid to him on that account."--Nelly Custis has been indisposed with swelling in the face.

Keywords

Powel, Elizabeth Willing, 1743-1830

Letter, to Frances Dandridge Henley

Unit ID MS-471

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6719

Unit Date 1798 November 30

Text 2 (box)

Container 1798.11.30 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Scope and Contents

Requests Fanny to buy her a set of "the children of the Abbey" which was advertised by a book store "in the city"--congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Peter.

Keywords

Lear, Frances Dandridge Henley, 1779-1856

Letter, Tobias Lear on behalf of Martha Washington to President John Adams

Unit ID RM-1212.001

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3104

Unit Date 1799 December 31

Text 2 (box)

Container 1799.12.31 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Lear, Tobias, 1762-1816

Creator Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Scope and Contents

Martha Washington's draft response to the proposal dated December 31, 1799 after George's death. Her main interest, that she be buried next to her husband, was accepted and plans proceeded for a mausoleum at the Capitol.

Keywords

Correspondence

Adams, John, 1735-1826

Letter, to William S. Smith

Unit ID MSS-263

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6721

Unit Date 1800 January 10

Text 2 (box)

Container 1800.01.10 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Creator Lear, Tobias, 1762-1816

Scope and Contents

Thanks him in Mrs. Washington's name for his letter of sympathy and the model [drawing] of the monument proposed to be directed by Smith and the officers of his Union Brigade in honor of General Washington.

Letter, to Jedediah Huntington**Unit ID** MSS-264**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6722**Unit Date** 1800 January 15**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 1800.01.15 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Creator** Lear, Tobias, 1762-1816**Scope and Contents**

Writes in Mrs. Washington's behalf to thank him for letter of sympathy.

Letter, to Samuel Miller**Unit ID** MSS-248**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6723**Unit Date** 1800 January 27**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 1800.01.27 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Creator** Lear, Tobias, 1762-1816**Scope and Contents**

Thanks him in Martha Washington's name for letter [of sympathy] with his Discourse accompanying it [regarding Washington's death].

Letter, to Samuel Bayard**Unit ID** MSS-268**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6724**Unit Date** 1800 February 5**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 1800.02.05 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Thanks him in Martha Washington's name for letter [of sympathy over Washington's death] and his oration accompanying it.

Letter, to Martha Laurens Ramsay**Unit ID** MSS-270**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6725**Unit Date** 1800 February 13**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 1800.02.13 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Creator** Lear, Tobias, 1762-1816**Scope and Contents**

In the hand of Tobias Lear, on behalf of Martha Washington. Expresses thanks for letter of condolence and Oration accompanying it. Draft letter, unsigned.

Keywords

Ramsay, Martha Laurens, 1759-1811

Letter, to Rev. Uzal Ogden**Unit ID** MSS-271**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6726**Unit Date** 1800 February 17**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 1800.02.17 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Creator** Lear, Tobias, 1762-1816**Scope and Contents**

On Mrs. Washington's behalf, thanks him for his letter of [condolence on death of Washington] and the pamphlet enclosed.

Keywords

Ogden, Uzal, 1744-1822

Bill of Sale, with Lawrence Lewis**Unit ID** W-810**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6727**Unit Date** 1800 March**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 1800.03.00 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Scope and Contents**

Sale of eleven mules, three sheep, eight oxen, one cow and calf, two heifers, three cows, one riding horse, a quantity of plank, scantling and barrel staves and all the plantation [] Farm called Dogue Run, standing property lately sold to Lewis, amounts to \$1279.40; Lewis to pay yearly sum of \$90 till her death then either return it or pay George Washington's executors the above amount.

Keywords

Domestic animals

Bills of sale

Financial records

Lewis, Lawrence, 1767-1839

Letter, to Clement Biddle**Unit ID** RM-869; MS-5329**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6728**Unit Date** 1800 March 8**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 1800.03.08 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Lear, Tobias, 1762-1816**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Scope and Contents**

Lear writes for widow Martha Washington referring to a previous request for some black kid gloves and now adds to it a request "a pair of blk silk and a pair of blk kid shoes made by Mr. Fenton ..." Asks Biddle to write to one of George Washington's executors, Lawrence Lewis, to settle his account with George Washington's estate.

