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Preston, John, 1764-1827

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Scope and Contents

This inventory, chiefly 1786-1815, represents three generations of the Preston family, and likewise can be divided into the following:

Items relating to William Preston (ca. 1729-1783), 1755-1782, primarily photostats of appointments to various county offices (coroner, sheriff and surveyor) and to positions in the Virginia militia; but also including original appointments, 1763 and 1776; a surveyor's entry; 1774; and letters, 1773-1782, to Preston concerning land, the Cherokee Indians and a court martial.

Items, 1785-1819, relating to William's sons, Francis Preston (1765- 1836), lawyer, member of the Virginia Legislature and the U.S. Congress; and his brother John Preston (1764-1827), member of the Virginia Assembly and long-time Treasurer of Virginia, including letters from John Preston to Francis Preston as well as correspondence of the two men with other people. Subjects covered in the letters include politics; the War of 1812; a carriage; the College of William and Mary; duels; the building of a house; and Indians. These papers also contain a certificate, 20 September 1793, of emancipation for a slave signed by Francis Preston; and his appointment of two military aides.

Items relating to the correspondence of William Campbell Preston (1764- 1860), son of Francis Preston, and a member of Congress from South Carolina, including a circular and letter, 1827, concerning protest by citizens of South Carolina of a protective tariff.

Related Materials:

Other related material concerning the Preston family can be found in the Robert Morton Hughes Papers at Old Dominion University.

Several of the items in this collection have been reprinted. These include the letters written between 1786-1813, by John Preston to Francis Preston printed in the William and Mary Quarterly, 2nd Ser., Vol. 1, pp. 42-51 and Vol. 2, pp. 188-193. A list of these items is located below. A typed list is located in the first folder of the collection.

18 May 1786. John Preston to Francis Preston. Series 2, Vol. 1, pp. 42-45. 2 November 1786. John Preston to Francis Preston. Series 2, Vol. 1, pp. 45-47. 26 December 1786. John Preston to Francis Preston. Series 2, Vol. 1, pp. 47-49. 17 February 1787. John Preston to Francis Preston. Series 1, Vol. 27, pp. 203-205. 31 May 1793. John Preston to Francis Preston. Series 2, Vol. 2, pp. 188-189 [dated as 3 May]. 25 Nov. 1794. John Preston to

Francis Preston. Series 2, Vol. 2, p. 187. 14 May 1799. John Preston to Francis Preston. Series 2, Vol. 1, pp. 49-51. 19 December 1802. John Preston to Francis Preston. Series 2, Vol. 2, pp. 189-192. 3 March 1813. John Preston to Francis Preston. Series 2, Vol. 2, pp. 192-193.

Some letters are also available in typescript.

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Architecture, Domestic--Virginia
Carriage and wagon making
Cherokee Indians
College of William and Mary--History--18th century
Duelling--Virginia
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Legal documents
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Preston family
Preston, Francis, 1765-1836
Preston, John, 1764-1827
Preston, William, ca. 1729-1783

General

Other Information:

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Arrangement of Materials:

Organization: This inventory has been organized into four Series: 1. William Preston Papers; 2. Francis Preston Papers; 3. John Preston Papers; 4. William C. Preston Papers. Arrangement: Each folder contains the papers of their creators/persons, identified by series title. Items are then arranged chronologically by date.

Description of Subordinate Components

William Preston Papers, 1755-1782

Unit ID id160696

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208524

Certificate of appointment of William Preston

Unit ID id160723

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208533

Unit Date 14 February 1755

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

William Preston was appointed as "Captain of a Company of Rangers in Augusta County," Virginia. Signed by Robert Dinwiddie, Williamsburg, Virginia.

Certificate of appointment of William Preston

Unit ID id160736

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208534

Unit Date 11 December 1758

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

William Preston was appointed as "Captain of a Company of Rangers." Signed by Francis Fauquier, Williamsburg, Virginia.

