

## PRIMARY SOURCES

### Quarterly Report of Newly Processed Collections April–June 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 50 localities totaling more than 5.6 million images. This quarter the Library added scanned chancery causes for Augusta and Surry Counties totaling 53,563 images. For more information, including a complete listing of all chancery projects, see the [Chancery Records Index \(CRI\)](#). 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**

[District Court Papers, 1789–1790.](#)

[Executor, Administrator, and Orphan Bond Books, 1727–1790.](#)

### **Amherst County**

[Deeds, 1797–1866.](#)

### **Brunswick County**

[Commonwealth Causes and Pardons, 1791–1806; 1898–1903.](#)

[Coroner's Inquisitions, 1801–1947.](#)

### **Craig County**

[Court Records, 1852–1938.](#)

[Lists of Voters Registered, 1895–1931.](#)

### **Elizabeth City County**

[Schools Correspondence, 1918–1952.](#)

**Franklin County**

[Chancery Causes, 1913–1929.](#)

**Hanover County**

[Election Records, 1879–1966.](#)

**James City County/Williamsburg**

[Court Records, 1831–1901.](#)

**Loudoun County**

[Chancery Causes, 1758–1912 \(bulk 1786–1912\).](#)

**Lynchburg (City)**

[Free Negro and Slave Records, 1784–1864.](#)

**Manassas (City)**

[Airport Commission Records, 1970–2005.](#)

**Montgomery County**

[Miscellaneous Court Records, 1750–1861.](#)

**Nelson County**

[School Records, 1871–1876.](#)

**New Kent County**

[School Records, 1872–1922, 1947.](#)

**Newport News (City)**

[Judgment: W. H. Baumeister versus Newport News Publishing Company, 1906 June.](#)

**Prince George County**

[Deeds, 1816–1918.](#)

[Deeds, 1918–1952.](#)

**Richmond (City)**

[Inquisitions of Escheat and Estrays, 1821–1868.](#)

[John Marshall High School Examination Returns, 1891–1913.](#)

[Richmond Wood Ware Manufacturing Company Business Records, 1894.](#)

**Surry County**

[Chancery Causes, 1785–1922 \(bulk 1806–1912\).](#)

**Warren County**

[Free Negro and Slave Records, 1836–1861.](#)

## Warwick County

[Birth and Death Records, 1912–1916.](#)

### 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.

### BUSINESS RECORDS

#### [Appomattox Iron Works and Supply Company \(Petersburg, Va.\). 5 cubic feet and 9 volumes.](#)

Records, 1834–1991, of the Appomattox Iron Works and Supply Company of Petersburg, Virginia, including correspondence, customer orders, receipts, credit reports, price sheets and supply catalogs, account ledgers, weekly time books, day book, and cash ledger. Also included are photocopies of diaries of company founder Esek Steere (1831–1908). The collection also contains files relating to the renovation of the company headquarters into a living history museum in the early 1990s. There are brochures, clippings, genealogical notes on the Armstrong and Steere families, photographs, artwork, proposals and specifications, reports, histories, and information relating to tax credits, grants, and urban enterprise zones. Gift of Marvin T. Broyhill III, Petersburg.

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**Faulconer, James W.** 1 reel of microfilm. (*Misc. reel 6052*)

Records, 1878–1928, of James W. Faulconer (1847–1924) of Orange County, Virginia, relating to his operation of a general store and sawmill, including a daybook, ledger, and memorandum book. Loaned for microfilming by John Y. and Dana S. Faulconer, Orange. (45459)

**Graves Mill (Madison County, Va.). .9 cubic feet.**

Records, 1784–1886, of Graves Mill, a gristmill located in Madison County, Virginia, and operated by Thomas Graves (1733–1810) and his sons. Includes account books, bonds, correspondence, daybook, ledgers, list of hires, orders for payments or goods, promissory notes, ticket and memorandum book, and other items. This accession is also available on microfilm (*Misc. Reels 6050–6051*). Gift of John Y. and Dana S. Faulconer, Orange. (45458)

## **ORGANIZATION RECORDS**

**Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution. Col. Thomas Hughart Chapter (Staunton).** 1 volume (68 pages).

*Everyone Served: Recollections of World War II.* Compilation, 2009, of stories and first-hand accounts by members of the Col. Thomas Hughart Chapter and others that relate to life in the Shenandoah Valley region of Virginia during World War II. There are also recollections of people from other parts of Virginia and the United States. Gift of the Col. Thomas Hughart Chapter, Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution, Staunton. (45558)

**Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution. Col. Thomas Hughart Chapter (Staunton).** 1 volume (80 pages).

