

# A Guide to the Galt Family Papers, 1847-1941

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## Biographical/Historical Information

Dr. John Minson Galt (1819-1862) served as the superintendent of Eastern State Hospital in Williamsburg, Virginia.

## Scope and Content Information

Miscellaneous papers relating to the Galt family, especially Dr. John Minson Galt II (1819-1862), superintendent of Eastern State Hospital in Williamsburg, Va., and his sister, Sarah Maria Galt (1822-1880). Includes personal letters, architectural notes and rough sketches, newspaper clippings, genealogical information, and other miscellany. Contains information on Eastern State Hospital; attitudes toward the mentally ill; Williamsburg, Va., and its inhabitants; the disruptions of the Civil War; the Galt family; and the sculptor Alexander Galt.

## Index Terms

**Family Names:**

Galt Family

**Persons:**

Galt, Alexander, 1827-1863.

Galt, John M. (John Minson), 1819- 1862.

Galt, Sara Maria, 1822-1880.

**Subjects:**

Architecture--Designs and plans.

Mentally ill--Care.

Sculptors-- Virginia.

Women--Virginia--Williamsburg--Social conditions--19th century.

**Corporate Names:**

Eastern State Hospital (Va.)

## **Geographical Names:**

Williamsburg (Va.)--History-- Civil War, 1861-1865.

## **Arrangement**

Chronological.

## **Contents List**

**Drawing of Egyptian Mummy and Dr. Warren's account of the same, n.d.**

**General Laws of Motion, n.d.**

**List of items sent to the Eastern State Asylum by Sally M. [Sarah Maria] Galt. re: marble bust and pictures, n.d.**

**Memo. Definitions, n.d.**

**Memo. Notes on David, n.d.**

**Richmond Medical Journal. Obituary of John M. Galt, M.D. n.d.**

**Letter to Alice re Lissie's illness, Carter Randolph mentioned, n.d.**

**Letter. Chatham, L[ucy] B. Saunders to Sally re Saunders's return to "old home" in Williamsburg. Family news n.d.**

**Letter. Williamsburg, G. Grimes to Dr. John M. Galt re good work of Eastern Asylum and Dr. Galt in caring for those afflicted with insanity, 29 January 1847.**

**Letter. Anne Arundel Co., MD. Mary McCeobe to Cousin Sally re family news, fear of childbearing, business disruptions of war, irregularity of mails to Williamsburg, 6 July 1865.**

**Letter. Charlestown, [West] Virginia, Margaret M. Raum to Miss Galt re condition of her sister, a patient in the Asylum. Family news, 24 September 1865.**

**Reprint: P.G. Hamlin M.D. "Dr. John Minson Galt and the Williamsburg Asylum." Virginia Medical Monthly, 68, pp. 502-50, September 1941.**

**Architectural notes and sketches re plans for a new asylum? 18 items, n.d.**

**Galt Family genealogical information for 1769-1836 from the Galt Family Bible. 5 items, n.d.**

**Miscellany from the Galt Family Bible. 6 items and other fragments, n.d.**

**Newspaper clippings. 9 items. Includes: Courier-Journal, August 23. 1875, "Virginia's First Capital. Some Historical Reminiscences of Williamsburg..." Also references to Alexander Galt, sculptor 1875.**

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