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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

MS234

Unit Date

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Language

English .

Extent

.33 Linear Feet 1 box

Repository

Local History and Special Collections Branch, Alexandria Library

Administrative Information

Biographical / Historical

The earliest member of the Boush family represented in these papers is Nathaniel Boush, 1809-1873. Nathaniel was a ship chandler in Alexandria, VA. His son Samuel was a forage master and fought for the Confederacy as a private in the 3rd Company, Washington Artillery, Major Walton's Battalion during the Civil War. Samuel married Mary (Mollie) May. Their daughter Nathalie married G. Gordon Asher and later married a McGowan after being widowed.

Content Description

Nathaniel's papers related to business and to the New York Life Insurance Company. There are also letters from Nathaniel to Samuel during the Civil War years. Letters to Samuel from relatives, including his sisters Effie and Fannie and his mother Jane, contain commentary on the Civil War. At different times during the war Samuel was in New Orleans, Manassas and Petersburg. There are Confederate passes among his papers. There is also an 1865 letter from Samuel to his mother about his return home. Samuel's correspondence from his friend Maurice Hurley mentions that Hurley was exiled to Canada to avoid taking the "oath to President Lincoln" in 1864. Correspondence of Nathalie Boush Asher and her husband G. Gordon Asher make up the remainder of the collection. There is also an 1893 Alexandria Female Institute report card for Nathalie. Most of her correspondence is personal letters, sympathy notes, and some letters on House of Representatives stationery. Her interest in politics is indicated by the latter plus newspapers that she saved relating to the candidacy of C.C. Carlin and E.B. White for the 1918 Virginia Eighth District election for the U.S. House of Representatives. There are several pieces of business and personal correspondence to G. Gordon Asher.

Related Materials

Letters from Nathaniel to his wife Jane from the 1850s-1870s are in the Alexandria vertical file under "Biographies-Boush." This file also contains biographical material on Nathaniel Boush. The May Family Papers (MS233) relate to the family of Mary (Mollie) May Boush.

Keywords

Schools -- Virginia -- Alexandria.

Letters.

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

Politics and culture -- United States.

Boush, Nathaniel, 1809-1873

Boush, Samuel Coleman, 1842-1918

McCowan, Nathalie May Boush, 1883-1961

Asher, George Gordon, 1872-1915

Boush, Mollie May

Description of Subordinate Components

Boush genealogy

Text 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Nathaniel Boush, correspondence

Unit Date 1854 - 1887

Text 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Nathaniel Boush, New York Life Insurance Company papers

Unit Date 1860 - 1880

Text 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Samuel Boush, correspondence to and from his mother, Jane Boush. Includes note on letter dated February 20, 1864 from Nathaniel to burn all letters after his death.

Unit Date 1864 - 1865

Text 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Creator Boush, Jane Chatham, 1818-1903

Creator Boush, Nathaniel, 1809-1873

Creator Boush, Samuel Coleman, 1842-1918

Samuel Boush, correspondence from his father, Nathaniel Boush

Unit Date 1853 - 1865

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Creator Boush, Nathaniel, 1809-1873

Creator Boush, Samuel Coleman, 1842-1918

Samuel Boush, correspondence from Maurice Hurley

Unit Date 1861 - 1864

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Container 6 (folder)

Samuel Boush, miscellaneous correspondence

Unit Date 1857 - 1865

Text 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Samuel Boush, miscellaneous correspondence

Unit Date 1877 - 1915

Text 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

**Mollie May Boush correspondence from Samuel Boush and certificate from Hollins Institute.
Mollie May correspondence from John L. May (her brother)**

Unit Date 1844, 1869 - 1876

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Confederate veteran reunion ribbons, including R.E. Lee Camp

Unit Date 1884 - 1904

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G. Gordon Asher, correspondence

Unit Date 1914

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Nathalie Boush Asher, correspondence

Unit Date 1893 - 1934

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Container 12 (folder)

Nathalie Boush Asher, correspondence

Unit Date 1901 - 1940

Text 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Nathalie Boush Asher, newspapers on U.S. House of Representatives election: candidates C.C. Carlin & E. B. White

Unit Date 1918

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Keywords

Carlin, Charles Creighton, 1866-1938

Carlin, C. C. (Charles Creighton), 1866-1938

Nathaniel Boush business papers

Unit Date 1846 - 1907

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Nathaniel Boush. First National Bank checkbook, 1879 - 1883

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Container 16 (folder)