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1786-1950

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Notes

Combined with MSS 12170 Correspondence of the Breckinridge, Gamble, and Watts family. Changed name to Watts family papers, March 2023. This addition is published but there are related collections in Virgo and ARVAS. Bibles have custom enclosures.

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Unit ID

/repositories/3/resources/1396

Unit Date

1786-1950

Mixed Materials [X032669251]

1 (box)

Language

English

Extent

9 Cubic Feet 12 legal size document boxes, 1 half-size legal document box, 2 cubics of bibles, and 2 oversize boxes

Extent

.107 Gigabytes 2,588 files, 2, 371 MS Word files, 176 Open office documents, 23 jpegs, 13 Apple/Double files, 3 tiffs, 1 pdf.

Extent

0.25 Cubic Feet Oversize box: Photographs and certificates of Watts family members (deframed)

Repository

Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research use.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection was a gift from Katherine Watts to the Small Special Collections Library at the University of Virginia Library on 9 April 2022.

Preferred Citation

MSS 12170, Watts family papers, Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library, University of Virginia Library.

Biographical / Historical

The Watts family has been part of the Roanoke Valley (also called "Big Lick") in Virginia for six generations. General Edward Watts was born on 7 April 1779, in Prince Edward, Virginia. He was the son of William Watts (1742-1797), and Mary Scott (1758-1836). He married Elizabeth Breckinridge, the daughter of James Breckinridge on 6 May 1811 and they had 10 children, including William Watts (1817-1877), Mary Scott Gamble (1814-1840), Ann Selden Watts Holcombe (1820-1888), Alice Watts Robertson (1832-1914), Emma Gilmer Watts Carr (1834-1872) and Letitia Watts Sorrell (1829-1900). Edward Watts purchased 400 acres of land from his father-in-law, James Breckinridge (called The Barrens) where he built his home "Oaklands" in 1817. General Edward Watts died in 1859 at age 59. The Watts and Breckinridge families were well-known families in southwest Virginia who enslaved people during the American Revolution and the American Civil War. They were admired by their peers as influential attorneys, politicians, and land owners who often opened their house to the community.

General Edward Watts was educated at Liberty Hall Academy (Washington & Lee), and Princeton. He was an officer in the War of 1812 and was the Commonwealth attorney for Roanoke County from 1839 to 1845. His son, William Watts (1817-1877) was a Colonel in the 28th Infantry of the Confederate Army (Roanoke Greys). He was educated in medicine and law at the University of Virginia.

After the war, he followed in his father's path as the Commonwealth attorney from 1845 to 1854. He was in the State Constitutional Convention (1850-1851), and was president of the Exchange Bank of Virginia. He also ran for governor in 1834 and 1842. He served in the legislature for one term in 1875. He married Mary Allen in 1850 and they had one living son, John Allen Watts (1855-1904). Mary Allen died following his birth in 1855. Colonel William Watts was also a farmer who enslaved over 100 people. He was said to have one enslaved person as his "body servant" through the war and gave him a home for life. Research of the collection has not yet provided his name.

John Allen Watts (1855-1904) nicknamed "Squat" was also a student at the University of Virginia and became an attorney. He married Gertrude Lee and they had a son named William. John Allen Watts sold Oaklands to a development company and it burned down in 1897. Descendants Jean Staples Showalter, English Showalter,

and Katherine Watts donated this collection of their family's papers.

Sources: "Roanoke and Western Virginia: Glimpses of the Past: Oaklands"
<http://showalter.blogspot.com/2010/12/oaklands.html>

Barnes, Raymond. "Confederates of Roanoke-V: General Edward Watts and Colonel William Watts Founded Clan" Roanoke World News. 5 April 1961. The Historical Society of Western Virginia. O. Winston Link Museum. History Museum of Western Virginia <https://hswv.pastperfectonline.com/archive/94647C8F-8806-4D18-8A04-445143233613#gallery>

Barnes, Raymond. 'Oaklands' Was Hospitable Seat of Watts Family for Generations: Needed Big Staff" Roanoke World News. 21 May 1958. The Historical Society of Western Virginia. O. Winston Link Museum. History Museum of Western Virginia <https://hswv.pastperfectonline.com/archive/53DC8EB0-DBE3-4B95-B4AF-027946626463#gallery>

Watts, Katherine. "The Roanoke Valley and the Watts Family" June 1984.

Content Description

The Watts family papers of Roanoke County, Virginia at "Oaklands" in Flat Creek, Campbell County) consist of correspondence and documents related to the American Revolution, the War of 1812, the United States Civil War, war with Osceola and Seminole tribes in Florida, Virginia politics, economic and social history (including enslavement), land ownership, farming, court cases and debt from 1786 to 1950 in southwest Virginia. The Watts are related to many other Virginia families including James and Dolley Madison. This collection represents a great view into historical and social events of the eighteenth and nineteenth century in Virginia.

The papers of this family of landowners, farmers, politicians, and attorneys portray the rich southern antebellum life on the Oaklands plantation. Despite the told and true characteristics of the kindness of the Watts family, they were nineteenth century southern plantation owners who owned hundreds of enslaved persons. The letters and receipts in the collection include many first names and some last names. One enslaved person, Henry Langhorne, a lifetime attendant of Colonel William Watts was bequeathed \$1,000 and a home for life.

Some letters mention the Watt's efforts to keep enslaved families from being separated by intervening in the sales of enslaved persons. There are many references to enslaved people among their households and farm, including descriptions of providing their clothing, housing, and nurturing them when they were sick, like family members. It is important to note that the collection also contains receipts for their purchase and loan.

The issue of enslavement is discussed in local meetings that Watts attended. There are also letters from former enslaved persons such as [Malinda] Langhorne and William Langhorne to Watts family members and photographs of enslaved persons, Aunt Sally and Aunt Phoebe standing together, and a photograph of Uncle Lou with the Watts children.

