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Scope and Contents

Correspondence, 1794-1887, of the Burwell-Catlett family of Virginia, North Carolina, Alabama, and Mississippi. Includes letters of Mary Cole Turnbull Burwell and her children including Armistead Burwell, Benjamin Powell Burwell, Frances King Burwell Catlett, Robert Burwell, William T. Burwell (at the United States Military Academy), Charles Blair Burwell, and concerning these children and her other children Elizabeth Margaret Burwell Putnam and Anne Burwell Garland.

Subjects include family, courtship and marriage, religion, setting up and teaching schools in Virginia, North Carolina, and Alabama, economics, travel, sickness, childbirth, and slavery. Includes a poem concerning love between two slaves. The Panic of 1837 is shown in the Burwell letters from the 1830's through 1850's.

There are letters from John Walker Carter Catlett to his wife Frances King Burwell Catlett. Catlett had children by an earlier marriage, some of whom are mentioned in the letters.

Also included is a letter by Elizabeth Keckley, an enslaved individual and later a published author, dated April 25, 1844 (Box 1 folder 14).

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Elizabeth M. Burwell, Hampden Sydney College, to Frances K. Burwell, Lovington, Va.

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Unit Date 1839 January 23

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Scope and Contents

Aunt Charlotte's baby named Lucy. Aunt Mary's baby has 2 teeth. Blue stuff coat bought by Ma from Mr. Biglow. Mrs. Smith teaching arithmetic. Will and Doctor teaching grammar. Doctor had tooth removed because of toothache. Sister Mary is very sick but improving. Christmas gifts from Dr. Nin and Miss Lane. Mr. Hutchinson visiting (friend of Mr. Lane). Mr. McVicar went to Charlottesville. Brother Armistead went to Petersburg. Went to Mrs. Bishop's on Christmas day and saw Miss Francina who asked about you. Letter from Ann Syndor. Ann Eliza sent candy.

Kate and Mingo: poem and note from A. Burwell, (Demopolis, Alabama) to Fanny K. Burwell, Boydton, Mecklenburg County, Va.

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Unit Date 1830 August 1

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

August day. Longs to stay in Virginia. African Americans love as well. 2 lovers, Mingo and Kate. Kate was beautiful and a maid. Mingo was in his prime. Mingo is African American and in love with Kate who is also African American. They were married.

Benjamin Powell Burwell, Quebec, to Frances K. Burwell, Mill Grove, Mecklenburg Co. Va.

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Unit Date 1833 February 27

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

William Burwell is home and wishes to move out. Brother Jno failed attempt to get into academy and is now teaching school in Tuscaloosa that according to William is a very good school. Hopes to have 20 scholars. Went on 2 deer hunts but didn't kill anything. Many deer on William's plantation. Buck says many deer are in Alabama where he purchased land. Went to Prince Edward and heard Mr. Staunton preach as well as visiting with old acquaintances. Stayed at Mr. Biglow's Saturday night and at Mr. Anderson's Sunday night. Miss M. Williams is pretty severe. Mr. A has 8 boarders but only 4 of them were there when she was. Monday went to Charlotte court with Mr. A where they heard Mr. Randolph's speech and resolution. Went to Dick Venable's that night where his wife looks like an old woman. Not home until Thursday at 12 o'clock. Will write Sister Anne. Pleased with Miss Frances. March 1, 1833 - Pa wishes to put up tobacco in March. Believes August is the best month for putting up tobacco and that he should wait until then. R.B. lies rather than tell the truth because it is convenient. Wants to hear Mr. G's big gun and how he fires it as well as his fate. Respects to him Landon, Sister Mary and Brother A. Intends to write brother Jno. Wants to see William, hear from Brother Jno and Ned Steptoe before she makes plans for the next year, possibly to go to Texas. Conflicted between staying and leaving. Doesn't want to leave

the country/state of her fathers. Possibly come back and visit relatives and also make new ones. March 2 - went to see Blair but he was gone to Lynchburg. Cousin Laetitia sends love. Mr. Tinsely is here. Don't forget guard. Brother Jno traded James for a mule and ultimately also sold the mule for \$50. Jno changed professorship but will try and get him another offer. William bought 23,000 acres of land on the red river in Texas for \$250. Owns 28-30,000 acres in all.

Robert Burwell, Chesterfield, to Fanny K. Burwell, Stoneland, Mecklenburg, Va.

Unit ID id108169

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321509

Unit Date 1834 November 19

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Wanted to move away before Christmas and go to Stoneland, leaving Anee with bairns, but Mr. Ennes placed obstacles in the way and have decided to stay another year. "The boy" is quiet and his expected name is Armistead (in reality this is John Bott). Thought of Mr. Plummer because he was a dear friend. Mary is delicate, but a good child who has recently spent time with her grandparents and has returned spoiled. Wish Martha would come down for Aunt Harrison because it doesn't appear she will live much longer because she is suffering. Wishes Fan would become saved so that she too could have the peace that Aunt Harrison has at this time in her life. Give love to my parents and Mary & Caroline Garland.

Wm. T. Burwell, Petersburg, to Fanny K. Burwell, Boydton, Va.

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321510

Unit Date 1836 September 12

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Received letter from Capt. Overby. Ma is uneasy. Letter from Sister Ann that said she had received a letter from Sister Anna which had stated that I was sick and was under the care of a Thomasonian Doctor. No need for Ma to be uneasy. Has gotten well so they should not worry. Not be possible to go to Boydton in the fall. Business is commencing and will be very busy. Wants 1 or 2 shirts and a few socks. Hard to buy clothes with small salary and doctors' bills. Mr. Garland's mother is low. Silas Wright professed religion. Give love to family and tell Ma not to worry. Give respects to Uncle Lewis. Saw Uncle Harrison in town the other day. Tired of Petersburg and wish to leave.

Eliza Owen, Sussex, to Frances Burwell, Peterburg, Va.

Unit ID id108172

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321511

Unit Date 1838 May 8

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Send shawl to Boydton by Mrs. Garland. Afraid that she is sick. Shug impatient to go home.

W. T. Burwell, Petersburg, to Fan K. Burwell, Mansfield.

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Unit Date 1838 October 16

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Send by Adams the articles she ordered. Pa and Ma unwell. Pa to put off trip. Hand is numb and it makes it difficult to write.

A. Burwell, Vicksburg, to Frances K. Burwell, Petersburg, Va.

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Unit Date 1839 March 28

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Involved with business and have little time to reply. State of affairs is alarming and distressing. Men failing daily for large amounts. Money rare. Change from extended credit to cash system. South not the place for poor people. Vicksburg is a pleasant place. Most women are married but there is one that catches his eye though he wouldn't marry now and risk his children growing up in poverty. Situated in Dr. Turnbull's family. Tell Miss Pris to come to VBurg as soon as she pleases. No news everything is occupied with money arrangements. Trial of contested election for mayor of the town. Matter decided against me after 3 days of speechifying. Criminal court and civil court to open soon and will thus be in court for several months. If promissory notes do not increase in value, lawyers will be driven from the bar. Unwilling to work any wage on credit and compelled to quit for capital to carry on business. Tell William not to leave present employment. Regret not having gone into merchandise. Deal with worst of our species. Like to come to Virginia in the summer, but won't be able to do so because want to leave Vicksburg better than came. Tell William to call Messer Holderby and McPheeters to acknowledge the receipt of a bill on R. Turnbull by Dr. for \$100. Fees for collection are \$10 which he will get if money is paid.

William Turnbull Burwell, Washington, to Frances King Burwell, Petersburg, Va.

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Unit Date 1840 June 10

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Arrived safely at 3 o'clock and found Mr. Garland. Spent evening at capital listening to Loco foco Speech on the sub bill. Ladies congregated in front of the superb building to listen to Marine band. Leave for New York by train tomorrow evening. Get to W point on Saturday. Will be accompanied by Major John Garland as far as New York. Write at Mansfield when I reach W Point. Love to sister Ann and C.

Wm. T. Burwell, West Point, to Frances K. Burwell, Mansfield.

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321515

Unit Date 1840 October 9

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

In good health. Many classmates thinking of leaving. 3 or 4 cadets speaking of going to Texas. Court Martial against 2 or 3 cadets for violations of regulations by frolicking. Rob has returned. Bella has been sick.

Charles Blair Burwell, Dayton, Ala. to Frances K. Burwell, Petersburg, Va.

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321516

Unit Date 1841 June 20

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

June 20 - saw Powell last Sunday and he was well. Attended an Examination. Congress assembled an election for speaker and clerk. Mr. Garland "thrown higher than a pine by reformers". Cousin Lewis is well. Crops are good. Love to mother. July 20 - letter came after left. Will is doing well and is a Corporal. Sally Depre's death. Mr. Stansbury reads German romances to us every evening. Dr. Goodwyn died.

Eliza's music is going well. Nannie and Frank are sweet and improving. Mary C. Burwell to send Powell's letter the next week unless she hears otherwise, send socks by Ned. Frances King Burwell to John – wishes to hear of Washington visit.

Betty Burwell, Mansfield, to Fanny K. Burwell, Gloucester C.H.

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Unit Date 1842 March 11

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Spent Monday evening with Mr. Gaines. Betty and Lucy enjoyed the evening. Mr. Campbell was all devotion. Mr. Knecht gave fine music. Heard Miss Octavia Branch sing. Mr. Knecht is coming tomorrow evening for Fanny's birthday. Letter from Bro. William and he is well. Lucy won't be back for a fortnight. Wish Mrs. Garland lived here. Mr. and Mrs. Witlock and Susan Robinson dined here last night. Likes Susan Robinson. Mrs. Garland makes children work. Sister Anna been in bed all week. Children going to Mr. Mallory's next week.

Mary C. Burwell, Hillsboro', to Fanny K. Burwell, Gloucester C. H.

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Unit Date 1842 March 14

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 13 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Fanny left Mansfield. Mary leaves for Mecklenburg on the 28th. Received letter from Landon whose Barouche is at her service all the time. Answered Cousin Ann's letter. Stir in Hillsboro with wedding parties of Mr. Cameron from Petersburg who married Miss Walker daughter of Mrs. John Walker. Anna went to visit Mrs. Cameron (mother of Mr. Walker Cameron). Like to see Caroline. Wrote Bet. Wrote all the boys and only heard back from Will. Not heard from John in a long time and worried about his children. Little Frank growing fast and his health is improving. Wishes brother John would become independent. Uncertain how long to stay in Mecklenburg. Anxious to be home. Direct letter to Boydton in Landon's care. Wants to know who Mrs. Waller is because Waller sounds familiar. Robert and Anna send love. Hannah sends love and has improved her bad temper.

Lizzy (Elizabeth Keckley), Mansfield, to Fanny Burwell, Gloucester C. H.

Unit ID id108183

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321519

Unit Date 1842 April 25

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 14 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Miss Betty spent evening at Mr. Powell's last Friday with other ladies. Mr. and Mrs. Randolph came to visit Saturday night and stayed all day Sunday. Mr. Jones went to Mrs. Powell's as a trick played on him. Mr. Jones's horse ran away from him, but Jim retrieved and returned the horse to town. Betty Scott to be married on May 3rd. Mrs. G and Miss Bets gone to town to get book muslin for Miss Bet's frock. Miss Betty Scott to marry Dr. James Boisseau. Nannie is pretty and learning alphabet. Busy making shirts. Need to make Miss Bet's frock to wear to Miss Betty's wedding. Miss Anne and Miss Charlotte aren't lacing corsets from the bottom. Miss Charlotte isn't holding her head up. Mr. Randolph looks like a 60 year old man – beard is quarter of an inch. Maj Hughs has an inch long beard. Mary sick with ague and fever. Mistress in Boydton, to return after commencement when Mr. Garland goes up. Miss prospect of 2 beaux: Dr. Spencer and Mr. William Tornson.

