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**Unit ID**

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**Unit Date**

1794-1934

**Language**

English

**Creator**

Cole, Henry Denison, 1856-1938

**Creator**

Lane, Levin Winder, Sr.

**Extent**

2 Boxes

**Repository**

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# Biographical / Historical

Several of the documents reference "L.W. Lane" and it can be difficult to discern which family member is being referenced. The below geneology may assist in identifying who authored/is associated with the materials.

Captain L.W. Lane, Sr. (born January 6, 1839, died April 27, 1933) Colonel L.W. Lane, Jr. (born August 31, 1891, died March 7, 1934) L.W. Lane III (born February 1, 1892, died September 24, 1934)

# Scope and Contents

Collection includes materials related to the Lane and Cole families of Williamsburg, Virginia including wills, voting ballots, property receipts, deeds, photographs, contracts, estate documents, invitations, diaries, and correspondence. The materials detail the political, economic and social issues in Williamsburg during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Specific Virginia properties are named, i.e. "Lilliput" and "Lightview." The emancipation of named enslaved individuals are in the last will and testament of Ezechael Lane, and the hiring of an enslaved man named William by L.W. Lane and William K. Davis in January 1862.

# Keywords

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Williamsburg (Va.)--History--19th century  
Virginia--Landowners  
Williamsburg (Va.)--History--20th century  
Elections--Virginia  
Slaves--Virginia--Williamsburg

# Description of Subordinate Components

## Box 1

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465068

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Language** English

## Diary of H.D. Cole

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465055

**Unit Date** 1896-1936

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

**Language** English

**Jesse and Catherine Cole Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465056**Unit Date** 1830 September**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 2 (Folder)**Language** English**Cole Family Portraits****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465057**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 3 (Folder)**Language** English**C.P. Armistead Letter of Resignation to H.D. Cole****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465058**Unit Date** 1896 January 30**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 4 (Folder)**Language** English**Ashton Dovell, Gubernatorial Campaign Platform****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465059**Unit Date** 1941**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 5 (Folder)**Language** English**"Roberts Affair" memo****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465060**Unit Date** 1952**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 6 (Folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Short note, stamped with Miss Mary Inman, 308 Griffin Avenue, Williamsburg, that details when Julia Tyler, daughter of William & Mary President Lyon G. Tyler, allegedly roomed with Portia Washington, daughter of Booker T. Washington at Wellesley College. Williamsburg residents R.J. Armistead and Preacher Roberts threatened to publish a story about the roommate situation, and they were both summarily told by William & Mary students and faculty that such an action would result in bodily harm i.e. "tarred & feathered" and "beat to a pulp."

Story was originally shared with Inman by Vernon Geddy, Jr.

**Correspondence between the Rockefeller and Geddy families, photocopied****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465061**Unit Date** 1951, 1955**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 7 (Folder)**Language** English

**Local Election Materials**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465062

**Unit Date** 1882-1932

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 8 (Folder)

**Language** English

**Scope and Contents****Democratic Tickets**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465063

**Unit Date** 1884-1908

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 9 (Folder)

**Language** English

**Republican Tickets**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465064

**Unit Date** 1880-1893

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 10 (Folder)

**Language** English

**Miscellaneous Political Materials**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465065

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 11 (Folder)

**Language** English

**Newspaper Clippings**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465066

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 12 (Folder)

**Language** English

**Supplemental Information**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465069

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 13 (Folder)

**Language** English

**Scope and Contents**

Photocopied newspaper articles, folder details, provided by donor

**Lane Family Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465070

**Unit Date** 1884-1935

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 14 (Folder)

**Language** English

**L.W. Lane, Grocery Store Account Book****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465071**Unit Date** 1909-1910**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 15 (Folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Notebook is mostly blank, with four pages of penciled notation at the front.

**L.W. Lane, Stock Certificates, First National Bank of Williamsburg****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465072**Unit Date** 1916-1919**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 16 (Folder)**Language** English**L.W. Lane, Financial Records****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465073**Unit Date** 1906-1934**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 17 (Folder)**Language** English**Estate of J.B.C. Spencer****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465074**Unit Date** 1919-1934**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 18 (Folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Materials included in the financial records of L.W. Lane

**Insurance, Tax Payments, and Receipts for Properties in James City County and Williamsburg****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465075**Unit Date** 1885-1932**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 19 (Folder)**Language** English**L.W. Lane, Insurance Policies for Properties****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465076**Unit Date** 1916, 1918, 1933**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 20 (Folder)**Language** English

**L.W. Lane, Insurance Documents for Waller Street Tenant House**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465077

**Unit Date** 1916

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 21 (Folder)

**Language** English

**L.W. Lane, Settlement of Tax Payment on Crenshaw Estate**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465078

**Unit Date** 1888 February 11

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 22 (Folder)

**Language** English

**L.W. Lane, Rental Papers**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465079

**Unit Date** 1922, 1926

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 23 (Folder)

**Language** English

**Land Deeds and Tax Documents (1 of 2)**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465080

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 24a (Folder)

**Language** English

**Land Deeds and Tax Documents (2 of 2)**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465081

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 24b (Folder)

**Language** English

**L.W. Lane, Financial Letters and Notes**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465082

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 25 (Folder)

**Language** English

**Deeds for "Lightview" in Gloucester County**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465083

**Unit Date** 1871-1891

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 26 (Folder)

**Language** English

**Letter from B.S. Ewell to L.W. Lane**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465084

**Unit Date** 1877 September 1

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 27 (Folder)

**Language** English

**Extent** Letter is in pieces. Handle with care.

**Bond, L.W. Lane to pay Peter Powell**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465085

**Unit Date** 1861 January 25

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 27 (Folder)

**Language** English

**Scope and Contents**

Bond is in pieces. Handle with care.