*Nothing Was Wasted: A Collection of Letters and Conversations About Life During the Great Depression.* Compilation, 2006, of stories and first-hand accounts, mainly by members of the Col. Thomas Hughart Chapter, that relate to life in the Shenandoah Valley region of Virginia during the Great Depression. Gift of the Col. Thomas Hughart Chapter, Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution, Staunton. (45557)

## **PERSONAL PAPERS**

**Armistead, Robert A.** 83 leaves, photocopies.

Journal, covering the period 14 May 1815 to 5 July 1818, of Robert A. Armistead (1796–1819), a midshipman in the United States Navy, while he was serving aboard various ships in the Mediterranean Sea during the Second Barbary War. This item is a typed transcription of the original. The journal begins with his departure from Sandy Hook, New York, aboard the USS *Constellation*. Armistead describes weather conditions, nautical positions, naval duties performed, sightings and skirmishes with enemy ships, sicknesses and deaths of crew members, and prisoners taken. He also gives

descriptions of various places where he was anchored, including Cadiz, Gibraltar, Tunis, Tripoli, Messina, Naples, Syracuse, Marseilles, and Genoa. The journal ends with his return to Sandy Hook aboard the USS *Washington*. Gift of Henry A. Little, Irvington. (45056)

**Boswell, William Ward.** .225 cubic feet.

Papers, 1943–2005, of William Ward Boswell (1905–1977) of Arlington, Virginia, relating to his service in the 9th Army Air Force Engineer Command during World War II. Includes identification card, immunization registers, appointment, certificate of service, military service transcript, separation notice, and discharge certificate. There are also letters written by Boswell and numerous photographs taken by him while he was stationed in England, France, and Germany. Also included is information on the Ninth Air Force Association, including membership materials and newsletters, as well as brochures and clippings on the D-day invasion of Normandy. Gift of Lucy Newton Boswell Negus, Richmond. (45539)

**Branch, Martha P.** 35 pages.

Letters, 1837–1838, from Martha P. Branch (b. 1813) in Amelia County, Virginia, to her husband, Robert Henry Branch (1812–1895), while he was employed in the stagecoach office of James M. Boyd in Richmond. Topics include her concern about his health, church services, news of his former students, marriages in the area, and her loneliness and feelings about their marriage. Also included in this accession are compositions and math exercises. Purchased. (45568)

**Coulling-Stubbs-Hudgins Family.** 1 reel of microfilm. (*Misc. Reel 6053*)

Papers, 1795–1913, of the Coulling, Stubbs, and Hudgins families of Richmond, Virginia. Includes correspondence, marriage register of Reverend James Coulling (1756–1807), marriage bonds, Confederate currency and bonds, slave records, stock certificates, an Appomattox parole and pass, appointment in the 1st Regiment of Virginia Volunteers, autograph album, copies of records of the Free School of Richmond, and an inventory and appraisal of the estate of Albert G. Stubbs. Loaned for microfilming by Joseph L. Hudgins, Midlothian. (45464)

**Foster, T. Turner.** 20 cubic feet.

Papers, 1740–1978, of T. Turner Foster (1900–1978) of The Plains, Fauquier County, Virginia. Includes correspondence, financial records, subject files, records of his service on the Scott County Road Board, and materials relating to his establishment of a branch of the Millard Institute of Normal Speech in Warrenton. The bulk of the collection covers the years 1920 to 1972. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Palmer, Purcellville. (45111)

**Graves, Mary Peach Hamilton.** 1 vol. (approximately 125 pages).

Journal, 1849–1850, of Mary Peach Hamilton (later Graves) (1830–1917), kept while a student at Hey's Educational Institute for Ladies in York, Pennsylvania. Hamilton describes feelings of homesickness; her day-to-day routine; studies; social interactions with other students and visitors to the school; and the school's principal, John

F. Hey (b. ca. 1801), and his wife, Jane Hey (b. ca. 1805). She also records various religious reflections (including observations made after visiting local Methodist, Episcopal, Lutheran, Moravian, and Presbyterian churches). On 15 November 1849, she recounts coming upon a crowd of people who have gathered in the aftermath of a young man's suicide. Gift of Sally Bonham Mohle, Glen Allen. (45440)

