

# Tabb, Henry Wythe Papers

Dr. Henry Wythe Tabb Papers

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## **Biographical Information:**

Henry W. Tabb was a doctor in Mathews County, VA during the mid-1800s. 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/Henry\\_Wythe\\_Tabb](http://scdbwiki.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/Henry_Wythe_Tabb)

## **Scope and Contents**

Photocopies and papers; 1847-1949. One copied 1861 diary and 1847-1849 correspondence of Dr. Henry Wythe Tabb of Mathews County, Virginia. Tabb's papers discuss life at 'Auburn,' their estate in Mathews County, including topics of hunting, female social life, detailed descriptions of the estate, servants, Tabb's wealth, and other topics. Includes clippings about the Auburn House. Also includes papers and correspondence (1947-1949) concerning genealogy done on the Tabb family.

66 items.

## **Related Materials:**

See also the John H. Tabb Papers, the Tabb Family Diary, and the Tabb Family Papers.

## **Keywords**

Correspondence

Diaries

Virginia--History

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

Women--Virginia--Social life and customs

Tabb family

## **General**

Other Information:

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## **Description of Subordinate Components**

## Papers

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/263189

**Unit Date** 1847-1949

**Mixed Materials** Small Collections Box 75 (Box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Language** English

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Diary of the late Dr. Henry Wythe Tabb: Tells of schooling, travels, medical education and his marriages. He married Hester Eliza Henrietta Van Bibber in 1821 (she died in 1823), Martha T. Tompkins in 1828 (she died in 1842), and Ellen Foster in 1846 (she died in 1858).

Newspaper articles about "Auburn." Tabb moved into "Auburn" in 1824. The house was begun for him by his father Philip Tabb. Articles describe rooms of the house and include illustrations.

Letters. Adam Foster, "Auburn" Mathews County, Va., to Cynthia [?], January 9 1847 Describes daughter Ellen's "home and vicinity." Included are descriptions of the portraits, rooms, gardens, servants, and an appraisal of Dr. Tabb's wealth.

A. Foster, Mathews Co., [Va.], to Cynthia [?], January 12 1847 Describes the overseer and the housekeeper at "Auburn", the table Dr. Tabb keeps, and a party given by Dr. Tabb (including the dresses worn by Ellen and Susan), another party given at "Glenroy", and a visit to "White Marsh," the home of John Tabb.

A. Foster, Mathews Co., Va., to Cynthia [?], January 20 1847 Describes party at "Waverly," the seat of Capt. Philip E. Tabb, a hunting party, and the social life of various young women.

Typescript of the diary of the late Dr. Henry Wythe Tabb, Auburn, Mathews County, Virginia, January 1, 1861 "Copied from a carbon lent to me on June 8, 1950 by Mrs. Selina L. Hopkins at her home "Rivers Edge" at Nuttall, Virginia, near Gloucester Court House." Includes notes on the family of Dr. Henry Wythe Tabb by Monroe F. Cockrell, December 2, 1952.

Typewritten notes made by Monroe F. Cockrell about Dr. Henry Wythe Tabb and Ellen Foster, his third wife, and about Francis Sorrel Claxton and Cynthia Foster, his wife (a sister of Ellen).

Correspondence of Monroe F. Cockrell about Dr. Henry Wythe Tabb, his third wife Ellen Foster, her sister Cynthia Foster and her husband Francis Sorrel Claxton, 1947-1949 Among the correspondents are Earl Gregg Swem, Selina L. Hopkins, Clayton Torrence, Van Bibber Tabb Sanders, and David C. Mearns.