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English

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0.2 Linear Feet

Repository

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Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

Elizabeth Schooley Dutton (1839-1927) and her sister, Mary F. Dutton established a literacy society in Waterford, VA before the start of the American Civil War (1861-1865). Empowered by parents who believed in the education of girls, encouraged free-thinking, and Quaker precepts, they started a political newspaper to express their views on the Civil War. While in their early twenties, they were forced to smuggle their writings over the Potomac River to Baltimore, where a friend of their father's printed The Waterford News. They published eight issues of the paper between May 28, 1864 and April 1865. In the issues they expressed their opinions of the Civil War including their dismay of General Ulysses S. Grant's (1822-1885) attack of Waterford, Virginia.

Content Description

This collection contains two autograph books documenting short verses and signatures from various individuals. The autograph books have different owners including one identified only as Thamison and another as Mary. The books have different cover styles and contain autographs from Elizabeth Schooley Dutton (1839-1927) and her family.

Keywords

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Participation, Female

Virginia--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Quaker women

Loudoun County (Va.)

Description of Subordinate Components

Thamison's Autograph Book

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/592821

Unit Date 1850-1869

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

This autograph book belonged to a person named Thamison. The book is smaller and has limp speckled paper covers. This book has autographs from the Steer cousins, Mary & Frances, the Dutton family, and

other members of the Waterford, Virginia community.

Mary's Autograph Book

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/592822

Unit Date 1808-1875

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

This autograph book was owned by someone only identified as Mary or "Mollie." Signature pages of the book include Lizzie Dutton's signature and also includes those of her sister, Mary F. Dutton, her brother, James B. Dutton, and two Steer cousins, Mary and Frances. The book also includes the autographs and messages and other residents of Loudoun county. This book cover is in full gilt-stamped period brown morocco, rubbed.