Certificate of appointment of William Preston

Unit ID id160741

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208535

Unit Date 14 June 1759

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

William Preston was appointed as : "Lieutenant Colonel of the Militia for the County of Augusta," Virginia. Signed by Francis Fauquier, Williamsburg, Virginia.

Certificate of appointment of William Preston

Unit ID id160745

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208536

Unit Date 18 October 1759

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

William Preston was appointed as Escheator for Augusta County, Virginia. Signed by Francis Fauquier, Williamsburg, Virginia.

Certificate of appointment of William Preston

Unit ID id160747

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208537

Unit Date 2 August 1763

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

William Preston was appointed as "Colonel of the Militia for the County of Augusta," Virginia. Signed by Francis Fauquier, Williamsburg, Virginia.

Certificate of appointment of William Preston

Unit ID id160750

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208538

Unit Date 22 December 1769

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

William Preston was appointed as "Colonel of the Militia of the County of Botetourt," Virginia. Signed by Norborne Berkeley, Baron de Botetourt, Williamsburg, Virginia.

Certificate of appointment of William Preston

Unit ID id160753

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208539

Unit Date 22 December 1769

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

William Preston was appointed as "one of our Coroners of our County of Botetourt," Virginia. Signed by Norborne Berkeley, Baron de Botetourt, Williamsburg Virginia.

Certificate of appointment of William Preston

Unit ID id160758

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208540

Unit Date 1 December 1772

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

William Preston was appointed as "Sheriff of the County of Fincastle County, later Kentucky, and Montgomery and Washington Counties, Virginia. Signed by John Murray, Earl of Dunmore, Williamsburg, Virginia.

Correspondence

Unit ID id160761

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208541

Unit Date 6 Feb. 1773

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letter from William Campbell, Aspen Bottom, to William Preston. Letter concerns Captain Shelby's purchase of the land where Captain Bledsoe lives.

Survey

Unit ID id160764

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208542

Unit Date 15 August 1774

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Surveyor's entry of Fincastle County, later Kentucky and Montgomery and Washington Counties, Virginia. Item mentions William Preston, surveyor of Fincastle. Signed by William Christian.

Certificate of appointment of William Preston

Unit ID id160767

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208543

Unit Date 7 October 1775

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

William Preston was appointed as "Lieutenant and Commander in chief of the Militia of the County of Fincastle [County, later Kentucky, and Montgomery and Washington Counties], Virginia" Signed by the Committee of Safety for the Colony of Virginia.

Correspondence

Unit ID id160770

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208544

Unit Date 8 Dec. 1776

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letter from Anthony Bledsoe, Fort Patrick Henry, Virginia, to Colonel William Preston. Letter concerns the Cherokee Indians, their need of supplies, and their fear of coming to Williamsburg.

Certificate of appointment of William Preston

Unit ID id160773

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208545

Unit Date 21 December 1776

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

William Preston was appointed as "County Lieutenant of Militia in the County of Montgomery," Virginia. Signed by Patrick Henry, Williamsburg, Virginia.

Certificate of appointment of William Preston

Unit ID id160776

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208546

Unit Date 11 March 1780

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

William Preston was appointed as "Surveyor for the County of Montgomery," Virginia. Signed by Dudley Digges, Lieutenant Governor, Williamsburg, Virginia.

Correspondence

Unit ID id160777

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208547

Unit Date 6 May 1782

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letter from Charles Morgan to William Preston. Letter concerns a court martial of two men, Marshall Duncan and Timothy Roark, and the circumstances involved in the case; and men trying, to be struck from the muster roll in order to be relieved of their military duties.

Post Bond

Unit ID id160780

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208548

Unit Date 20 June 1782

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Post bond for Joseph Achillberger before William Preston, Justice of the Peace, Montgomery County,

Virginia.

Francis Preston Papers, 1786-1799

Unit ID id160704

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208525

Correspondence

Unit ID id160785

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208549

Unit Date 18 May 1786

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letter from John Preston, "Smithfield," Montgomery County, Virginia, to "brother," Francis Preston. Was only able to send 10 pounds because of the "great difficulty of procuring cash in this country"; mentions getting cash from "Uncle Tom" or tobacco from "Anderson" and converting that to cash; tobacco prices; discusses the loss Kentucky will feel at the death of Colonel Christian.