Keywords

Biddle, Clement, 1740-1814

Letter, to Timothy Pickering**Unit ID** MSS-274**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6729**Unit Date** 1800 March 28**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 1800.03.28 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Lear, Tobias, 1762-1816**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Scope and Contents**

Thanks him on Mrs. Washington's behalf for forwarding Mr. Ames' oration to her and sends her gratitude to him [Ames] for his testimony of respect.

Keywords

Pickering, Timothy, 1745-1829

Letter, to Janet Montgomery**Unit ID** MSS-276**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6730**Unit Date** 1800 April 5**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 1800.04.05 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Creator** Lear, Tobias, 1762-1816**Scope and Contents**

Written on behalf of Martha Washington. Expresses thanks for her letter of condolence--they have both suffered great losses.

Keywords

Montgomery, Janet Livingston, 1743-1828

Letter, to General Henry Lee**Unit ID** MSS-280**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6731**Unit Date** 1800 April 20**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 1800.04.20 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Lear, Tobias, 1762-1816**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Scope and Contents**

At Mrs. Washington's request, acknowledges his letter, communicating Congress's assent to extend to her the franking privilege.

Keywords

Lee, Henry, 1756-1818

Letter, to Gouverneur Morris**Unit ID** MSS-281**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6732**Unit Date** 1800 April 23**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 1800.04.23 (folder)**Language** English.

Creator Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Scope and Contents

Condolence acknowledgment.

Keywords

Morris, Gouverneur, 1752-1816

Letter, to John Dexter

Unit ID MSS-282

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6733

Unit Date 1800 May 6

Text 2 (box)

Container 1800.05.06 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Creator Lear, Tobias, 1762-1816

Scope and Contents

Thanks him on Martha Washington's behalf for letter enclosing Dr. Hitchcock's oration [on death of George Washington.] which was directed sent her by Standing Committee of Order of the Cincinnati of State of R.I.

Letter, to William Cunningham

Unit ID MSS-283

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6734

Unit Date 1800 May 15

Text 2 (box)

Container 1800.05.15 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Creator Lear, Tobias, 1762-1816

Scope and Contents

Thanks him on Mrs. Washington's behalf for letter [of condolence] and Eulogy on life of her late husband.

Letter, to William Moffatt

Unit ID MSS-284

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6735

Unit Date 1800 June 6

Text 2 (box)

Container 1800.06.01 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Creator Lear, Tobias, 1762-1816

Scope and Contents

Mrs. Washington received from President of "the University at Cambridge" [Harvard] a copy of performances at that Seminary commemorating death [of George Washington] with a request it be transmitted to Academy at Alexandria of which he [Washington] was a patron--encloses it herewith.

Receipt, to James Anderson**Unit ID** MSS-285**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6736**Unit Date** 1800 June 21**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 1800.06.21 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Scope and Contents**

"Recd. of Mr. James Anderson Twenty two pounds four shillings & 7 1/2 d, being the Balce. pr. acct. recd. by him of P[hilip] Marsteller for rent of my House & Lot in Alexandria."

Keywords

Financial records

Receipts (financial records)

Anderson, James, 1745-1807

Letter, to David Hale**Unit ID** MSS-288**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6737**Unit Date** 1800 October 31**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 1800.10.31 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Creator** Lear, Tobias, 1762-1816**Scope and Contents**

Acknowledges in Martha Washington's behalf receipt of his letter and the oration [he gave on Independence Day]--thanks him for expressions of sympathy.

Keywords

Hale, David, 1765-1837

Receipt, to Lawrence Lewis**Unit ID** RM-597; MS-4483**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6738**Unit Date** 1802 January 29**Text** 3 (box)**Container** 1802.01.29 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Scope and Contents**

Receipt to Lawrence Lewis for monies paid on interest of a loan and in payment for a "young Jack". Written by Lewis, signed by Martha Washington.

Keywords

Lewis, Lawrence, 1767-1839

Clipping, signature of Martha Custis**Unit ID** A-516**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6739**Unit Date** undated**Text** 3 (box)**Container** ND1 (folder)**Language** English.