There is also correspondence about financial and legal matters as Colonel William Watts (1817-1877) and his father, General Edward Watts (1779-1859), were attorneys. Much of their correspondence relates to collecting debts, indentures, land surveys, receipts, and politics (Whig party, Commonwealth Attorney, Constitutional Convention, Virginia Delegates, and candidacy for Governor), and religion. The papers contain discussions about the popular faith of Presbyterians and Episcopalians). The University of Virginia, Washington & Lee, and William & Mary College are also mentioned.

The collection spans six generations of the Watts family including General Edward Watts and his wife Elizabeth Breckinridge (1794-1862), their son Colonel William Watts (1817-1877) and his wife Mary Jane Allen (1825-1855). Also included is their son, John Allen Watts and his wife Gertrude Lee.

Other related families include Madison, Breckenridge, Allen, Jackson, Watson, Morris, Gamble, Payne, Washington, Meigs, and Saunders. (MSS 653) Other related collections include MSS 4111-a,-b,-c,-d,-e,-f; MSS 38-33 Irvine, Saunders, Davis, and Watts families (William Watts daybooks 1768-1786); MSS 259; MSS 9715 Abram Penn Staples..(see related materials note)

The papers of Mary Scott Watts Gamble have been combined into this collection. These letters contain her accounts of attacks by Osceola and Seminole people in Florida. She mentions that Robert [Watts?] and Robert Gamble joined the local militia to remove the Seminoles from the swamps and send them out West. (1835)

Related Materials

There is a website at the O. Winston Link Museum (History Museum of West Virginia) that has many of the Watts family letters online

<https://hswv.pastperfectonline.com/byperson?>

Related Materials

MSS 38-33 Irvine, Saunders, Davis, and Watts families (William Watts daybooks 1768-1786); MSS 259; MSS 653; MSS 9715 Abram Penn Staples.

Keywords

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

Slavery--United States -- Virginia

Madison, Dolley

Madison, James

lawyers -- Virginia

Arrangement

The Watts family papers are arranged into 9 series. Series 1. Family Correspondence, Series 2. Genealogy, History and letters of James and Dolley Madison, Series 3. Documents related to enslavement, Series 4. Legal and Financial papers, Subseries A. Indentures, Subseries B. Marriage agreements, petitions, statements, and wills, Subseries C. Letters about collecting debts, Subseries D. Receipts for goods and services of the Watts family, Series 5. Newspaper clippings and miscellaneous family papers and oversize photographs, Series 6. Family Bibles, Series 7. Roanoke Gun Club Inc. land, Series 8. Showalter transcriptions on digital materials and a flash drive. Box 1 contains folders with some transcription of the letters in the collection and a folder with biographical information. Box 12 contains folders with an index and a folder of miscellaneous information about the collection.

Added existing collection MSS 12170 (3 folders) of Breckinridge, Gamble and Watts families into this addition of Watts family papers MSS 12170.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1. Family Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222118

Unit Date 1792-1904

Language English

Letters to General James Breckinridge

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222077

Unit Date 1792-1828

Mixed Materials [X032669251] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Box 1 contains a folder of transcriptions for some of the collection letters and a folder of biographical information.

Letters to Mrs. Edward Watts (Elizabeth Breckinridge Watts)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222079

Unit Date 1801 April 26

Mixed Materials [X032669251] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English

Letters from Elizabeth Breckinridge Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222082

Unit Date 1812-1834

Mixed Materials [X032669251] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English

Edward Watts to Elizabeth Breckinridge Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222083

Unit Date 1818-1846

Mixed Materials [X032669251] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Letter dated 1819 mentions "Joshua" who rode Edward Watts' horse for him.

Edward Watts to family (copies)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222084

Unit Date 1818-1860

Mixed Materials [X032669251] 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English

W. H. Kinely to Mrs. Morris

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222080

Unit Date 1802 July 10

Mixed Materials [X032669251] 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English

Letters to Emma Breckinridge

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222081

Unit Date 1822-1831, undated

Mixed Materials [X032669251] 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Language English

Edward Watts appointment to Colonel

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222085

Unit Date 1823

Mixed Materials [X032669251] 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English

Edward Watts to his son James Breckinridge Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222086

Unit Date 1830-1832

Mixed Materials [X032669251] 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Language English

Edward Watts to his son William Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222087

Unit Date 1835-1855

Mixed Materials [X032669251] 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Language English

Letters to Edward Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222088

Unit Date 1826-1843

Mixed Materials [X032669251] 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Language English

Letters to Edward Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222089

Unit Date 1848-1854

Mixed Materials [X032669251] 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Language English

Letters from Edward Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222090

Unit Date 1836-1843

Mixed Materials [X032669251] 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Language English

Letters to James Breckinridge Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222091

Unit Date 1828-1841

Mixed Materials [X032669251] 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Language English

James Breckinridge Watts to William Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222092

Unit Date 1842

Mixed Materials [X032669251] 1 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Language English

Mrs. William Watts (Mary Jane Allen Watts) correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222093

Unit Date 1851 and 1855

Mixed Materials [X032669251] 1 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Language English

Letters from William Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222094

Unit Date 1847-1853

Mixed Materials [X032669251] 1 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Language English

Letters to William Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222095

Unit Date 1836 and 1845

Mixed Materials [X032669251] 1 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

Language English

Letters to William Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222096

Unit Date 1846-1850

Mixed Materials [X032669251] 1 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

Language English

Letters to William Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222097

Unit Date 1851-1853

Mixed Materials [X032669251] 1 (box)

Container 20 (folder)

Language English

Letters to William Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222098

Unit Date 1854

Mixed Materials [X032669251] 1 (box)

Container 21 (folder)

Language English

Letters to William Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222099

Unit Date 1855-1856

Mixed Materials [X032669252] 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English

Letters to William Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222100

Unit Date 1857

Mixed Materials [X032669252] 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English

Letters to William Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222101

Unit Date 1859

Mixed Materials [X032669252] 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English

Letters to William Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222102

Unit Date 1860

Mixed Materials [X032669252] 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English

Letters to William Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222103

Unit Date 1861

Mixed Materials [X032669252] 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English

Letters to William Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222104

Unit Date 1862

Mixed Materials [X032669252] 2 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English

Letters to William Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222105

Unit Date 1870; 1875

Mixed Materials [X032669252] 2 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Language English

Letters from William Watts to his son John Allen Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222106

