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Abstract

Correspondence and writings of Granville Davisson Hall, reporter for the Wheeling *Intelligencer* during the Wheeling conventions, 1861-1863; secretary of state of West Virginia, 1865-1873; and author of numerous works of fiction and historical studies about West Virginia.

Creator

Hall, Granville Davisson, 1837-1934

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1.3 Linear Feet 1 ft. 3.5 in. (2 document cases, 5 in. each; 1 document case, 2.5 in.; 1 flat storage box, 3 in.)

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Biographical / Historical

Granville Davisson Hall (September 17, 1837 – June 24, 1934) was an American journalist, businessman and politician who helped found the state of West Virginia. He was born in New Salem, Virginia now Harrison County, West Virginia where he began his career as a school teacher at the early age of 17. In 1859, he left Harrison County to work in the printing office of the Wheeling Intelligencer. He remained in Wheeling only a few months, but he returned to record the proceedings of the Wheeling Conventions, 1861-1863. He was also an editor and writer for that newspaper. Hall served as the Secretary of State of West Virginia, 1865-1867, and as the private secretary of the first governor, Arthur Boreman. After the Civil War, Hall became involved in the railroad industry in Kentucky and eventually became President of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. Later he moved to Glencoe, Illinois where he continued writing and served as the village clerk. He

died there at the age of 96. He was survived by his wife, Mrs. Dolly Hancher Hall, originally from Wheeling, and by two sons.

Adapted from articles in Wikipedia and the West Virginia Encyclopedia, as well as his obituary in the Wheeling Intelligencer and a roadside marker near Shinnston, West Virginia.

Scope and Contents

Correspondence and writings of Granville Davisson Hall, reporter for the Wheeling *Intelligencer* during the Wheeling conventions, 1861-1863; secretary of state of West Virginia, 1865-1873; and author of numerous works of fiction and historical studies about West Virginia. Includes correspondence (1861-1947, undated), mainly regarding personal matters, the early statehood period, and Civil War activities in West Virginia; and typescript copies and drafts of numerous articles by Hall (some of which were published) on topics including West Virginia statehood, the U.S. Constitution and government, and other historical subjects (ca. 1896-1925, undated). Also includes miscellaneous typescript articles, newspaper clippings, and memoranda regarding politics and history (1863-1928, undated); and miscellaneous printed material from the First Constitutional Convention of West Virginia (1861-1863). The majority of the correspondence and miscellaneous material post-dates statehood.

Series include:

Series 1. Correspondence; 1861-1947, undated; box 1.

Series 2. Writings by G.D. Hall; ca. 1896-1925, undated; box 2, folders 1-47.

Series 3. Miscellaneous; 1863-1928, undated; box 2, folder 48 - box 3.

Series 4. Printed Material; 1861-1863; box 4.

Separated Materials

Pamphlet titled "Ordinances of the Convention Assembled at Wheeling, on the 11th of June, 1861," printed by authority of the Convention, Wheeling, Va., 1861, will be bound and added to main WVHRC stacks. Digitized version will be added to Printed Ephemera Collection.

Keywords

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

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

West Virginia - Politics and government - 1861-1865.

Politics and government.

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West Virginia. Convention (1861 : Wheeling)

Borah, William Edgar, 1865-1940

Campbell, Archibald W., 1833-1899.

Carlile, John S. (John Snyder), 1817-1878

Cook, Roy Bird, 1886-1961

Dawson, William M.O.

Faulkner, Charles James, 1806-1884

Fleming, A. B. (Aretas Brooks), 1839-1923

Goff, Nathan, 1843-1920

Hall, Granville Davisson, 1837-1934

Haymond, Henry

Hubbard, C. D. (Chester Dorman), 1814-1891

Hubbard, Dana L.

Hubbard, William P.

Leonard, Flora Farnsworth.

Northcott, R.S.

