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Scope and Content

This collection of ca. 100 items, 1799-1887 and n.d., consists chiefly of correspondence among the extended members of the Randolph family, descendants of Thomas Jefferson. The majority of the correspondence is between the granddaughter of Thomas Jefferson, Septimia Anna Cary (Randolph) Meikleham (1814-1887) and her siblings, Virginia Jefferson (Randolph) Trist (1801-1882), Cornelia Jefferson Randolph (1799-1871), Ellen Wayles (Randolph) Coolidge (1796-1876), and Meriwether Lewis Randolph (1810-1837). Correspondents also include Septimia's nieces and nephews, Martha Jefferson (Trist) Burke (1826-1915), Ellen R. (Coolidge) Dwight (1826-1894), Isaetta Carter (Randolph) Hubbard (1835-1888), and Lewis Carter Randolph (1838-1887); her son, William Moreland Meikleham (1839-1889); and her grandsons, Thomas Mann Randolph Meikleham (1869-1954) and Henry Parish Meikleham (1872-1937).

Letters from Septimia Randolph in Pensacola, Florida, December 27, n.y. and January 26, 1838, tell about her adventurous trip to the area, her social life, and how various groups of people--"native Creoles," "whites," "quadroons," and "negroes"--were segregated in a theater. After leaving Pensacola, Septimia went to Havana, Cuba to be with her sister, (Randolph) Trist and her family. While there, she met and married David Scott Meikleham (1804-1849). Letters from Havana, February 16, 1838, November 3, 1839, and June 15, 1840, discuss life there, including living outside of the city walls. Later, on October 22, [1843], Septimia writes from Glasgow, Scotland about its people and land, and describes her visits to Edin Castle, Holyrood Palace, and the Highlands.

During June and July of 1882, correspondence between Septimia (Randolph) Meikleham and family members was concerned with congressional bills to aid Thomas Jefferson's heirs, particularly his granddaughter, Septimia, and the possible removal of Thomas Jefferson's remains from Monticello to Washington, D. C. A letter, August 4, n.y., from Virginia (Randolph) Trist discusses the new owner of Monticello, Jefferson Michael [sic] Levy, and the work he is having done on the estate.

A good source for information on the descendants of Thomas Jefferson is *Collected Papers of the Monticello Association*, edited by George Green Shackelford, (The Monticello Association, Charlottesville, Virginia, 1984). Biographies and genealogical charts are included.

Container List

"Inventory of my Cloths [sic]," written by Alice Scott

Unit Date 1799 Dec 17

Extent AMs

Report of school grades for Septimia Anna Cary Randolph

Unit Date [1820s] Apr 21

Septimia Anna Cary Randolph to Mrs. T. J. [Jane Hollins Nicholas] Randolph

Unit Date 1828 Feb 28

Extent ALS

Septimia Anna Cary Randolph to [Meriwether] Lewis Randolph

Unit Date 1829 [Oct] 25

Extent ALS

Meriwether Lewis Randolph to Septimia Anna Cary Randolph

Unit Date 1830 July 23

Extent ALS

Septimia Anna Cary Randolph to Susan B. Coolidge

Unit Date 1832 July 8

Extent ALS

Septimia Anna Cary Randolph to [Martha Jefferson] Randolph

Unit Date [1835] Feb 11

Extent ALS

Invitation to Miss Septimia Randolph to a party at the University of Virginia

Unit Date [1836] Oct 7

Bill of Sale to Miss Randolph from Alex T. Stewart & Company

Unit Date 1837 June 19

[Septimia Anna Cary Randolph] to Susan B. Coolidge

Unit Date 1838 Jan 6

Extent AL

Septimia Anna Cary Randolph to Susan B. Coolidge

Unit Date 1838 Feb 16

Extent ALS

Bill of Sale to Miss Randolph from Alex T. Stewart & Company

Unit Date 1838 June 15

Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meikleham to Susan B. Coolidge

Unit Date 1839 Nov 3

Extent ALS

Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meiklehamto [Virginia Jefferson Randolph] Trist

Unit Date 1840 June 15

Extent ALS

Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meiklehamto Susan B. Coolidge Lyman

Unit Date [1842] May 12

Extent ALS

Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meiklehamto Susan B. Coolidge Lyman