Unit Date 1867-1868

Mixed Materials [X032669252] 2 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English

Letters from William Watts to his son John Allen Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222107

Unit Date 1872-1876

Mixed Materials [X032669252] 2 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Language English

Letters to John Allen Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222108

Unit Date 1873-1874

Mixed Materials [X032669252] 2 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Language English

Letters to John Allen Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222109

Unit Date 1875-1877

Mixed Materials [X032669252] 2 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Language English

Letters to John Allen Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222110

Unit Date 1878-1893

Mixed Materials [X032669252] 2 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Language English

Letters from John Allen Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222111

Unit Date 1903

Mixed Materials [X032669252] 2 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Language English

Letters to Letitia Gamble Watts Sorrell

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222112

Unit Date 1892-1900

Mixed Materials [X032669252] 2 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Language English

[Fleming] Saunders to his cousin

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222113

Unit Date 1892 November 14

Mixed Materials [X032669252] 2 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Language English

Miscellaneous letter Jane K. Duncan

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222114

Unit Date 1890

Mixed Materials [X032669252] 2 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Language English

Dr. John O. Scott of Sherman, Texas

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222115

Unit Date 1897 October 5

Mixed Materials [X032669252] 2 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Language English

Watts Family correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222116

Unit Date 1872-1898

Mixed Materials [X032669252] 2 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

Language English

Letters about the death of John Allen Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222117

Unit Date 1904

Mixed Materials [X032669252] 2 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

Language English

Series 2. Genealogy, History, and letters of James and Dolley Madison

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222119

Unit Date 1788-1950

Watts Family Genealogy traced from England (Frances O. Watts from Boston)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222120

Unit Date 1857 November 6

Mixed Materials [X032669252] 2 (box)

Container 20 (folder)

Language English

Notes on Watts family genealogy

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222121

Mixed Materials [X032669252] 2 (box)

Container 21 (folder)

Language English

Notes on Watts family genealogy

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222122

Mixed Materials [X032669253] 3 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English

Watts family history

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222123

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Oaklands

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222124

Mixed Materials [X032669253] 3 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

There are newspaper clippings about the Watts family. Included is a newspaper article, "Number of Colored Residents Have Been Here for 50 Years," 28 January, 1934 about families in Roanoke that were enslaved 50 years earlier. Nettie Simms Calloway claims that her father, L. M. Simm, was owned by Colonel William Watts and that her great-grandmother was enslaved by General Edward Watts at Oaklands. Other family names of enslaved persons are named in the article.

An obituary for Colonel William Watts mentions that a large group enslaved people were around him at his death including Henry Langhorne who had attended him during the war and throughout his life. Colonel Watts left him \$1,000 in his will and a permanent home.

Oaklands and John Allen Watts

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222125

Mixed Materials [X032669253] 3 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

There is an address by John Allen Watts and newspaper clippings about the Watts family.

Watts farm plat

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222126

Mixed Materials [X032669253] 3 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English

Watts Cemetery

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222127

Mixed Materials [X032669253] 3 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English

Grove Hill and General James Breckinridge history

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222128

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Language English

Allen Family genealogy

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222129

Mixed Materials [X032669253] 3 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English

George Duncan

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222130

Mixed Materials [X032669253] 3 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Language English

John George Jackson and letters to his sister-in-law Dolley Madison

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222131

Unit Date 1803-1809

Mixed Materials [X032669253] 3 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Language English

Letters from both James Madison and Dolley Madison

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222132

Unit Date 1825

Mixed Materials [X032669253] 3 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Language English

Writings about James and Dolley Madison

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222133

Mixed Materials [X032669253] 3 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Language English

George and Hugh Lee papers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222134

Mixed Materials [X032669253] 3 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Language English

Preston family genealogy

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222135

Mixed Materials [X032669254] 4 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English

Preston Family Memoranda album

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222136

Mixed Materials [X032669254] 4 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English

Jean Watts Staples photographs and newspaper clippings

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222139

Mixed Materials [X032669254] 4 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English

Showalter and Staples Family

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222137

Mixed Materials [X032669254] 4 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English

Tayloe Family genealogy

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222138

Mixed Materials [X032669254] 4 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English

Mary Robertson's book, "Lucy Breckinridge of Grove Hill: The Journal of a Virginia Girl 1862-1864"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222140

Unit Date 1980

Mixed Materials [X032669254] 4 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English

Letitia Gamble Watts Sorrel album

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222141

Unit Date 1850

Mixed Materials [X032669254] 4 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Language English

Letitia Gamble Watts Sorrel notebook

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222142

Mixed Materials [X032669254] 4 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English

James Breckinridge Watts wallet (empty)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222143

Mixed Materials [X032669254] 4 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Language English

Series 3. Documents related to Enslavement

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222144

Unit Date 1819-1865, 1878

Language English

Carter Berkely to Edward Watts about sale of enslaved people

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222145

Unit Date 1819-1849

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English

Botetourt County Sheriff receipt to Edward Watts for 61 enslaved people

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222148

Unit Date 1833

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English

Edward Watts and William Madison Peyton to John B. Floyd (Account statement including hiring of enslaved people Ned and Delphy)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222149

Unit Date 1833-1841

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English

Watts family correspondence that mentions enslaved people, Little Jimy, Davy, Dicey

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222150

Unit Date 1834-1849

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

John Campbell statement account with Edward Watts, hired labor of John

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222151

Unit Date 1835

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Account Statement Thomas A. Lovelace and Edward Watts, setting Sally's broken arm

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222152

Unit Date 1835-1839

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

John M. Petty statement account with Edward Watts, Hire of Diana, Hench

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222153

Unit Date 1835-1843

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Statement account Edward Watts with Richard Tyree, pair shoes for Patrick, cash to Davy to pay J.D. Evans

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222154

Unit Date 1836

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Estate of General James Breckinridge (fragment) 7 enslaved people valued at \$2825

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222155

Unit Date 1838

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Documents relating to debts owed by James Breckinridge Watts or William Watts including hire of Bab

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222156

Unit Date 1839-1846

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Fleming Saunders to Edward Watts against hiring out unneeded slaves and separation of families

