

PRIMARY SOURCES

Quarterly Report of Newly Processed Collections April–June 2010

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 45 localities totaling nearly 5 million images. This quarter the Library added scanned Chancery Causes for 2 counties totaling 442,244 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, 122 reels of new film were added to the reading room this quarter for the following localities: the City of Richmond and Albemarle, Bedford, Caroline, Cumberland, Essex, Fauquier, Goochland, Greensville, Louisa, Norfolk, Powhatan, Richmond, Rockbridge, Russell, Southampton, Warren, and Westmoreland 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

Census of Tobacco Plants, 1728–1729. ([Click here for finding aid](#))
Lists of Tithables, 1738–1769 and undated, bar code 1204975.

Augusta County

Court Records, 1769–1837. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Botetourt County

Tithables, 1771. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Charlottesville (City)

Deeds, 1888–1917 (bulk 1888–1916). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Culpeper County

Chancery Causes, 1829–1913 (bulk 1832–1913). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Franklin County

Determined Papers, 1789–1937. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

District Court Suit, Nanny Pegee, etc. vs. John Hook and Zachariah Stanley, April 1808. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Highland County

Chancery Causes, 1842–1912 (bulk 1868–1912). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Lists of Families of Indigent Soldiers, ca. 1862–1865. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Petition of Madison Douglas to Remain in Highland County, ca. 1862. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Lancaster County

Census of Tobacco Plants, 1727. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Louisa County

Chancery Causes, 1753–1913. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Manchester (City)

Board of Alderman Minute Book, 1902–1910. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Delinquent Tax Book, 1895–1913. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Journals of the City Assembly, 1901–1910. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Ordinances, 1874–1910. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Montgomery County

Commonwealth Causes and Criminal Papers, 1774–1827. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Orange County

Public Buildings and Grounds, 1752–1900. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Prince Edward County

Election Records, ca. 1754–1758. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

List of Inhabitants, 1782. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Resolution on the Death of John Randolph, 1833. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Tithables, ca. 1750–1787. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Unrecorded and Recorded Deeds and Wills, 1749–1874. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Russell County

Chancery Causes, 1864–1933. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Smyth County

Register of Colored Persons Cohabiting Together as Husband and Wife, 27 February 1866. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Staunton (City)

Election Records and Tax and Fiscal Records, 1803–1879. ([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.

Barnard-Nickels Family. 6.2 cubic feet.

Papers, 1929–1972, of the Barnard and Nickels families of Prince George County and Hopewell, Virginia, namely Judith Fenner Barnard (1896–1984), and her daughter Beth Archer Nickels (b. 1918) and her husband Samuel B. Nickels, Jr. (1918–2001). Includes correspondence, much of it relating to Nickels' service with the 502nd Parachute Infantry during World War II, as well as subject files, and papers relating to Barnard's career as an elementary school teacher in Hopewell, Virginia. Purchased. (44954) ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Bouton, George. 6 pages.

Letters, 1862, include ones dated 13 January and 20 February, from George Bouton (ca. 1817–1891) of the 34th Virginia Infantry, stationed at Yorktown, Virginia, to his wife, Lucetta Bouton in Madison County, Virginia, discussing his health, camp life, military preparations at Yorktown, and friends in the regiment; and another, 2 March, to

his daughter Mollie Bouton discussing the same topics and trying to explain the significance of the war. Purchased. (44972)

Chisholm, Edward V. 1 reel. (*Misc. reel 5947*)

Daybook, 1891–1895, kept by Edward V. Chisholm (1838–1893) in the operation of his general store in Long Creek, Louisa County, Virginia. Includes a daily list of transactions recording customer name, items purchased, and prices. Some of the goods sold include meal, sugar, molasses, coffee, headache powder, laudanum, soap, shoes, and buttons. Also included is a letter, 7 August 1907, from the Post Office Department to Ella V. Chisholm (b. 1847), accepting her resignation as postmaster. Loaned for duplication by Louis Chisholm, Mineral. (44926)

Clopton, John. 2 pages.

Circular letter, 29 March 1811, from Congressman John Clopton (1756–1816) to his constituents in Hanover, Henrico, Charles City, and New Kent Counties, and Richmond, Virginia, detailing the previous session of Congress (11th Congress) including a supplemental act to the embargo against Great Britain and efforts to recharter the 1st Bank of the United States. Donor information unavailable. (44911)

Harrison, Burton N. 36 pages and 3 leaves.

