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Unit ID

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Unit ID

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Unit Date

c. 1771-2007

Language

English

Extent

1.69 Cubic Feet 1 cubic box; 1 elephant folio flat file folder, 1 medium oversize folder

Condition Description

Fair. Some letters and photographs are fragile or have areas of loss, but have been placed in archival sleeves for researcher access.

Repository

Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

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Preferred Citation

Biographical / Historical

The Redd family's Virginia origins trace to William Rufus de Redde, who immigrated to Virginia from England with Governor Alexander Spotswood during the reign of Queen Anne (approximately 1702–1714). Upon settling in Spotsylvania County, he adopted the anglicized surname Redd, married a niece of Governor Spotswood (Miss Moore), and had three sons: John Rufus, Thomas, and George.

His eldest son, Col. John Rufus Redd, was born in Spotsylvania County, educated in Virginia and England, served in the House of Burgesses, participated in the French and Indian Wars, and subsequently moved to Buckingham County. He married a granddaughter of Governor Spotswood and daughter of Captain Nathaniel Dandridge. He and his wife had eleven children – six sons and five daughters – and Col. Redd was wounded at the Battle of Camden (1780) during the Revolutionary War.

Major John Redd (b. October 20, 1755, Buckingham County, Virginia; d. August 11, 1850, Henry County, Virginia), the eldest son of Col. John Rufus Redd, relocated to Henry County (then part of Halifax County) at approximately age seventeen. He volunteered for military service at the outset of the Revolutionary War under Captain Bryce Martin, rose to the rank of Major of Cavalry, and was present at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown on October 19, 1781. He married Mary Waller, daughter of Col. George Waller, a fellow Revolutionary officer, and had ten children. He served as a representative of Henry County in the Virginia Legislature for approximately twenty years, including the 1798–1799 session. He resided at a property called Marrowbone in the southern portion of Henry County, where he was interred in a family cemetery. His will and estate documentation establish activity in the county from approximately the 1780s through his death.

Eugene Mason Redd (fl. c. 1835–1926) and James M. Redd (J.M. Redd) are the principal family figures documented in the later portions of this collection. Both are represented through agricultural account books (c. 1871–1915, 1901–1906, 1909–1919), receipts (c. 1896–1926), and papers related to the Virginia Electric Cooperative (c. 1899–1943). Estate documentation for James Redd extends the record to 1971.

Ethel Blaine Tompkins Redd connected the Redd family to the Tompkins and Blaine families. Her father, Metellas Woods Tompkins, is represented by papers dating to approximately 1890. Dr. Hamilton L. Blaine, whose documents and certificates span 1850–1917, is documented in association with the Blaine family line. The Redd and Tompkins family records (c. 1835–1948) reflect the combined households and shared property interests of these families.

The Redd family held the Bellevette home tract, for which a chain of custody is documented from approximately 1745 to 1972. Family members also participated in the United Daughters of the Confederacy, evidenced by a 1943 application in the collection.

Content Description

This collection contains correspondence, deeds, estate indentures, account books, receipts notebooks, photographs, carte-de-visite, genealogical research and trees, clippings, a tintype, and ephemera, including wallets, a metal box, and a lock of hair documenting the Rose, Redd, and Claiborne families of Virginia. Names frequently appearing in papers include Eugene M. Redd and his son James Redd. Also included are Ezra Morrison, Mattie Tompkins, Clarence Redd, Jessie Redd McCarthy, Rachel Ayers, Blaine McCarthy Willett, John McCarthy, and the Blain family. The papers document genealogical research and track land purchase and holding, including the Bellevette, a Robert Rose property that has passed down to his descendants, in Nelson County. Also included is correspondence from the turn of the century regarding the Central Virginia Electric Cooperative, a private, not-for-profit cooperative that has provided electricity to customers.