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222157

Unit Date 1840

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

John Breckinridge to Edward Watts, Hire of John Lewis, John Burks, and Fanny Burks

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222158

Unit Date 1840

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Statement Account of Cary Breckinridge, executor of General James Breckinridge estate and lot of enslaved people

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222159

Unit Date 1840

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Cary Breckinridge to Edward Watts to hire Griffin and Patterson

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222160

Unit Date 1841

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Edward Watts to Robert Gamble settlement of General James Breckinridge estate including enslaved people

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222161

Unit Date 1841

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Statement of Bonds of Edward Watts due Cary Breckinridge, Hire of Griffin and Patterson, purchase of Ned and Delphy

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222162

Unit Date 1841

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Cary Breckinridge and John Breckinridge accounts, hire of Selden

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222163

Unit Date 1842-1854

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

John Breckinridge to Edward Watts, hire of Seldon

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222164

Unit Date 1843

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

Thomas Tosh account statement with Edward Watts, Hire of Jabet and Peyton

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222165

Unit Date 1844

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

Dr. Robert Johnston to William Watts, seeking payment for delivering infant of enslaved person of Col. Thomas Burwell

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222166

Unit Date 1844

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 20 (folder)

Account Statement Edward Watts for taxes on 98 enslaved people

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222167

Unit Date 1845

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 21 (folder)

William Ransom Johnson Indenture; Belle Grove estate- enslaved people

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222168

Unit Date 1845-1850

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 22 (folder)

Fleming James letters about Stoner estate and enslaved people

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222169

Unit Date 1845

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 23 (folder)

Fleming James correspondence about Stoner Estate and enslaved people

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222170

Unit Date 1846-1847

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 24 (folder)

John Quarles James to William Watts, price for Baldy Jim

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222171

Unit Date 1846

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 25 (folder)

List of enslaved people of Edward Watts hired out

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222172

Unit Date 1846

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 26 (folder)

J.K. Pitzer (sheriff) receipt for Edward Watts taxes, 98 enslaved people

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222173

Unit Date 1846

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 27 (folder)

Account Statements for Edward Watts, during his son's final illness including payment for care of servant

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222174

Unit Date 1846

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 28 (folder)

Wiley P. Woods and Joseph Rives court case against Pinkhard/ Newbill, possession of Judy and Mathew from Estate

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222255

Unit Date 1847-1848

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 29 (folder)

William G. Peck to William Watts, enslaved people "well"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222256

Unit Date 1850

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 30 (folder)

Hiring of enslaved person Daniel, William Cook to William Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222257

Unit Date 1851

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 31 (folder)

Edward Watts slave receipt to Dr. Thomas Good for attending Hector

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222258

Unit Date 1852

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 32 (folder)

William Watts receipt for visit and prescriptions for enslaved people

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222259

Unit Date 1852-1856

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 33 (folder)

Mary Jane Allen Watts to her mother Mary Elizabeth Payne Jackson Allen- description of enslaved man driving Livery

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222260

Unit Date 1853

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 34 (folder)

Hiring of enslaved people- Estate of Martha Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222261

Unit Date 1853-1854

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 35 (folder)

Hiring of Ephraim

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222262

Unit Date 1854-1855

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 36 (folder)

Loss of valuable enslaved, William Langhorne to William Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222263

Unit Date 1854

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 37 (folder)

Interest from enslaved persons on McClanahan estate, Charles L. Crockett

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222264

Unit Date 1854

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 38 (folder)

Judge [Fleming] Saunders to William Watts, remove enslaved from Martin house for better care

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222265

Unit Date 1854

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 39 (folder)

Morrow Suit against Haynes, Boyle, and Anderson to William Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222266

Unit Date 1855

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 40 (folder)

Sale of Man Lyttleton

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222267

Unit Date 1856

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 41 (folder)

William Preston Peyton to James Coles Bruce, release as security on Elmwood, sold his enslaved people

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222268

Unit Date 1856

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 42 (folder)

William Watts receipt for enslaved man Jack

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222269

Unit Date 1857

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 43 (folder)

Henry D. Flood to William Watts, Bill for advertising land and enslaved people

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222270

Unit Date 1857

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 44 (folder)

Slave taxes

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222271

Unit Date 1859

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 45 (folder)

[Harry Ganst] to [William] Watts, punishment of Ginnette

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222272

Unit Date 1859

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 46 (folder)

A.R. Plumbey to William Watts, discussion of slavery [Valley Whig]

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222273

Unit Date 1859

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 47 (folder)

enslavement receipts, Rives

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222274

Unit Date 1859-1864

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 48 (folder)

sale of enslaved people

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222275

Unit Date 1861

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 49 (folder)

enslavement receipts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222276

Unit Date 1864-1865

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 50 (folder)

William J. Robertson to E.A. Rollins, IRS. Non working enslaved people not calculated on income

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222277

Unit Date 1866

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 51 (folder)

Former enslaved woman Malinda Langhorne to John Allen Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222278

Unit Date 1878

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 52 (folder)

Photograph of Aunt Sallie and Aunt Phoebe, and of Uncle Lou, who were enslaved by the Watts family

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222477

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 53 (folder)

Language English

Miscellaneous Account Statement

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222279

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 54 (folder)

Series 4. Financial and Legal papers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222193

Unit Date 1794-1910

Language English

Scope and Contents

A. Indentures, deeds, plats, receipts, tax statements, petitions, and wills. B. Letters about debt collection.
C. Stocks D. Receipt for goods and services for Watts family

Indentures

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222194

Unit Date 1825-1903

Mark Evans Indentures, plats, surveys, Naked Farm

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222281

Unit Date 1748-1817

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 55 (folder)

Court Case- John C. Drewidge against John Beserer and James Southall

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222282

Unit Date 1787-1806

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 56 (folder)

Indenture- Adam Britts to Elisha Betts for land originally owned by William Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222283

Unit Date 1807

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 57 (folder)

Miscellaneous business letter

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222284

Unit Date 1810-1811

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 58 (folder)

Indenture to Edward Watts from William L. Adams

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222285

Unit Date 1815

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 59 (folder)