Unit Date [1843] Oct 22

Extent ALS

Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meiklehamto [Martha Jefferson Trist]

Unit Date [1843]

Extent ALS

Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meiklehamto Susan B. Coolidge Lyman

Unit Date 1844 Jan 18

Extent ALS

Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meiklehamto Susan B. Coolidge Lyman

Unit Date [1844] Mar 28

Extent ALS

Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meiklehamto Martha Jefferson Trist

Unit Date 1848 Sep 5

Extent ALS

Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meiklehamto Martha Jefferson Trist

Unit Date [1849] Aug 29

Extent ALS

"Julia" to Susan B. Coolidge Lyman

Unit Date [1849] Nov 20

Extent ALS

E. A. Meiklehamto Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meikleham

Unit Date 1853 Oct 1

Extent ALS

Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meikleham to Susan B. Coolidge Lyman

Unit Date [1854] July 23

Extent ALS

E. A. Meikleham to Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meikleham

Unit Date 1854 July 30

Extent ALS

E. A. Meikleham to Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meikleham

Unit Date 1855 Jan 3

Extent ALS

Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meikleham to Susan B. Coolidge Lyman

Unit Date 1855 Sep 1

Extent ALS

A critique of an article in the New York Daily Tribune of July 26, 1869 related to Thomas Jefferson, and a description of Monticello

Unit Date [1869]

Extent AMs

Ellen W[ayles Randolph] Coolidge to Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meikleham

Unit Date 1870 Oct 1

Extent ALS

Bill of Sale for land to Mary J. Randolph included in the will of Cornelia Jefferson Randolph

Unit Date 1871 Feb 24

Extent AMs

Draft of a deed of sale for house (Walnutfield) and land to Mary J. Randolph, as provided in the will of Cornelia Jefferson Randolph

Unit Date 1871 July 17

Extent AMs

William [Moreland Meikleham] to [Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meikleham], w/env.

Unit Date 1877 Sep 10

Extent ALS

William Moreland Meikleham to [Esther] Alice Meikleham, w/env.

Unit Date 1877 Sep 21

Extent ALS

William Moreland Meikleham to Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meikleham, w/env.

Unit Date 1877 Oct 9

Extent ALS

V[irginia] J[efferson] [Randolph] Tristto Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meikleham

Unit Date 1878 Nov 20

Extent ALS

Virginia Jefferson Randolph Tristto E. A. Meikleham

Unit Date 1879 June 12

Extent ALS

Virginia Jefferson Randolph Tristto Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meikleham

Unit Date 1882 Feb 7

Extent ALS

L[ewis] C[arter] R[andolph]to Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meikleham

Unit Date 1882 June 7

Extent ALS

E [?] H[?] to Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meikleham, w/env.

Unit Date [1882] June 10

Extent ALS

Ellen R. [Coolidge] D[wight]to Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meikleham, w/env.

Unit Date 1882 June 15

Extent ALS

E[lizabeth] M. Eppes, S[usan] F[rances] [Eppes] Craig, and N[icholas] W[are] Eppesto Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meikleham, w/env.

Unit Date 1882 July 18

Extent ALS

[Thomas Mann] Randolph [Meikleham]to Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meikleham

Unit Date 1885 Dec 30

Extent ALS

Thomas Mann Randolph Meikleham to Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meikleham

Unit Date 1887 Jan 3

Extent ALS

John B. Randolph to E. A. Meikleham

Unit Date 1887 Sep 15

Extent ALS

Invitation to "Mrs. Randolph and Ladies" to a Ball at the Central Masonic Hall

Unit Date n.y. Jan 8

Invitation to Miss Septimia Randolph for the Anniversary Ball of the Victory of New Orleans

Unit Date n.y. Jan 8

Isaetta C[arter] [Randolph] Hubbard to Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meikleham

Unit Date n.y. Feb 16

Extent ANS

Virginia Jefferson Randolph Tristand C[ornelia] J[efferson] R[andolph] to Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meikleham

Unit Date n.y. Mar 9

Extent ALS

Jemima Hapgood to Susan B. Coolidge Lyman

Unit Date n.y. May 23

Extent ALS

Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meikleham to Susan B. Coolidge Lyman

Unit Date n.y. May 28

Extent ALS

Virginia Jefferson Randolph Tristand M[artha] J[efferson] T[rist] Burketo Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meikleham

