

# A Guide to the Berkeley Family Papers

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## Descriptive Summary

**Collection Number**

38-113

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**Extent**

circa 20,000 items

**Repository**

Special Collections, University of Virginia Library

## Administrative Information

## Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

## Use Restrictions

See the [University of Virginia Library's use policy](#).

## Acquisition Information

The collection was placed on deposit by various members of the Berkeley family between 1933 and 1999. The papers were made a gift to the Library by Edmund Berkeley, Jr. and Edmund Berkeley, III on November 20, 2018.

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# Scope and Content

This collection primarily includes personal correspondence and legal and business papers of the Berkeley Family . Interfiled with these papers are extensive papers of the closely-related Noland family . The joined collection comprises about 20,000 items (ca. 85 Hollinger documents boxes on about 38 feet of shelving) dating between 1653 and 1930, with the heaviest concentration in the nineteenth century.

The Berkeleys were in Virginia very early, and settled first in Gloucester County. The family was in Middlesex County by the first decade of the eighteenth century where they built " Barn Elms" on the Piankatank River (on the north bank from present Berkeley Island). About 1820 they left Middlesex for " Aldie, " Loudoun County where they remained until 1882 when they moved to Red Hill, Albemarle County. The name "Edmund" appears in every generation.

The bulk of the Berkeley Papers concern business matters, especially farming operations on lands in Gloucester, Middlesex, King William, Prince William, Hanover, Lancaster, Loudoun, Albemarle, Clarke, and other counties.

Because of the close ties between the Berkeley and Noland families there are many common correspondents and much complementary material in the various groups of Noland and Berkeley families papers received by the Library from a number of donors over almost fifty years. Accordingly, the groups of Noland family papers have been interfiled into the Berkeley Papers. Separate folders have been used, and the accession numbers assigned to each group as it was received by the Library appear on the folders.

Much of the Noland material concerns "Airwell," Hanover County, and William Noland, Carter B. Berkeley, and Nelson Berkeley. Other items and topics of interest in the combined collections include: letters from Berkeley family members attending the University of Virginia; letters written by during the Civil War, especially by the Berkeleys serving in the Eighth Virginia Infantry Regiment. Letters written by Edmund Berkeley (1824-1915) relate many anecdotes about prominent persons such as the Marquis de Lafayette, James Monroe, Catesby ap Roger Jones, Andrew Jackson, Abel Parker Upshur, Henry Clay, John C. Calhoun, Daniel Webster, Charles Dickens, Sam Houston, and Theodore Roosevelt. He also describes events such as the explosion of the cannon named the "Peacemaker" on board the U.S.S. Princeton in 1844. Edmund served as Lieutenant Colonel of the Eighth Virginia, and his letters and those of his brother Norborne Berkeley (1828-), colonel of the Regiment, describe the many actions in which the regiment was involved such as Bull Run, Seven Pines, and Gettysburg, as well as life in Union prison camps, especially Johnson's Island, after their capture at Gettysburg following Pickett's charge.

The portion of the collection accessioned as #8221 includes personal correspondence of Landon C. Berkeley, Anne Poe Harrison (Landon's wife), Cynthia Berkeley, Edmonia Berkeley, and Francis Lewis Berkeley (1859-1942). Topics mentioned in these letters include: the election of 1856; horse racing; speeches by Dwight Lyman Moody ; Wellesley College; the Miller School of Albemarle, Albemarle County, Virginia; Oregon in the 1880's; While Sulphur Springs, Virginia; slave hiring; Mary Custis Lee, [Chiswell Dabney] "Chilly" Langhorne; and William Mahone. Correspondents in this section include John Thompson Brown, John Warwick Daniel, Andrew Jackson Montague, John Barbee Minor, Thomas Nelson Page, Thomas Walter Harrison, and Micajah Woods.