Indenture and Platt for Andrew Lewis land

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222286

Unit Date 1815-1821

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 60 (folder)

Indenture- Edward Watts to Samuel L. Harrison

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222287

Unit Date 1817

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 61 (folder)

Memorandum of agreement- Washington West to George St. Clair and David Palmer

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222288

Unit Date 1818

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 62 (folder)

Warrant signed by Governor James Monroe granting tract of land to Peter Dierly

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222289

Unit Date 1802

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 63 (folder)

Indentures- Charles Johnston to Edward Watts, Henry Langhorne, James Preston, and Allen Taylor

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222290

Unit Date 1821-1828

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 64 (folder)

Land Appraisal on court case between David Armstrong and Joseph Still

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222291

Unit Date 1823-1825

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 65 (folder)

Garden Plan

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222292

Unit Date 1822

Mixed Materials [X032669255] 5 (box)

Container 66 (folder)

Indenture- Madison and Eliza Pitzer to Edward Watts, Andrew Lewis land

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222293

Unit Date 1825-1837

Mixed Materials [X032669256] 6 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Indentures, deeds, receipts- Nofsinger land to Edward Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222294

Unit Date 1829-1837

Mixed Materials [X032669256] 6 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Indentures- Gwathmey (temple property)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222295

Unit Date 1829-1856

Mixed Materials [X032669256] 6 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Indenture- John B. and Sarah Floyd, sale of land to Edward Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222296

Unit Date 1833

Mixed Materials [X032669256] 6 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Indentures- Samuel Stoner

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222297

Unit Date 1834-1847

Mixed Materials [X032669256] 6 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Miscellaneous Fragments

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222298

Unit Date 1834

Mixed Materials [X032669256] 6 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Indenture- John Dabney debt

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222299

Unit Date 1873

Mixed Materials [X032669256] 6 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Covenant- railroad and E.A. Neal for Tavern

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222300

Unit Date 1875

Mixed Materials [X032669256] 6 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Indentures- Cornelius O'Leary to John Allen Watts, sale of Oaklands

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222301

Unit Date 1890-1892

Mixed Materials [X032669256] 6 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Watts indentures, plats, and surveys

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222302

Unit Date 1829-1842

Mixed Materials [X032669256] 6 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Watts indentures, platts, and surveys

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222303

Unit Date 1844-1850

Mixed Materials [X032669256] 6 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Watts indentures, platts, and surveys

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222304

Unit Date 1851-1859

Mixed Materials [X032669256] 6 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Watts indentures, platts, and surveys

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222305

Unit Date 1865-1872

Mixed Materials [X032669256] 6 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Watts indentures, platts, and surveys

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222306

Unit Date 1873-1903

Mixed Materials [X032669256] 6 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Indentures- John Bowers land to Colonel E. McClanahan

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222307

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [X032669256] 6 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Marriage agreements, petitions, statements, and wills

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222195

Unit Date 1829-1910

Language English

Roanoke County Petition

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222324

Unit Date 1910

Mixed Materials [X032669256] 6 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

William Watts income tax receipt

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222325

Unit Date 1866

Mixed Materials [X032669256] 6 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

John Watts will and obituary

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222326

Unit Date 1829-1830

Mixed Materials [X032669256] 6 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

William Pendleton and Elizabeth Robinson marriage agreement

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222327

Unit Date 1840

Mixed Materials [X032669256] 6 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

Death of Mrs. James B. Gamble

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222328

Unit Date 1840

Mixed Materials [X032669256] 6 (box)

Container 20 (folder)

Sarah B. Preston will

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222329

Unit Date 1846

Mixed Materials [X032669256] 6 (box)

Container 21 (folder)

William Watts church notes

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222330

Unit Date 1854

Mixed Materials [X032669256] 6 (box)

Container 22 (folder)

Obituary and will- Edward and Elizabeth Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222331

Unit Date 1856-1862

Mixed Materials [X032669256] 6 (box)

Container 23 (folder)

Letitia G. Sorrells will (liberation of slaves?)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222332

Unit Date 1856, 1916

Mixed Materials [X032669256] 6 (box)

Container 24 (folder)

Edward Watts will- excerpt

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222333

Unit Date 1859

Mixed Materials [X032669256] 6 (box)

Container 25 (folder)

Settlement of estate of James Breckinridge with Edward Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222334

Unit Date 1863

Mixed Materials [X032669256] 6 (box)

Container 26 (folder)

Resolution- William Watts (death)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222335

Unit Date 1877

Mixed Materials [X032669256] 6 (box)

Container 27 (folder)

Emma W. Breckinridge will

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222336

Unit Date 1881

Mixed Materials [X032669256] 6 (box)

Container 28 (folder)

Lease Contract- Gertrude Lee Watts and John Allen Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222337

Unit Date 1905

Mixed Materials [X032669256] 6 (box)

Container 29 (folder)

Letters about collection of debts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222196

Unit Date 1794-1890

Language English

Debts, claims, business- John Buchanon, Rockbridge

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222339

Unit Date 1794

Mixed Materials [X032669256] 6 (box)

Container 30 (folder)

Survey for George Chambers (treasury warrant) 5300 acres, waters of Roanoke (Mason's Creek, Carvino Creek)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222340

Unit Date 1794

Mixed Materials [X032669256] 6 (box)

Container 31 (folder)

Anderson survey (Watts- Evans) connected platts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222341

Unit Date 1808

Mixed Materials [X032669256] 6 (box)

Container 32 (folder)

Court case- Richard Roe, Samuel Peffly, Samuel Wilson

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222342

Unit Date 1816

Mixed Materials [X032669256] 6 (box)

Container 33 (folder)

Jonathan Evans vs Samuel Peffly- survey

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222343

Unit Date 1818

Mixed Materials [X032669256] 6 (box)

Container 34 (folder)

Survey land of William Fleming for Charles Johnston

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222344

Unit Date 1818

Mixed Materials [X032669256] 6 (box)

Container 35 (folder)

Debts/ Claims to Edward Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222357

Unit Date 1819-1827

Mixed Materials [X032669257] 7 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Description of land- William Anderson, J. McClanahan, Charles Oliver

