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Repository

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Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

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Acquisition Information

The collection was presented to the library on July 29, 1974 by Thomas P. Abernethy, 39 University Circle, Charlottesville, Virginia.

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File Boxes

Scope and Content Information

The Thomas Perkins Abernethy Collection consists of approximately four linear feet (ca. 2,000 items) spanning the years 1585 (1947-1965) 1969. Included in the collection of the historian are drafts of many of the articles and book reviews he has written, as well as of his book *The South In the New Nation: 1789-1819*. The original collection, #6464, consists of a carbon copy of the publisher's draft of *The South In the New Nation*. Correspondence with fellow historians and students, speeches, and miscellaneous papers including some dealing with the Corcoran Department of History of the University of Virginia comprise the rest of the collection. There are transcripts and Photostats of letters and documents for the dates 1585, 1621, 1722, 1797, and 1804- 1806, and there are a few letters and some printed material for the 1920's through the early 1940's, but the bulk of the collection falls between the years 1947 and 1965.

Thomas Perkins Abernethy [1890-] was born in Lowndes County, Alabama. He received an A. B. degree from the College of Charleston in 1912, and his M. A. (1915) and Ph.D. (1922) degrees from Harvard University, where he studied under Frederick Jackson Turner. He taught at Vanderbilt University, the University of Chattanooga, and the University of Alabama before coming to the University of Virginia in 1930. During his long tenure at Virginia, he served as chairman of the History Department from 1946-1955, advised a large number of graduate students, and wrote numerous books and articles before retiring in July of 1961.

The material in this collection chiefly reflects Abernethy's career as professor and scholar at the University of Virginia. Personal and family correspondence is almost entirely lacking. There are research notes for his book *The Burr Conspiracy* and several drafts of *The South In the New Nation: 1789-1819*, but the manuscripts of his other books are missing. There is little material from Abernethy's early years as a professor.

Arrangement

When the collection came to the library, much of the original filing order had been lost. As a result, the correspondence has been filed by academic year, (September of one year through August of the next) and alphabetized by correspondent within each year. The correspondence is followed by Abernethy's writings, including articles, book reviews, and drafts of his book *The South In the New Nation: 1789-1819*. These are followed by the rest of Abernethy's papers, including research notes, student papers, and miscellaneous printed material. Six file boxes contain bibliographies and indexes for his books on 3 x 5" note cards.

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TPA to E. I. Carruthers 1936 Sept. 23

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Article(?) by TPA: "Aaron Burr in Mississippi" "The Burr Conspiracy""Democracy and the Southern Frontier""The Southern Shores and the Maritime Menace, 1793-1812""The Yazoo Land Companies of 1789" 1949 and n. d.

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Book Reviews by TPA

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Reprints of Articles by TPA: "Commerical Activities of Silas Deane in France" "Journal of the First Kentucky Convention""The Orgin of the Franklin - Lee Imbroglio""An Historical Sketch of the University of Virginia""The First Transmontane Advance"

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The South In the New Nation: 1789-1819, Title page, Table of Contents (with 22 chapters) List of Maps and charts, Preface: Preliminary draft 1961

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The South In the New Nation: 1789-1819 Chaps. III - V (eliminated from published edition) 1961

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The South In the New Nation: 1789-1819 Chaps. XVIII (eliminated from published edition) Preliminary draft 1961

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The South In the New Nation: 1789-1819Chap. II, Publisher's draft 1961

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The South In the New Nation: 1789-1819Chaps. VI - IX (Chaps III - VI of published edition) Publisher's draft 1961

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Southern Frontier of the War of 1812Notes 1968

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Southern Frontier of the War of 1812Abernethy's reply to Reader's Report and Miscellaneous Notes 1968

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Speeches of Abernethy: "The Creed of the Old South" "Comments on Virginia's Contribution to American Civilization""Mr. Jefferson's Fourth Freedom" "The Order of Cape Henry""Making History""The Sad Plight of History In the South""The Social Scene in Virginia""Virginia's Western Land Policy During the Revolution""Charlottesville's Historic Area" n. d.

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Corcoran Department of History: Financial Papers including invoices, allotment balances, Fellowship funds 1947-1952

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Corcoran Department of History: Miscellaneous Papers including Annual Reports, Class Rolls, Resumes of students 1947-1952

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Genealogical Chart of early generations of the Abernethy family in Virginia and North Carolina n. d.

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Photostats of 2 letters from Aaron Burr, also photostats of Spanish transcripts of letters primarily between Col. Antonio Cordero and Memesio de Salcedo and Nemesio de Salcedo and of soldier's account of Zebulon Pike expedition 1804-1806

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