Correspondence

Unit ID id160788

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208550

Unit Date 20 Nov. 1786

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letter from John Preston to "brother," Francis Preston, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia. Discusses business dealings with Anderson tobacco, and obtaining the necessary materials and the carpenter recommended by Captain T. Smith to finish their house; wants to compare prices between the Academy at Botetourt Town and William and Mary; gives details of building a new academy at Greenfield and the prices which would be charged.

Correspondence

Unit ID id160791

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208551

Unit Date 26 December 1786

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letter from John Preston, "Smithfield," Montgomery County, Virginia, to "brother," Francis Preston, Williamsburg, Virginia. More discussion about the constructing of their house; expresses concern about a possible suit against them for a debt unpaid, unless they raise money from Anderson's tobacco; tells of neighbors anxiously awaiting his Francis's return so that they might "profit from your knowledge," referring to Francis Preston's license to practice law, and so that he can be considered an eligible candidate; offers to campaign for him in his absence; relates feelings toward a duel fought between their cousin, James Breckenridge and [?] Younghusband.

Correspondence

Unit ID id160795

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208552

Unit Date 17 February 1787

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letter from John Preston, "Smithfield," Montgomery County, Virginia, to "brother," Francis Preston,

Williamsburg, Virginia. Sends news of large amounts of mail for him, mainly on the subject of friendship; election day has been moved to an earlier date in April, requiring him [FP] to come home earlier; hopes this doesn't interfere with his studies; gives itinerary and details about coming home; discusses the other candidates and the main issue of the campaign--the division of the country; tells rumor that Congress is about to "raise a great army, for what purpose, we know not."

Bill of William Galt & County

Unit ID id160798

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208553

Unit Date 8-24 December 1790

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Bill is for fabrics, clothes, and notions for "Sally B. Campbell," later Sarah Buchanan (Campbell) Preston, wife of Francis Preston.

Correspondence

Unit ID id160802

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208554

Unit Date 5 May 1792

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letter from John Preston to "brother" Francis Preston. Short note discussing the election and political side effects relating to it.

Correspondence

Unit ID id160806

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208555

Unit Date 29 Sept. 1792

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letter from John Preston, Mr. McDowell's, to "Frank," Francis Preston, Montgomery County, Virginia. Discusses land transactions and the upcoming change in the Judicial districts west of the Blue Ridge; mentions the end of the Indian War and the government being settled.

Correspondence

Unit ID id160810

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208556

Unit Date 31 May 1793

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letter from John Preston, John Breckenridge's, Lexington, Virginia, to Francis Preston, Washington County, Virginia. Comments on the reformed behavior of B. Smith, a commander at one of the frontier posts, who has "abandoned both women and wine forever"; discussion of affairs with the Indians--treaties, not trusting them, and hopes of continuing the war with them; General Wayne, however, has orders only to defend themselves, not attack; mention of land prices connected with investment possibilities.

Correspondence

Unit ID id160813

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208557

Unit Date 8 Aug[us]t 1793

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letter from John Preston, Lexington, Virginia to "brother" Francis Preston, Abingdon, Washington County, Virginia. Business discussion about an unknown matter.

Emancipation certificate

Unit ID id160815

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208558

Unit Date 20 Sept. 1793

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Emancipation certificate of John Broady, Negro servant of William Campbell, father-in-law of Francis Preston. Signed by Francis Preston.

Correspondence

Unit ID id160818

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208559

Unit Date 25 November 1794

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letter from John Preston, Richmond, Virginia to "sister In-law," Sarah B. Preston, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Mention of her domesticity; gossip of a rich widow, Mrs. Thomas Randolph, who has fallen in love with John Brown.

Correspondence

Unit ID id160821

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208560

Unit Date 25 Nov. 1794

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letter from John Preston, no place, to "brother," probably Francis Preston. Gives election news of senators and governor; details about a duel between General Wood and W. Thomas Madison over the election of Governor Brook which led to defamations of character.