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222358

Unit Date 1826

Mixed Materials [X032669257] 7 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Debts/ Claims to Edward Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222359

Unit Date 1828-1831

Mixed Materials [X032669257] 7 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Debts/ Claims to Edward Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222360

Unit Date 1831

Mixed Materials [X032669257] 7 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Debts/ Claims to Edward Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222361

Unit Date 1832

Mixed Materials [X032669257] 7 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Debts/ Claims to Edward Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222362

Unit Date 1833

Mixed Materials [X032669257] 7 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222363

Unit Date 1834 Jan- May

Mixed Materials [X032669257] 7 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222364

Unit Date 1834 Jun- Dec

Mixed Materials [X032669257] 7 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222365

Unit Date 1835

Mixed Materials [X032669257] 7 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222366

Unit Date 1839-1841

Mixed Materials [X032669257] 7 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222367

Unit Date 1842

Mixed Materials [X032669257] 7 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222368

Unit Date 1843

Mixed Materials [X032669257] 7 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222369

Unit Date 1844

Mixed Materials [X032669257] 7 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222370

Unit Date 1845 Jan- Apr

Mixed Materials [X032669257] 7 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222371

Unit Date 1845 May- Jun

Mixed Materials [X032669258] 8 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222372

Unit Date 1845 Jul- Dec

Mixed Materials [X032669258] 8 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222373

Unit Date 1846

Mixed Materials [X032669258] 8 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222374

Unit Date 1847

Mixed Materials [X032669258] 8 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222375

Unit Date 1849

Mixed Materials [X032669258] 8 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222376

Unit Date 1850

Mixed Materials [X032669258] 8 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222377

Unit Date 1851

Mixed Materials [X032669258] 8 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222378

Unit Date 1852

Mixed Materials [X032669258] 8 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222379

Unit Date 1853 Jan- Sept

Mixed Materials [X032669258] 8 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222380

Unit Date 1853 Oct-Dec

Mixed Materials [X032669258] 8 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222381

Unit Date 1854 Jan-Mar

Mixed Materials [X032669259] 9 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222382

Unit Date 1854 Apr-Jun

Mixed Materials [X032669259] 9 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222383

Unit Date 1854 Jul-Sept

Mixed Materials [X032669259] 9 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222384

Unit Date 1854 Oct-Dec

Mixed Materials [X032669259] 9 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222385

Unit Date 1855 Jan-Feb

Mixed Materials [X032669259] 9 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222386

Unit Date 1855 Mar-Apr

Mixed Materials [X032669259] 9 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222387

Unit Date 1855 May-Aug

Mixed Materials [X032669259] 9 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222388

Unit Date 1855 Sept- Dec

Mixed Materials [X032669259] 9 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222389

Unit Date 1856

Mixed Materials [X032669259] 9 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222390

Unit Date 1857 Jan-Mar

Mixed Materials [X032669259] 9 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222391

Unit Date 1857 Apr- Jul

Mixed Materials [X032669259] 9 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222392

Unit Date 1857 Aug-Oct

Mixed Materials [X032669259] 9 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222393

Unit Date 1857 Nov-Dec

Mixed Materials [X032669259] 9 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business- Legal case: Alexander White vs. Railroad

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222394

Unit Date 1857-1858

Mixed Materials [X032669259] 9 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222396

Unit Date 1858

Mixed Materials [X032669260] 10 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222397

Unit Date 1859

Mixed Materials [X032669260] 10 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222398

Unit Date 1860-1861

Mixed Materials [X032669260] 10 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Summons Landon and Letitia Rives by Elizabeth and William Watts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222399

Unit Date 1860

Mixed Materials [X032669260] 10 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222400

Unit Date 1867-1868

Mixed Materials [X032669260] 10 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222401

Unit Date 1870-1879

Mixed Materials [X032669260] 10 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Watts debts/ claims/ business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222402

Unit Date 1886

Mixed Materials [X032669260] 10 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

S.E. Morris agreement with W.V. Hanagan and J.F. Christian vs. Lynchburg property; court order

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222403

Unit Date 1890

Mixed Materials [X032669260] 10 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Mrs. [Floyd] mansion sale

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222404

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [X032669260] 10 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Stocks

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222197

Unit Date 1841-1891

Language English

Watts stocks and bonds

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222406

Unit Date 1841-1856

Mixed Materials [X032669260] 10 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Watts stocks and bonds

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222407

Unit Date 1871-1890

Mixed Materials [X032669260] 10 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Watts stocks and bonds

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222408

Unit Date 1891

Mixed Materials [X032669260] 10 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Receipts for goods and services for Watts family

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222198

Unit Date 1855-1897

Language English

Preston receipts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222410

Unit Date 1785-1787

Mixed Materials [X032669260] 10 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Receipts for James Breckinridge, John Preston

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222411

Unit Date 1787

Mixed Materials [X032669260] 10 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Receipts for goods and services

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222412

Unit Date 1817-1832

Mixed Materials [X032669260] 10 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

miscellaneous receipts for goods and services

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222413

Unit Date 1823

Mixed Materials [X032669260] 10 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Watts receipts for goods and services

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222414

Unit Date 1830-1834

Mixed Materials [X032669260] 10 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Watts receipts for goods and services

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222415

Unit Date 1835-1838

Mixed Materials [X032669260] 10 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

Watts receipts for goods and services

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222416

Unit Date 1839

Mixed Materials [X032669260] 10 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

Watts receipts for goods and services

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222417

Unit Date 1840-1842

Mixed Materials [X032669260] 10 (box)

Container 20 (folder)

Watts receipts for goods and services

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222418

Unit Date 1844

Mixed Materials [X032669260] 10 (box)

Container 21 (folder)

Watts receipts for goods and services

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222419

Unit Date 1845-1846

Mixed Materials [X032669260] 10 (box)

Container 22 (folder)

Watts receipts for goods and services

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222420

Unit Date 1852-1853

Mixed Materials [X032669260] 10 (box)

Container 23 (folder)

Watts receipts for goods and services

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222421

Unit Date 1854

Mixed Materials [X032669260] 10 (box)