Papers, 1864–1866, of Burton N. Harrison (1838–1904), while serving as private secretary to Jefferson Davis, concerning the Hampton Roads Peace Conference that took place 3 February 1865 near Fort Monroe, in Newport News, Virginia. The letters were all copied by Harrison from original correspondence in his possession and each letter is noted as such, often with additional information provided by Harrison. Correspondents include Jefferson Davis, Frank P. Blair, Abraham Lincoln, Alexander Stephens, John A. Campbell, and R. M. T. Hunter. An itemized list of letters in the collection is included, and each letter has a corresponding alphabetical delineation. Transferred from State Records, The Library of Virginia, Richmond. (44265) ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Hales, Robert. 1 reel. (*Misc. reel 5947*)

Account book, 1853–1881, of Robert Hales (b. 1826), a physician residing in Buckingham County, Virginia, lists charges for services including dressing burns, delivering babies, pulling teeth, and administering vaccinations, and for medications including quinine. Hales sometimes listed payment in the form of goods such as corn and wheat. He also noted occasions when the patient was an enslaved or free African American. Enclosures include an 1895 report card for Ruben Rothgil of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Loaned for duplication by Louis Chisholm, Mineral. (44927)

Mahone, William. 1 volume.

Letterbook, 30 July–18 August 1885, of William Mahone (1826–1895) of Petersburg, Virginia, detailing the planning and operations of the Virginia Republican Party at the state and county levels leading up to the state elections of 1885. Mahone comments on African American Republicans, speakers and speaking engagements, financing, and other topics. Purchased. (45013)

Potomac Company (Virginia). 6 pages.

Papers, 1785 and 1812, of the Potomac Company consisting of a subscription list, 1785, containing the names of shareholders including George Washington, and a letter, 12 May 1812, from Josias Thompson, Georgetown, District of Columbia, to the president and directors of the Potomac Company concerning the Potomac Canal, its laborers, its finances, and efforts to construct locks around the little falls of the Potomac River. Purchased. (44975, 44976)

Ruffin, Frank G. 12 pages.

Report, 21 December 1863, of Frank G. Ruffin (1816–1892), Bureau of Subsistence, Richmond, Virginia, to Colonel Lucius B. Northrop (1811–1894), in response to charges against the Commissary Department by Captain Jackson Warner (b.1829) that Union prisoners were inadequately fed while in captivity. Ruffin details the charges against the Commissary and charges Warner with not following supply procedures and illegally profiting from the purchase of additional food supplies. Also includes a report by Samuel B. French (1820–1898) on rations issued to Warner for the first three quarters of 1863. Purchased. (44261)

Sydnor, Mary. 47 pages.

Transcription of diary and letters, July–September 1911, of Mary Sydnor (1889–1975) of Charleston, West Virginia, detailing her trip to Italy, Switzerland, France, and England. Includes transcripts of letters from Mary Sydnor to her mother, Mary Pettus Wilson Sydnor, and reproductions of postcards, photographs, and labels. Gift of James H. Chapman of Lexington, North Carolina. (44463)

Van Landingham, Marian. 13.225 cubic feet.

Papers, 1979–2006, of Marian Van Landingham (b. 1937) of Alexandria, Virginia, who represented the 45th District in the Virginia House of Delegates from 1982 to 2005. Includes legislative files, subject files, outgoing correspondence, and campaign files. Gift of Marian Van Landingham, Alexandria. (42474) ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Virginia District Pilot International. 10.2 cubic feet.

Records, 1947–2003, of Virginia District Pilot International consisting of correspondence, directories, financial records, handbooks, histories, manuals, minutes, newsletters, notes, reports, rosters, surveys, and other papers that document and detail the history, organization, and goals of the Virginia District Pilot International. Gift of Bobbie B. Hudson, Danville, and Carolyn Cattle, Marion. (36420, 38675, 43133) ([Click here for finding aid](#))

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.

Accounts, Dept. of.

Confederate Pension Records, 1884–1978, 43.95 cu. ft., Accession 44105. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Commonwealth, Secretary of the.

Virginia Secretary of the Commonwealth correspondence, 1891–1911, 12.35 cu. ft., Accession 38174. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Governor, Office of.

Benjamin Harrison.

Letters received, 1781–1784, 7.75 cu. ft., Accession 44660. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Tim Kaine.

Records of the Executive Office – Chief of Staff, Governor Timothy M. Kaine, 2006–2009, 4.75 cu. ft., Accession 44694. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Records of the Executive Office – Governor, Governor Timothy M. Kaine, 2006–2009, 15.75 cu. ft., Accession 44695. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation.

Correspondence and subject files of the director of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, 1955–1984, 29 cu. ft., Accession 44897. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Library of Virginia.

State Historical Records Advisory Board files of the Virginia State Archivist at the Library of Virginia, 1996–2007, 3 cu. ft., Accession 44456. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Virginia Housing Development Authority.

Correspondence and subject files of the director of the Virginia Housing Development Authority, 1988–1991, 9 cu. ft., Accession 44847. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Virginia State Library.

Records of the Office of the State Librarian, 1827–1855, 2.35 cu. ft., Accession 44953. ([Click here for finding aid](#))