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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

Mss. 39.1 L16

Unit ID

/repositories/2/resources/1122

Unit Date

1835-1909

Language

English

Creator

Lamb, William, 1838-1909

Creator

Lamb, Sarah Anne Chaffee, 1837-1892

Extent

4.01 Linear Feet

Extent

79 items

Repository

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Acquisition Information:

The materials in this collection were donated in various batches between 1938 and 1993 by W. H. Lamb (1938, 1939, 1945), Mrs. A. A. Bilisoly and Miss Ella Waddy Lamb (1939), Mrs. Ralph Magraw (1960 and 1967), and Larry Walker (Acc. 1993-49 received 7/19/1993). Acc. 1989-23 received 5/25/1989.

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Biographical Information:

William Lamb was born on 7 September 1835 and lived in Norfolk, Virginia for most of his life. He was educated at the College of William and Mary and edited the Southern Argus. During the Civil War, he commanded Fort Fisher, N.C. After the war, he was a coal dealer, an advocate of direct trade with Europe, mayor of Norfolk and a member of the Republican Party. Lamb was Rector of the College of William and Mary. He died 23 March 1909.

Scope and Contents

Diaries, 1855, 1859-1861, 1864-1909, (52 volumes) of Col. William Lamb (1835-1909), written while a student at the College of William and Mary, newspaper editor, Civil War commander of Fort Fisher, N.C. (1862-1865), coal merchant, Norfolk businessman and mayor (1880-1886), and member of the Board of Visitors and Rector of William and Mary.

Collection also includes diary, 1861, and some letters of his wife Sarah Annie Chaffee Lamb as well as page proofs and other material relating to the publication of "Letters from the Colonel's Lady." (Winnabow, N.C., 1965).

Two additions to the collection (1993.49 and Sm. Coll. Add. 13) include photographs of Mrs. William Lamb and daughter Sally Lamb, William Lamb, Jr. and Frances [?], speeches, pamphlets and illustrations as well as a scrapbook of newspaper clippings relating to the Battle of Fort Fisher and William Lamb. Diaries, 1855-1903 available in typescript.

Keywords

Correspondence

Diaries

Orders (military records)

Photographs

Photostats

Speeches, addresses, etc.

Typescripts

Fort Fisher (N.C.)

American diaries--Women authors

American newspapers--Virginia--Norfolk
College of William and Mary--History--19th century
College of William and Mary--History--20th century
North Carolina--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
Universities and Colleges--Virginia--Faculty
College of William and Mary--Alumni and alumnae

General

Please use the typescripts in place of the original diaries.

Physical Characteristics or Technical Requirements:

Photocopying is only allowed from the diary typescripts.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1: Diaries

Unit ID id68886

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/105084

Scope and Contents

Some diaries have been digitized. Please follow the links.

Original Diaries of William Lamb

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/607118

Diaries

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/607129

Unit Date 1855, 1859-1861, 1864-1866

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

William Lamb Diary, 1864-1865

Unit ID id261585

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/105089

Diaries

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/607130

Unit Date 1867-1891

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Diaries

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/607132

Unit Date 1892-1909

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Typescripts of William Lamb's Diaries

Unit ID id150017

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/105088

Unit Date 1855-1909

Scope and Contents

Contains typescripts of the diaries of William Lamb. Typescripts must be used in place of the originals.

The 1959-1960 diary transcript is part of Gertrude Elizabeth Baker's 1960 Master's Thesis, The Diary of William Lamb, August 18, 1859-May 21, 1860, found in W&M ScholarWorks <https://scholarworks.wm.edu/handle/internal/6260>.

Typescripts of diaries

Unit ID id150018

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/105101

Unit Date 1855-1879

Mixed Materials 4 (box)

Typescripts of diaries

Unit ID id150019

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/105102

Unit Date 1880-1909

Mixed Materials 5 (box)

Series 2: Papers

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/607117

Blockade Running Speeches

Unit ID id90579

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/105090

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Typescript of the address made by Col. William Lamb in 1893 before the Military Society of Massachusetts on the subject of blockade running during the War Between the States and 2nd address to the Phillips Exeter Academy, 1886.

Blockade Running Articles

Unit ID id90580

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/105091

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Four articles on blockade running during the Civil War.

S.S. Hebe Notes

Unit ID id90581

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/105092

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Typewritten notes by Col. Lamb on the fight over the British S.S. Hebe and one plate showing the Whitworth Gun.

Resolutions - Battle of Fort Fisher

Unit ID id90582

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/105093

Unit Date 1907

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Typewritten resolutions signed by the representatives of the Confederate survivors of the Battle of Fort Fisher and presented to Col. Lamb, January 14-15, 1907.

Fort Fisher Paper

Unit ID id90583

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/105094

Unit Date 1893 and 1896

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Paper written on Fort Fisher at the request of the Cape Fear Camp of Confederate Veterans of Wilmington, N.C., May 1893. Read before the Military Historical Society of Massachusetts on February 4, 1896.

Williamsburg in the Civil War

Unit ID id90584

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/105095

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Paper on the Civil War plus the City of Williamsburg, Virginia and its residents during the Civil War. Line one" The Venerable City of Williamsburg in which we are assembled is unsurpassed in this country for historical interests..."

