

PRIMARY SOURCES

Quarterly Report of Newly Processed Collections January–March 2011

Welcome to the latest issue of the Library of Virginia's quarterly report *Primary Sources*. Here you will find a listing of the latest collections processed, microfilmed, or digitized by the Library. Since 1999, the Library has annually received General Assembly support for archival positions in order "to relieve the 54-year backlog in processing significant archival, special, and other historical collections."

LOCAL RECORDS

The Local Records Services Branch is charged with preserving, cataloging, and providing access to the records that document the daily activities of Virginia's counties, towns, and independent cities. The branch administers the Circuit Court Records Preservation Program (CCRP), which provides grant funds to the Commonwealth's 120 circuit court clerks to help preserve the historically valuable records maintained in their offices and those that have been transferred to the Library of Virginia for archival processing and storage.

Since 2007, the Virginia Circuit Court Records Program (CCRP) has scanned and posted images of original chancery causes for 49 localities totaling nearly 5.6 million images. This quarter the Library added scanned chancery causes for Loudoun County totaling 333,729 images. For more information, including a complete listing of all chancery projects, see the [Chancery Records Index \(CRI\)](#). As part of the branch's microfilm reformatting effort, 133 reels of new film were added to the reading room this quarter for the following localities: the City of Richmond and Augusta, Caroline, and Prince Edward Counties. For additional details and a complete guide to local records available at the Library of Virginia, please see [County and City Records at the Library of Virginia](#).

Accomack County

Oyer and Terminer and Test Oath, 1740–1777. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Craig County

Local Board of Health Minute Book, 1901. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Danville (City)

Worsham Street Bridge Records, 1927–2009. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Giles County

School Records, 1818–1911, 1920. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Gloucester County

Charity School Board of Trustee Records, 1814–1923, 1958. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

School Records, 1886–1891, 1897. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Greene County

Board of School Commissioners Reports, 1839–1860. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Ground Observer Corps Post 128–G Log Book, 1943. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Halifax County

Virginia Public School Register, 1897–1904. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Henrico County

School Records, 1820, 1847–1899. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Loudoun County

Waterford Town Council Minute Book, 1891–1911. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Microfilmed on Loudoun County Reel 176.

Manchester (City)

Board of Trustees Minute Book, 1811–1875. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Microfilmed on Richmond City Reels 995–996.

City Council Minute Books, Vols. 2–5, 1875–1909. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Microfilmed on Richmond City Reels 993–994.

Street Committee Records, 1888–1910. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Microfilmed on Richmond City Reel 1002.

Mathews County

Commonwealth Causes, 1866–1904. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Court Records, 1803–1945. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Judgments, 1861–1902. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Road and Bridge Records, 1861–1906. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Tax and Fiscal Records, 1854–1903. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Newcastle (Town)

Door to Virtue Lodge 163 Records, 1868–1892. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Northumberland County

Citizens' Claims of Property Lost to British Army, 1815. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

PRIVATE PAPERS

The Private Papers section of the Description Services Branch at the Library of Virginia is charged with collecting records that supplement the official documents of the

Commonwealth. These records include Bible Records, Business Records, Church Records, Genealogical Notes and Charts, Organization Records, and Personal Papers. They put a personal face on the activities of the citizens of the Commonwealth and provide a human touch to the records collected by Local and State Records.

Guide to the Personal Papers Collections at the Library of Virginia. Edited by Trenton E. Hizer. Richmond: The Library of Virginia, 2008.

The *Guide to the Personal Papers Collections at the Library of Virginia* contains entries for 5,730 personal papers collections. Ranging from diaries and correspondence to blogs and Web sites, these collections document more than 400 years of Virginia history. They offer an in-depth view of topics such as agriculture, economics, education, politics, society, travel, and war, and are essential in studying African American and women's history. The collections also contain deeds, wills, and other legal documents that may have otherwise been lost to fire or other disasters, along with photographs, postcards, scrapbooks, videos, and sound recordings. The Personal Papers Collections are invaluable resources for historians and genealogists. The *Guide to the Personal Papers Collections at the Library of Virginia* may be purchased at [the Virginia Shop](#) at the Library of Virginia.

Boehling, James W. 78 leaves.

Reminiscences, titled "Memories of World War II," of James W. Boehling (1925–) of Richmond, Virginia, concerning his training to be a navigator in the Army Air Corps (Air Force) during World War II, including his single bombing mission in Europe. Collection also includes letters, photographs, and a copy of a navigator's log. Gift of James W. Boehling, Richmond (45321).