Letter, to Elizabeth and Samuel Powel**Unit ID** A-417.47**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6740**Unit Date** undated**Text** 3 (box)**Container** ND2 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Scope and Contents**

Writing for the General and herself, Martha regrets their inability to have tea with the Powels tomorrow -- George Washington is to be dining out, and Mrs. Washington has invited guests for the day

Keywords

Powel, Elizabeth Willing, 1743-1830

Powel, Samuel, 1738-1793

Letter, to Elizabeth Powel**Unit ID** A-417.49**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6741**Unit Date** undated**Text** 3 (box)**Container** ND3 (folder)**Language** English.**Abstract** Reports that her cold is improved--has had violent cough--sorry to hear she is unwell--colds are very common now.**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Keywords**

Powel, Elizabeth Willing, 1743-1830

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802 -- Health

Envelope, "Mrs. Washington to Mrs. Powel"**Unit ID** A-417.54**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6742**Unit Date** undated**Text** 3 (box)**Container** ND4 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Keywords**

Powel, Elizabeth Willing, 1743-1830

Invitation, to Mrs. Bordley**Unit ID** A-569.195**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6743**Unit Date** undated**Text** 3 (box)**Container** ND5 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Scope and Contents**

If Mrs. Bordley wishes to attend the play tonight, their engagement for tea can be postponed.

Keywords

Bordley, Sarah Fishbourne Mifflin, 1733-1816

Letter, to "Dear Madam"**Unit ID** A-493**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6744**Unit Date** undated**Text** 3 (box)**Container** ND6 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Scope and Contents**

Sends 37lb of butter -- would have gone to see them, had they not expected a visit any time from them -
- cask of apples here for them -- Mr. W__ would have sent [apples] and molasses, but could find no
barrel for the molasses.

Keywords

Cooking -- Equipment and supplies

Autographs, Martha Washington**Unit ID** W-467**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6745**Unit Date** undated**Text** 3 (box)**Container** ND7 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Note, to Mr. Foster****Unit ID** W-466**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6746**Unit Date** undated**Text** 3 (box)**Container** ND8 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Scope and Contents**

An inquiry about the price of needles by the thousand -- answer her note of Saturday.

Genealogy chart, "of the Family of the Custis's"**Unit ID** RM-295; MS-2913**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6747**Unit Date** undated**Text** 3 (box)**Container** ND9 (folder)**Language** English.**Letter cover fragment, to Miss Custis****Unit ID** RM-457; MS-3528**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6748**Unit Date** undated**Text** 3 (box)**Container** ND10 (folder)**Language** English.

Calling cards, Martha Washington

Unit ID RM-295; MS-2912

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6749

Unit Date undated

Text 3 (box)

Container ND11 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Scope and Contents

Three calling cards handwritten "Martha Washington" with note.

Keywords

Visiting cards

Cover, "Mr. B. Washington letters to M. Wn"

Unit ID MSS-267

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6899

Unit Date undated

Text 3 (box)

Container ND12 (folder)

Language English.

To Martha Washington

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3092

Unit Date 1774 May 28 - 1800 July 24

Language English.

Receipt, from Mary Hunter

Unit ID A-592

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6856

Unit Date 1774 May 28-30

Text 4 (box)

Container 1774.05.28 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Receipted May 30 by M. Hunter. For a black laced apron, £3.1.6.

Keywords

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Letter, from John Parke Custis

Unit ID W-632

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6857

Unit Date 1776 August 21

Text 4 (box)

Container 1776.08.21 LOAN (folder)

Language English.

Creator Custis, John Parke, 1754-1781

Scope and Contents

Announces birth of a daughter [Eliza] mentions "the other little one"--Nelly [Calvert Custis] well new--describes the baby--anxious for news from New York and the General--every thing quiet since Dunmore left--rumor at Annapolis that Dunmore is dead--asks her and the General to "stand for my little Lady."

Keywords

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Letter, from Elizabeth Powel**Unit ID** A-543.5**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6858**Unit Date** 1787 November 30**Text** 4 (box)**Container** 1787.11.30 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Powel, Elizabeth Willing, 1743-1830**Scope and Contents**

Delayed writing until she could send collars for the young ladies [to correct posture of 3 Custis girls]--depression over sister Byrd's plight--(undertakes management of Col. Byrd's estate)--hopes collars will do--"Those I have sent may be raised by means of the Screw. I have made a little ornament of Ribband, which may be worn over them as a Disguise when ye young Ladies are dressed or go without a Vandike. It is a pity that a fine Form should be spoiled by a Childs not holding herself erect."--sent book to Master [G.W.P.] Custis--sends Martha a morrocco thread case--hopes [Fanny Bassett Washington's] health has improved.