W. T. Burwell, West Point, to Fanny K. Burwell, Gloucester C. H., Va.

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Unit Date 1842 June 3

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 15 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Examination commences Monday. Ma was in Mecklenburg and doing very well. She expects to be at Mansfield for W.T. Burwell's arrival home and come home by cars or steamboat from New York by way of Washington.

Benjamin Powell Burwell, Sumterville, Ala., to Fan K. Burwell, Gloucester C. H., Va.

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Unit Date 1842 June 3

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 16 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Working again in pedagogy. School commenced and consists of 15 scholars. 10 studying languages and higher Algebra, Geometry, and Chemistry; all others are studying grammar, geography, or arithmetic. School is limited to 20. Employed for 5 months and to receive \$300 as well as board. If pleased with performance could have the school for several years. If not pleased be transferred to another school which pays better but requires more work. Objects to plan of establishing a permanent school and getting Fan a female school. Couldn't remain in one place and longs to move twice a year so the plan would be impractical. Try to help Fan get a position as an independent teacher or assistant in an academy. If B.P. was to settle there would be a better chance of establishing a female school. Property has declined from 25 to 50 to 75% and is still declining. Crops doing well. Spent 3 weeks of April in Vicksburg where Brother A and wife are doing well. Blair is at Abram's doing little but BP hopes to get him something in Warren County Miss where Jno Bolling (husband of Lucy Randolph) who has 4 sons who he hopes to hire someone to teach them for a few hours a day because he doesn't want to send them to school. Blair to try and go next winter. Bolling is paying \$300 and doesn't want them to teach more than 3 hours a day. Offered a school at \$800 plus board, but unsure whether or not to take it. Wrote to Sam Sanders.

B. P. Burwell, Sumter, Ala., to Mary C. Burwell, Petersburg, Va.

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Unit Date October 18

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 17 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Oct 18 - Escaped fever (congestive) . Good many deaths and a lot of sickness but believes country is now entirely healthy. In Gainesville, 40 deaths since the 1st of January which contains approximately 1500 inhabitants. Many scholars have been sick which resulted in school not be out until the 1st week in December. Continue here until June 1 for \$400 and board. Expect 20-25 scholars. Blair is going to try and spend winter with BP. Professed religion along with 6 or 8 others. Not connected to any church but expect to join the Presbyterian Church. Became acquainted with Mr. Kirkpatrick (brother of HP who was an old classmate) who is an excellent preacher and is settled in Gainesville. Oct 20 - Ma has no time to write so Bettie is sending letter to F.K. Mr. Leyburn has returned and is looking well. Mr. John Atkinson preached yesterday with an interesting account of Texas. Mr. Garland, Sam, and Hugh are with them. Hugh is sweet but has cough that may be whooping cough. Forwarded with note to Miss F. K. Burwell, Gloucester C. H.

Mary C. Burwell, Petersburg, to Frances K. Burwell, Gloucester C. H., Va.

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Unit Date 1842 July 28

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 18 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Fanny needs to meet with the Baytops. Mr. Garland is with Mary C. Burwell. Best for Fanny to go to Gloucester Point with Mr. B.

Anne Robertson Burwell, Hillsboro, to Mary C. and Fanny K. Burwell, Petersburg, Va.

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321524

Unit Date 1842 September 27

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 19 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Brother John came to visit Anne. Aunt Bott introduced him to the children (Johnny and Molly). Mr. Burwell went to Prince Edward for a meeting of the board. John is ill so Dr. Strudwick came and gave him calomel and oil saying he had too much of a headache for quinine. Dr. Long, Mr. Jno Kirkland, and Mr. Jno Norwood came to see John but he was too sickly to visit yesterday. Aunt Bott and Anne set with him and Mr. Schell sleeps in the same room. Got wheat meal for Hannah to make John a salt rising. Had chill at Mr. Lacy's in Raleigh, where he stayed a day, but not nearly as bad as what he has now. Mr. B. home on Saturday. Brother John has been teaching in Mr. Bingham's school. Mary and Brother John in the house. Mr. Waddell lives in with Betty and Fanny teaching music. John willing to try if the salary suits. Mr. Bingham has not been by yet. Mrs. Strudwick in house. Fanny in Mansfield.

E. Randolph, Peterburg, to Fanny K. Burwell, Gloucester C. H., Va.

Unit ID id108192

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321525

Unit Date 1842 September 30

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 20 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letter from Cousin Roberts. Lottie unwell yesterday. Daughter is flourishing. Sick servants in Mansfield have improved.

M. C. Burwell, Mansfield, to Miss F. K. Burwell, Gloucester C. H.

Unit ID id108438

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321526

Unit Date 1842 October 20

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Container 21 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Fanny to travel with Mr. Baytrop so as to not travel without someone protecting her. Betty taken with auge on way home so Anne sent for M.C. to care for her. Dr. May saw her and Betty got better after 10 days in bed. Found Charlotte and Lizzy sick but they are doing better. Sister Anne had a daughter this morning with red hair who weighed 12.5 pounds but both mother and child are doing well now. Heard from John last week. No word from William. Letter from cousin Ann last week – little prospect for school in her neighborhood. Christian Burwell married with only Mr. Reed's father and mother as well as his sister and her husband. Randolph in one of his worst humors. Bettie is well but with a bad complexion. Aunt Bettie busy making a mantilla of two old frocks. Added notes by C. M. Garland and "Bettie".

M. C. Burwell to Miss F. K. Burwell, Gloucester.

Unit ID id108439

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Unit Date 1842 November

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 22 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Hugh has whooping cough. Respects to Mr. Baystop and family as well as Mr. Stubs.

Mary C. Burwell, Mansfield, to Fanny K. Burwell, Gloucester.

Unit ID id108440

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321528

Unit Date 1842 November 22

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 23 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Received letter by Mr. Stubs. Moving to Hillsboro at Christmas. Bettie will be joining to teach music and possibly French at her brother's school where her salary is not fixed but will be given board. Possibly receive \$400-500 but the pay will likely be less next semester. Bettie willing to join but doesn't want to teach among strangers. Anne anxious to send Mary somewhere. Mr. G wishes to send them to Roxbury. Sam and Hugh are here and will leave in the evening. Hugh brought Whooping cough. Baby and Frank will have it as well as Bettie because she has never had it. Bettie has had cold all fall. Bettie has been in town more than a week. Servants: Mr. Arristides Smith to hire Hannah. He will also get Lucy for her victuals and clothes so that she can stay in the house. Charlotte might stay because of Anne. Amy will stay but it is unknown how she will do without her mother. Thought about writing Armistead to let him know of financial situation but it is feared he wouldn't have any money to spare. What little money received goes toward paying Doctor May. Edward was due \$29 at the time of Fanny's father's death. John still in Hillsboro where Mrs. Bott thinks his head has been affected. He is to assist Mr. Bingham in his school for \$400-600 depending on the number of pupils should his health improve. John will help pay board for Mary and Frank. Mrs. Botts thinks Fanny could get a job in New Jersey because teachers from Virginia are loved there.

Edward Randolph, Petersburg, to Fanny K. Burwell, Gloucester, Va.

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Unit Date 1842 November 23

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Container 24 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Not succeeded in getting Fanny a situation for another year. Don't know how to advise regarding Captain Baytop. Possibly stay with him again if possible and maybe receive a raise.

Drury A. Bacon, Wylliesburg, Charlotte Co., to Miss Fanny H. Burwell, Gloucester C. H., Va.

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Unit Date 1842 December 6

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Container 25 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Ann Burwell of Mecklenburg told Drury A. Bacon that Fanny is in charge of the schooling of a private family. If not engaged for the entire year please let Drury know of terms and conditions. Wish to get instructress for children. Resides 10 miles away from Mr. Lewis Burwell of Mecklenburg who is a reference.

C. B. Burwell, Dayton, Ala., to Mary C. Burwell, Petersburg, Va.

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Unit Date 1842 December 12

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 26 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Last Wednesday went to Dayton to attend Enquiry Meeting appointed by Mr. Witherspoon. Saved under preaching of Methodist preacher 2 weeks prior. Prays for Fanny, Betty, and William to accept Christ. Daughter of Mr. McIlwaine's died due to the whooping cough given to her by Bettie. Bettie getting over Whooping cough that she has had for 5 weeks. Forwarded with more from Elizabeth Margaret Burwell, to Fanny K. Burwell, Gloucester C. H., Va.

Mary C. Burwell, Mansfield, to Fanny K. Burwell, Gloucester C. H., Va.

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Unit Date 1842 December 21

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Container 27 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Bettie sick with Whooping cough and is uneasy because she gave it to Mrs. McIlwaine's children, the youngest of which died. Blessed that children haven't become ill and died. Letter from Ann describing the death of Nancy Coleman who had been sick for some weeks but could not be convinced to accept Jesus Christ. Mr. Bacon is living in Williesburg and is anxious to see if Fanny would teach his children. Mr. Bacon is uncle to the gentleman who married Sally Boyd. They live near the Presbyterian Church in Williesburg. Blair joined Methodist church on the trail. Abram Burwell again joined the church and it is reported that he is to be married though that has not been confirmed. Bettie got a letter from Ned and she learned that Nancy Haskins is ill and paralyzed the left side with 2 month old son. Not be able to leave until July 4th or 5th. Mary Garland to go to school with Sister Anna. Anne is well and pleased at the thought of going to school. Brother John is mending and if he gets well he will commence teaching on January 5th.

Anne E. Burwell, Pineywood Christiansville, to Fanny K. Burwell, Gloucester C. H.

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Unit Date 1843 February 24

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 28 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

In December found letter from Dr. Gurden wishing to know Fanny's address for Colonel Drury Bacon to inquire about Fanny teaching his daughters. Confined inside nursing those sick with measles. Aunt Jean disposed for 2 weeks, Papa for 4 weeks, William Armistead 3 weeks, Brother John's little girl was sick which worried their house servant, Mamma, and Cousin Panthias. Got through without getting sick. Mama confined with rheumatism. Brother John, Cousin P, and Aunt Jean left this morning. Aunt Jean goes with them as far as cousin Alice Harrises. She went because the ride might help her and would be a delight to cousin A. Alice will likely meet with Cousin Lucy Baskerville and Cousin Sam Goode's family who lives near there. Letter from Cousin Powell saying all is well and that he is enjoying religion. Cousin Blair is viewed as a zealous Christian. To write to Cousin Powell and Brother Lewis. Haven't heard from Brother Ab since his marriage to a lady they wish to meet. Brother Lewis is single. Brother Allen is settled in a small plantation where if crops are good he hopes to marry. Direct letter in the care of Mr. Randolph to Petersburg. Mr. Garland said he had not heard from Fanny in January because he had been visiting friends in the Upper country. His sister, Mrs. Caroline Garland left Lynchburg to go to New Orleans. She went out with Mr. Sam Garland according to Mr. Landon's family. Captain Sidner failed which was astonishing to all. Mrs. Lewis lost \$1000 dollars because of him. Mr. Sidner and Mary bear losses well but Lucy and William Sidner are hurt. Mr. Whites, the bricklayer, offered him \$5000 and Mr. Rainy to loose several thousand because of him. Uncle John from Franklin is here and brought Jno. Fanny possibly saw him last at Aunt Tabb's death. Cousin Henry is in good health. Cousin Thomas is ill much like his mother. Cousin Sally never writes. Fanny highly recommended by Sally Goode. Heard Mr. Cake preach and heard

Mr. Baker at a revival. Received a letter from a man in Brownsville, Tennessee. Mama, Aunt Jean, and the rest of the family desire to be remembered by Fanny. Aunt Field is still here. Cousin Mary is well and at Roslin with a little boy. Churchy Simpson is still living with Aunt M. Cousin Martha Kerr has Liver Disease. Cousin Christian Burwell is married to Malony Mon and live in place that was formerly Uncle Randolphs. Catherine Reed who married Cousin Granderson Field has a daughter, Eaton Field, who sold the property to get out of debt. They have 30 Negroes and are living at Roslin but expect to live with Thomas Field as soon as his house is finished.