Container 24 (folder)

Watts receipts for goods and services

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222422

Unit Date 1838-1843

Mixed Materials [X032669261] 11 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Watts receipts for goods and services

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222423

Unit Date 1855

Mixed Materials [X032669261] 11 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Watts receipts for goods and services

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222424

Unit Date 1856

Mixed Materials [X032669261] 11 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Watts receipts for goods and services

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222425

Unit Date 1857

Mixed Materials [X032669261] 11 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Watts receipts for goods and services

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222426

Unit Date 1858

Mixed Materials [X032669261] 11 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Watts receipts for goods and services

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222427

Unit Date 1859

Mixed Materials [X032669261] 11 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Watts receipts for goods and services

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222428

Unit Date 1860-1861

Mixed Materials [X032669261] 11 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Rives receipts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222429

Unit Date 1862-1864

Mixed Materials [X032669261] 11 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Watts receipts for goods and services

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222430

Unit Date 1862-1864

Mixed Materials [X032669261] 11 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Watts receipts for goods and services

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222431

Unit Date 1865-1866

Mixed Materials [X032669261] 11 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Watts receipts for goods and services

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222432

Unit Date 1867

Mixed Materials [X032669261] 11 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Watts receipts for goods and services

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222433

Unit Date 1868-1869

Mixed Materials [X032669261] 11 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Watts receipts for goods and services

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222434

Unit Date 1870-1871

Mixed Materials [X032669261] 11 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Receipts to D.C. Dejarnette, index of items bought from England

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222435

Unit Date 1871

Mixed Materials [X032669261] 11 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Watts receipts for goods and services

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222436

Unit Date 1872

Mixed Materials [X032669261] 11 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Watts receipts for goods and services

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222437

Unit Date 1873

Mixed Materials [X032669261] 11 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Watts receipts for goods and services

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222438

Unit Date 1874

Mixed Materials [X032669261] 11 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Watts receipts for goods and services

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222439

Unit Date 1875-1876

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Container 18 (folder)

Watts receipts for goods and services, John Allen Watts

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222440

Unit Date 1877

Mixed Materials [X032669261] 11 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

Watts receipts for goods and services, John Allen Watts

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222441

Unit Date 1879

Mixed Materials [X032669261] 11 (box)

Container 20 (folder)

Watts receipts for goods and services

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Unit Date 1881-1883

Mixed Materials [X032669261] 11 (box)

Container 21 (folder)

Watts receipts for goods and services for mountain house

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222443

Unit Date 1889

Mixed Materials [X032669261] 11 (box)

Container 22 (folder)

Watts receipts for goods and services

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222444

Unit Date 1892, 1897

Mixed Materials [X032669261] 11 (box)

Container 23 (folder)

miscellaneous receipts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222445

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [X032669261] 11 (box)

Container 24 (folder)

Series 6. Roanoke Gun Club, Inc. land

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222450

Unit Date 1958-1977

Language English

Deeds of Roanoke Gun Club Inc. land

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222466

Unit Date 1959-1973

Mixed Materials [X032669262] 12 (box)

Container 24 (folder)

Language English

Land maps for Roanoke Gun Club Inc. land

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222467

Mixed Materials [X032669262] 12 (box)

Container 25 (folder)

Language English

Landscaping at Roanoke Gun Club Inc. land

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222468

Unit Date 1959-1965

Mixed Materials [X032669262] 12 (box)

Container 26 (folder)

Language English

Roanoke Gun Club Inc. land leases with Ward Mobile home Sales

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222469

Unit Date 1959-1977

Mixed Materials [X032669262] 12 (box)

Container 27 (folder)

Language English

Roanoke Gun Club Inc. land real estate taxes and expenses

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222470

Unit Date 1959-1977

Mixed Materials [X032669262] 12 (box)

Container 28 (folder)

Language English

Series 7. Family Bibles

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222201

The Illustrated Family New Testament

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/242041

Mixed Materials [X032669288] 1 (Ledger)

Edward Watts Holy Bible Containing the Old and New Testament

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/242042

Unit Date 1843

Mixed Materials [X032669289] 2 (Ledger)

Hugh and Mary Lee Holy Bible Old and New Testament

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/242043

Unit Date 1860

Mixed Materials [X032669290] 3 (Ledger)

William Watts bible, The Peoples Standard Edition of the Holy Bible Old and New Testament

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/242044

Unit Date 1872

Mixed Materials [X032669291] 4 (Ledger)

The Holy Bible translated from the Latin Vulgate revised with annotations by Reverend Challoner

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/242045

Unit Date 1873

Mixed Materials [X032669292] 5 (Ledger)

The Illustrated Explanatory Family Bible- The Holy Bible

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/242046

Unit Date [1880]

Mixed Materials [X032669293] 6 (Ledger)

Scope and Contents

[Leather Bound] Reverend Washington Erben and Reverend Clement Butler, Reverend Alfred Nevin, Gustave Dore Erben, Washington; Butler, Clement, Nevin, Alfred; Dore, Gustave [Illustrator] Published by John E. Potter and Company, 1880

Elizabeth Watts bible, The Old Testament translated out of The Original Hebrew

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/242260

Unit Date 1815

Mixed Materials [X032669299] 7 (Ledger)

Scope and Contents

Autographed Elizabeth Watts, with date January 1817. Written note "December 29, [1846] I commenced." Paste down on inside front cover, obituary of General Edward Watts, August 9, 1859.

Series 8. Digital Files for Watts family papers transcriptions from English Showalter

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Digital files transcriptions of Watts family letters (and related families)

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222475

Digital Archival Object

Transcriptions of Watts family letters

Digital files (actual flashdrive with content transferred)

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Container 4 (folder)

Series 9. Existing Collection: Watts family papers (original name: Correspondence of the Breckinridge, Gamble and Watts families particularly Mary Watts Gamble)

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222479

Unit Date 1794-1850

Language English

Extent 0.012 Cubic Feet

Scope and Contents

This series consists of the correspondence of the Breckinridge, Gamble, and Watts families, ca.1794-1850, but chiefly that of Mary Scott Watts Gamble (1814-1840) daughter of General Edward Watts. The name has been changed to Watts family papers as of March 2023. There are many related collections of the Watts family papers. MSS 38-33 Irvine, Saunders, Davis, and Watts families (William Watts daybooks 1768-1786); MSS 259; MSS 653; and MSS 9715 Abram Penn Staples.

