

# A Guide to the St. George Tucker House Collection, 19th century

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## Biographical/Historical Information

Members of the Tucker and Coleman families occupied the St. George Tucker House from 1788 until 1993. St. George Tucker moved to Williamsburg in 1771 and studied law at the College of William and Mary under George Wythe. In 1788, he purchased the dwelling now known as the St. George Tucker House and had it moved to face Market Square.

His descendent, St. George Tucker (1828-1863), is featured in the wedding portrait in this collection. Born to Henry St. George Tucker and Anne Evelina Hunter, St. George Tucker studied law at the College of William and Mary and served as clerk of the Senate of Virginia from 1851-1852 and as a clerk for the House of Delegates beginning in 1853. Through this involvement in the state legislature, he met and married Elizabeth Gilmer, who was the daughter of Governor Thomas Walker Gilmer.

Nathaniel Beverley Tucker (1784-1851) was the son of the original St. George Tucker and Frances Randolph Tucker and the uncle of the second St. George Tucker. After graduating from the College of William and Mary in 1801, he worked as a lawyer in Charlotte County, Va. and later served as a circuit judge in Missouri from 1815-1830. In 1834, he accepted a post as professor of law at the College of William and Mary, where he worked until his death. The envelope addressed to Nathaniel Beverley Tucker in this collection dates from October 1834, the year of his arrival in Williamsburg.

## Scope and Content Information

A collection of miscellaneous artifacts found in the St. George Tucker House prior to its renovation and opening as a donor hospitality center. These include a wedding portrait of Elizabeth Gilmer and St. George Tucker; a pine board from Warminster, the burial place of St. George Tucker; an envelope addressed to Nathaniel Beverley Tucker; and a recipe for sugar-curing ham.

## Index Terms

**Persons:**

Coleman, Cynthia Beverley Tucker.

Gordon, Armistead.

Tucker, Elizabeth Gilmer.

Tucker, Beverley, 1784-1851.

Tucker, St. George, 1828-1862.

**Corporate Names:**

Taylor & Brown (Firm : Philadelphia, Penn.)

**Subjects:**

Marriage customs and rites--Virginia.

Ham.

Tree-rings.

## Contents List

### **Note, n.d.**

**Folder 1**

#### **Scope and Content**

Pine board from Warminster, the burial place of St. George Tucker. A note on the board explains how to calculate the growth of a tree from growth rings. This note is thought to be in Cynthia Beverley Tucker Coleman's handwriting.

### **Portrait.**

**Folder 2**

#### **Scope and Content**

Wedding portrait of Elizabeth Gilmer and St. George Tucker. Also shows Cynthia Tucker and Armistead Gordon. Taken by Taylor & Brown of Philadelphia.

### **Envelope, Oct. 1834.**

**Folder 3**

#### **Scope and Content**

Envelope. Addressed to Nathaniel Beverley Tucker from T. B. Dudley of Alexandria.

### **Recipe for sugar-cured ham.**

**Folder 4**