Mary C. Burwell, Hillsboro, N.C., to Fanny K. Burwell, Gloucester, C. H., Va.

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Unit Date 1843 March 15

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Container 29 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Heard from Fanny through sister Anne that Mr. Baytop was in Petersburg. Bettie and Anna are to visit Colonel Jones. Miss Mary is very accomplished at the piano. Brother Armistead sent the \$50 that was requested and he is doing well. Paid Dr. May. John was not able to raise sufficient funds because he expected to pay for Mary and Frank as well as the medical expenses. John doing well and is invited to spend the evening at Mr. Bingham's. Wishes Fanny could see John's poetry. Bettie has 5 music students of which Mary G is one of them. Letter from Will saying he was much as usual. Robert received letter from Blair. Armistead trying to persuade Blair to live with him as he is in the mercantile business and thinks it would be good for him. John doing well teaching with 18 scholars and a small salary. Anna has very small school with only 2 boarders. Frank is sick. Lucy is a good maid.

Mary C. Burwell, Hillsboro, to Fanny K. Burwell, Gloucester C. H.

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Unit Date 1843 April 3

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Container 30 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Trouble with sending and receiving letters. Did not leave Petersburg until January 19th. Arrived in Raleigh on January 20th where friend D. Lacy enquired about Fanny. Arrived in Hillsboro January 22nd where Mary is staying with Brother R. Trying to stay in the village next session because of the amount of boarders Brother R. is to have, but fears that Brother John will not be able to pay for it on his salary. Brother John paid Mary's expenses to Hillsboro. Letter from Ann Burwell saying General Keen informed her that if John would go to Mecklenburg next year he would do very well because the school wants someone who can teach Latin. John says he must make over \$300 and if he must leave Hillsboro then he will. Scholars fond of John. Cousin A.'s father is better. The servants, Charlotte and Amey are with Anne. Ned Randolph hires Hannah and gives \$50 for her. The servant, Lucy, is with Mary and is sufficient. Armistead sent money (\$50) for Doctor May and with the leftover was able to do laundry. Does not know what to get for Charlotte and Amey, and Hannah's hire does not pay what Mary owes at the store. Wrote Powell last fall asking for \$50 for Bettie because she owed that at the store, but he didn't send it and so Mary had to give her bond to cover the cost. Bettie hasn't been able to repay Mary because she has only 5 music scholars and the pay is slow. Hear often from Petersburg. Charles Stainback failed and the Venables in Farmville as well. Capt. Syndor failed. Heard from William only once and expects to hear from Armistead. Robert is doing well and says to write to Blair and come live with because it would be more profitable to Blair. He did not mean to give up law but had engaged in the mercantile business. Blair said to be a believed Christian. Anne is well. Tight quarters next semester because of Bettie's three new pupils.

C. B. Burwell, Boston, to Fanny K. Burwell, Gloucester C. H., Va.

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Unit Date 1843 June 28

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Container 31 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letter from Ma and all were usual. Member of M.E. Church. Religiously inclined and Fanny is as well. Cousin Josiah Burwell has professed religion. Converted during quarterly last April in Dayton.

Elizabeth Margaret Burwell, Hillsboro, to Fanny K. Burwell, Gloucester C. H., Va.

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321537

Unit Date 1843 July 6

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Container 32 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Ma wishes for Fanny to meet her in Mecklenburg. Ma left Sister Anna's house because it was filled with school boarders. Summer vacation was only 5 weeks. 1st week was spent at Chapel Hill with Mary Mitchell at commencement. Returned from commencement on June 3rd and was extremely ill for about a week with congestive fever. Confined to the house for 2 weeks. Ma left last Friday. Mary Webb married last Thursday night to Mr. William Long by Brother Robert. Sister Anna attended the wedding with Brother R. Dr. Long threw the couple a large party to which everyone in Hillsboro was invited. Spent the next day with Mary Mitchell and called upon the bride. Went on a carriage ride with Mr. & Mrs. Long, Mr. Henry Webb, Mary Mitchell, and Mr. John Webb. Monday night went to Dr. Webb's after tea to see Mary. Mr. John Webb and Mr. Heartt came and they all went for a walk to the mineral spring. Ma wishes Fanny would meet her at Uncle Louis's house.

Anne E. Burwell, Pineywood, to Fanny K. Burwell, Gloucester C. H.

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Unit Date 1843 July 11

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 33 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

John declined his school because it wasn't profitable. Mother to come. Mr. Landon Garland inquired about Frances's plans and spoke of Mr. William O Goode's desire to have a young lady teach school in his household. If Frances is willing, Anne will ask Mr. Garland of the terms and bargain for Frances. Aunt Jean spent a few weeks with Aunt Boyd in Boydton who is afflicted by the death of her eldest son. Aunt Jean and Anne went to commencement. Cousin Fletcher Rives graduated and is going to his father's in Mississippi. Cousin Fletcher been among them for 5 years. Cousin Mary V. Early visited and attended commencement. John's health is improving and he goes hunting with Anne E. Burwell's father. Contemplating trip to Boydton where Mr. Cake is preaching at the end of the week. He preached in Wylliesburg and did very well. Mr. Coke and Mr. Sparrow were appointed by presbytery to visit all destitute churches in county. Mr. Doke from Clarksvill(e) preachers regularly in Boydton where his church has gained several regular members. Cousin Louisa Garland gave birth to twin girls and they now have 5 children. Mrs. William Lea gave birth to twins at the same time. Little Frank is improving. Cousin Robert and Family are well. Cousin Betty had been very sick. Mr. Rainy suffers under Capt. Sidner. Capt. Sidner has moved from Boydton to his former home and Mill and Mr. Chambers now lives on his lot in Boydton. Aunt just sent letter to Cousin Armistead. Received letter from Cousin Blair where he wished to hear from Fanny. Cousin Blair joined Methodist church and is thought to become a preacher.

Robert Burwell, Hillsboro, to Frances K. Burwell, Gloucester C. H., Va.

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Unit Date 1843 July 12

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 34 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Frances Burwell working too hard for Mr. B for the amount she is being paid. Robert wishes Frances would come visit and stay with him where she could find her suitable work. He has a small school with 22 and Bettie's music students are increasing. Children have all had the measles; Fanny is the last to get

sick. Heard from Powell who writes short unsatisfactory letters. Powell is doing well and attempted to marry a woman but failed and hopes to try again. Blair wrote saying he was determined on doing something and is deeply engaged in religion. A at Vicksburg is doing well in his profession. Not heard from Ma since her arrival at cousin L's. Children desire to see Frances.

R. E. Howard, to Frances K. Burwell.

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Unit Date 1843 October 4

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 35 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Loves the beautiful present. Wishes happiness.

Mary C. Burwell, Randolph Macon, to Fanny K. Burwell, Gloucester C. H., Va.

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Unit Date 1843 October 21

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 36 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Sick at the time of receiving letter. Well now after taking 2 doses of Calomel. Landon Garland and his wife, Louisa, went to Weldon and then on to Norfolk and Baltimore. Got letter from Landon saying they would have to stay in Baltimore for the doctor to look at her case which is thought to be consumption. He advised her to dry up her milk. Little twins are good. Little Maurice is very unwell but seems to be improving today. Matilda Boyd stayed 2 days this week and was pleased with her dress. Anxious for Fanny to come live with Mr. Baskervilles with the only objection being the small salary. Heard nothing from Alexander, sent copy of the letter to him: unable to provide services of Miss. Burwell because of arrangement with brother. At a revival, four of Mr. Blanche's scholars were converted, one of whom was Lucy Goode.

Mary C. Burwell, Piny-wood, to Fanny K. Burwell, Gloucester C. H.

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Unit Date 1843 December 7

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 37 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Upset in lack of writing, especially from the boys. Cousin Jane wished that Mary be present at her wedding although they can't be married in this state and will have to go to North Carolina to be married. Cousin Ann and Mary went to Boydton this week for one day. Dinner at Cousin Boyd's. Visited Landon Garland's where Louisa's health has improved. Little Will had a fit and Louisa taking care of him caught a very bad cold which is feared to be consumption again. Twins have grown. William Turnbull visited Boydton a few days after they left. Landon got a letter from John instructing him to come to Mecklenburg soon if he did not go to Washington. Mr. French promised to give him a place if he was elected. Mary wrote Landon that the military band went to Mansfield to serenade Mr. Hugh A. Garland before he left for Washington. Heard from Landon that Bettie was in Mansfield but is unsure of her future plans. Mary Sydnor and Mr. Dupre to be married soon but they have to go to NC and then go onto Charleston. H Boyd is to be married. Mr. James Oliver was disappointed at not being able to have Fanny to teach and said he would rather have her than anyone else, but failed to ask about the salary. Mr. Puryear has given up and many will suffer because of it. Cousin Alan will lose \$300 because of this. Cousin Lewis is the same. Kiss little Fan. Mr. Oliver wanted to know if Bettie would teach but he was informed that she would not undertake a school. Respects to Mr. and Mrs. Baytop.

Anne Eliazbeth Burwell, Pineywood, to Fanny K. Burwell, Gloucester C. H., Va.

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Unit Date 1844 January 10

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Container 38 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Mother is doing well. Cousin John left for Roslin where he is teaching Mr. Jack Field who gives him \$300 and board to teach little Robert. Aunt Jean married and gone to North Carolina. She is now Mrs. William Eaton. Married on December 19th by Mr. McGovern at 8 o'clock at Pineywood. Cousin Matilda and her husband came to help make the food for the wedding. Aunt Jean opposed to having invitations. They were married on a Tuesday and left the next Saturday for Greenville(e). Tilda Boyd was at wedding. Anne walked Tilda and her brother Allen at the wedding. Wishes Fanny had been there to walk Mr. Hepburn who was softer than usual and drank a toast to the destruction of bachelors and widowers. A month before Aunt Jean married, a Mr. McNeal said to be worth \$400,000 came to visit. He and cousin William met. Aunt Jean would have been his 5th wife. Cousin Louisa's health is much better. Cousin H is not married yet. Randolph-Macon College is very hard run and the professors cannot get any money. Edward T. Good, Mack Goode, and Mr. Rollins will probably have to sell possessions to pay their debts after Mr. Dick Puryear failed. Aunt Jean has fattened 30 pounds since her marriage. Brother Allen staying with them tonight. Little Richard has recovered. Mr. Wright is in Capt. Sidners old store. Rode to Wylesburg to hear new preacher, Mr. Wilson, son of Doctor Wilson of Prince Edward.

Mary Ann Rebecca , Lovington, to Fanny K. Burwell, Gloucester C. H., Va.

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Unit Date 1844 January 10

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Container 39 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Busy preparing for examination. At night they listened to speakers. The valedictory was delivered by Thomas E. Fitzpatrick Esq., son of the Rite Hon Col. Fitzpatrick of Patriots. Mary Ann had the valedictory composition. Sam's speech was on America. Miss Jones is a splendid teacher. Love to little Fan. Love to little Nancy Morice. Miss Jones sends her love as well as Antenetta and Cornelia. Miss Adalade Morgan is going to be married. Grandma sends best.