Keywords

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Bill, from James Chrystie**Unit ID** A-238.8**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6859**Unit Date** 1790 June 16**Text** 4 (box)**Container** 1790.06.16 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

For china items amounting to £19.17.6--included are china dishes, plates, soup plates, dessert plates, Nankeen china, wash basin and bottle, chamber pot, etc. Receipted by John Rich for James Chrystie, Sept. 2, 1790.

Keywords

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Receipt from Susanna Lockyer to Martha Washington**Unit ID** 2019-SC-017**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/19522**Unit Date** 1791 September 6**Text** 4 (box)**Container** 1791.09.06 (folder)**Language** English.**Extent** 1 pages**Scope and Contents**

A receipt for 22 yards of mantua purchased by Martha Washington as First Lady in Philadelphia from Susanna Lockyer.

Keywords

Clothing and dress -- Purchasing

Receipts (financial records)

Financial records

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Letter, from Mr. and Mrs. Powel**Unit ID** A-543.9**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6860**Unit Date** 1792 June 8**Text** 4 (box)**Container** 1792.06.08 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Powel, Elizabeth Willing, 1743-1830**Creator** Powel, Samuel, 1738-1793**Scope and Contents**

The Speaker of the Senate of Pennsylvania [Mr. Powel] will wait on President and Mrs. Washington on Thursday--Mrs. Powel sends regrets.

Keywords

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Receipt, from F. Serre**Unit ID** A-526**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6861**Unit Date** 1792 July 11**Text** 4 (box)**Container** 1792.07.11 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

For making and mending clothes, including "a silk habbit," "dimmy habbit," a pair of stays, a blue great coat, etc. Made out to "Maddam Washington."

Keywords

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Receipt from Elizabeth Smart**Unit ID** RM-770 ; MS-5100**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/29768**Unit Date** 1792 October 23**Text** 4 (box)**Container** 1792.10.23 (folder)**Language** English.**Extent** 1 Sheets**Scope and Contents**

Receipt to Martha Washington, dated October 23, 1792, for clothing purchased from Elizabeth Smart.

Keywords

Receipts (financial records)

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Receipt, from Jacob Cox**Unit ID** A-238.17**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6862**Unit Date** 1792 November 14**Text** 4 (box)**Container** 1792.11.14 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Received by Isaac Streaper for Jacob Cox. £1.11.6 for 9 yds. Swanskin [flannel].

Keywords

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Letter, from Elizabeth Powel**Unit ID** A-543.11**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6863**Unit Date** 1793 March 10**Text** 4 (box)**Container** 1793.03.10 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Powel, Elizabeth Willing, 1743-1830**Scope and Contents**

Cannot take tea with Mrs. Washington on Tuesday because of a forgotten previous engagement to chaperone some young ladies ("noviciates in love") to Mr. Hill's--will Mrs. Washington come to tea next Wednesday?

Keywords

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Letter, from Countess of Buchan**Unit ID** A-381**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6864**Unit Date** 1794 January 8**Text** 4 (box)**Container** 1794.01.08 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Enclosed in a letter from Tobias Lear to George Washington dated 26 January 1794, Lady Buchan sends Mrs. Washington a medallion paste of her husband Lord Buchan's portrait by James Tassie.

Keywords

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Receipt, from William Buckler**Unit ID** MS-2097**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6865**Unit Date** 1795 July 12**Text** 4 (box)**Container** 1795.07.12 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

1000 needles for £1.2.6....payment received...

Keywords

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Letter, from Elizabeth Powel**Unit ID** A-543.17**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6866**Unit Date** 1796 December 7**Text** 4 (box)**Container** 1796.12.07 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Powel, Elizabeth Willing, 1743-1830**Scope and Contents**

Powel sends Mrs. Washington a bottle of Martinique Noyan medicine which the latter had used for the colic--she suggests that "it would not be amiss if my good friend the President will take a glass on his return from the Congress"--Powel believes "he will be not a little agitated" after what may be his last appearance before them (giving his 8th Annual address to Congress).