Siviter, Anna Pierpont, 1859-1932

Stevenson, W. E. (William Erskine), 1820-1883

Tumulty, Joseph P. (Joseph Patrick), 1879-1954
Willey, Waitman T. (Waitman Thomas), 1811-1900

Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1. Correspondence, Box 1

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130020

Unit Date 1861-1947 and undated

Scope and Contents

This series includes correspondence (1861-1947, undated), mainly regarding personal matters, the early statehood period, and Civil War activities in West Virginia. The majority of the correspondence post-dates statehood. Correspondents include: William E. Borah, Archibald W. Campbell, John S. Carlile, Roy B. Cook, William M.O. Dawson, Charles J. Faulkner, A.B. Fleming, Nathan Goff, Henry Haymond, C.D. Hubbard, Dana L. Hubbard, William P. Hubbard, Flora Farnsworth Leonard, R.S. Northcott, Anna Pierpont Siviter, W.E. Stevenson, Joseph P. Tumulty, and W.T. Willey.

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130021

Unit Date 1861-1864

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

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Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130022

Unit Date 1865-1867

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Correspondence

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130023

Unit Date 1868

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

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Correspondence

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130024

Unit Date 1869

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Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130025

Unit Date 1870-1884

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Correspondence**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/130026**Unit Date** 1900-1902**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 6 (Folder)**Correspondence****Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/130027**Unit Date** 1903-1904**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 7 (Folder)**Correspondence****Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/130028**Unit Date** 1906-1907**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 8 (Folder)**Correspondence****Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/130029**Unit Date** 1908-1909**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 9 (Folder)**Correspondence****Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/130030**Unit Date** 1910-1912**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 10 (Folder)**Correspondence****Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/130031**Unit Date** 1913-1915**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 11 (Folder)**Correspondence****Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/130032**Unit Date** 1916-1917**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 12 (Folder)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130033

Unit Date 1918-1919

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 13 (Folder)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130034

Unit Date 1920-1922

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 14 (Folder)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130035

Unit Date 1923-1927

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 15 (Folder)

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130036

Unit Date 1937, 1947, undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 16 (Folder)

Correspondence with Governor Dawson of West Virginia

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130037

Unit Date 1902-1915

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 17 (Folder)

Undated Correspondence, Shorthand Letters, and Notes

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130038

Unit Date ca. 1866-1902

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 18 (Folder)

Newspaper Clippings of Articles by Hall; Article on Hanging of Associates of John Wilkes Booth

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130039

Unit Date 1914, undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 19 (Folder)

Correspondence and Receipts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130040

Unit Date 1861-1870

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 20 (Folder)

Series 2. Writings, Box 2, Folders 1-47

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130041

Unit Date ca. 1896-1925 and undated

Scope and Contents

This series includes typescript copies and drafts of numerous articles by Hall, some of which were published. Article topics include West Virginia statehood ("How the W.Va. Convention Tried to Conserve Slavery"), the U.S. Constitution and government ("The Failure of the 14th Amendment"), and other historical subjects ("Church's Life of Cromwell").

Articles Written by G.D. Hall; Contents (list of articles in folders 2-47)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130044

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

"A Historic Old Virginia Town"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130045

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

"John Brown, The Unforgotten"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130046

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

"A Son of the Old Dominion"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130047

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

"Texas, the Fruit of Violence"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130048

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

"The Missouri Compromise"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130049

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

"The Virginia Debt Case"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130050

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

"The Virginia Masons"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130051

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

"Thomas Jefferson, Politician"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130052

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

"The Location of the National Capitol in 1790"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130053

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

"A Domestic Peril, Unequal Representation"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130054

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

"A New Angle in an Old Topic"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130055

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

"11th Amendment to the United States Constitution"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130056

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 13 (Folder)

"Relations of the United States and Canada"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130057

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 14 (Folder)

"Suffrage and Representation"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130058

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 15 (Folder)

"The Failure of the 14th Amendment"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130059

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 16 (Folder)

"Constitutional Limitations: Are They Adequate?"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130060

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 17 (Folder)

"Is the United States a Judicial Monarchy?"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130061

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 18 (Folder)

"A Sixty-Two Year Old Trial"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130062

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 19 (Folder)

"Andrew F. Ritchie of Fairmont"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130063

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 20 (Folder)

"The Name of W.Va. - It Was Lawfully Named Kanawha"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130064