Keywords

Virginia -- History -- 19th Century

Virginia -- History -- 21st century

Deeds -- United States

Account books

Genealogy

Description of Subordinate Components

Empty wallets, cases, and a box of stencil letters

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293466

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [X032762510] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Clippings

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293467

Unit Date 1899-1969

Mixed Materials [X032762510] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Captain Joseph Montgomery 'Glenhorn'

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293468

Unit Date 1809-1979

Mixed Materials [X032762510] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

E.M. Redd

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293469

Unit Date c. 1891-1923

Mixed Materials [X032762510] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Redd family letters and notes

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293470

Unit Date c. 1870-1915

Mixed Materials [X032762510] 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

James Redd Estate Mason Information

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293471

Unit Date c. 1884-1971

Mixed Materials [X032762510] 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Mostly Eugene Mason Redd materials

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293472

Unit Date c. 1835-1926

Mixed Materials [X032762510] 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Chain of custody for the Bellevette home tract

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293474

Unit Date c. 1745-1972

Mixed Materials [X032762510] 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Photographs

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293475

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [X032762510] 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Metellas Woods Tompkins, father of Ethel Blaine Tompkins Redd

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293476

Unit Date c. 1890

Mixed Materials [X032762510] 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Receipts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293477

Unit Date c. 1896-1926

Mixed Materials [X032762510] 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Genealogical research

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293478

Unit Date c. 1911-2007

Mixed Materials [X032762510] 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Account book

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293479

Unit Date c. 1901-1906

Mixed Materials [X032762510] 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Account book

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293480

Unit Date c. 1909-1919

Mixed Materials [X032762510] 1 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Boundaries of plots of land

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293481

Unit Date c. 1790

Mixed Materials [X032762510] 1 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Carte de Visite, report cards, correspondence, and deeds of Blaine and Redd families

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293482

Unit Date c. 1848-1941

Mixed Materials [X032762510] 1 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Dr. Hamilton L. Blaine documents and certificates

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293483

Unit Date 1850-1917

Mixed Materials [X032762510] 1 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

J.M. and E.M. Redd Virginia Electric Cooperative papers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293484

Unit Date c. 1899-1943

Mixed Materials [X032762510] 1 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

United Daughters of the Confederacy application

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293485

Unit Date c. 1943

Mixed Materials [X032762510] 1 (box)

Container 20 (folder)

Bank books and wallet

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293486

Unit Date 1916-1922

Mixed Materials [X032762510] 1 (box)

Container 21 (folder)

Carte de visite, notebooks, account books, lock of hair

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293487

Unit Date c. 1900-1922

Mixed Materials [X032762510] 1 (box)

Container 22 (folder)

Account books and notebooks

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293488

Unit Date c. 1871-1915

Mixed Materials [X032762510] 1 (box)

Container 23 (folder)

Research materials

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293489

Unit Date c. 1908-2004

Mixed Materials [X032762510] 1 (box)

Container 24 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Miscellaneous materials including Heads of Families First Census of the United States: 1790, postcards, ephemera, photocopies of maps, plots, and notes.

Blaine McCarthy Willett and Lt. John E. McCarthy photographs

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293492

Unit Date c.1956

Mixed Materials [X032762510] 1 (box)

Container 25 (folder)

Clippings, record books, booklets

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293465

Unit Date c. 1916-1923

Mixed Materials [X032762510] 1 (box)

Container 26 (folder)

Photocopy of Rose family genealogical tree

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293491

Unit Date c. 1895

Mixed Materials [X032762898] 1 (Oversize_Flat_File_folder)

Photographs, indentures, deed, and coat of arms

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293517

Unit Date 1771-1957

Mixed Materials Oversize Box T-3 (Flat_Box)

Container 001 (Oversize_Flat_File_folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains a photograph of a 1957 "Naval Review of Fleets" in Virginia, a hand-drawn coat of arms for the Claiborne family, an 1803 land deed signed by Governor John Page, a page of 1924 graduates of the Washington College of Law with Mattie Thompkins circled, and two manuscript indentures from the 1771 and 1792.