Correspondence

Unit ID id160823

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208561

Unit Date 23 January 1796

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letter from John Preston, no place, to Francis Preston, Congress, United States, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Concerning attention paid to brother William by General Wayne.

Correspondence**Unit ID** id160827**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/208562**Unit Date** 9 September 1797**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 2 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letter from Bishop James Madison, Botetourt County, Virginia, to Francis Preston, Washington County, Virginia. Discusses power of attorney between H. Smith and himself; and business matters dealing with land.

Correspondence**Unit ID** id160832**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/208563**Unit Date** 21 May 1798**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 2 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letter from John Preston, no place, to "brother," Francis Preston, Washington County, Virginia. Discusses business transactions, including buying some horses; shares feelings of wanting to be married.

Correspondence**Unit ID** id160836**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/208564**Unit Date** 27 Oct. 1798**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 2 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letter from John Preston, "Smithfield," Montgomery County, Virginia, to "brother" Francis Preston, Washington County, Virginia. Discussion of business transactions with Governor Shelby.

Correspondence**Unit ID** id160840**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/208565**Unit Date** 14 May 1799**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 2 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letter from John Preston, "Smithfield," Montgomery County, Virginia, to "brother," Francis Preston, Washington County, Virginia. Expresses concern over their brother "Tommy" not being able to attend school due to insufficient funds, and asks if Francis might be able to help in this area; mentions William and Mary as a good choice for Tommy to study law.

Correspondence**Unit ID** id160844**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/208566**Unit Date** 28 Oct. 1799**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 2 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letter from John Preston, Horse Shoe Bottom, to "brother," Francis Preston, Washington County, Virginia. Discussion about horses and John's son cutting teeth.

Correspondence**Unit ID** id160850**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/208567**Unit Date** 6 Nov. 1799**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 2 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letter from John Preston, Blacksburg, Virginia, to "brother," Francis Preston, Washington County, Virginia. Family news; grandmother has died; is still looking for the book, EVirginians Millwright, sent by Francis to use as reference for their spring water problem.

Correspondence**Unit ID** id160854**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/208568**Unit Date** 6 January 1802**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 3 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letter from John Preston, Horseshoe Bottom, to Francis Preston, Saltworks, Washington County, Virginia. Asks him to help with E. Madison's business affairs; house is half finished; hopes to pay off all debts soon and be as "independent as a freeman ought to be."

Correspondence**Unit ID** id160858**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/208569**Unit Date** 27 January 1802**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 3 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letter from John Preston, Horseshoe Bottom, to Francis Preston, Washington County, Virginia. Wagon arrived satisfactorily; sent 5 bushels of hemp seed and will send more if needed; borrowed from him a bundle of "nail rods" to lay the plank floor in his home; talk of the birth of "another fine son " who is quite handsome.

Correspondence**Unit ID** id160864**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/208570**Unit Date** 10 May 1802**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 3 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letter from John Preston, Horseshoe Bottom, to Francis Preston, Saltworks, Washington County, Virginia. Business news; cotton and salt arrived; has sent nail rods in a different, lighter wagon.

Correspondence**Unit ID** id160868**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/208571**Unit Date** 19 December 1802**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 3 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letter from John Preston, "Smithfield," Montgomery County, Virginia, to "brother" Francis Preston. Political discussion-including the possibility of Congressional redistricting of Botetourt and Montgomery

counties, the disagreements between the Federalists and the Republicans, and how redistricting would affect John when elections come again; ironworks are shorthanded and he is willing to hire out seven "of my best negroe men"; wife has had the mumps and self has had a bout with rheumatism.

Correspondence

Unit ID id160872

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208572

Unit Date 22 April 1804

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letter from David Campbell, Campbella, Tennessee, to Sarah B. Preston, Saltworks, Washington County, Virginia. Expresses joy at Mrs. Preston's recovering her health; philosophical statements concerning life; fondness toward Mrs. Preston and family; mention of who will be in school at Abingdon for the next two years, if the school stays open.