Bouton, George. 5 leaves and 10 pages.

Letters, 1861–1862, of George Bouton (ca. 1817–1891), captain in the 34th Virginia Infantry, to his wife, Lucetta Bouton (1819–1893), regarding his service in the military and camp life, school for his daughter Mollie, family and business matters in Madison County, and his desire for peace. Collection includes typescript copies. Purchased (45310).

Brockenbrough, Clara Kenny. 3.15 cubic feet.

Papers, 1916–1936, of Clara Kenny Brockenbrough (1907–1978) of Richmond, Virginia, including correspondence, greeting cards, invitations and announcements, and programs. The majority of the collection consists of letters written to her while she was a student at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Manhattanville, New York, and the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Noroton, Connecticut, from her mother, Clara Doyle Kenny Brockenbrough (1881–1968). Purchased (45117).

Brown, Geoffrey. 2 leaves.

List, compiled in 2011, of entries in the Quarter Sessions records archived at the Hull History Centre (Kingston upon Hull, East Yorkshire, United Kingdom) that list

Virginia as a destination. The entries range in date from 1751 to 1774. Individuals named include criminals sentenced to time in the Americas, Poor House residents who volunteered to emigrate to seek their fortunes, ship masters, justices of the peace, and receiving officers. The information abstracted here includes (where applicable) the specific conviction and sentence, the designation "from the Poor House," the date of embarkation, and the reference for finding the original entry in the Quarter Sessions documents. The list was compiled by Professor Geoffrey Brown and Hull History Centre researchers in 2011. Further entries may be added as more references are located. Gift of Geoffrey Brown, East Yorkshire, United Kingdom (45450).

Byrd, Harry Flood. 1 leaf.

Letter, 20 November 1957, from U.S. senator Harry Flood Byrd (1887–1966) to Sam Moore of Richmond, Virginia, thanking him for helping the Democratic Party in the recent Virginia state election. Purchased (45345).

Carner, Clara Hill. 1 reel of microfilm.

Smyth County, Virginia, muster roll book, 1861–1865, compiled by Clara Hill Carner (1884–1979) in 1960–1963, consisting of the rosters of Company E, 21st Virginia Infantry; Companies A, E, and F, 23rd Virginia Infantry; and Company K, 63rd Virginia Infantry. Volume also contains information on Companies B and D, 13th Battalion, Virginia Reserves; Smyth County militia units; hospitals; veterans; pensions; African Americans, free and slave; Smyth County United Daughters of the Confederacy chapters; and other topics relating to Smyth County and the Civil War. Also includes a scrapbook containing articles on Smyth County history. Lent for copying by the Smyth County Circuit Court Clerk's Office, Marion (45302).

Chandler, Valleda Pittard. 1.35 cubic feet.

Letters, 1938–1944, to Valleda Pittard (Chandler) (1920–1999) of Mecklenburg County, Virginia, and Madison College in Harrisonburg, Virginia, consisting of correspondence concerning her courtship by her future husband George Graham Chandler (1915–1948), her friendship with Robert Holden Wrenn (1923–2007), her education at Madison College, her teaching, World War II, and family and general news. Gift of J. Gray Chandler, Orange Park, Florida (45113). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Dyche, R. E. 2 leaves.

Letters, 30 September 1926 and 8 October 1930, of Sheriff R. E. Dyche (1881–1967) of Alleghany County, Virginia, consisting of a letter, 30 September 1926, Governor Harry F. Byrd (1887–1966) to Dyche appointing him a delegate to the 55th Annual Congress of the American Prison Association; and letter, 8 October 1930, from Dyche to Byrd informing the Governor that he is unable to attend. Purchased (45346).

Dyer, Edmund W. 6 pages.

Papers, 1839 and undated, of Edmund W. Dyer of Pendleton County, (West) Virginia, and Cedar Falls, Iowa, consisting of a receipt, [May] 1839, to William H. Hammen (b. ca. 1815) of Pendleton County for payment of a fine; and a letter, 23 January

[year not given], from Dyer in Cedar Falls, Iowa, to Hammen discussing the weather, the Cedar River, construction of a bridge, and real estate, and asking for news from Pendleton County. Purchased (45349).

