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Creator

Bowdoin, Susan

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2 items.

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On site.

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Collection is open to research.

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There are no restrictions.

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Biographical/Historical Information

None available.

Scope and Content

The first letter discusses her health and the well-being of many Williamsburg acquaintances, including the Coleman, Tucker, Cabell, Andrews and Skipwith families. Mentions her upcoming trip to Suffolk {Va.}, and the impending marriage of Miss Tyler. Other friends mentioned include: Ferdinand Campbell, Mrs. Gatcliffe, Mr. Cary, Miss Bracken, Mr. Browne, Mrs. Seawell, Mr. Mason, and Eliza Prentis. The second letter was written while staying with the family of {St. George} Tucker. Discusses the death of Bishop James Madison and the election of John Bracken as President of the College of William and Mary. Mentions death of {Samuel} Tyler and the appointment of Robert Nelson as Chancellor. {?} Russell died. She has lost many friends on the Eastern Shore: Mrs. Eyre, Dr. Lyon, Dr. Evans, and W{illia}m Savage. Writes about the escape of Maria {Teackle} Parker from the Richmond Theater Fire of 1811. Eliza {?} is with Charlotte Dickson on a visit to {Robert} Saunders and Mrs. Mary Anne Hunter. Has been with Tuckers since November 1. Will stay until going back to the Eastern Shore in July. F{erdinand Stewart} Campbell married {Elizabeth Corbin Griffin} Gatlief. Doctor C{harles} Carter has returned to Williamsburg. S{arah Trebell} Galt married {William} Browne. Sends good wishes from Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Skipwith, Mrs. Cocke, Mrs. Tazewell and love from {Frances Bland Tucker} Coalter. {John} Coalter has {St. George} Tucker's seat on the Court of Appeals and his family will move to a farm within two miles of Richmond.

Index Terms

Persons:

Bowdoin, Susan
Bracken, John, d. 1818
Browne, Sarah Trebell Galt, ca. 1782-1844
Browne, William, 1787-1855
Cabell, Joseph C. (Joseph Carrington), 1778-1856
Campbell, Ferdinand, 1785-1854
Carter, Charles, d. 1825
Coalter, Frances Bland Tucker, d. 1813
Coalter, John, 1769-1838
Dickson, Charlotte
Hunter, Mary Anne, d. 1815
Madison, James, 1749-1812
Nelson, Robert, 1778-1819
Parker, Maria Teackle, d. 1815
Saunders, Robert, 1761-1835
Savage, William, d. 1812
Skipwith, Henry, ca. 1750-ca. 1815
Stewart, Elizabeth Griffin Gatlief Campbell, 1779 or 80-1854

Stewart, Ferdinand Stewart Campbell, 1789 or 90-1854

Tucker, Lelia Skipwith Carter, 1767-1837

Tucker, St. George, 1752-1827

Tyler, Samuel, 1776-1812

Wash, Robert, 1790-1856

Family Names:

Andrews family

Coleman family

Skipwith family

Tucker family

Subjects:

Theater - Virginia - Richmond - History

Geographical Names:

Virginia - Social life and customs - 19th century

Williamsburg (Va.) - Social life and customs

Arrangement

The items are arranged chronologically.

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