Keywords

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Letter, from Jonathan Trumbull

Unit ID A-366.55

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6867

Unit Date 1797 April 25

Text 4 (box)

Container 1797.04.25 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Trumbull, Jonathan, 1740-1809

Scope and Contents

Trumbull writes to express thanks to Mrs. Washington for her civilities, and the General's, since he first was near the General as a boy at Cambridge to the present.

Keywords

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Letter, from Elizabeth Powel

Unit ID A-543.18

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6868

Unit Date 1798 January 7

Text 4 (box)

Container 1798.01.07 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Powel, Elizabeth Willing, 1743-1830

Scope and Contents

New years greetings--news of Philadelphia friends--Mrs. [Bishop] White dead--Mrs. [Robert] Morris' situation deplorable--cannot visit Mt. Vernon until late fall--refers to Washington as "withered Proprieter" of Mt. Vernon--remarks that Washington's fame will increase after death--he promised Mr. [Robert] Morris not to die before year 1800--Rev. Mr. Duché dead--Mrs. Washington saved him from much anguish earlier by a prescription she sent to him.

Keywords

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Letter, from Elizabeth Powel

Unit ID MSS-257

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6869

Unit Date 1799 December 24

Text 4 (box)

Container 1799.12.24 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Powel, Elizabeth Willing, 1743-1830

Scope and Contents

Letter of sympathy over death of Washington--sorry to learn by Judge [Bushrod] Washington that she had been ill in October.

Keywords

Condolence notes

Correspondence

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Letter, from Maria Morris**Unit ID** MSS-259**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6870**Unit Date** 1799 December 27**Text** 4 (box)**Container** 1799.12.27 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Morris, Mary White, 1749-1827**Scope and Contents**

Letter of sympathy on death of General--deprivation of the country--Mr. [Robert] Morris unites in her sympathy.

Keywords

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Letter, from Bushrod Washington**Unit ID** MSS-258**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6871**Unit Date** 1799 December 27**Text** 4 (box)**Container** 1799.12.27 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Bushrod, 1762-1829**Scope and Contents**

Instructions and recommendations to Martha Washington and executors of Washington's estate regarding procedures and steps in settling estate, including probating of will, inventory of estate, appraisal, disposing of property, paying debts, bequests, rents, etc.

Keywords

Washington, George, 1732-1799 -- Estate

Correspondence

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Letter, from Jedediah Huntington**Unit ID** MSS-260**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6872**Unit Date** 1799 December 31**Text** 4 (box)**Container** 1799.12.31 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Huntington, Jedediah, 1743-1818**Scope and Contents**

Letter of sympathy on death of George Washington.

Keywords

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Letter, from Robert Lewis**Unit ID** A-625.2.1**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6873**Unit Date** 1800**Text** 5 (box)**Container** 1800.00.00 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Lewis, Robert, 1769-1829**Scope and Contents**

Received through brother Lawrence [Lewis] news that she desires settlement of rental for preceeding year--assures her he would have brought it sooner, had he had it, "... as it has ever been a rule with me never to retain money in my hands which was intended for or belonged to another person."--has \$100, and hopes to get rest from sheriff when the executions are returned--requests that she pay no account against part of estate under his management--many claims against General's estate which only he is acquainted with and she may be taken in--please refer any such requests to him--sorry for her indisposition--suggests trip up country to Dr. [David] Stuart's may be beneficial.

Keywords

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Eugolium, from Louis Fontanes

Unit ID MSS-294

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6874

Unit Date 1800

Text 5 (box)

Container 1800.00.00 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Fontanes, Louis, Marquis de, 1757-1821

Scope and Contents

Funeral Eulogium on General Washington, Pronounced in the Temple of Mars by Louis Fontanes the 20th Pluviose an 8", [1800].