Edward Randolph, Petersburg, to Frances K. Burwell, Gloucester C. H., Va.

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Unit Date 1844 March 21

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Container 40 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

\$15 that was sent has been placed on Frances's credit at Garland and Randolph Books, leaving approximately \$90 due. This debt should not cause worry because the company knows that it will be paid. Cousin Betty has cut Frances out. Johnny was very fond of Edward's family. Mr. Garland was in town and says that little Nannie has been sick.

"April Fool" Hickory Fork, Va., P. O. to Fanny K. Burwell, Gloucester

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Unit Date 1844 March 26

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Container 41 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Lucy Baytup - Company requested at Mr. McIntoshes wedding on April 22, 1844. Hon Jno. R. Fox - Invites Miss Fanny K. Burwell and her particular friends to his party on April 10, 1844. Miss Mary McGlouklin -

Company requested to Mr. Sinclairs on April 20, 1844. Miss Martha Baytup - Company invited to the Concert Hall to sing. APRIL FOOLS.

Anne Elizabeth Burwell, Pineywood, to Fanny K. Burwell, Gloucester Court House, Va.

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Unit Date 1844 April 4

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 42 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Fanny's mother left 4 weeks ago intending to spend time with Mr. Landon Garlands and Brunswick. She visited friends in Boydtown and found Aunt Boyd's family busy fixing cousin Boyd's servants. Little Frank was sick. Fanny's mother visited Aunt Turnbull's last week and cousin Ann during her time in Brunswick. Cousin John is living in Roslin where Mr. Fields gives him \$300 and his board to teach Robert. He has a pleasant time with Miss Churcely. No knowledge of his affair with Till. Some say she discarded him because she left so suddenly for Petersburg. Mr. Garland was here 3 weeks ago and told of Aunt having the idea to propose to Fanny and Cousin John to settle in Boydtown next year and open a school and that she would live with them. Cousin Louisa to go the first of the month to her mother's to stay with all her family until November. Mr. Garland said he would visit very often when left a widower. The twins are very fine and remarkable although no one is allowed to hold them according to the father. Country swarms with Negro traders. Cousin Landy Boyd is in partnership with Charles Baskerville and others. Cousin John is attending in the Tavern. Mr. Bridgeforth is gone with the Negroes with Frank Boyd. Cousin Blair has joined the conference and has received orders to preach, though we do not know where he was sent. Spent the last of March in Wylesburg and heard Mr. Doke and Mr. Hart from Charlotte preach. The current preacher is a son of Old Doctor Wilson. Pleasure of seeing his wife this week, although she is not pretty, she seems genteel and agreeable. Presbytery meets at Lunenburg courthouse on the third Sunday of the month. Hopes God works through the Wylesburg Church. Mr. Wilson will take a day at Finneywood when the weather warms up. Cousin Panthea has gone with her father to kitten on the first day of March. Little Richard is handsome and Little Sally is smart. Brother John left Uncle Richard's two days ago; all was well except Belden's mother who is not expected to recover. Cousin Robert Boyd expects to move to Missouri in the fall with his family. His wife was a Miss Davice, her mother and family carries them. Aunt Jane Eaton appears to be happy with her man and hopes to visit soon. Supposed she has become fat but that is not believable because she has always been thin. Widowers to bear Fanny off soon. Murry Yates was married two months ago to the Mrs. Boswell, the mother of Thomas Boswell who Fanny met at College last summer. Thomas is very opposed to the marriage. The couple lives where Buck Finch used to reside. Harriet Boyd is still engaged. Mr. Dodson is building a very comfortable house for the Bird. Brother John and family visited Colonel Oliver's family on their way to Uncle Richards. They have a teacher they received from Halifax County, Miss Taylor, but A E Burwell has been unable to meet her yet. A E Burwell's mother has been ill since their Aunt left. William Armistead is going to school every day from home and A E Burwell has no escort when she takes him except on Saturdays. Country in agony over meeting Mr. Clay in Raleigh on April 12. All of the Whigs are preparing to go or wish to go. Martha Farrar spent the evening with the family while her husband took Mr. Puryear's Negroes to the South for sale. He has not returned yet. If he went to Alabama he wouldn't have reached his destination yet and so Martha Farrar is very concerned about his absence. Mrs. Goode is alive and in better health. Uncle Randolph's family is well with the girls staying home with little or no society. Mr. Hepburn in his visit a few days ago spoke of giving a dinner when Aunt Jean visits. Wishes Fanny to visit this summer and promises fine melons from brother Allen. Sally Goodes had her third child. Letter to write to friends at Farm Hill and to Cousin Bettie.

Mary C. Burwell, Lawrenceville, to Fanny K. Burwell, Gloucester C. House.

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Unit Date 1844 April 15

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Scope and Contents

Stayed longer than expected at cousin Lewis Burwell's because after Cousin Jean was married the bad weather set in. Wishes to have a home with Fanny and Bettie. Mr. Lee's house is vacant and Mr. Wright hinted at setting up a school. Mary wishes to try and get them all together with at least four boarders to help afford meat, bread, groceries, and to pay rent. John says that he will do his part and if there aren't

enough girls to keep him employed he will take a school for boys that would not interfere with the preparatory school at College. Servants are sufficient and she could hire Hannah out and get a steady old man to help. Lucy is a first rate worker who is very good at washing and ironing. Brother Robert hasn't written since Mary left Hillsboro. Bett is doing well, her vacation is in October and she expects to go to Mansfield then. Mary hopes to go down the last week of May or before as well as wishing to see Nancy and Hannah before she goes. Frank was sick last week. This week is to be spent with Mary and Charles. Ned and William are two boarders at \$100 apiece and 2 boys that go the academy. Blair has become a preacher and Lewis Burwell wrote his mother stating that he was joining the Ala Conference last fall. Landon's family has gone up the country and is expected to stay until November. Louis's health is much better and the twins are doing well. Mrs. Howard sends her love. Harriet insists upon Mary coming to commencement and Cousin Ann Frank is ill. Doctor Laird asked about Fanny. Sends respects to Mr. and Mrs. Baytop.

W. T. Burwell, West Point, New York, to Miss F. K. Burwell, Gloucester C. H., Va.

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Unit Date 1844 June 9

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Container 44 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Bet is well and pleased with Hillsboro. Not be able to leave for Hillsboro as soon as hoped because the examination was put off a week and the First Class which is usually the first examined is now the last examined. The postponement of exams is so that the Secretary of War may be here during the most important part of it and he cannot leave Washington until the adjournment of Congress. Military board has been appointed to attend the Ex with General Scott as its head. Probably won't be relieved from duty until the 28th. Classmate named Hawkins from North Carolina had a severe accident last week when he fell from his horse and fractured his leg. Hawkins hopes friends will come but if not W.T. will travel with him because he will be unable to travel alone. Mr. G has moved to town.

Mary C. Burwell, Petersburg, to Fanny K. Burwell, Gloucester C. H., Va.

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Unit Date 1844 June 12

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Container 45 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Heard that Fanny was to be married but had yet to hear directly from her. Brother John has been silent, but Mary believes to settle and support herself with boarders and having a female school. Mr. Rowsie says that if John will not teach then she must get a teacher and take Bettie. Sister Anne is anxious for Mary to go to Boydton. Mr. Garland is living in Petersburg. Mrs. Caroline Garland has sent her sideboard to her brother. Cousin Lewis is doing better. Letter from Cousin Eaton who seemed well and happy. Powell and Blair wish to hear from Fanny. When Mary was in Brunswick she spoke to Jane Turnbull who said that Armistead had a daughter, Priscilla's health was very delicate, and they board with one of Priscilla's sisters because Armistead has sold his place. William to be in Petersburg the first of July and Caroline says she is overjoyed that Fanny is to be married. Aggie says tell Miss Fanny I told her so. Mr. G will go to Gloucester next week and Mary wants Anne to go with him so that he isn't imprudent in his eating, which is what made him sick when he was there last. Nannie and Margaret look delicate. Anne is well. Respects to Mr. and Mrs. B. Frank says everyone sends love from Lucy down to little John.

Armistead Burwell, Petersburg, to Fanny K. Burwell, Gloucester C. H., Va.

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Unit Date 1844 July 13

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 46 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Will and Bet left yesterday for Hillsboro and will not return soon. Mama wishes to know when Fanny will come. Mr. Garland, Armistead, or Will will come down for Fanny. Anxious to see Fanny. Left Pris and the

two babies very well in Mississippi. Armistead is anxious to return to them and so his stay in Virginia must be short.

Mary C. Burwell, Petersburg, to Mrs. John W. Catlett, (formerly Fanny K. Burwell), Timberneck.

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Unit Date 1846 November 20

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Container 47 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Sister Anne delivered a son yesterday and both are doing well. Anne sends Fanny a lock of his hair. Cousin Anne and Matilda wish to see Fanny and her husband and little Charlie. Mary stayed three weeks in Mecklenburg with Cousin Lewis. Mr. William Eaton sent the carriage for Mary, Cousin Boyd and Cousin Ann to see Cousin Jean who appears happy. Stayed in Carolina four weeks. Cousin Ann was sick and so Cousin Boyd and Mary left her at Mr. Eaton's because she was unable to travel with them. Cousin Jean sends love and wishes Fanny to visit. Pleased with Cousin Sally Eaton while there. Saw Matilda Burwell who is a very nice housekeeper. Charmed with Granville. Heard from all brothers as well as Priscilla and Bettie who send their love and wish to see Fanny and Charlie. Bettie is pleased with Vicksburg. Will wrote from New Orleans the last of August and expected to go to Mexico with the regiment he had been promoted to; he moved from the 6th to the 5th regiment. Mr. Garland is determined to go somewhere. Wishes Fanny to come for Christmas. Cousin Anne sends Mr. Catlett a bar of soap and Cousin Sally sends a cake. Love to Mr. C, the girls, John, and Miss Lucy. Sending Priscilla's letter. Have to write to John tonight. Left Frank in Brunswick with Mr. Stone. Delivered message to Aggy. Anne sends love. Mary wishes Fanny would write. Wish Lucy was with Fanny because Mary does not have work for her and will probably hire her our next year. Sister Anne has small school that will increase after Christmas, though only 2 girls currently board.

Mary C. Burwell, Petersburg, to Fanny K. Catlett.

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Unit Date 1847 January 25

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Container 48 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Mary C. has been ill. Sister is cast down because her school has increased a little but she has no boarders. Jean Stone is here but she takes the place of Frank. Mary wishes John could help her. John has taken a school. Letter from Blair last week, he is in Sumter, Alabama with Powell helping to build his house where he will stay this year and make a crop. Powell has bought land and is settling; he has a very good school. Blair wants Mary C. to go live with him because he believes she would like the neighborhood although she is unsure of this. Mary C. is going to Vicksburg next fall. Mr. Garland had an accident. He had got to Wheeling and expected to leave in the evening for St. Louis. Mr. G seems in good spirits and it was fortunate that Mr. Rose went with him. Mr. Rose carried Albert and Jim with him and after he was hurt, John Rose had to leave Mr. G and take them to Wheeling to keep them out of the way of the Abolishi. He hired them out there and then went back for Mr. G. Anne first received a letter from Mr. Rose which was initially alarming if it wasn't for Mr. Garland's postscript. Lewis Burwell is in from Alabama, he got there on December 29th, and it is assumed it was a courting expedition. John Burwell has another son. Alexander Boyd is to be married to Sally Young. Mary Burwell staying in town all winter and sends her love. Servants are delighted at the thought of moving west. If Mr. G likes his family, he will move in the fall which is a long time for Mary C. to look forward to and thinking about it makes her dread it very much. Saw an account of a tornado which passed through Gloucester and Mathews and is curious as to whether it was near Fanny. Hired Lucy out this year for \$30. Mary does all the necessary work except washing which is done by Charlotte because Anne has no boarders. Little Fan sends love. The baby is named Spotswood.

