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Biographical Information:

James De Ruyter Blackwell, Jr. was born 17 May 1870. He was educated at Bethel Military Academy [Fauquier County, Virginia] as a civil engineer. Worked as a civil engineer on various railroads including electric streetcar system. He was on the Board of Survey for Boston and was City Engineer of Seattle, Washington. He also was in private practice. He died 5 September 1929. Further information about this individual or organization may be available in the Special Collections Research Center Wiki:

http://scdbwiki.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/James_De_Ruyter_Blackwell,_Jr.

Scope and Contents

Letters and accounts of James DeRuyter Blackwell, Sr., lawyer and poet, his wife Judith Emma (Edmonds) Blackwell of Warrenton, Virginia and of members of their family including their son, James De Ruyter Blackwell, Jr.

There are letters written from Richmond and Petersburg, Virginia concerning social life, and letters concerning the hiring of enslaved persons and the illnesses of enslaved female persons.

Furthermore, the collection includes a genealogy of Blackwell family and three bound manuscript volumes of poetry by James De Ruyter Blackwell, Sr., as well as a letter, 6 September 1879, of John S. Mosby, concerning his work as American consul in China.

Keywords

Correspondence

Financial records

Poems

Receipts (financial records)

Agriculture--United States--History--19th century

Agriculture--Virginia--History--18th century

Fauquier County (Va.)--History--19th century

Richmond (Va.)--Social life and customs

Slavery--Southern States--History

Slavery--Virginia--19th century

American poetry--19th century

Diplomatic and consular service

Diplomats--United States

General

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Arrangement of Materials:

Organization: Organized into five series: 1. Letters, 2. Accounts, 3. Papers of James D. Blackwell, 4. Biographical and genealogical information regarding James D. Blackwell and the Blackwell family, and 5. Miscellaneous items. Arrangement: Series 1 is arranged chronologically; Series 2 is arranged alphabetically by name.

Description of Subordinate Components

Letters

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Letters

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Accounts

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Accounts

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Papers

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