Keywords

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Letter, from William S. Smith

Unit ID MSS-261

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6875

Unit Date 1800 January 1

Text 5 (box)

Container 1800.01.01 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Smith, William, 1727-1803

Scope and Contents

"Presents model of a monument he and officers of his brigade are going to erect in memory of ""our much lamented Commander in Chief.""--distress over Washington's death. [See drawing of monument listed under same date; also answer dated Jan. 10, 1800, Lear to Smith]"

Keywords

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Letter, from Samuel Bayard

Unit ID MSS-265

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6876

Unit Date 1800 January 18

Text 5 (box)

Container 1800.01.18 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Bayard, Samuel, 1767-1840

Scope and Contents

"Expresses sympathy over [death of Washington]. [See answer dated Feby. 5, 1800, Lear to Bayard]"

Keywords

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Letter, from Bushrod Washington**Unit ID** MSS-266/B**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6877**Unit Date** 1800 January 26**Text** 5 (box)**Container** 1800.01.26 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Bushrod, 1762-1829**Scope and Contents**

Advises Martha Washington as to her rights under Washington's will--interprets for her what things are hers absolutely and which are only for use during her lifetime--residue of estate not specifically given to her or others is subject to "superior claim" of executors--relative rights of herself and the executors--rents and bank stocks--some points difficult to decide, must consult General Marshall upon them--these opinions are stated as a friend, without recourse to books, etc.

Keywords

Correspondence

Washington, George, 1732-1799 -- Estate

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Letter, from Uzal Ogden**Unit ID** MSS-269**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6878**Unit Date** 1800 February 11**Text** 5 (box)**Container** 1800.02.11 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Ogden, Uzal, 1744-1822**Scope and Contents**

"Sympathy on [death of Washington]--sends a pamphlet containing two discourses written about the ""melancholy Event""--religious consolations. [See answer dated Feby. 17, 1800, T. Lear to Ogden]"

Keywords

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Letter, from Julia B. & the Society of Females**Unit ID** A-831**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6879**Unit Date** 1800 February 14**Text** 5 (box)**Container** 1800.02.14 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

"Hoping that their condolence letter is not taken to be presumptuous, four women write to Martha Washington that their fathers fought with George Washington--therefore they request a lock of his hair, however small, as a memento--in a postscript, they also request a lock of Martha Washington's hair. (See: copy of Martha Washington's reply, dated March 12, 1800)."

Keywords

Condolence notes

Correspondence

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Letter, from Janet Montgomery**Unit ID** MSS-272**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6880**Unit Date** 1800 March 10**Text** 5 (box)**Container** 1800.03.10 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Montgomery, Janet Livingston, 1743-1828**Scope and Contents**

Letter of sympathy [on death of Washington] from "a fellow suffer; and a fellow Mourner"--24 years since she lost her husband [Genl. Montgomery, at West Point ?]--her mother sends regards. [See answer, Martha Washington to J. Montgomery, dated April 5, 1800]

Keywords

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Letter, from Timothy Pickering**Unit ID** MSS-273**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6881**Unit Date** 1800 March 17**Text** 5 (box)**Container** 1800.03.17 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Pickering, Timothy, 1745-1829**Scope and Contents**

Forwards oration from Mr. Ames. [See also answer dated Mar. 28, 1800, T. Lear to Pickering]

Keywords

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Letter, from William Cunningham**Unit ID** MSS-275**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6882**Unit Date** 1800 April 2**Text** 5 (box)**Container** 1800.02.04 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

"Sends his Eulogy on the life of [Washington]--he and his wife send condolences to Martha Washington. [See answer dated May 15, 1800, T. Lear to Cunningham]"

Keywords

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Letter, from Gouverneur Morris**Unit ID** MSS-277**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6883**Unit Date** 1800 April 7**Text** 5 (box)**Container** 1800.04.07 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Morris, Gouverneur, 1752-1816**Scope and Contents**

"Sends copy of an oration on [Washington]--refrained from sending it earlier lest it might ""excite too strong emotion"". [See answer dated April 23, 1800, T. Lear to Gouverneur Morris]"

Keywords

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Letter, from Henry Lee

Unit ID MSS-278

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6884

Unit Date 1800 April 10

Text 5 (box)

Container 1800.04.10 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Lee, Henry, 1756-1818

Scope and Contents

"Reports unanimous consent of Congress to extend franking privileges to her since postage of letters to her ""had become immoderate""--repeats his desire to serve her in any way. [See answer dated Ap. 20, 1800, T. Lear to Lee]"

Keywords

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Letter, from John Dexter

Unit ID MSS-279

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6885

Unit Date 1800 April 15

Text 5 (box)

Container 1800.04.15 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

"Encloses copy of Doctor Hitchcock's discourse on the death of [Washington], as he was directed by the Standing Committee of the Society of the Cincinnati in state of Rhode Island. [See answer dated May 6, 1800, T. Lear to Dexter]"

Keywords

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Receipt, from John Gadsby

Unit ID W-811

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6886

Unit Date 1800 April 18

Text 5 (box)

Container 1800.04.18 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Bill for beef etc. Receipted by John Gadsby.