Flippen, Llewellyn Tucker. 1.125 cubic feet.

Scrapbook, 1950–1954, of Llewellyn Tucker Flippen (1933–2009) of Crewe, Virginia, documenting his activities as a student at the University of Richmond, and his acceptance into the School of Dentistry at the Medical College of Virginia. Much of the material in the scrapbook relates to his involvement in student government and the Kappa Alpha Order fraternity. Includes clippings, letters to his parents, programs, publications, report cards, student directories, issues of the student newspaper *The Richmond Collegian*, and other items. The scrapbook was disassembled for preservation purposes. Purchased (45377).

Hardesty, John. 1 volume.

Daybook, 22 August 1818–26 May 1824, of John Hardesty (b. 1792) of Smithfield (now Middleway), Jefferson County, (West) Virginia. The entries include the date, customer name, item(s) purchased, and amount paid. There are also sawmill accounts, 1820–1822, and later accounts for liquor and meals purchased by individuals. Donor information unavailable (44916).

Hines, Thomas J. 73 leaves (photocopies).

Letters, 1861–1865, from Thomas J. Hines (1826–1912) of the 38th Virginia Infantry, Company D, mostly to his wife, Nancy Breedlove Hines, on topics including the First Battle of Bull Run; a long march of retreat from Manassas, March 1862; engaging in battle at Yorktown and Williamsburg, April and May 1862; advice for managing the family farm and slaves; troop movements, camp life, and the lack of proper nourishment; the Second Battle of Bull Run, September 1862; and the depressed spirits of the Confederate Army as it became clear that they could not win the war. Also included are a letter, May 1862, to Hines from his wife; his honorable discharge, September 1862; his pass after being paroled at Appomattox Court House, April 1865; a photograph of Hines in uniform; a photograph of his grave; an obituary he wrote for his brother, Henry Hines; clippings; and miscellaneous information about Hines. Note: There are no letters from 1863, as Hines was home for the entire year. There are transcripts of most of the letters; several of the transcripts are not complete. Gift of Robert E. Kingery, Richmond (45435).

Hornsby, George Madison. 3 pages.

Letter, 8 February 1863, from George Madison Hornsby (b. 1842), Company A, 40th Virginia Infantry, to a friend, discussing camp life, the opposing Union Army, hopes for furloughs, and general news. Purchased (45309).

Jamestown 2007 Virginia's Eastern Shore Community Committee. .45 cubic feet.

Records, 2005–2008, of Jamestown 2007 Virginia's Eastern Shore Community Committee consisting of agendas, banners, brochures, commemorative coins, DVDs, e-mails, letters, minutes, photographs, postcards, programs, and reports of the

committee regarding the Eastern Shore's celebration of Jamestown's 400th anniversary. Gift of Arthur Carter, Franktown (43750).

Jarratt Family. 1 CD-ROM and 26 leaves (photocopies).

Papers, 1809–1892 and undated, of the Jarratt family of Pocahontas Island, Petersburg, Virginia, including deeds, indentures, stock certificates, tax receipts, and accounts. Several items of interest include: documents registering various members of the family as free blacks and containing physical descriptions of the individuals named; receipts for money paid by Richard Jarrett (b. ca. 1779) for the education of his children; documentation of several land transactions; expense accounts, 1817–1818 and 1826, of the Sloop Gayle; correspondence, 1838–1839, between Alexander Jarrett (b. ca. 1808) and wife (Nancy) Ann Jarrett (b. ca. 1813); a record of the births of nine of Alexander and Ann Jarratt's children; and a reference, 1883, from Lieutenant Ch. D. Townsend of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers testifying to John Jarratt's sixteen years of employment working on improvements to the Appomattox River. Also included is an undated newspaper article from the 1980s about William T. Jarratt Jr. (1915–1985) and his purchase of the old Norfolk and Western Railway passenger station in Petersburg. Loaned for duplication by John F. Jarratt, Petersburg (45352).

Johnston, F. Claiborne, Jr. 1 volume (80 p.).

Report, *George Carrington (1758–1809) of "Oak Hill" Halifax County, Virginia*, compiled by F. Claiborne Johnston Jr. in 2010, includes a biographical sketch of Carrington written for the *Dictionary of Virginia Biography*, as well as an investigation into the location of Carrington's estate, "Oak Hill." Gift of F. Claiborne Johnston Jr., Richmond (45247).