Anne Burwell Garland, Petersburg, to Frances Burwell Catlett, Timberneck, Gloucester.

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Unit Date 1847 July 19

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Container 49 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Mrs. Bott came in tonight and says tell Mama that Anna has a son named Dandridge Spotswood who is about 3 weeks old and is doing well. Brother R is fond of it. Amy is still weak. Behind with sewing work because Lizzie has to mind the baby so much. In dreadful spirits. Disappointed at Mama not coming with Mrs. Jones. Caroline joined the Church Sunday before last. Yesterday Spotswood was baptized and it hurt that Mama wasn't there. Hope Brother J will be able to sell the colt to get the money so that Mama can take what she needs of it. Tried to collect money but failed and am tiring of death and debt. Mr. G and Mary are well. Expect Mama with Dr. S. and Lady. Write by Dr. S because he will return next Sunday.

Unknown , Lovington, Va., to Fanny Burwell Catlett, Hickory Fork, Gloucester Co., Va.

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Unit Date 1847 December 24

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Container 50 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Send copies of the letters contained in the St. Louis Republican. They were received today addressed to Uncle Armistead. City of Mexico, October 1, 1847 – particulars of Brother William's death. He was Aide to Col. Clark Commander of 2nd Brigade of Gen: Worth's Division. Morning of the 8th, they reported to Col. McIntosh. Col. Clark had been wounded at Churabusco. Took possession against the enemy lines at dawn and were given orders to charge and drive the enemy from the position in which he occupied. Order was obeyed and we were victorious but at the expense of our best men. 1/3 of the men and 21 of 41 officers in our division were killed or wounded. Brother was shot down by a musket when within 10 feet of the enemy's 1st line of defense. Ball struck him just above the knee of his right leg (breaking it) and then he was struck down by a lance which ultimately killed him. During the long and bloody fight his sword and sash were stolen as well as the ring on his finger. He was buried the next morning in sight of the battlefield with the other 120 who fell with him. Col. Scott and Captain Merrill are buried on either side of Burwell as well as his little dog Rod who had been shot through the body during the battle, but was found licking his masters wounds before he died. 9/10th of those who had their limbs amputated have died and so it is good that Burwell's was a quick death. 8 of Burwell's regiment, more than half of those who initially came to the City of Mexico have fallen. Burwell has an ink stand sand box and wafer box which he took to the castle of Perote. He is noted as wishing his brother in Vicksburg had them because he would have appreciated their curiosities. Enclosed are those items in addition to a letter from Col. Clark to General Worth about his death. R.W. Kirkman cut locks of his hair and will send those in the trunk but enclosed are locks of hair that had been cut by the lance that killed him and were lying on the ground near him. Been with Burwell since the first of May and any further questions I would love to help. –R.W. Kirkham Adj. 5th Infantry. Tacubaga, Mexico, September 10, 1847 – excellent qualities possessed by William T. Burwell. Beloved for his suavity and irreproachable manners. –N.G. Clark Col. 5th infantry.

Mary C. Burwell, Jackson, Miss., to Frances K. Burwell Catlett.

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Unit Date 1850 May 10

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Container 51 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Haven't heard from John since last September. Brother A. received a letter from Mary Papplan saying that Fanny had a daughter and Mary C. felt mortified because she didn't know. Mr. Catlett wrote about the birth of Willie but not with this new child. Mary C. is in Jackson Mississippi with Brother Armistead who has been there since October. Blair went to Texas in November and Powell is married and no longer needed Mary C. She left Alabama in January with friends and visited New Orleans before coming back to Jackson. Randolph lives in New Orleans and Mary C. visited with him for 5 weeks and was pleased with

his wife who is the daughter of Mr. Meade who was an old acquaintance. Mrs. Goodwyn from Virginia is a sister of Roberts wife was also there and stayed a fair amount of time as well. Bettie went to Mary G.'s wedding in St Louis and has yet to return. Mary going to Virginia. In June Mrs. Caroline G. is in St. Louis with Mary and Doctor. Mr. Pembroke Garland is living with Doctor G and Mrs. Garland came to visit. Mr. Pembroke has been confined to his bed for 8 years. Mrs. Doctor Garland came to visit after Mary C. arrived in Jackson; she is the daughter of Mr. James Garland. Letter from Powell and Margaret stated that little Willie missed Mary C. after she left. Mr. Catlett's friend, Mr. Morris, lives near Jackson and Mary C. sent word to him by Mr. Bur. Have a good Presbyterian preacher. Blair likes Texas; he is on the San Antonio River in Victoria County and he is good health. Cousin Ann is doing well and living with Cousin Sally. Mr. Roberts tends to his plantation which is 4 miles from Cousin Sally's. Matilda Boyd is married to a brother of Ann's husband.

Mary C. Burwell, Jackson, Miss., to Fanny K. Burwell Catlett.

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Unit Date 1851 August 6

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Container 52 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Pris gave birth to a son on July 30th and both are doing well. The assumption is that the child will be named Armistead. Fanny hasn't been feeling well and Mary C is worried about her. Hope Miss Lucy is better. Wishes for Fanny's mother to let her know who the minister is in Abingdon now. Powell is doing well and had another son named Armistead Thomas after the grandfathers. Blair is pleased with Texas where he is buying and selling stocks which he finds profitable, the nearest post office is in Goliad and he says the traveling agrees with him. Anne is in very bad spirits. Hugh is with Anne, but they are contemplating sending him to Uncle Landon because she does not want to send another child to Roman Catholic School. Caroline has a son born on July 8th that is named Bernard Gains after the Dr.'s father. Anna will be confined soon with her 11th child. Brother R sent his and his 2 boys, Armistead and Robert's, Daguerreotypes. Robert looks old. Brother A. is working on his river plantation. John is candidate for Clerk of the Senate. Feels solicitude for Frank and is anxious for John to send him to Powell until he is old enough for business. Visited Cousin Mary Barnet who lives in Yazoo City with her five children. In her most recent letter she wrote of losing her infant that was born when Mary C. visited.

Mary C. Burwell, Ala., to Fanny K. Burwell Catlett, Hickory Fork, Gloucester County, Va.

Unit ID id108549

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321558

Unit Date 1852 May 17

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 53 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Lady in Vicksburg had sensitivity to light but an eye doctor helped her and she can now read and work. The Doctor sees patients from all over the US. Brother Robert to visit if she doesn't go to Virginia over the summer. All is well with Mary. Blair is in good health and was about to start moving cattle from the Colorado River to Matagorda Bay and is expected to be gone 3 months. Hopes Fanny will see Dr. Farrar and has heard from Sister Anne that while he is in Richmond he would try to see Fanny. Won't be home until the last of June unless someone is going to Jackson. Armistead can't come and Mary C. doesn't want to burden Powell because he brought her. Pris's baby is ill with Whooping Cough. Bettie and the rest are well. Unsure about John not sending Frank to school. Miss Nancy P. and David Minge are married. If Charles Field lived in Rosewell, where is Mrs. Tabb Catlett. Powell, Margaret, and Cousin Mary Barnet (Randolph) send their love.

Mary C. Burwell, Jackson, to Fanny K. Burwell Catlett.

Unit ID id108550

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321559

Unit Date 1852 August 23

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 54 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

3rd son of Brother Armistead passed away at age 5 of Dysentery after the Measles. The 3 older children had the measles at the same time but fared much more favorably. He suffered for 10 days. He was the most healthy and sprightly of the children. The baby is 13 months old and no bigger than a 6 month old. He contracted whooping cough in the spring while teething, followed by diarrhea, and then the measles when it was thought he would not live. Virginia became very ill the week after her brother died. Brother Armistead has been unwell for 2 months with diarrhea. Concerned about Frank. Powell does not teach at home now; he is employed at an academy 3 miles from home where he teaches languages. Dr. Farrar expects Prince Edward will go to Philadelphia in March because he has a son that will graduate then. Brother Robert might come to visit this winter and if so she might go back with him. Pris sends love. Bettie is very busy and sends love. Miss Lucy's health is bad. Blair is still in Texas.

Ben. P. Burwell, Sumterville, Ala., to Frances K. Burwell Catlett, Gloucester C. H., Va.

Unit ID id108552

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321560

Unit Date 1853 March 29

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 55 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Thinking of writing Fanny for 10 years but have always put it off. Settled 3 miles west of Sumterville, 15 miles north of Livingston and 8 miles southwest of Gainesville. House is a double log cabin with sheds on both sides. A fine sandy hill is 200 yards from the church and the garden and orchard are between the house and church. Moved an old female school house so as to have 5 rooms beside a dining room, cook room, and store room. Settled here in 1847 when bought 80 acres of land at \$12 ½, 2 years ago bought another 80 at \$10 and this spring bought 100 acres at \$15. Brother-in-law owns half of everything except the last 100 acres in which he owns ¼. He takes care of the farm while Ben takes care of the schoolhouse. Charges \$4 a month and allow them to quit when they choose. 3 children - all boys and the oldest will be 4 next September, the youngest is 3 months. The older children are spoiled rotten. Rarely leaves the house without Willie and his dog Prince and Ben's dog Blue. Only teach 6 hours a day. Live in a good neighborhood where all the people are industrious. The country has been healthy for the last 8 years. At Sumterville there are 2 schools, one for male and one for female. The male school is a military school taught by a Dinwiddian, a graduate of Virginia Military institute. The female school is taught by Mr. Davidson of Petersburg, a grandson of General Butts and graduate of the U.S. Naval School. In Livingston the female teacher, Mr. Brame, was born in Petersburg, and so the Dinwoodie is well represented here. Blair is still in Texas but speaks of coming in the summer.

Anne P. Burwell Garland, St. Louis, to Frances K. Burwell Catlett.

Unit ID id108553

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321561

Unit Date 1853 May 2

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 56 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Youngest boy, 2 ½ years old, died last March 1, 2 months after Mary left us which makes the loss of 3 loved ones in a year and a half. Molly's death was sudden and of an unaccountable sickness. She had been complaining for several weeks of pain in her bowels. Her baby was born August 13th and seemed to recover relatively quickly, gaining weight and looking healthy in only 2 months. Friend and relative of the doctor was married middle of October. Mary helped with the wedding and attended the parties looking as well as ever. Became involved in religious duties. Longed to see her deceased sister, Carry. Promised her that her children would be taken care of. Sunday before Christmas, she dined with Anne P. and seemed more cheerful. She had dinner with friends and ate some pressed souse which is the supposed immediate reason for her illness. The next morning she complained of excruciating pain and so the Dr. prescribed her medicine and sent for Dr. Linton. She sent for Anne P. at 9 o'clock as she grew worse where she was suffering from intense pain in her bowels and vomiting. Sent for Dr. Papin. She got better the following day, but at about midday she complained of a pain in her side and so she was given a little paregoric under Dr.'s orders. Left her room for a few minutes and when Anne P. returned to give her the prescribed medicine she was breathing very badly and could not be aroused. Called the doctor immediately who thought she had only slept too long and gave her brandy and succeeded in rousing her though she remained cold where she began praying with a stiff tongue, after which she could not be revived. The last words she said were for Lizzie to "rub my hands" By 10 o'clock she was a corpse. The boy contracted scarlet fever on a Thursday and passed away the following Tuesday morning about 9

o'clock. Fanny to go with Betty Lemoine and spend time with her Virginia relations. Went through 7 years in poverty. Received a letter from mother. Thankful that Mr. G. is a changed man and is a constant member of the Episcopal Church. Hugh is a very promising boy and assists Mr. Watt in teaching and so his own education costs nothing. Collects bills and makes nearly enough to cloth himself. Mag is rather rude and wild. Spot is a complete scape grace. He is the only one that goes to school. Fanny teaches Nan and Mag but could not manage Spot. Mary's children are doing well.

