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Administrative History:

Charles Washington Coleman, Sr., Williamsburg physician and long-time member of Bruton Parish Church, was born to Thomas and Frances C. Coleman in 1826. He married Cynthia Beverley Tucker Washington in 1861 and served in the 3rd Regiment, Virginia Cavalry during the Civil War. Together, he and Cynthia had six children, though only 4 survived into adulthood: Charles, Jr., George, Elizabeth, and Beverley. Coleman died in 1894 and is buried alongside his wife in the Bruton Parish Churchyard.

Scope and Contents

The collection is arranged into three series and includes correspondence, receipts, insurance documents, and photographs. Series 1 contains correspondence, which is arranged alphabetically by the surname of the sender. Series 2 contains financial papers and largely includes bills and receipts for the estate of Coleman's father, Thomas. Series 3 contains general subject/miscellaneous files and covers topics such as the Shelton-Laurel Massacre, Coleman's friend Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, and papers related to the Confederacy. Some items of note include a letter written to Coleman by a colleague which describes a severe case of frostbite suffered by a Coleman family slave named Ben, as well as a letter written to Coleman by another family slave named Ann, and other items related to slavery. The collection also includes a list of wounded Confederate soldiers left at the Baptist Church Hospital after the Battle of Williamsburg.

Related Materials:

Tucker-Coleman Papers (Special Collections Research Center, Swem Library)

Cynthia Beverley Tucker Washington Coleman Papers (Special Collections Research Center, Swem Library)

Charles Washington Coleman, Jr. Papers (Special Collections Research Center, Swem Library)

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Coleman family

Description of Subordinate Components

Correspondence

Unit ID id284239

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42185

Joseph Bryan**Unit ID** id284245**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/42194**Unit Date** 1880 Oct. 26, Nov. 5**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

Includes a letter to Coleman's wife, Cynthia (mentions scarlet fever)

Frances Catherine Coleman (mother)**Unit ID** id284247**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/42195**Unit Date** 1850, 1854, 1862, undated**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

Several of the letters include requests for money and describe the physical health of Coleman's sister, Helen, and the family's time spent at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

Cynthia Beverley Tucker Coleman (wife)**Unit ID** id284253**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/42196**Unit Date** 1864, 1867, 1868**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

Topics discussed include the health of their children (Charles, Jr. ("Charley") and Elizabeth ("Lizzie")) including illnesses and treatments, Cynthia's own health, Cynthia's school, and Tucker House.

Helen Coleman Leigh (sister)**Unit ID** id284255**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/42197**Unit Date** circa 1860s, 1887, undated**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

Includes photograph of Helen [circa 1860s?], also known as "Aunt Zen."

B. St. George Peachy**Unit ID** id284257**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/42198**Unit Date** 1851, 1857, undated**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Tazewell Taylor (Bursar at the College of William & Mary)****Unit ID** id284259**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/42199**Unit Date** 1856 July 21**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

Container 6 (folder)

Patrick Montagu Thompson

Unit ID id284261

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42200

Unit Date 9 June [?]

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (folder)

Preston Trotter

Unit ID id284263

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42201

Unit Date 1852-1857

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 8 (folder)

Scope and Contents

1855 August letter includes attachments regarding finances/accounting information

Beverley St. George Tucker

Unit ID id284265

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42202

Unit Date 1871, 1872, 1876, 1896

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (folder)

Ann Washington (enslaved woman)

Unit ID id284267

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42203

Unit Date 1862 Sept. 8

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 10 (folder)

Letters Written by Various Individuals

Unit ID id284271

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42204

Unit Date 1852-1888 (incomplete)

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 11 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Arranged alphabetically by surname, includes invitation to attend a meeting of the "Aryan Society of America for the Advancement of Literature, Art, Romance and Chivalry of the South," and an 1855 Aetna property insurance policy for Samuel Bright.