League of Virginia Counties. .225 cubic feet.

Records, 1939–1940, 1944, 1954, of the League of Virginia Counties consisting of a program and photographs, 1939, for the semi-annual and annual conventions; invitation, 22 January 1940, for a reception; minutes and newsletter, 1944; list of officers of the league; article on Montgomery County, Virginia; notes; "Legislative Bulletins," 1954, concerning the Virginia General Assembly; and "State Laws Relating to Annexation of County Territory," part II, "Excerpts from State Codes." Transferred from Technical Services and Government Documents, the Library of Virginia, Richmond (43940).

Lewis, John T. 3 leaves.

Letters, 9 and 12 May 1939, to John T. Lewis (1900–1990) of Richmond, Virginia, from Congressman Dave E. Satterfield (1894–1946), Senator Harry F. Byrd (1887–1966), and Rixey Smith, secretary for Senator Carter Glass (1858–1946), regarding the congressional vote on the Bankhead Export Subsidy Bill. Purchased (45347).

Moss, Thomas Overton. .45 cubic feet.

Papers, 1891–1939, of Thomas Overton Moss (1893–1939) of Richmond, Virginia, consisting of accounts, agreements, contracts, deeds, insurance policies, letters,

plats, receipts, and other papers concerning his activities as a practicing lawyer, his involvement in state politics, and his activities in real estate and business, as well as regarding his homes, especially the construction of his house in Windsor Farms. Purchased (45245). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

O'Brien, Bayne Palmer. 5.625 cubic feet.

Papers, 1962–2001, of Bayne Palmer O'Brien (b. 1920) of Northumberland County and Richmond, Virginia, containing genealogical research she undertook on behalf of various clients. The files contain correspondence, working notes, and the final report that O'Brien prepared. There are abstracts and transcriptions of cemetery records, census records, church records, deed books, land and personal property tax records, military and pension records, minute and order books, vital statistics, and will books and other estate administration records. Also included are genealogical and pedigree charts, copies of Bible records, family group sheets, copies from published works, and lists of sources she consulted. Gift of Bayne Palmer O'Brien, Richmond (42248). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

O'Ferrall, Charles T. 3 pages.

Letter, 27 December 1888, from U.S. congressman Charles O'Ferrall (1840–1905) of Harrisonburg, Virginia, to Charles W. Button (1822–1894) of Lynchburg, Virginia, concerning their correspondence, Button's newspaper, and O'Ferrall's hotel. Includes comments by Button and an account that Button stated O'Ferrall owed for his newspaper subscription. Transferred from State Records Collection, the Library of Virginia, Richmond (45142).

Patterson, Herbert D. 41 leaves.

Reminiscences, 2008, by Herbert D. Patterson (1942–) of Sandston, Virginia, concerning his days as a police officer in Henrico County, Virginia, in the 1960s, detailing the routines and operating procedures of the police. Patterson provides information on police equipment and cars, and examples of summonses, arrest records, and field accident books, along with photographs of buildings that housed police operations. Gift of Herbert D. Patterson, Sandston, Virginia (44314).

Penick, Thomas R. 20 pages.

Papers, 1850–1868, of Thomas R. Penick (1796–1869) of Halifax County, Virginia, including accounts and receipts, correspondence, and a promissory note. The accounts are for medical services provided to slaves, general merchandise purchased by Penick, and blacksmith work. The correspondence concerns the sale of Penick's tobacco crop and prices current in the market, and the payment of his account with the *Richmond Enquirer* newspaper. Gift of Chris Kolbe, Richmond (44564).

Richmond Opera Group. 1 volume.

Minutes, 20 November 1945–28 April 1958, of monthly meetings of the Richmond Opera Group Board of Directors. The minutes include budgets and other financial information, lists of officers, and committee reports. Gift of the Richmond Public Library (44673).

Rowe, W. R. 1 leaf.

Letter, 25 October 1935, from W. R. Rowe (1877–1949) of Lancaster County, Virginia, secretary for the Northern Neck Mutual Fire Association of Virginia, to F. R. Moon (1875–1955) in Nelson County, Virginia, concerning insurance matters. Gift of Jan Hathcock, Richmond (45318).

Siegfried, Robert C. 1.8 cubic feet.