Present State of Virginia

Unit ID id90585

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/105096

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Typed copy of the "The Present State of Virginia, and the College: by Messieurs Hartwell, Blair and Chilton."

Photographs

Unit ID id90586

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/105097

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Hand colored photographic print of "Willie" [William Lamb, Jr.] taken at Providence, R.I. during the Civil War; photographic print of "Willie and Frances" taken at Providence, R.I. during the Civil War and photographic print of the epergne presented by owners of the Steamship Banshee to Col. William Lamb in recognition of his services at Fort Fisher.

Illustrations

Unit ID id90587

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/105098

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

"Burning of the Night Hawk;" "Plan of Second Attack on Fort Fisher, Jan. 13, 14, 15, 1865 and showing the position of Vessels;" "Map of the Cape Fear River and the Approaches to Wilmington, N.C." and "Armament of Fort Fisher and Adjacent Batteries."

Pamphlets

Unit ID id90588

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/105099

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Message of William Lamb, Mayor, of the City of Norfolk, Virginia to the select and common Councils together with municipal reports for the twelve months ending June 30, 1880. Old St. Paul's Church, 1739-1945. Norfolk, Virginia. An address on the laymen of the church given at the Bicentennial Celebration by Robert B. Tunstall with a guide to the church.

Photocopy of Confederate Log Book from Fort Fisher

Unit ID id61739

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/105086

Unit Date 1864 May 20 - November 10

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Photocopy of Confederate log book from Fort Fisher, May 20, 1864 to November 10, 1864. William Lamb was in charge of Fort Fisher at the time. Also includes a copy of the obituary of Sarah Chaffee, one of the Lamb daughters, in 1862. This addition is filed at the end of Box 4 of 39.1 L16.

Copy of a Photograph of Mrs. William Lamb and Her Daughter Sally

Unit ID id61735

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/105085

Unit Date 1864

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 12 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Copy of a photograph of Mrs. William Lamb and her daughter Sally from the original which was found in Colonel William Lamb's copy of Running the Blockage owned by Larry Walker. Note under the photograph said it was taken in 1864. Accession 1993.49.

Newspaper Clippings Scrapbook about the Battle of Fort Fisher

Unit ID id90715

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/105100

Unit Date 1862-1881 and undated

Mixed Materials Manuscripts Oversize Box 10 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scrapbook of newspaper clippings about the fall of Fort Fisher.

Photostat Copies of 2 Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/607120

Mixed Materials Manuscripts Oversize Box 2 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Photostat copy of November 24, 1906 letter from William Lamb to Pinkie. 3 photostat copies of Christmas 1906 letter from William Lamb to Pinkie with his portrait on the page. 2017 addition.

Knight of the Order of Wasa Certificate**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/267343**Unit Date** 1899 November 28**Mixed Materials** Manuscripts Oversize Box 2 (Box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Language** Swedish**Extent** 0.15 Linear Feet**Scope and Contents**

2017 addition.

Keywords

Certificates

Lamb, William, 1838-1909

Series 3: Sarah Chaffee Lamb Diary; Notes and Proofs of Publication of Her Letters**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/607128**Scope and Contents**

Letters written chiefly by Sarah Chaffee Lamb to her parents. A 1861 diary written by Sarah Chaffee Lamb. Includes page proofs and other material relating to the publication of "Letters from the Colonel's Lady: Correspondence of Mrs. William Lamb...1861-1865 (Winnabow, N.C., 1965) edited by Cornelius M. Dickinson Thomas. Gift of Cornelius Dickinson Thomas, Clarendon Plantation, Winnabow, North Carolina.

Sarah Chaffee Lamb Diary**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/607133**Unit Date** 1861**Mixed Materials** 7 (box)**Container** 1 (Folder)**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Gift of Mrs. Ralph McGraw, October 19, 1960.

Original Letters of Sarah Chaffee Lamb**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/607173**Unit Date** 1957, 1960**Mixed Materials** 7 (box)**Container** 2 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Sarah Chaffee to her Mother, September 11, 1857 and Sarah C. Lamb, Norfolk, to her cousin, Miss Kate Chaffee. December 3, 1859. Includes transcript. (gift of Mrs. Ralph Magraw.)

Transcript of Sarah Chaffee Lamb Letters**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/607134**Mixed Materials** 7 (box)**Container** 3 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Typed transcripts of Sarah Chaffee Lamb letters.

Proofs with Notes and Explanations of Publication of Sarah Chaffee Lamb's Letter Book**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/607135**Mixed Materials** 7 (box)**Container** 4 (Folder)**Proofs of Publication of Sarah Chaffee Lamb's Letter Book****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/607136

Mixed Materials 7 (box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Proofs of Publication of Sarah Chaffee Lamb's Letter Book

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/607174

Mixed Materials 7 (box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Proofs with Notes and Illustrations of Publication of Sarah Chaffee Lamb's Letter Book

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/607175

Mixed Materials 7 (box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Typescript of Publication of Sarah Chaffee Lamb's Letter Book

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/607176

Mixed Materials 7 (box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Galley Proofs of Sarah Chaffee Lamb's Letter Book

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/607177

Mixed Materials 7 (box)

Container 9 (Folder)

First Bound Proof Of Book of Sarah Chaffee Lamb's

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/607178

Mixed Materials 7 (box)

Container 10 (Folder)