Correspondence

Unit ID id160876

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208573

Unit Date 22 December 1805

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letter from John Preston, Horseshoe Bottom, to "brother," Francis Preston, Saltworks, Washington County, Virginia. Salt was delivered and all was in good order; family news including the birth of a son, William Ballard Preston, to their brother James P. Preston.

Correspondence

Unit ID id160880

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208574

Unit Date 2 March 1807

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letter from John Preston, Horseshoe Bottom, to Francis Preston, Washington County, Virginia. Asks if he can send his son, Carlton Radford, to Mr. Whaley's school, since Mr. Birch's school at Fort Chizwell has broken up; has taken care of money matters; more problems with rheumatism.

Correspondence

Unit ID id160882

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208575

Unit Date 15 February 1808

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letter from John Preston, Montgomery Court House Virginia, to "brother;" Francis Preston, Saltworks, Washington County, Virginia. Asks for his son, William, to be sent home since the family is free of the whooping cough; a Senate position is open, but heJohn declined since he thought that Francis wanted to run; discussion of war with Britain, and the election of a president; Virginia seems to be favoring Madison, but New York is doubtful; no plans yet for the Virginia militia to be called.

Correspondence**Unit ID** id160885**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/208576**Unit Date** 30 April 1810**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 3 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letter from John Preston, Richmond, Virginia to "brother," Francis Preston, Abingdon, Washington County, Virginia. Business letter; alludes to wife's death; mother-in-law taking care of domestic business.

Correspondence**Unit ID** id160888**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/208577**Unit Date** 4 May 1810**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 3 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letter from John Tyler, Governor of Virginia, "In Council Chamber," Richmond, Virginia, to Colonel Francis Preston, Abingdon Washington County, Virginia. Cover letter for a commission for Samuel Preston, and a duplicate for the magistrates.

Correspondence**Unit ID** id160891**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/208578**Unit Date** 25 May 1811**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 3 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letter from John Preston, Richmond, Virginia, to "brother," Francis Preston, Washington County, Virginia. Affectionate talk of family; money matters taken care of; carriage maker in Philadelphia has put the "Family Arms and Crests" on it, and has only the painting and the spring to take care of.

Correspondence**Unit ID** id160896**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/208579**Unit Date** 8 May 1812**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 3 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letter from John Preston, Richmond, Virginia, to "brother," Francis Preston, Abingdon, Washington County, Virginia. Happy that he won the election, even though it was with some difficulty; discussion of the ingratitude and jealousy of the community of those who "serve the public"; money and construction matters; legal concern over the exchange of properties, the Briar Patch and Horseshoe; wife is quite ill and still grieves over the death of Louisa.

Correspondence**Unit ID** id160899**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/208580**Unit Date** 10 December 1812**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 3 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letter from Peter Randolph, Nottoway County, Virginia, to Colonel Francis Preston, Richmond, Virginia.

Concerning the addition of Mecklenburg into the 5th Circuit, Randolph's firm opposition to the plan requested by Judge Johnston to relieve Johnston of some duties of the 13th Circuit, and Randolph's reasons against the change of duties.

Correspondence

Unit ID id160903

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208581

Unit Date 3 Mar. 1813

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letter from John Preston, Richmond, Virginia, to "brother," Francis Preston, Washington County, Virginia. Concern over the Blockading Squadron of Great Britain, and description of naVirginal battles in Lynnhaven Bay; wishes Congress would impose an embargo on Great Britain.

Correspondence

Unit ID id160908

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208582

Unit Date 20 Dec. 1814

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letter from Francis Preston, Brigadier General, 17th Brigade, 3rd Division, to John Tate. Appointment of Tate as Brigade Inspector of the 17th Brigade in the third division of the militia of the said Commonwealth. Including autograph document signed on verso by Francis Preston appointing Captain Francis Smith as his aide, 16 May 1816.