**L.W. Lane and Parke Jones, materials related to "Lilliput" property**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465086

**Unit Date** 1860-1869

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 28 (Folder)

**Language** English

**Contract for enslaved man named William**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465087

**Unit Date** 1862 January 1

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 29 (Folder)

**Language** English

**Scope and Contents**

Contract outlines the hire of William by L.W. Lane and William K. Davis from William's enslaver, Armistead Davis. The requirements for William's summer and winter clothes are described at length.

**L.W. Lane, Contract for Electric Current**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465088

**Unit Date** 1918 September 19

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 30 (Folder)

**Language** English

**Box 2**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465089

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Language** English

**L.W. Lane's land sale to Power City Investment Co.**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465090

**Unit Date** 1916-1918

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

**Language** English

**Bond, L.W. Lane and Esso Standard Oil**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465091

**Unit Date** 1926 January

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

**Language** English

**L.W. Lane, Sr. Materials**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465092

**Unit Date** 1869-1886

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 3 (Folder)

**Language** English

**Scope and Contents**

Materials related to Lane's tenure as Treasurer and Deputy Sheriff of James City County

**Shield's Point Land and Timber**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465093

**Unit Date** 1876-1909

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

**Language** English

**Scope and Contents**

Materials include deeds and correspondence related to the timber business

**James H. Lane Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465094

**Unit Date** 1895-1899

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 5 (Folder)

**Language** English

**Scope and Contents**

Correspondence written on Alabama Polytechnic Institute (A.M. College) stationary

**Biographies of James H. Lane**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465095

**Unit Date** 1946 and undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 6 (Folder)

**Language** English

**Scope and Contents**

Handwritten biography, titled "James H. Lane and His Battles," appears to be written in Lane's handwriting.

**James H. Lane's History of Williamsburg**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465096

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 7 (Folder)

**Language** English

**Last Will and Testament of Ezechael Lane****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465097**Unit Date** 1794 April 15**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 8 (Folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Will sets free nine enslaved persons and some of their children; lands and enslaved person to his grandson; specifically mentions Point Comfort, Piankatank River, Mathews County.

**Kate C. Young Tax Receipts****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465098**Unit Date** 1888-1910**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 9 (Folder)**Language** English**Kate C. Young Tax Receipts****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465099**Unit Date** 1911**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 10 (Folder)**Language** English**Kate C. Young, Checks****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465100**Unit Date** 1903, 1911-1912**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 11 (Folder)**Language** English**Kate C. Young Deeds****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465101**Unit Date** 1899-1911**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 12 (Folder)**Language** English**Kate C. Young, Financial Documents****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465102**Unit Date** 1887-1910**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 13 (Folder)**Language** English**Kate C. Young, Insurance Policy****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465103**Unit Date** 1911**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 14 (Folder)

**Language** English

**Scope and Contents**

Deed is for a property on Victoria Avenue in West Hampton, Virginia

**Deeds for City of Williamsburg Properties**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465104

**Unit Date** 1882-1913

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 15 (Folder)

**Language** English

**Deeds for York County Properties**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465105

**Unit Date** 1884-1911

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 16 (Folder)

**Language** English

**Correspondence between W.S. Spencer and Martha Lane Spencer**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465106

**Unit Date** 1878

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 17 (Folder)

**Language** English

**Death of Spencer Lane**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465107

**Unit Date** 1927 February 7

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 18 (Folder)

**Language** English

**Oyster Business Records**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465108

**Unit Date** 1900-1911

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 19 (Folder)

**Language** English

**W.W. Vest's Receipts**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465109

**Unit Date** 1881-1890

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 20 (Folder)

**Language** English

**Nu Chapter House Corporation Bonds**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465110

**Unit Date** 1920

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 21 (Folder)

**Language** English

**Letter and Bond**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465111

**Unit Date** 1921

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 22 (Folder)

**Language** English

**Scope and Contents**

Signed by B.R. James, of Kappa Sigma Fraternity

**R.W. Lane, Jr. Insurance Documents**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465112

**Unit Date** 1930 September

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 23 (Folder)

**Language** English

**L.W. Lane, Jr. York County Tax Receipts**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465113

**Unit Date** 1931 December

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 24 (Folder)

**Language** English

**Miscellaneous Financial Documents**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465114

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 25 (Folder)

**Language** English

**WWI Mobilization Regulations**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465115

**Unit Date** 1917

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 26 (Folder)

**Language** English

**Redemption Liberty Loan Form**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465116

**Unit Date** 1927

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 26 (Folder)

**Language** English

**Invitation to the Alumni Celebration of the 166th Anniversary of the College of William & Mary**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465117

**Unit Date** 1859 February 19

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 27 (Folder)

**Language** English

**Final Celebration Program for William & Mary's Phoenix and Philomathean Societies**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/465118

**Unit Date** 1879 June 30

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 28 (Folder)

**Language** English