**Jones, Virginia Minor Roosevelt. 1.1 cubic feet.**

Papers, 1917–1935, of Virginia Minor Roosevelt Jones (b. 1897) of Washington, D.C., and Norfolk, Virginia. The majority of materials collected here reflect her relationship with her first husband, Robert B. Roosevelt, Jr. (1899–1922), and chiefly include his letters to her over the period of their long-distance courtship in 1919 (they married in 1920) and during a period of separation in 1922. His letters to her allude to his drinking problem and financial instability, and issues of trust in the marriage. Other materials in the collection include letters from Robert Roosevelt's mother, Lilie Hamersley Roosevelt (b. 1883), to Virginia Roosevelt in the wake of his sudden death in 1922; numerous sympathy cards and letters; a letter from Arthur Percy Jones (1883–1942) shortly before he became her second husband in 1923; and correspondence and greeting cards, 1922–1923 and 1933, directed to Robert Roosevelt III (ca. 1922–1944). Also included are a small notebook used as a scrapbook, 1919–1920, holding various postcards and clippings sent to her by her first husband, along with some handwritten musings by both, and a photo album, 1916 and undated. Gift of Tucker Carney, Norfolk. (45319)

**Mohler, Reuben Albert. .225 cubic feet.**

Papers, 1862–1926, of Reuben A. Mohler (1846–1927) of Akron, Ohio, relating to his service in the 143rd Ohio Infantry during the Civil War. Includes billfold, clipping, discharge, drawing of the cemetery at Fort Pocahontas, G.A.R. transfer card, song lyrics, pension papers, real photo postcard, gravestone receipt, and a copy of *Service for the Use of the Grand Army of the Republic* (1894). Also included in this accession is the diary of James W. Devoe (1844–1870), covering the period 7 August 1862 to 14 February 1863, while he was serving with the 96th Ohio Infantry. Devoe writes about guard and picket duty; receiving guns, equipment, and rations; mail deliveries, weather conditions, and the various marches and travel down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers from Ohio to Louisiana. Gift of Jocelyn Lance, Richmond. (45244)

**Timberlake Family. 10 cubic feet.**

Papers, 1762–2009, of the Timberlake family of Atlee, Hanover County, Virginia. Includes correspondence and subject files, mainly of John Henry Timberlake (1835–1900) and his wife, Etta Gertrude (Bowe) Timberlake (1838–1911), and their daughter Carrie Crenshaw Timberlake (1864–1938). Gift of Donald H. C. Timberlake, Sabattus, Maine, and Betty Bowe Timberlake, Morristown, Tennessee. (45491)

**Wiley, H. A. 20 pages.**

Letters, 1862–1863, from Captain H. A. Wiley of Company B, 104th New York Infantry, to his father and brother in Livingston County, New York, discussing military life, desertion and corruption, campaigning, civilians, and generals of the Union army.

Wiley comments on the war effort, campaigning in the Shenandoah Valley, intrigue among generals, General George McClellan and the Peninsular Campaign, his dislike of Generals Irvin McDowell and Abram Duryea, and the arrest of Clement Vallandigham by General Ambrose Burnside. Purchased. (45422)

## 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.

### **Auditor of Public Accounts**

Personal Property Tax Book Microfilming Project. Currently, the Library of Virginia has a complete run on microfilm of personal property tax records from 1782 to 1921. The goal of this project is to microfilm these records through 1927. Click [here](#) for an up-to-date list of available microfilm (including reels available through Interlibrary Loan).

### **Chesapeake Bay Commission**

[Records, 1982–1996, 6 cu. ft., Accession 41003.](#)

### **Governor, Office of**

Tim Kaine

[Office of the Senior Advisor to the Governor for Workforce Records, 2006–2009, 2.10 cu. ft., Accession 44699.](#)

[Latino Liaison Records, 2004–2009, 3.38 cu. ft., Accession 44808.](#)

[Press Office Records, 2004–2010 \(bulk 2006–2009\), 3.95 cu. ft., Accession 44739.](#)

### **Labor and Industry, Dept. of**

[Correspondence and subject files of the Commissioner of the Virginia Dept. of Labor and Industry, 1985–1987, 2 cu. ft., Accession 33972.](#)

### **Transportation, Secretary of**

Correspondence and subject files of the Virginia Secretary of Transportation, [1972–1977](#), 6 cu. ft., Accession 30059.

[1972–1979](#), 2 cu. ft., Accession 30494.

[1972–1979](#), 7 cu. ft., Accession 31228.

[1989–1991](#), 7 cu. ft., Accession 37339.