Correspondence

Unit ID id160910

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208583

Unit Date 9 April 1815

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letter from John Preston, Horseshoe Bottom, to "brother," Francis Preston, Abingdon, Virginia. Is still trying to locate the papers of W. P. Preston; more election news; introduces S. P. Sharp.

John Preston Papers, 1785-1819

Unit ID id160712

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208526

Correspondence

Unit ID id162330

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208584

Unit Date 25 March 1785

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letter from Patrick Henry, Richmond, Virginia, to John Preston, Montgomery County, Virginia. Concerning a serjeanty right granted by Lord Dumore, 10 to 12 years prior, to Henry for 200 acres on the Ohio River.

Receipt**Unit ID** id162331**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/208585**Unit Date** 17 April 1785**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 4 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Receipt of David Price for 3 pounds received from John Preston. Including note on verso by John Preston, 17 April 1785, stating payment of 29 British pounds to William M. Miller.

Correspondence**Unit ID** id162332**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/208586**Unit Date** 29 July 1790**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 4 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letter from James Blair, Abingdon, Virginia, to John Preston, "Smithfield," Montgomery County, Virginia. Blair's wife, Betsy, a cousin of Preston, is unable to appear at court in Botetourt County in a case involving Mrs. Elizabeth (Preston) Madison, because her son is ill, but has sent a deposition. Hopes that Dr. Humphries has inoculated Preston's sisters for smallpox.

Correspondence**Unit ID** id162333**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/208587**Unit Date** ante 8 May 1792**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 4 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letter from John Preston, Fort Lee, Bluestone, to Governor Henry Lee. Explanation of Preston's actions taken in defending his posts by dispersing his men; also explanation of monies spent. Including document by John Preston, 13 June 1792, Fort Lee, Bluestone, Virginia, accounting for monies spent by him for his militia men.

Correspondence**Unit ID** id162334**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/208588**Unit Date** 7 May 1806**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 4 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letter from Edmund Randolph, Richmond, Virginia, to General John Preston, Horse Shoe Bottom. Concerning legal proceedings at Staunton; and proceedings of the Richmond chancery court concerning the McKin case.

Correspondence**Unit ID** id162335**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/208589**Unit Date** 2 Aug. 1814**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 4 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letter from James Hoge, Buckingham County, Virginia, to General John Preston, Richmond, Virginia.

Requests to have orders countermanded and have his troops transferred somewhere where they can recover.

Correspondence

Unit ID id162336

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208590

Unit Date 4 Feb. 1819

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letter from John Floyd, Washington, D.C , to General John Preston, Richmond, Virginia. The appropriations bill is before Congress and is expected to pass this week or early next week; the estimate for the ordinance department is \$1,037,200.

Land grant certificate

Unit ID id162337

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208591

Unit Date 30 October 1819

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Land grant certificate of John Preston for 300 acres in Botetourt County, Virginia. Signed by Governor James P. Preston.

Land Grant

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/286387

Unit Date 1819 October 30

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William C. Preston, 1827-1836

Unit ID id160718

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208527

Circular letter

Unit ID id162338

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208592

Unit Date August 1827

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Circular letter transmitting memorials of the citizens of Columbia and Richland, South Carolina, to the legislature of South Carolina, and to the Congress of the United States, protesting against the protective tariff. Also includes the text of the memorials. Including letter from William C. Preston, Chairman, to William B. Giles, Governor of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia, 2 Nov. 1827, explaining the attached circular. Also including a newspaper clipping of the proceedings of the committee.

Correspondence

Unit ID id162339

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208593

Unit Date 18 March 1836

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Asks name of a lawyer practicing in section in which General Joseph S. Shelton of South Carolina lives. The estate of Gilmer's grandfather is being sued and General Shelton is the principal debtor.

Correspondence

Unit ID id162340

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208594

Unit Date 31 Jan. no year

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letter from Epes Sargent, New York, New York, to William C. Preston. Letter from Thomas W. Gilmer, Capitol, Richmond, Virginia, to William C. Preston, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. Sargent is associated with Park Benjamin in publishing the New World, a New York newspaper, and discusses his efforts to bring about an international copyright agreement.