Mary C. Burwell, Jackson, to Fanny K. Burwell Catlett.

Unit ID id108555

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321562

Unit Date 1854 January 23

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 57 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Yellow fever broke here in August, but went to the country and were fortunate enough to escape it with the exception of one servant who went to town without the master's knowledge, but who has fully recovered. This is the winter the legislature meets and the town is filled with people. Bettie's being married and left us. Pris is not able to go out. Miss Fanny wishes to be with her again if she could afford it. Fanny has 3 children. Powell is the only one that writes often. He has 3 boys: William, Armistead Thomas, after the two grandfathers and Benjamin Powell. I named the two last. He sent money to have Mary C.'s daguerreotype taken and sent it to him. Blair is still in Texas. He made arrangements to visit last August but the yellow fever was everywhere in the way in which Jno was to come.

Anne Burwell Garland, Saint Louis, to Frances K. Burwell Catlett.

Unit ID id108556

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321563

Unit Date 1854 January 28

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 58 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Fanny is with Frances. Baby has been very sick for 2 months and has the worst sore eyes, but he is now getting better. Asks about Frances's soul and whether or not she is saved.

Mary C. Burwell, Jarrats Hotel, Petersburg, to Fanny K. Burwell Catlett.

Unit ID id108557

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321564

Unit Date 1854 July 31

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 59 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Wrote Mr. C. to meet in Richmond but Cholera is very bad in Richmond and so Mrs. Petrie thought it was best to stop in Augusta, Georgia. Fear Mr. Catlett never received telegraph. Crossing the York River, as well as the uncertainty of getting a conveyance to Gloucester deters her from going until she has heard from John or Mr. Catlett. Dr. Jones went to Gloucester yesterday and if there wasn't word from John or Mr. Catlett, Mary C. would go with him today.

B. P. Burwell, Sumter, Ala., to Fanny K. Burwell Catlett.

Unit ID id108559

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321565

Unit Date 1855 June 5

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 60 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Tried for many years to get Brother John to come to Alabama and join B.P. in a school. Contemplated raising money next fall to pay off John's debts in order to get him to Alabama. Would like to help John but

doesn't want to injure himself or his family in the process. If Frank comes he will be treated as one of B.P.'s children especially if he is willing to learn a trade. Only teaches from 8-4. Blair is in Texas and pleased with the country there. He is attending to cattle on a 5 year contract. The oldest child, Wm. T., is good looking but it is feared he will give B.P. a lot of trouble. He can spell 2 and 3 letter words and doesn't go to school. Tommy is ugly and not so sprightly but is noble. B.P. is the flower of the flock in looks and generally a good boy who is hard to quiet once he gets started. Robt Hanna is rather large (15 lbs at 14 months) but is sprightly and otherwise healthy. Have 260 acres worth about \$15 per acre. Work 5 hands and keep 2 women and a boy at the house. Made 19 bags of cotton last year which was worth about \$700. School was worth about \$1000. Owe about \$3500 due next winter. Owed about \$1000 and if this year is as profitable as the last, then they will be able to raise \$2500. Expect to sell every negro except 3 and buy a new set. May sell them on credit to get 10% more. Trying to raise grain and stock because cotton is uncertain. May come to Virginia to buy new negroes if he succeeds in selling the ones he has. If this happens he will come and visit Fanny. Corn crop sold at \$1 a bushel. Drought has been severe. The corn crop looks well and has begun to shoot. If there is a good rain once a week for the next 4 weeks the crop will be doubled. If this is the case there will be 50,000 bushels within 5 miles of this place. Finished cleaning wheat and made about 90 bushels. Wheat crop generally good with between 20 & 30 bushels to the acre. Thinks they will be able to sell 100 bushels for \$1. Usually make enough sugar cane to keep the children and negroes chewing all year, but will hardly make seed this year. Wish Fanny could get agriculture friends to get a 1 or 2 of choice white wheat and send it to him in the mail between now and October. Margaret has gone to visit her Aunt who is in bad health. The boys have gone to Sumterville for preaching. Can't believe he is over 40 when he hardly feels 20. Mobile and Ohio Railroad is coming fast and will be 12 or 15 miles by the end of the year. Building a branch off it to Gainesville which will pass within 2 miles. The railroads will have a considerable effect on the price of land. Land is cheaper here than anywhere else. Added a second floor to his home and is now a very comfortable dwelling with 8 rooms and a large room for boarders. Wants Brother John's post office address.

Mary C. Burwell, Miss., to Fanny K. Burwell Catlett, Timberneck.

Unit ID id108560

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321566

Unit Date 1855 September 24

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 61 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Worries that Fanny is unwell and wishes that she comes to visit. Brother Robert said he was going to write Fanny and see her this summer, which it is assumed he has not done. Wonders if Mr. Catlett will be in Richmond this summer, what the baby's name is and why she has not received a lock of hair. Armistead is going to carry Charlie to Alabama to Powell's school. Powell still wants Frank to go to his school.

Mary C. Burwell, Sumter, Ala., to Fanny K. Burwell Catlett.

Unit ID id108561

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321567

Unit Date 1856 May 14

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 62 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Brother Robert's Daughter Fanny died on her way home from New York. Brother John has given him trouble. In Frank's last letter he said that his father was sending him to Uncle Powell's in Alabama as soon as he was out of debt. Would like to know how much John owes and Powell would like to know if John would come so they could have a school. If he could be certain that John would come, he would make arrangements for a larger school the following year. Thinks that Armistead will send Willie and that Anne will send Spot to Powell next year to school especially since the railroad will make it only a 2 day ride from Richmond. Costs \$5 to go to Mobile by train. Stayed with a granddaughter of Cousin Tabb in Greensborough. Sally Tabb and Henry said she talked about the family often. Met a lady from Rockbridge County who knew many of the same people Mary C. knew from Prince Edward. One of her daughters married Ben Smith who is now a professor in the Union Seminary. Eye sight is getting worse. Not given up on Mr. Catlett send a daguerreotype of the children.

M. S. Wood to Fanny K. Burwell Catlett.

Unit ID id108562

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321568

Unit Date 1856 June 3

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 63 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Trouble with mail service sending and receiving letters. Ill after visit. Mr. Wood wishes to buy a farm in Cumberland but was unable to and so he bought a comfortable residence in another part of town. Uncle Raymond Minor lost his wife just after they moved to Cumberland leaving him with a 2 month old infant which he begged her to take. The child's name is Elvira C. Minor and is just 10 years old. Not sent her or Rose to school except music lessons. Ellie calls her Marmy and Rose calls her sister because that's what she had heard her brother call her all those years. Rose's mother died 4 years ago and her father, 41, married a 21 year old last fall. Health is bad. Mr. Wood is sick as well. M.S. Wood's mother's health is better than it once was but has lost all sight in one eye and is unable to write.

Mary C. Burwell, Evergreen, to Fanny K. Burwell Catlett.

Unit ID id108563

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321569

Unit Date 1857 January 12

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 64 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Bettie is one of the finest children and was christened Bettie Burwell. Looking for Brother Joh who is coming to live in Evergreen to work in the bookstore that Brother A bought. Brother R had a stroke. Since Fanny's death he has turned very grey according to Anna. Hear from Powell very often who was visited by Armistead over Christmas. Anne is doing well and Miss Caroline is with her. Brother and Pris went to a masked ball with F and Nanie. They got home before 11.

B. P. Burwell, Sumter, Ala., to Frances K. Burwell Catlett.

Unit ID id108565

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321570

Unit Date 1857 December 18

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 65 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Moved to Texas where B.P. bought land on the Lavacca River. 260 acres of land with 100 enclosed and 70 in cultivation for \$1500. Frank left yesterday. Not able to leave before February or March. Wish to send 1 or 2 Negroes and to hire someone to plant the crops so that profits will not be lost. Only 4 days travel to Indianola. Frank will live with Blair who is stock raising. Blair will give him \$150 a year. Wishes to know the price of good plow boys from ages 12 to 15 and if Mr. Catlett would find some and send them to New Orleans. Hear very rarely from Vicksburg. Benny is rather puny and has had a fever for a day or two.

Frank M. Burwell, Carancahua, to Frances K. Burwell Catlett.

Unit ID id108566

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321571

Unit Date 1858 March 20

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 66 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Uncle Pow bought a place in Jackson and expects to move there in April. Half dozen neighbors in four miles. Bound to the North by Carancahua River and on the west and south by the bay of the same name. Uncle Blair's land that of deceased Wm Miller, is 5000 acres of land in this tract. 6000 head of cattle. He expects to brand 1200 calves and sell 400 beef cattle this year. Thinks Charley would like to live there with Frank and Blair. Aunt Harriet is a very fine woman. Uncle Robert moved to Charlotte, Mecklenburg

County NC. Will send a Texas Almanac.

Fannie L. Garland, Evergreen, to Frances K. Burwell Catlett.

Unit ID id108567

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321572

Unit Date 1858 August 26

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 67 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Running away from yellow fever. Going to Mr. Burr Garland's plantation that is 6 miles from Jackson. Packing for 3 or 4 months because it will be that long until they are able to come back. Grandma was here all summer and was taken with one of her fits in which everyone thought she would die, but she is doing better now and heading for Dingle. Aunt Pris and Uncle Armistead spent the day here yesterday. Uncle A drove with a high fever and has been quite sick since he went to the swamp. Frank was very ill in last letter from Texas. Charlie Burwell is in college at Princeton. Hugh is in St. Louis with Tim to practice Law. Mammy Aggie has been dead a year last March. Write to Vicksburg because there are several men there who have had yellow fever and will bring the mail to Fannie.

Anne Powell Garland, Vicksburg, to Frances K. Burwell Catlett.

Unit ID id108568

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321573

Unit Date 1860 April 27

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 68 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Mother died. For the last 8 weeks she was confined to her bed and was basically blind but her mental vigor remained. Monday at half past 9 she died without a struggle. Very few of her children were with her. Brother A was at court and didn't return until Wednesday morning. She was interred on Wednesday and is now resting with William and Bettie.

Fannie L. Garland, Vicksburg, to Frances K. Burwell Catlett.

Unit ID id108569

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321574

Unit Date 1860 June 15

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 69 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Lilly, Uncle Armistead's second daughter died. She was taken sick before Jinnie. Grief so great for Jinnie's loss that can't feel Lilly's. Aunt Carrie and Maggie are staying at the Barrens until Carrie goes to Virginia with Uncle Burwell. Also included is the obituary of Virginia Burwell.

F. M. Burwell, Carancahua, to Frances K. Burwell Catlett.

Unit ID id108571

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321575

Unit Date 1860 July 29

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 70 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Busy cow driving. Make an abundance of corn for bread. Uncle A lost 2 daughters within a very short time with Grandma following shortly after that. Vicksburg is a very sickly place and it is good that Aunt Anne and her family are leaving it. Aunt Anne to Virginia, Nan to St. Louis, Mag to school with Aunt Anna, Spot to school in St. Louis, and Hugh is still in St. Louis. Uncle Pow and family were well a few weeks ago.