There are bound volumes in #8221 that include class notebooks used by Francis Lewis Berkeley at the University of Virginia, 1896-1899, while taking courses in geology and agricultural chemistry, and his diary for 1906-1910 (Boxes 78-80). Other bound volumes include: a school notebook kept by Cynthia Berkeley in 1887 (Box 78); a mill ledger kept by William Noland at Aldie, Loudoun County; accounts, 1854-1885, kept by William Noland Berkeley ; a common stock register, 1915-1930, of G.E. Smith with E.L. Rothschild Co.; and a trigonometry notebook, 1912.

Financial and legal papers in #8221 consist of deeds, receipts cancelled checks, and similar material. There is a large body of financial and legal papers of John Crissey of New York, an in-law of the Berkeleys.

# Container List

## Correspondence and Business Papers

**Unit Date** 1536 January -1717 December

**Container** Box 1

**Unit Date** 1718 January -1757 October

**Container** Box 2

**Unit Date** 1757 November -1768 February

**Container** Box 3

**Unit Date** 1768 March -1775 July

**Container** Box 4

**Unit Date** 1775 August -1785 March

**Container** Box 5

**Unit Date** 1785 April -1787 December

**Container** Box 6

**Unit Date** 1788 January -1791 December

**Container** Box 7

**Unit Date** 1792 January -1794 December

**Container** Box 8

**Unit Date** 1795 January -1797 May

**Container** Box 9

**Unit Date** 1797 June -1799 May

**Container** Box 10

**Unit Date** 1799 June -1801 May

**Container** Box 11

**Unit Date** 1801 June -1802 March

**Container** Box 12

**Unit Date** 1802 April -1803 November

**Container** Box 13

**Unit Date** 1803 December -1805 January

**Container** Box 14

**Unit Date** 1805 February -1807 January

**Container** Box 15

**Unit Date** 1807 February -1810 August

**Container** Box 16

**Unit Date** 1810 September -1811 December

**Container** Box 17

**Unit Date** 1812 January -1813 October

**Container** Box 18

**Unit Date** 1813 November -1815 October

**Container** Box 19

**Unit Date** 1815 November -1816 July

**Container** Box 20

**Unit Date** 1816 August -1817 November

**Container** Box 21

**Unit Date** 1817 December -1818 November

**Container** Box 22

**Unit Date** 1818 December -1820 April

**Container** Box 23

**Unit Date** 1820 May -1821 November

**Container** Box 24

**Unit Date** 1821 December -1823 January  
**Container** Box 25

**Unit Date** 1823 February -1824 February  
**Container** Box 26

**Unit Date** 1824 March -1825 April  
**Container** Box 27

**Unit Date** 1825 May -1826 December  
**Container** Box 28

**Unit Date** 1827 January -1828 March  
**Container** Box 29

**Unit Date** 1828 April -1829 December  
**Container** Box 30

**Unit Date** 1830 January -1831 March  
**Container** Box 31

**Unit Date** 1831 April -1833 April  
**Container** Box 32

**Unit Date** 1833 May -1835 August  
**Container** Box 33

**Unit Date** 1835 September -1837 June  
**Container** Box 34

**Unit Date** 1837 July -1839 August  
**Container** Box 35

**Unit Date** 1839 September -1841 January  
**Container** Box 36

**Unit Date** 1841 February -1842 October  
**Container** Box 37

**Unit Date** 1842 November -1843 December  
**Container** Box 38

**Unit Date** 1844 January -1845 December  
**Container** Box 39

**Unit Date** 1846 January -1847 October  
**Container** Box 40

**Unit Date** 1847 November -1848 December  
**Container** Box 41

**Unit Date** 1849 January -1850 March  