Genealogical research files, compiled ca. 1938–1996 by Robert C. Siegfried (1919–2002), including materials gathered on the following families: Blaettermann (Blattermann), Bledsoe (Bletsho, Bletsoe, and Bletchers), Copenhaver, Farris, Getty, Horne, Lindsay, Miller, Pace, Siegfried, Smith, Snead, and Walker. The types of materials collected include transcripts of primary documents such as wills, land grants, and census records; family trees; family research newsletters; photographs; and genealogical notes reports written by Siegfried and other researchers. Siegfried's memoirs of his youth, entitled "Barnfield: A 'Great Depression' Home in Henrico County, Virginia, 1919–1940," offer multiple vignettes and details of daily life at that time in the vicinity of Staples Mill Road and Broad Street (Road) in Henrico County. Gift of Robert Siegfried II, Midlothian (44879). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Vaughan, George H. 1 volume.

Autograph album, 1859–1860, kept by George H. Vaughan (1838–1861) of Oseola, St. Clair County, Missouri, while he was a student at the University of Virginia. The album, *Bohn's Album and Autographs of the University of Virginia: With a Short History, and Beautifully Illustrated with Twenty Steel Engravings and Portraits of the Professors and Officers*, was published in 1859 and contains inscriptions to Vaughan by his classmates and instructors. There is a memorial to him, dated 11 May 1864, written at the end of the volume. Purchased (45066).

White, Frank M. 4 leaves.

Memoirs of Frank M. White, recorded in October 2010 after a newspaper article about *The Negro Motorist Green Book* (first published in 1936) prompted White to write down his "recollections of my travel as a young black man in the South during the late 1950s and early 1960s." White's career in the Air Force occasioned several driving trips between various bases around the South and his family home in Fredericksburg, Virginia. The Green Book made recommendations of restaurants, gas stations, hotels, and other services where African Americans could expect courteous treatment. Gift of Frank White, Fredericksburg (45241).

Wirt, Dares Emery. 32 leaves and 28 pages.

Letters, 1946–1947, from Dares Emery Wirt (1923–), stationed at the Chincoteague, Virginia, Naval Auxiliary Air Station, to Esther Dulin Johnson (Wirt) (1923–1998) of St. Petersburg, Florida, detailing his duties as a naval pilot, describing Chincoteague and surrounding communities, commenting on trips and his efforts to purchase a car, telling Esther he misses her, and planning their wedding. Purchased (45313).

Wright, Russell F. 36 pages.

Letters, 1863–1864, of Russell F. Wright (ca. 1834–1864) of Company K, 148th New York Infantry, to Euphemia O. Gillet of Ontario and Broome Counties, New York, detailing camp life and campaigning in and around Norfolk, Yorktown, and Richmond, Virginia, as well the battle of Cold Harbor and the siege of Petersburg, Virginia. Wright asks about Euphemia's health and comments on her brother Charlie serving in the same company. Purchased (45311).

[-----], **Grace.** 12 pages.

Letters, 1923–1924, from Grace staying with author and lecturer Florence Jackson Stoddard in Washington, D.C., to her friend [Tunis?] in Nyack, New York, describing Washington social life, Christmas and New Year's in Washington, winter and spring weather, and the funeral of Woodrow Wilson (1856–1924). Purchased (45350).

STATE RECORDS

The State Records section of the Description Services Branch at the Library of Virginia is charged with preserving, cataloging, and providing access to the records of Virginia's state government.

Eastern State Hospital

Records of Eastern State Hospital, 1770–2009, 40.75 cu. ft. and 201 volumes, multiple accessions. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Governor, Office of

John Tyler

Microfilm of Executive Papers of Governor John Tyler, 1808–1811 (bulk 1809–1810), 12 reels, Accession 41223. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Microfilmed on Miscellaneous Reels 6006–6017.

James Monroe

Microfilm of Executive Papers of Governor James Monroe, 1811, 1 reel, Accession 41252. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Microfilmed on Miscellaneous Reel 6018.

George William Smith

Microfilm of Executive Papers of Governor George William Smith, 1811–1812 (bulk 1811), 7 reels, Accession 41324. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Microfilmed on Miscellaneous Reels 6019–6025.

Tim Kaine

Policy Office Records of Governor Tim Kaine, 2002–2010 (bulk 2006–2009), 60.96 cu. ft., Accessions 44690 and 44701. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

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Correspondence of the Virginia State Librarian, 1903–1970, 2.62 cu. ft., Accession 45410. ([Click here for finding aid](#))