Ben. P. Burwell, Jackson Co., Texas, to Frances K. Burwell Catlett .

Unit ID id108572

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321576

Unit Date 1861 January 14

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 71 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Comment on life in Texas. Writing to Frances in hopes that Sister Ann is with her. No smoke house on property and all eatables are kept in a cabin that is about 8 square feet. No corn crib or stable. Get corn and flour from New Orleans and kill a hog as needed. The stock is fed by the pasture from the Navidad to the Lavaca River. Only 12 cows, last year raised 10 heifer calves and 1 steer calf. 5 mares and fillies, 2 buggy horses and 4 mules and 5 yoke of oxen. Never run more than three plows at a time so that there is always a team able to work. Break land with 2 or 4 yoke of oxen. Work the crop with mules and horses and a single yoke of oxen. No crop last year, only 4 bales of cotton on 50 acres and no corn. Blair goes 8 to 10 days in the cow driving season sleeping outside without taking his boots off, he has made about \$1000 a year. Complains of hardships and wishes to get rid of his contract which is effective 3 more years. Hair and beard almost white and looks 10 years older than Ben, but his health is better here than in Alabama. Frank one of the best cow hands on the range. Immigration here has increased in the last few years, but last year's drought slowed this immigration. Most of the newcomers are planters. Two Prestons of Missouri (Landon and Shaw), kin to the Virginia Prestons, have settled on the Navidad about 5 miles from Ben. Had another daughter last month, so they now have 4 sons and 3 daughter and all are in good health. The newest girl is named Martha Catherine. Try to teach the 5 oldest but they do not like books. Very mild winter. Can get oysters from 20 miles away. Last ham of bacon was from Alabama. Until this year killed deer and turkey but this year they have been scarce. Probable that Texas will declare itself independent and it is doubtful that she will enter into the Southern Confederacy. Hope no black republic will ever rule. Grieves that he has to eat corn from a Republican state this year.

F. M. Burwell, Carancahua, to Frances K. Burwell Catlett.

Unit ID id108573

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321577

Unit Date 1861 March 24

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 72 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

State of affairs has made money matters very hard in the South. The Comanche Indians have been coming down on the settlers killing them and stealing everything. Mr. W.B. Grimes started a rancho on the Leona which empties into the Frio. Had 2200 head of cattle and 22 cow horses. The Indians penned 20 of the horses in their own pen close to the house and the two they couldn't open. One they shot and the other they frightened so much that he could not be helped. One started down the Leona to warn the other settlers but the Indians had hid in the gully and when O Neal passed, 40 rose behind him on G's horses and almost caught him because his horse was broke down and has already run 7 miles. If he had run 50 more yards, then they would have had his scalp. They killed 2 men and mangled a young lady so badly they thought she would die. One man they scalped and cut the skin off the bottom of his feet and made him run through the thorns, then skinned his beard off, shot 20 copper spiked arrows into him and then cut them out, picked a hole in the back of his neck, shot him through with a musket ball, cut out his heart, then cleaned off the road and stretched him across it and made 9 marks by the side of him. The lady was scalped but is still alive. The two men who take care of G's stock told F.M. Flourney and son killed Woolfork. Woolfork shot four times and stabbed 5 times and Flourney's son died immediately. Corn is 6 or 7 inches high. Uncle B and family are not home because they went to Texana Friday for preaching. Uncle B joined the Presbyterian Church yesterday. Be at home about 4 days every month from cattle driving.

Anne P. Burwell Garland, Charlotte, to Frances K. Burwell Catlett.

Unit ID id108574

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321578

Unit Date 1861 June 20

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 73 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

In Petersburg 3 weeks. Hugh came the Wednesday before Anne left and stayed one night because he had to go to Memphis where he expects to get a commission under the Confederate States in Col Bowen's regiment. He left the day Eliza was buried. She died Wednesday the 12th and was buried the next day at 4 o'clock. Sam and her brothers arrived after she was already gone. Left Petersburg Monday morning and joined Nannie B. who had left the Friday before in Hillsboro. Robert is going to join the hornet's nest, a company in Col Hill's regiment at Yorktown. People here been busy today fixing boxes for the North Carolina regiments. Robert leaves tonight and Florence Morton goes as far as Petersburg with him. Anna is going to Hillsboro as well as Willie who is going there to study medicine. Armistead is in the Calvary Company near Little Rock.

Anna Robertson Burwell, Charlotte, to Frances K. Burwell Catlett.

Unit ID id108575

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321579

Unit Date 1861 June 25

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 74 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Comfort to have Bob stationed near Frances and wish that Armistead was with him. Armistead joined the Calvary Company in Arkansas and was stationed near Little Rock.

Nannie Rose Garland. Lynchburg, to Frances K. Burwell Catlett.

Unit ID id108576

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321580

Unit Date 1861 November 6

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 75 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Aunt Carrie staying with Aunt Mary since news of Uncle Sam's illness. He is at his Mississippi plantation. Letter from Cousin Mattie. Not a word from Spot. Hear from Hugh in an indirect way; he is in Kentucky near Columbus. Heard through General Meems that Uncle Armistead got over the river safely and is expected to get on without difficulty.

Anne Powell Burwell Garland, Lynchburg, to Frances K. Burwell Catlett.

Unit ID id108578

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321581

Unit Date 1862 September 22

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 76 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Sam died. Fell at the battle near Boonsborough, Maryland on Sunday the 14th. Thought to have initially died at Harper's Ferry but he wasn't near Harper's Ferry. General Garnett had fallen in Harper's Ferry and the similarity in the names had caused the confusion. Brother Landon's son, Maurice, who was Sam's aide, accompanied his remains. He had telegraphed twice but no dispatch was recorded. He had joined the church two years ago and was a consistent and praying Christian.

Robert Burwell, Charlotte, N.C., to Anne P. Burwell Garland .

Unit ID id108581

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321582

Unit Date 1862 September 23

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 77 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

School began the 1st of the month. Wife had an accident that confined her to her room for 2 weeks. Anxious about Armistead. He is in General Price's army. Not heard from in more than a month. John's

regiment has been ordered to Suffolk and is expected to fight soon. His regiment is Colonel Owen the 53rd. Willie was in Richmond and it is rumored that his regiment has been ordered to the same place. His regiment is the 43rd Colonel Kenan. John is Ass. Quarter Master and Willie is apothecary which allows them both to be free from onerous camp duty. School has 30 boarders and 34 day students and 5 more boarders are coming in October. Several refugees, 5 grown persons. 2 children and 2 servants in addition to the Episcopal minister, his wife and servant. In total there are 39 regular boarders. Flour is \$28 per barrel and butter is 50 or 60 cents per pound, and everything in the same proportion. Supplies can scarcely be had at any price. Can get shoes for \$8 and because the price will only rise, will have the shoes made and sent to Petersburg unless otherwise instructed. Member of church sick in hospital in Lynchburg. His wife has written repeated but has heard nothing in return. His name is J.L. Todd and is in Christian Hospital Ward no. 3. Please make inquiry so that the wife can be informed. Congregation has lost 19 young men from wounds and sickness in the company.

Anne Powel Burwell Garland, Lynchburg, to Frances K. Burwell Catlett.

Unit ID id108582

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321583

Unit Date 1863 March 13

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 78 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Hugh's health improved and left the 4th for the army. He is Lieutenant Colonel of the 1st Missouri Regiment and expects to go to Missouri with Price soon. Received letter from Hugh while he was in Charlotte where he stayed with Brother Robert. Brother Robert has a good school and several refugees boarding, fortunately they were able to buy corn flour, meat, and sugar at reasonable prices. Maggie was ill but has since recovered and gone to Buller Clairborne's to visit. Hugh was in Richmond but was unable to see Mr. Catlett. Brother John received crops and they are a great help.

Anne P. Burwell Garland, Lynchburg, to Frances K. Burwell Catlett.

Unit ID id108583

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321584

Unit Date 1863 May 8

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 79 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Hugh not hurt in the battle near Grand Gulf. Spotswood is doing well. University of Alabama closes on the 5th of June because of scarcity in provision, a month early. Because he has been there 2 semesters he is able to come home for break even though it is an expensive and dangerous trip. If he returns to university he will be the only senior. Expect Brother Landon the last of June or 1st of July. His son, Maurice, is in the 2nd Virginia Cavalry. Girls and Hugh spent Christmas at Buller Clairborne's and met with Sarah Rose who is also staying there. Mr. William Waller and Cousin Jennie Waller were married and saw Caroline when they passed through on their way to Charleston. Mr. Waller said that Timberneck had burned. In letter from Nannie B., found out that Anna has been ill with pneumonia but was getting better. Caroline in the worst spirits. Corn meal is \$8-10 a bushel, butter \$2-3, eggs \$1.25. If the war continues, will not be able to keep the house next winter. Mag fixing old dress for Aunt Caroline. Have knitted 4 pairs of stockings and 2 pairs of gloves. There was a raid on the Central Railroad and the Canal. Cousin James Garland lost his youngest son, William. He died at his father's about 4 weeks ago and left his wife, daughter of Dr. Goode, who is expecting. Uncle Hudson is well. Cousin Boyd nurses him like an infant. Aussie Slaughter who married Mr. Broadnax, has a son who is a few day's old.

Hettie Catlett, to Frances K. Burwell Catlett.

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Unit Date 1870 March 16

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Scope and Contents

Going to dentist tomorrow and Saturday for operation. Cousin Nan is lovely, beautiful, and sweet. Hettie feeling unpretty. Aunt Anne is looking well. Cousin Mag is full of sparkling wit and is very pretty. Garlands

are sweet. Aunt C. is charming. Worries about Pa.

Spotswood Garland, Fleet St., London, to Margaret Garland.

Unit ID id108585

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Unit Date 1875 May 22

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Container 81 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Upon arrival found Miss Garnett who has taken in the sister-in-law of Mr. Wilcox Brown and the Cousin of A E's great friend, John Thompson Brown, and is said to be a cousin of ours through Winstons. Spent a day at the Cristal Palace. The program began at 12:30 with the band of the Royal 2nd Artillery, a play by the company's troupe, then some military music by the band of the House Guards, followed by a choral concert of 200 performers and finally fireworks.

Spotswood Garland, London, to Anne P. Burwell Garland.

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Unit Date 1875 May 29

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Container 82 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Uncle Landon's business keeps him busy. He is to finish what needs to be done today and then take the following days to sight see and go to Oxford and Cambridge. Wanted to go to Portsmouth to see the Arctic Expedition off, but expenses were too high. In Paris for 3 weeks starting next Thursday. Miss Garrett and Spotswood went to Church to hear the Archbishop. Met Miss Emily Mason as well as two girls from Baltimore, Miss Jenkins and Miss Rowland (Miss Mason's niece). Miss Garnett to be in Switzerland this summer as a guest of Miss Skipp.

Robert Burwell, Peace Institute, Raleigh, N.C., to Mary Armistead Catlett Jones, Gloucester C., Va.

Unit ID id108587

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321588

Unit Date 1886 September 28

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Container 83 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Write to Richard in Texas once a month. Good health and travels 20 miles once a month to preach. Going to Charlotte to spend 3 weeks with sons. John has a flourishing school and his children are well. Mary married Ben Lacy and lives near Robert Burwell. She has 3 children, 2 girls and a boy, the youngest is 2 months old. Nannie teaches music in the school. Armistead has 3 children; the 2 daughters are almost grown. The oldest, Ella, is in Robert's school. Ed married Miss Wilkenson of Augusta and has 4 children. Will is in poor health and has no children. Bob Strudwick is married, living in Durham, and has 2 children. Robert has 5 great-great-grandchildren and numerous grandchildren. Dan and wife have been in mountains of Virginia. Richard is a pastor of a church in Denton, Texas and is married with a daughter named Fanny. Since the death of Mr. Crow a year ago, Nannie Crow has been having trouble. She has 5 children and is able to live comfortably on what Mr. Crow left her. Robert is very feeble and unable to undertake long trips.