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 21 (Folder)

"Virginia: Some of Her Forgotten History"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130065

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 22 (Folder)

"The Farnsworth Charge at Gettysburg - 1600 or 300?"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130066

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 23 (Folder)

"How the W.Va. Convention Tried to Conserve Slavery"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130067

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 24 (Folder)

"The Flick Amendment"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130068

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 25 (Folder)

"The Sowing of the Dragon's Teeth in 1787"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130069

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 26 (Folder)

"The Plantation Life in Virginia Slavery Days"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130070

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 27 (Folder)

"The Color Line in the United States, Who Is to Blame?"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130071

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 28 (Folder)

"Mormon Surgery under Brigham Young"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130072

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 29 (Folder)

"The Wiard Built-Up Steel Cannon"

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130073

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 30 (Folder)

"Is It Prosperity, Is It Ruin?"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130074

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 31 (Folder)

"The Pennsylvanian Tightens Belt"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130075

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 32 (Folder)

"Church's Life of Cromwell"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130076

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 33 (Folder)

"The Dartmouth College Case"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130077

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 34 (Folder)

"Journalism, the Noblest Profession"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130078

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 35 (Folder)

"Woman and War"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130079

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 36 (Folder)

"The Fort Sheridan Flag"

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130080

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 37 (Folder)

"'Amber': the Tragedy of Her Life and Death"

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130081

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 38 (Folder)

"A Peep into the Twentieth Century"

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130082

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 39 (Folder)

"England Eighty Years Ago"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130083

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 40 (Folder)

"Inwood Pictures"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130084

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 41 (Folder)

"Old Spanish Gold: a Study of 'Don Quixote'"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130085

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 42 (Folder)

"Concerning Motion"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130086

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 43 (Folder)

"Monopoly, Deadly Tyranny"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130087

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 44 (Folder)

"Soul or Faculty"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130088

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 45 (Folder)

"Whence-What-Whither?"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130089

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 46 (Folder)

Miscellaneous Material Originally in Notebooks Containing Writings of G.D. Hall

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130090

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 47 (Folder)

Series 3. Miscellaneous, Box 2, Folder 48-Box 3

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130042

Unit Date 1863-1928 and undated

Scope and Contents

This series includes printed material, typescripts and drafts of articles, newspaper clippings, memoranda, ephemera, and pamphlets. Subjects include the early statehood movement in West Virginia, Virginia and West Virginia history, general American history and politics, G.D. Hall and his books, and other topics.

Miscellaneous and Unpublished Papers Worth Rewriting (includes printed material about the West Virginia Constitutional Convention (1863); typescripts and drafts of articles, some submitted for publication [topics include the statehood movement, prominent West Virginians, autobiography, Virginia history, and other topics]; and ephemera, including an advertisement for a book by Leon Trotzky [1918])

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130091

Unit Date 1863-1928, undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 48 (Folder)

Miscellaneous Memoranda (includes printed material; news clippings; memoranda, including shorthand; and typescripts on general politics and history)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130092

Unit Date 1919-1927, undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 49 (Folder)

Miscellaneous Typescript Articles (includes articles on Virginia and West Virginia history, the Missouri Compromise, and drafts of items in Series 2)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130093

Unit Date 1917, undated

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Miscellaneous Memoranda (includes typescript articles and memoranda on early statehood, general American history, the Bible, and ancient Greeks)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130094

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Miscellaneous Printed Material and Newspaper Clippings (includes Anna Pierpont Siviter's book of poetry, Songs of Hope; newspaper clippings on William Hubbard, Hall's books, Maulsby Bridge, and other topics; pamphlets, including "The Virginia Secession Convention of 1861" by Hon. John Goode; and a map of Maryland, Delaware, and Washington D.C. [1925])

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130095

Unit Date 1899-1925, undated

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Series 4. Printed Material (includes loose miscellaneous printed material of the First Constitutional Convention of West Virginia), Box 4

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/130043

Unit Date 1861-1863

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Scope and Contents

This series includes miscellaneous printed material from the First Constitutional Convention of West Virginia (1861-1863).