Letters Written by William Coleman (Bursar of the College of William and Mary) mainly to John Ambler

Unit ID id284273

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42205

Unit Date 1807, 1809-1810, 1814, 1816-1817

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 12 (folder)

Letters Written by and Sent to Various Individuals (not Charles W. Coleman)

Unit ID id284275

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42206

Unit Date 1826, 1846, 1862, 1903

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 13 (folder)

Scope and Contents

1862 December letter mentions Thomas S. B. Tucker being wounded

Financial Papers

Unit ID id284277

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42186

Bills and Receipts, Charles W. Coleman

Unit ID id284301

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42207

Unit Date 1839, 1844-1846, 1849

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 14 (folder)

Bills and Receipts, Charles W. Coleman

Unit ID id284305

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42208

Unit Date 1850-1852

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 15 (folder)

Bills and Receipts, Charles W. Coleman

Unit ID id284309

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42209

Unit Date 1855-1859

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 16 (folder)

Bills and Receipts, Charles W. Coleman

Unit ID id284313

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42210

Unit Date 1860-1877 (incomplete)

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 17 (folder)

Bills and Receipts, Charles W. Coleman

Unit ID id284315

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42211

Unit Date 1880-1896 (incomplete)

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 18 (folder)

Bills and Receipts, Thomas Coleman Estate

Unit ID id284317

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42212

Unit Date 1821-1834

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 19 (folder)

Bills and Receipts, Thomas Coleman Estate and Coleman Family

Unit ID id284319

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42213

Unit Date 1835-1836

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 20 (folder)

Bills and Receipts, Thomas Coleman Estate and Coleman Family

Unit ID id284323

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42214

Unit Date 1837

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 21 (folder)

Bills and Receipts, Thomas Coleman Estate and Coleman Family

Unit ID id284325

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42215

Unit Date 1838

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 22 (folder)

Bills and Receipts, Thomas Coleman Estate and Coleman Family

Unit ID id284327

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42216

Unit Date 1839

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 23 (Folder)

Bills and Receipts, Thomas Coleman Estate and Coleman Family

Unit ID id284331

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42217

Unit Date 1840

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 24 (folder)

Bills and Receipts, Thomas Coleman Estate and Coleman Family

Unit ID id284333

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42218

Unit Date 1841-1842

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 25 (folder)

Bills and Receipts, Thomas Coleman Estate and Coleman Family

Unit ID id284341

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42219

Unit Date 1843-1845

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 1 (folder)

Bills and Receipts, Thomas Coleman Estate and Coleman Family

Unit ID id284343

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42220

Unit Date 1846-1847

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 2 (folder)

Bills and Receipts, Thomas Coleman Estate and Coleman Family

Unit ID id284345

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42221

Unit Date 1848-1849

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 3 (folder)

Bills and Receipts, Thomas Coleman Estate and Coleman Family

Unit ID id284347

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42222

Unit Date 1850-1852

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (folder)

Bills and Receipts, Thomas Coleman Estate and Coleman Family

Unit ID id284349

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42223

Unit Date 1853-1855

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 5 (folder)

Bills and Receipts, Thomas Coleman Estate and Coleman Family

Unit ID id284351

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42224

Unit Date 1856-1857

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 6 (folder)

Bills and Receipts, Thomas Coleman Estate and Coleman Family

Unit ID id284353

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42225

Unit Date 1858-1859

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 7 (folder)

Bills and Receipts, Thomas Coleman Estate and Coleman Family

Unit ID id284355

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42226

Unit Date 1860, 1871, undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Receipts and Other Papers of Charles Coleman, Serving as Trustee for Lucy A. Tucker, Cynthia Beverley Tucker Coleman, and Others

Unit ID id284359

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42227

Unit Date 1867-1888 (incomplete), undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 9 (folder)

Insurance Receipts and Documentation

Unit ID id284361

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42228

Unit Date 1879, 1883, 1886, 1889

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 10 (folder)

Receipts of Thomas Taylor from the Quartermaster's Dept.