**Container** Box 42

**Unit Date** 1850 April -1851 February  
**Container** Box 43

**Unit Date** 1851 March -1842 December  
**Container** Box 44

**Unit Date** 1853 January -1854 February  
**Container** Box 45

**Unit Date** 1854 March -1855 January  
**Container** Box 46

**Unit Date** 1855 February -1856 August  
**Container** Box 47

**Unit Date** 1856 September -1857 December  
**Container** Box 48

**Unit Date** 1858 January -1860 November  
**Container** Box 49

**Unit Date** 1860 December -1861 December  
**Container** Box 50

**Unit Date** 1862 January -1863 September  
**Container** Box 51  
**Links** [Gettysburg letter](#)

**Unit Date** 1863 October -1865 September  
**Container** Box 52

**Unit Date** 1865 October -1868 July  
**Container** Box 53

**Unit Date** 1868 August -1873 March  
**Container** Box 54

**Unit Date** 1873 April -1877 May  
**Container** Box 55

**Unit Date** 1877 June -1878 December  
**Container** Box 56

**Unit Date** 1879 January -1880 January  
**Container** Box 57

**Unit Date** 1880 February -1881 July  
**Container** Box 58

**Unit Date** 1881 August -1883 May  
**Container** Box 59

**Unit Date** 1883 June -1886 January  
**Container** Box 60

**Unit Date** 1886 February -1888 March  
**Container** Box 61

**Unit Date** 1888 April -1889 November  
**Container** Box 62

**Unit Date** 1889 December -1890 December  
**Container** Box 63

**Unit Date** 1891 January -1897 December  
**Container** Box 64

**Unit Date** 1898 January -1903 February  
**Container** Box 65

**Unit Date** 1903 March -1907 April  
**Container** Box 66

**Unit Date** 1907 May -1912 November  
**Container** Box 67

**Unit Date** 1912 December -1919 February  
**Container** Box 68

**Unit Date** 1919 March -1932 May  
**Container** Box 69

**Unit Date** 1932 June -1943 April  
**Container** Box 70

**Unit Date** 1943 May -1947 April  
**Container** Box 71

**Unit Date** 1947 May -1983  
**Container** Box 72

## Undated and Miscellaneous Papers

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**Container** Boxes 73-77

## Bound Volumes

**"Smith's Lives of the Berkeley's"**

**Unit Date** 1803

**Container** Box 78

**Ledger of William Noland, (#8221, Vol. 1)**

**Unit Date** 1817 -1818

**Container** Box 78

**Memoranda Book, (#8221, Vol. 2)**

**Unit Date** 1838 -1850

**Container** Box 78

**Ledger of William N. Berkeley, (#8221, Vol. 3)**

**Unit Date** 1854 -1885

**Container** Box 78

**Notebook of Francis L. Berkeley, (#8221, Vol. 6)**

**Unit Date** ca. 1880

**Container** Box 78

**School Notebook of Cynthia Berkeley (#8221, V. 7)**

**Unit Date** ca. 1887

**Container** Box 78

**Geology Notebook of Francis L. Berkeley (#8221, V. 8)**

**Unit Date** 1896

**Container** Box 78

**Geology Notebook of Francis L. Berkeley (#8221, V. 9)**

**Unit Date** 1896

**Container** Box 79

**Geology Notebook of Francis L. Berkeley (#8221, V.10)**

**Unit Date** 1896

**Container** Box 79

**Geology Notebook of Francis L. Berkeley (#8221, V.11)**

**Unit Date** 1896

**Container** Box 79

**Geology Notebook of Francis L. Berkeley (#8221, V.12)**

**Unit Date** 1896

**Container** Box 79

**Mineralogy Notebook of F. L. Berkeley, (#8221, V. 13)**

**Unit Date** 1896

**Container** Box 79

**Geology Notebook of Francis L. Berkeley (#8221, V.14)**

**Unit Date** 1896

**Container** Box 79

**Geology Notebook of Francis L. Berkeley (#8221, V.15)**

**Unit Date** 1897

**Container** Box 80

**Diary of Francis L. Berkeley, (#8221, Vol. 16)**

**Unit Date** 1905 -1910

**Container** Box 80

**Account Book of Mrs. G.D. Smith in Account with E.L. Rothschild & Co.,  
Stockbrokers, (#8221, V. 17)**

