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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

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Unit Date

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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

This collection contains materials relating to early residents of Southwest Virginia (particularly James Patton, William Preston, and John Preston) and the commemoration of the 200th anniversary of George Washington's birth in 1932, all collected by Anna Burton Ellett, a Blacksburg resident and active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities.

Creator

Ellett, Anna Burton, 1886-1974

Extent

0.3 Cubic Feet 1 box; 1 oversize folder

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

The Anna Burton Ellett Collection was donated to Special Collections in 1974.

Processing Information

The processing, arrangement, and description of the Anna Burton Ellett Collection commenced and was completed in November, 2012.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Anna Burton Ellett, daughter of Henry W. and Anna Elizabeth Bass Burton, was born in Lynchburg, Virginia on March 5, 1886. Following the early death of her mother, she spent her childhood at the home of her great uncle, James A. Walker, of Rockbridge County, Virginia. She later attended high school in Durham, North Carolina, and graduated from Trinity College in 1906. In 1918, she accepted a position with the Virginia Extension Service in Blacksburg, where she met and married Walter Beal Ellett, head of Virginia Tech's Department of Agricultural Chemistry. She was an active member of both the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities. Anna Burton Ellett died in Shawsville, Virginia on April 28, 1974.

Scope and Content

This collection contains materials acquired by Anna Burton Ellett, a resident of Blacksburg, Virginia, through her interest in local and United States history. The collection includes correspondence, legal documents, and military records from Southwest Virginia as well as printed materials relating to the bicentennial commemoration of the 1732 birth of President George Washington.

Separated Materials

The following items were removed from the collection and cataloged for the Rare Book Collection:

Colonial gardens: the landscape architecture of George Washington's time. Washington, D.C.: United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission, [1932]. Call number: SB466 U6 A6 c.2 Large Spec

Ellett, W. B. "Sugar Beets in Virginia." *Circular* (Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station), no. 1. Call number: LD5655 A5231 C45 no. 1 VPI Spec

Keywords

Blacksburg (Va.)

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

Montgomery County (Va.)

Right Statement for Archival Description

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in two series:

Series I. Southwest Virginia Historical Documents, 1751-1841. This series contains materials acquired by Ellett through her interest in local history. The documents focus largely on the Patton and Preston families, particularly James Patton, William Preston, and John Preston. Included are correspondence and legal documents, as well as pay records and rosters of John Preston's company of local volunteer militia. The series also contains a few pieces from other sources, including a justice of the peace certification for Samuel D. King, signed by Daniel Webster; a list of goods apparently stolen from Capt. Adam Levinson; and a survey map apparently showing streams in present-day Montgomery County, Virginia.

Series II. Washington Bicentennial Celebration, 1931-1932. This series contains printed materials produced--mostly by the George Washington Bicentennial Commission--to guide local organizations in commemorating the 200th anniversary of Washington's birth. Included are essays, programs, scripts, music, and promotional materials.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I. Southwest Virginia Historical Documents

Unit Date 1754-1841

James Patton

Unit Date 1754-1797

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Extent [see also Oversize Materials]

John Adams / Michael Kinder bond

Unit Date 1754

Patton's estate - Elijah Isaac bond

Unit Date 1763

Patton's estate - Hugh Mares account (Joseph Cloyd and John Leyburn, arbitrators)

Unit Date 1797

William Preston

Unit Date 1769-1783

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Extent [see also Oversize Materials]

Botetourt County tax itemization and receipt

Unit Date 1769

Letter from J. Thompson

Unit Date 1774

Letter from George Skillern

Unit Date 1779

Letter from John Preston

Unit Date 1782

Letter from [Jonathan Taylor?]

Unit Date 1783

John Preston

Unit Date 1814-1825

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Extent [see also Oversize Materials]

Letter from Daniel Howe

Unit Date 1814

Letter from David French

Unit Date 1817

Letter from George Hancock

Unit Date 1825

General Documents

Unit Date 1841, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Extent [see also Oversize Materials]

Samuel D. King justice of the peace certification (signed by Daniel Webster)

Unit Date 1841

Notes on Thomas and Robert Rutherford's Ohio River land parcels

Unit Date n.d.

"An account of what goods the [Indians robbed?] from Capt. Adam Levinson,"

Unit Date n.d.

Metes and bounds of two surveys

Unit Date n.d.

Masonic speech

Unit Date n.d.

Series II. George Washington Bicentennial Celebration

Unit Date 1931-1932, n.d.

"Programs and Papers Portraying the Personality, Character, and Achievements of George Washington,"

Unit Date 1931

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Extent [2 copies]

Pageants and plays

Unit Date 1931-1932, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Music

Unit Date 1931-1932, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Promotional materials

Unit Date 1932, n.d.

Extent [see also Oversize Materials]

Oversize Materials

Unit Date 1751-1792, n.d.

oversize 1 (folder)

Roll of Captain [John] Preston's company of volunteer militia

Unit Date 1792

Monthly reports of Captain [John] Preston's company of volunteer militia

Unit Date 1792

Physical Characteristics [4 items]

Roll of Lieutenant [Robert] Crockett's detachment of Capt. Preston's company

Unit Date [1792?]

Pay record for scouts in John Preston's volunteer militia company

Unit Date 1792

Land indenture: James Patton to John Petersally (Augusta County, Virginia)

Unit Date 1751

Land indenture: George Robinson to Joseph McDonald (Augusta County, Virginia)

Unit Date 1755

Land indenture: Joseph and Elizabeth McDonald to William Preston (Augusta County, Virginia)

Unit Date 1763

Unidentified map showing Walkers Little Creek, Peak Creek, Cave Creek, Stoney Fork, and others

Unit Date n.d.

George Washington Bicentennial Commission clip sheet

Unit Date [1932]