Robert Burwell, Raleigh, N.C., to Mary Armistead Catlett Jones.

Unit ID id108589

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321589

Unit Date 1887 May 30

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 84 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Lost Edmund Strudwick on April 1, 1887. He left behind a wife and 4 children. Pastor Dr. Miller said that he passed away peacefully. Left his family well provided for. Mattie will remain in Charlotte at the present. Her father, mother, and sister will stay wither. Robert will soon be 86. John has been sick for 3 months. He is improving and has been encouraged to go to the springs this summer by his doctor. Nannie Crow has been sick for 2 or 3 months.

Mary C. Mann, to Mrs. Catlett.

Unit ID id108590

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Unit Date undated

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 85 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Jar of Lard arrived to Mrs. Catlett. Mr. Mann offered to deliver it in person or it would have arrived sooner. Sent the jar to Court House for mutual friend Lucy Ann Wood to see that it is safely delivered.

Anne Powell Burwell Garland, to Frances K. Burwell Catlett.

Unit ID id108591

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Unit Date undated

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 86 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

No news from St. Louis since April. Living is terribly expensive. Send soap to Brother John in Richmond at the Auditor of Public Accounts and he will express ship it to me.

Anne Powell Burwell Garland, to Frances K. Burwell Catlett.

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Unit Date undated

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 87 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Written during Civil War. Brother John and Alfred at cars to see Anne off. Met Mr. Lynch, a brother of John Loving. Called Mrs. Robertson to visit with Nannie Burwell. Mollie May was expected from Norfolk yesterday. Sally Harrison is in Brunswick and Molly is staying at May's. Unknown how long Anne will remain in Virginia but refuses to leave without seeing son. President Davis arrived last night and was to go to Richmond in an extra train at 8:30. Mr. Smith's is far enough out of town that nothing was seen or heard. Lucy and Anne to ride downtown to see Mollie. Mr. Smith angry with Lucy's Cousin, Mr. John Catlett, because he has invited them to visit him and has gone to Petersburg without doing so.

Nannie Rose Garland, Vicksburg, to Frances K. Burwell Catlett.

Unit ID id108594

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321593

Unit Date July 18

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 88 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Fanny passed away after a painful 2 week illness.

W. S. Child, to Fanny K. Burwell?.

Unit ID id108595

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321594

Unit Date undated

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 89 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Send Miss Fanny handkerchiefs which she has marked tolerably for her wedding.

Frances K. Burwell Catlett, to Mary Armistead C. Jones.

Unit ID id108596

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Unit Date undated

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 90 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letter from Dr. Walker Jones recommending Miss M. Fox as a companion and assistant. Wrote to decline the offer, but she may suit Sally

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John Catlett, Jr., Timberneck, to "Dear Madam."

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321596

Unit Date 1794 July 13

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

Container 91 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Business in Mathews court. Reading of Mr. Nelson's letter.

John W. C. Catlett, Richmond, to Frances K. Burwell Catlett, his wife.

Unit ID id108600

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321597

Unit Date 1852 November 29

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

Container 92 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Wife's brother and he went to hear Mr. Langham preach. Charles and Nanie visit. Sent Captain Jones with articles for memorandum. Gala the next day. Senate adjourned for Virginia to vote for Pierce and King.

John W. C. Catlett, Richmond, to Frances K. Burwell Catlett.

Unit ID id108601

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321598

Unit Date 1853 January 15

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

Container 93 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Re: his son John's behaviour at the University. Son (John) borrowing money in Richmond; suspected of gambling while at school. John refused to meet with him while he is in Charlottesville. John asked to withdraw from school

John W. C. Catlett, Senate Chamber, to Frances K. Burwell Catlett.

Unit ID id108603

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321599

Unit Date 1854 January 9

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

Container 94 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Slave (Betsy) purchased for Dr. Nelson for \$770. Attending Dr. Funsten's wedding and visiting John in Charlottesville along the way. Worried about (son) John's progress in School and his assumed gambling.

John W. C. Catlett, Richmond, to Frances K. Burwell Catlett.

Unit ID id108604

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321600

Unit Date 1854 January 18

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

Container 95 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

John (son) with him in Richmond but to go home soon. Senate is not productive and only spending the people's money.

John W. C. Catlett, Richmond, to Frances K. Burwell Catlett.

Unit ID id108606

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321601

Unit Date 1854 February 15

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

Container 96 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Mr. Dudley elected president against wishes. Major Taliaferro disappointed with outcome. Dinner with governor. Legislature not productive.

John W. C. Catlett, Richmond, to Frances K. Burwell Catlett.

Unit ID id108607

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321602

Unit Date 1857 December 10

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

Container 97 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Wife's Brother (John) visited. Met with Miss Louiza Seawell and Mrs Roberts (formerly Miss Ann Burwell). Butcher animals and sell for profit if possible. Coming down before Christmas as will Charles and Nanie. Mr. Hunter to be elected as Senator of United States.

John W. C. Catlett, Senate Chamber, to Frances K. Burwell Catlett.

Unit ID id108608

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321603

Unit Date 1858 January 12

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

Container 98 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Legislature during the week and church on Sunday. Previous Sunday attended morning service by Mr. Minnigerode at St. Paul and evening service by Mr. Duncan at Trinity. Met with brother of Mr. John Rose and was informed of health of Sarah. Going to Washington to be there during congressional sessions. Governor wrote letter to Tammany Hall opposition which caused measures to be taken by the senate. Governor wishes to be president. Kill beef while weather is good. Informed by Miss. L. Seawell that Mrs.

A. B. Catlett threw party at Tavern and would like details of the event though his family will probably not be invited. Wm B. Taliaferro elected Major General of Va. Militia. Gen. Boykin is not happy with the results.

John W. C. Catlett, Senate Chamber, to Frances K. Burwell Catlett.

Unit ID id108609

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321604

Unit Date 1858 February 16

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

Container 99 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Cold worsened. Heard Mr. Dawson of Georgia speak at a lecture for the Mount Vernon Association for two hours and was not impressed with his lecture. Celebration on the 22nd with a grand state ball at Ballards and a dinner at the American. General Canwell plays part in festivities. Listened to debate on freedmans bill. Opposes the taxation of oysters. Lieutenant Governor sent for media because he was charged with malfeasance in office. Snow almost gone. Wishes Dr. Nelson to drive mare so that she is not idle.

John W. C. Catlett, Senate Chamber, to Frances K. Burwell Catlett.

Unit ID id108611

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321605

Unit Date 1858 February 25

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

Container 100 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Son had lost letter from wife. Son got drunk and lost coat and as a result was forced to take blankets from the hotel. Son accused of larceny. Extremely upset with son's behavior and his representation of the family. To go home soon. Sickly for several days. Sell muttons if possible. Mrs. Caroline Garland is with him.

William Burwell Catlett, Williamsburg, to sister, Mary Armistead Catlett.

Unit ID id108612

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321606

Unit Date 1862 February 5

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

Container 101 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Likes how Dr. Griffin teaches. Inquires about fowl and a rooster given to her by John Tabb.

Mary Armistead Catlett Jones. "Gloucester in other days."

Unit ID id108613

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321607

Unit Date undated

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

Container 102 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Homes elaborate and homes as well as slaves were under the control of families for generations. Entertaining in an elegant way. Large parties took up the whole lower floor. Food was served in a room upstairs. Many guests stayed for breakfast. Life in Gloucester has changed from luxury and ease to service and self-sacrifice. Gloucester was formerly the residence of Wm. B. Taliaferro, Mr. John Tyler Seawell, Mr. Boswell Seawell, Col. Warner Throckmorton Jones, Molly Elliot Seawell, and Sally Nelson Robins. Photocopy copy of Mss and TMs.

Mary Armistead Catlett Jones. "Timber Neck."

Unit ID id108614

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321608

Unit Date undated

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

Container 103 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Photocopy of Mss and TMs.

Mary Armistead Catlett Jones. "A few war experiences...."

Unit ID id108615

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321609

Unit Date undated

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

Container 104 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Men returned home and they were cared for. Upon their return many gave letters to women and were later married in their home. Christmas 1918 associated with camps filled with wounded soldiers. Agreement to not spend money on their own family but instead use it to benefit the returning soldiers. Met with Lithuanian man in camp. At the beginning of the war, household was filled with nurses from the New Zealand troop. Work of the Red Cross Canteen. Photocopy of two TMs.

Mary Armistead Catlett Jones. Untitled recollections.

Unit ID id108616

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321610

Unit Date undated

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

Container 105 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Sketch of Mary Armistead (Catlett) Jones's life. Happiness until the War. House refuge for soldiers when they were in Gloucester Point and Yorktown. Nanny Garland (Mother's niece) visited wishing she had 10 brothers to join the southern Army, but she only had 2 brothers (1 was killed; he was a Lt. Colonel from the University of Virginia). After war, man in Missouri wrote Nanny saying he found young Garland in Franklin, Tennessee where he gave him a cup of water before he died a short time later. In remembrance of this he also sent a silver cup inscribed with "In Memory of a Cup of Cold Water". Soldier from Georgia died in their home. Her two brothers escaped the war unscathed and lived to be moderately old. People poor after war. Scarcity of food - lived off of corn bread & fried meat. Education was troublesome - father formerly employed teachers for her brothers but once they came of age, her family had to drive 4 miles to brother-in-laws house to be taught by Dr. Griffin (Earl of 'Traquaire'). First great invention she remembers is the sewing machine because it made women's lives easier. After the sewing machine was the telephone which helped to unite all of Tidewater, Virginia. By the time of the telephone, she had lived at her old home (Timberneck which her Grandfather built) for 9 years, where her 4 children were born. Father's mother was Ann Carter, the granddaughter of King Carter of "Cortoman" on the Rappahannock River. Mother was Fanny Burwell, daughter of Col. Armistead Burwell (direct descendent of Lewis Burwell of Carter's Creek in Gloucester). Powhatan's residence with distinct old chimney directly across creek from her home. Mr. Charles Campbell visited old chimney. Saw gas and electricity introduced to allow women to have small kitchens. Automobile. Flying machine. Wireless telegraph. Radio. Only younger brother, Carter, and she remain of their family. Husband died 7 years before. Has 6 grandchildren. Expressions used by servant. "Uncle" George caught and prepared oysters for her 16th birthday. White mammy was housekeeper who idolized her mother's children and is remembered for her faith in God. Grandmother Ann Walker Carter, married John Catlett, jr. of King William County, Virginia in 1780. Their first daughter was named "Hetty" after a Quaker nurse who nursed John back to health in Philadelphia. Grandfather built 'manor house' along the York River, 4.5 miles above Yorktown. Aunt Hetty married Mr. Benjamin Waller of Williamsburg. Gave miniature to son's wife (married his mother's niece who was her 1st cousin). Father had 7 sisters: Polly married Col. Thruston, Nancy married Field, Matilda married Morris, Lucy married Baytop, Sally married Yates, Martha married Banks, then Thruston. Brother Charles died at age 19. Father inherited all the land of Grandfather. Topaz brooch given to mother by her brother Armistead Burwell. Photocopy of Mss and TMs.