**Unit Date** 1915 -1930

**Container** Box 80

**Trigonometry Notebook of M. Sutherland (#8221, V. 18)**

**Unit Date** 1932

**Container** Box 80

**General Notebook of Francis L. Berkeley**

**Unit Date** ca. 1896

**Container** Box 80

**English Notebook of Francis L. Berkeley**

**Unit Date** ca. 1896

**Container** Box 80

**U.S. History Notebook**

**Unit Date** ca. 1934

**Container** Box 80

**Autograph Book of Francis L. Berkeley, (Spine is labeled:"Mathematics  
U.S. Naval Academy")**

**Unit Date** ca. 1897

**Container** Box 80

**Chemistry Notebook of J.T.D. Bell**

**Unit Date** 1892

**Container** Box 80

**Chemistry Notebook of William N. Berkeley**

**Unit Date** No date

**Container** Box 81

**U.S. History Notebook of Francis L. Berkeley**

**Unit Date** 1877

**Container** Box 81

**UVa Class Notes of Francis L. Berkeley, Jr.**

**Unit Date** ca. 1930

**Container** Box 81

**Papers Left by Charles W. Coleman, concerning the families of Smith,  
Tucker, White, etc.**

**Unit Date** 1927

**Container** Box 81

**Scrap Book #2**

**Unit Date** 1926 -1951

**Container** Box 82

**Autobiography of Major General Randolph Carter Berkeley, USMC, (#8221, Vol. 19)**

**Unit Date** 1959

**Container** Box 82

**The commissioning of United States Ship "Berkeley" (DDG-15), [photo album]**

**Unit Date** 1962

**Container** Box 82

**Yearbook of Field Artillery Replacement Center, 4th Training Regiment, Fort Bragg**

**Unit Date** 1941

**Container** Box 82

**Britain's Homage to 28,000 American Dead**

**Unit Date** 1952

**Container** Box 82

**UVa Dedication of War Memorial Plaques**

**Unit Date** 1960 June 11

**Container** Box 82

**"An Occasional Bulletin," The Virginia Historical Society**

**Unit Date** 1962, April

**Container** Box 82

**"The Iron Worker"**

**Unit Date** 1957, Spring

**Container** Box 82

**Ephemera [match case and dress shirt studs]**

**Unit Date** No date

**Container** Box 82

**Confederate envelopes**

**Unit Date** ca. 1861 -1865

**Container** Box 82

**19th Century postage stamps**

**Container** Box 82

**two leather wallets**

**Unit Date** No date

**Container** Box 82

**Berkeley Family Bible**

**Container** Box 83

## **"Early Covers"**

**Unit Date** No date

**Container** Box 83

## **Oversize Items**

### **Family Bible (Lacks covers and end pages)**

**Container** OS Box 1 (Box)

### **Printed Book, The History of England, Vol. XVI**

**Container** OS Box 2 (Box)

### **Printed Book, The History of England, (title excised)**

**Container** OS Box 3 (Box)

### **Ledger / Account Book**

**Unit Date** ca. 1801-1818

**Container** OS Box 4 (Box)

### **Ledger / Account Book**

**Unit Date** ca. 1729-1760

**Container** OS Box 4 (Box)

### **Business Ledger**

**Unit Date** ca. 1801-1802

**Container** OS Box 5 (Box)

### **Business Ledger, William N. Berkeley (#8221)**

**Unit Date** ca. 1857-1868

**Container** OS Box 5 (Box)

### **Diplomas and Certificates (rolled)**

**Container** OS Box 5 (Box)

### **Genealogical Charts (rolled)**

**Container** OS Box 5 (Box)

### **Genealogical Charts**

**Container** OS Box 6 (Box)

### **Certificates**

**Container** OS Box 6 (Box)

### **Engraving, "Berkeley Castle" (photostat)**

**Container** OS Box 6 (Box)