Mary Gamble wrote to her aunt, Emma W. Breckinridge, Grove Hill, Fincastle, Botetourt County, Virginia; her mother, Elizabeth Breckinridge Watts and her father, General Edward Watts, Oakland, near Big Lick, Botetourt County, Virginia; her brothers, William and James B. Watts; and her sisters, Ann S. Watts and Letitia G. Watts.

Most of the letters to her immediate family were written after her marriage and move to Welaunee, Florida, located near Tallahassee, except for several to her brother William Watts while he was away at the New London Academy, Campbell County, Virginia. Many of Mary Watts Gamble's letters are to her aunt, Mrs. Cary Breckinridge (Emma W. Gilmer), 1831-1838, and most of them were written prior to her marriage in 1834. All of her undated letters to her aunt appear to have been written before her marriage and are filed at the beginning of the year 1834 as [ante 1834].

Mary Watts Gamble at Flat Creek writes about the purchase of 34 enslaved persons by Uncle Gamble to prepare the ground for cotton. Her letters also describe her experiences of the conflicts with the Osceola

and Seminole warriors in Florida (causing her to learn how to load and shoot a gun). She mentions the Second Seminole War in Florida. Robert [Watts?] and Robert Gamble joined the local militia to remove the Seminoles from the swamps and send them out West. (1835)

There are details of her accounts of the interactions of the Seminoles on women, children, and enslaved persons including one on the property of Judge Randall, including the burning of buildings in Magnolia and Hickstown and upon the home, family, and enslaved persons of Mrs. Purifoy, wife of a Methodist minister and daughter of Captain Byrd, just four miles away from Welaunee (April 13, 1838). She mentions the removal of the Apalachicola tribe to the West; the actions of Territorial Governor Richard Keith Call (1792-1862), and the Gambles forced evacuation from Welaunee to Tallahassee for safety. (May 9, 1836) They planned to sail on the Brig Orion from St. Marks to New Orleans, taking a steamboat to Louisville, and then proceeding by mail [coach?] to White Sulphur Springs, [West] Virginia (May 21, 1836).

She also mentions her disapproval of the plans of General [Winfield?] Scott for delaying the pursuit of the Seminole War to a later time. She writes about the recent Texas disasters at [the Alamo?] and the loss of [James Walker] Fannin's detachment at the Massacre at La Bahia (Goliad), including concern about the fate of her acquaintances Burr and John Duval. A website on the history of Texas records that Burr and Duval were captured and executed (April 24, 1836).

Her letters also include the health and news of family members; her marriage to her cousin James Gamble; her attendance at three days of preaching at the Academy (May 19, 1832); the unpopularity of the Reverend [Gyng?] in Tallahassee the family's concern for William and Robert over an outbreak of scarlet fever near New London Academy (January 12, 1833); and the illness and death of her grandfather, General James Breckinridge. (May 15, 1833).

Additional subjects include attempts to persuade her her attempts to convince her brother James to begin his law practice in Tallahassee and comments about the presidential election. She describes the romantic affairs of her brother James; her illness and plans to recover in Virginia (May 15, 1837); her stay in St. Joseph [Bay?] for the summer because of her health, reading the works of Hannah More (1745-1833) while staying in St. Joseph, especially The History of Hester Wilmot and description of the area (July 30, 1838); her return to Tallahassee, and her husband's new store (October 22, 1838); and her stay in a boarding house near the store (December 15, 1838).

Correspondents in the folder of general correspondence of the Breckinridge, Gamble, and Watts families include: Robert Breckinridge to James Breckinridge concerning business matters (March 20 and July 23, 1794; n.d.); John Breckinridge to James Breckinridge concerning business matters, his lawsuit with Isaac Robinson, and a reference to the Whisky Rebellion at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania (August 19, 1794); William Breckinridge to James Breckinridge (September 1794); James Breckinridge to Ann Breckinridge discussing the sickness of Lewis and news about others of their acquaintance (January 24, 1819); James Breckinridge to Edward Watts mentions the James River bill and the death of Judge Fleming which left a vacancy on the court (February 22, 1824).

Mary Page Randolph discusses her unexpected trip to Montpelier, Orange County, and Edgehill, Albemarle County, Virginia, with Thomas Jefferson Randolph, and sympathy for Mary S. Watts' "late bereavement" (July 22, 1833); Robert Gamble to Colonel Edward Watts discusses the visit of Mary Scott Watts and the death of his niece Laura (January 13, 1834); Edward Watts to his daughter, Elizabeth B. Watts, announcing the death of Mary Watts Gamble on May 22, 1840 (1840); Emma W. Breckinridge to her niece Letty [Letitia G. Watts?] (December 21, 1850); and John Wickham to James Breckinridge, notifying them of a death which has greatly distressed Betsy (August 14, n.y.).

There are several letters from Nannie Gamble to her cousin, Letitia G. Watts, in which she describes her return visit from New York to Savannah, Georgia by ship (November 13, 1843) furnishes news of the family while in the mountains, near Abingdon, Virginia (January 20, 1845); expresses her sorrow at the news of the death of their friend, Lizzie Peyton, and describes the difficult journey home from Abingdon to Tallahassee which took five weeks (March 4, 1845); mentions the death of Lucy Gilmer (May 31, 1845); and a final letter from Nannie Gamble with a note written by Letitia on the bottom, "The last letter ever received from my darling cousin N.S.G. who is now numbered with the dead" (September 9, 1845).

Mary Scott Watts Gamble to family members

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Unit Date 1831-1834

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Language English

Mary Scott Watts Gamble to family members

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Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222487

Unit Date 1835-1840

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Container 2 (folder)

Language English

Correspondence of Breckinridge, Gamble, and Watts families

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/222488

Unit Date 1794-1850

Mixed Materials [X032669264] 13 (box)

Container 3 (folder)