Unit ID id284363

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42229

Unit Date 1864

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 11 (folder)

Confederate Bond for \$100

Unit ID id284365

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42230

Unit Date 1863 Apr.

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 12 (folder)

Insurance Policy

Unit ID id284367

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42191

Unit Date 1879

Mixed Materials Manuscripts Oversize Box 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Oversize Folder)

General/Miscellaneous

Unit ID id284371

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42187

Deed among Frances C. Coleman, Robert McCandlish, and John Jones to Settle Coleman's Debt to McCandlish, Lease between Charles and Cynthia Coleman and John A. and David B. Dennis

Unit ID id284375

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42232

Unit Date 1843 Jan. 1, 1871 Jan. 12

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 13 (folder)

Scope and Contents

1843 Deed lays out payment of debt by transferring ownership of 24 named slaves and interest in the estate of Thomas Coleman

List of Slaves

Unit ID id284377

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42233

Unit Date circa 1850s

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 14 (folder)

Scope and Contents

List includes names of individuals the slaves were hired out to or the location, i.e. "asylum"

Note to Charles Coleman from A. Emmerson regarding Captain Baylor Hill Estate, Court of Claims Petition regarding Captain Baylor Hill (Petitioner Frances C. Coleman)

Unit ID id284379

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42234

Unit Date 1854, 1857

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 15 (folder)

List of Wounded Confederate Soldiers Left in the Baptist Church Hospital at Williamsburg after the Battle

Unit ID id284381

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42235

Unit Date 1862 May 5

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 16 (folder)

Testimonies regarding the Shelton-Laurel Massacre

Unit ID id284383

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42236

Unit Date 1863 Mar.

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 17 (folder)

Notes on a Surgical Procedure, Medical Conditions

Unit ID id284385

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42237

Unit Date pre-1865

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 18 (folder)

Scope and Contents

These may or may not be in Coleman's handwriting

Poem "The Ninth of April 1865," William Barnes

Unit ID id284387

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42238

Unit Date 1887 Aug. 27

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 19 (folder)

Invitations, Calling Cards, Marriage Announcements, Coleman's Business Card

Unit ID id284389

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42239

Unit Date 1870s, 1880s

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 20 (folder)

Lecture "The Picturesque and Traditional in the Story of a Colonial City, " Charles W. Coleman, Sr.

Unit ID id284391

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42240

Unit Date circa 1888

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 21 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Delivered in 1888, 1891, 1893

"'Alma Mater,' A Poem Delivered at the Bi-Centennial Celebration of the Foundation of 'Their Majestys' Royal Colledge of William and Mary,'" by Charles Coleman

Unit ID id297298

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42241

Unit Date 1893 June 21

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 22 (folder)

Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans

Unit ID id284393

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42242

Unit Date 1907-1908

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 23 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Includes photograph

Miscellaneous

Unit ID id284395

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42243

Unit Date 1831-1882 (incomplete), undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 24 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Writing exercise, undated; basic genealogy compiled by Helen Coleman, undated; prescription, undated; handwritten document "Democratic Mutiny Williamsburg," 1856; Examining Physician's Certificate for Robert Armistead, 1882 Sept. 28; signatures of subscribers who agree to keep guard during the night (in Williamsburg), 1831 Sept. 17; handwritten note appointing P. M. Thompson as attorney to collect from the Confederate government "all negro hire now due [Coleman]," 1864; note showing where the Federal Army lent Coleman two mules and a wagon, 1865 May 30; clipping, undated; Confederate-issued receipts for supplies/provisions, 1861

Empty Envelopes with Confederate States of America Postage Stamps

Unit ID id284397

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42244

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 25 (folder)

Scope and Contents

8 items

Empty Envelopes

Unit ID id284399

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42245

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 26 (folder)

Photograph of Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans

Unit ID id284403

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/42193

Unit Date early 20th century

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Container 1 (folder)