Unit Date n.y. May 29

Extent ALS

Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meikleham to Susan B. Coolidge Lyman

Unit Date n.y. Jun 1

Extent ALS

Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meikleham to Susan B. Coolidge Lyman

Unit Date n.y. Jun 12

Extent ALS

Virginia Jefferson Randolph Trist to Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meikleham

Unit Date n.y. Jun 17

Extent ALS

**Virginia Jefferson Randolph Tristto Septimia Anna Cary
Randolph Meikleham**

Unit Date n.y. Jul 6

Extent ALS

**Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meiklehamto Susan B. Coolidge
Lyman**

Unit Date n.y. Jul 15

Extent ALS

**Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meiklehamto Susan B. Coolidge
Lyman**

Unit Date n.y. Jul 27

Extent ALS

**Virginia Jefferson Randolph Tristto Septimia Anna Cary
Randolph Meikleham**

Unit Date n.y. Aug 1

Extent ALS

**Virginia Jefferson Randolph Tristto Septimia Anna Cary
Randolph Meikleham**

Unit Date n.y. Aug 4

Extent ALS

**Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meiklehamto Susan B. Coolidge
Lyman**

Unit Date n.y. Aug 6

Extent ALS

Unidentified to "Alice" [E. A. Meikleham]

Unit Date n.y. Aug 25

Extent AL

**Virginia Jefferson Randolph Tristto Septimia Anna Cary
Randolph Meikleham**

Unit Date n.y. Sep 3

Extent ALS

**Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meiklehamto Susan B. Coolidge
Lyman**

Unit Date n.y. Sep 18

Extent ALS

**Virginia Jefferson Randolph Tristto Septimia Anna Cary
Randolph Meikleham**

Unit Date n.y. Sep 28

Extent ALS

Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meiklehamto Susan B. Coolidge Lyman

Unit Date n.y. Oct 18

Extent ALS

Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meiklehamto Susan B. Coolidge Lyman

Unit Date n.y. Nov 9

Extent ALS

Virginia Jefferson Randolph Tristto Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meikleham

Unit Date n.y. Nov 30

Extent ALS

Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meiklehamto Susan B. Coolidge Lyman

Unit Date n.y. Dec 4

Extent ALS

Septimia Anna Cary Randolphto [Martha Jefferson Randolph]

Unit Date n.y. Dec 27

Extent ALS

H[enry] P[arish] M[eikleham]to "Grandma" [Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meikleham]

Unit Date n.y. Dec 31

Extent ALS

Virginia Jefferson Randolph Tristto Martha Jefferson Randolph

Unit Date Wednesday

Extent ALS

D[avid] S[cott] Meiklehamto "Mama"

Unit Date Friday

Extent ALS

E[llen] W[ayles] [Randolph] Coolidgeto Septimia Anna Cary Randolph

Unit Date n.d.

Extent ALS

Ellen Wayles Randolph Coolidgeto Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meikleham

Unit Date n.d.

Extent ALS

Mary P. Randolphto Martha [Jefferson] Randolph

Unit Date n.d.

Extent ANS

C[ornelia] J[efferson] R[andolph]to Septimia Anna Cary Randolph

Unit Date n.d.

Extent ANS

"Matilda" to Septimia Anna Cary Randolph

Unit Date n.d.

Extent 7 AnsS

Septimia Anna Cary Randolph Meiklehamto Virginia Jefferson Randolph Trist(fragment)

Unit Date n.d.

Extent ALS

Essay on Spanish history

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Notes on Spanish history

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Poem with notes in Spanish

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Composition book with [original?] poems, by unknown author, signed E.J.M. on first page

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Pencil drawings of floor plan [for addition to a house?]

Unit Date n.d.

Extent 8 items

Covers of notebook belonging to "Septimia Randolph, Monticello, Dec 7, 1818"

Unit Date n.d.

Front cover of scrapbook with printed sketches on inside, including one of Susannah Randolph

Unit Date n.d.

Calling cards

Unit Date n.d.

Extent 5 items

Pamphlet, "Lady Washington's Reception Day," a description of a painting by D. Huntington

Unit Date n.d.

Extent Printed

Eleanora Jefferson Meikleham, and unidentified man

Unit Date n.d.

Extent Photographs

Music sheets with autograph words and melody

Unit Date n.d.

Extent 2 items

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