Keywords

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Letter, from Robert Lewis

Unit ID A-301.260

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6887

Unit Date 1800 May 1

Text 5 (box)

Container 1800.05.01 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Lewis, Robert, 1769-1829

Scope and Contents

Lewis writes his aunt that a backward spring and plowing prevent him coming to bring rental money--Mr. Daingerfield, "a young Gentleman that lives with me" will deliver money--please give him receipt.

Keywords

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Letter, from David Humphreys

Unit ID MSS-286

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6888

Unit Date 1800 July 5

Text 5 (box)

Container 1800.05.07 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Humphreys, David, 1752-1818

Scope and Contents

Has written poem on death of her husband, dedicated to her--was read before persons from different nations at American Legation in [Madrid]--22nd Feby. set aside by nation as sacred to memory of George Washington--Washington and anniversary of independence--miracle that Washington's birth just at proper time for him to have taken lead in Revolution--also, died at proper time for his memory to be honored most--the whole world honors his memory--encloses translation of Fontanes Eulogium, pronounced at command of French government--knows Washington was always prepared to die--quotes his words on subject when very ill in N.Y.--the poem alluded to [early in letter] is to be published in America.

Keywords

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Letter, from David Hale

Unit ID MSS-287

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6889

Unit Date 1800 July 24

Text 5 (box)

Container 1800.07.24 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Hale, David, 1765-1837

Scope and Contents

Sends her copy of a [oration] written by him at instigation of his fellow citizens on occasion of [Independence Day], in which he extolls virtues of Washington--offers her condolences on the sad event.

Keywords

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Document, Recipe for great cake

Unit ID W-570

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6890

Unit Date undated

Text 37 (box)

Container ND1 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Scope and Contents

Written by Martha Parke Custis Peterfor Martha Washington, at Mount Vernon. Martha Washington's Great Cake recipe yields a massive cake requiring forty eggs, four pounds of butter and five pounds of flour, plus fruits and spices. Its large dimensions made it perfect for serving the many family and visitors who flocked to Mount Vernon during the holiday season.

Keywords

Recipes

Oversize**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6706**Language** English.**Letter, to Elizabeth Hamilton****Unit ID** 2016-SC-023**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6707**Unit Date** [1793]**Text** OV (box)**Container** 1793.00.00 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Scope and Contents**

In 1793 Alexander Hamilton was battling yellow fever and his friends, George and Martha Washington among them, were concerned for his health. In this letter, Martha Washington sends her prayers for his recovery and reminds Elizabeth Hamilton to take good care of herself because her family needs her. While this letter is undated, it has been attributed to 1793 because this date corresponds to Hamilton's illness and the Washingtons leave Philadelphia by September 1793. It reasonable to refine the date to be likely September 9, 1793. Autograph letter signed, 1 page.

Keywords

Hamilton, Elizabeth Schuyler, 1757-1854

Hamilton, Alexander, 1757-1804 -- Health

Martha Washington family bible**Unit ID** A-558 ; W-1659**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/31828**Unit Date** 1767-1885**Text** F : 6 (Shelf)**Language** English.**Creator** Washington, Martha, 1731-1802**Extent** 1 Volumes**Scope and Contents**

Entitled "The historical part of the Holy Bible. Or The Old and New Testament exquisitely and accurately describ'd in near three hundred historys. Engraven by John Sturt, from designs of the greatest masters," dated 1730(?). Includes five pages of notes relating to family geneology, from Lawrence Lewis, born 4 April 1767 to Mrs. Esther Maria Lewis' death in 23 June 1885.

Related Materials

Loose inserts from bible are in accompanying folder.

Keywords

Books