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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The Thomas David Perry Collection includes the papers relating to the history of Patrick County, Virginia, and native son James Ewell Brown "Jeb" Stuart, a Confederate General during the American Civil War, particularly Stuart's genealogy and birthplace, Laurel Hill.

Creator

Perry, Thomas David

Extent

19 Cubic Feet 19 boxes

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

The Thomas David Perry Collection was donated to Special Collections in 2002. Additional materials were donated in 2003, 2004, 2006 and 2008.

Processing Information

The collection is unprocessed. This inventory is adapted from a guide created by the donor. A digital version of the donor's guide, which provides a more detailed description of its contents, may be found online.

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Biographical Note

Born in 1960, Thomas David Perry graduated from Virginia Tech in 1984. He founded the J. E. B. Stuart Birthplace Preservation Trust in 1990, serving as its president from 1990 to 1992; he has also served at various times on the trust's board of directors and has served on the boards of directors of the Jubal Early Homeplace and the Patrick County Historical Society. In North Carolina, Perry has been a founding member of both the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History and the Surry County Civil War Round Table. Perry has presented numerous speeches on Patrick County, "Jeb" Stuart, and the Civil War; he has also conducted several symposia and tours and published several works on these topics.

Scope and Content

This collection contains materials gathered by Virginia Tech graduate (class of 1984) and historian Thomas David Perry during more than 20 years of research and writing on the history of Patrick County, Virginia. Much of the material is devoted to the life, family, and birthplace of James Ewell Brown "Jeb" Stuart, a Confederate General during the American Civil War. The collection contains such materials as manuscript drafts, printed materials, correspondence, scrapbooks and photographs. Much of the material relates to the research and writing of three of Perry's books, *Ascent to Glory: the Genealogy of Jeb Stuart*; *Stuart's Birthplace: a History of Laurel Hill Farm*; and *The Free State of Patrick: Patrick County, Virginia in the Civil War*. The collection also contains press and promotional material relating to the effort to preserve Stuart's birthplace.

Separated Materials

The following books were transferred to the Rare Book Collection:

Perry, Thomas David, *Stuart's birthplace: the history of the Laurel Hill farm* ([S.l.: The Author], 2007). Call number: E467.1.S9 P45 2007 Spec Civil War.

Perry, Thomas David, *Ascent to glory: the genealogy of J. E. B. Stuart* ([S.l.: The Author], 2007). Call number: CS71.S93 P47 2008 Spec Civil War.

Brown, Dean W., *Boyhood adventures of General JEB Stuart, Civil War Hero* (Bloomington, Ind.: Authorhouse, 2005). Call number: E467.1.S9 B67 2005 Spec Civil War.

Wood, Karenne and Diane Shields, *The Monacan Indians: our story* ([Madison Heights, Va.: Monacan Indian Nation, 1999?]). Call number: E99.M85 W66 1999 Spec Large.

Garren, Terrell T., *The Secret of war: a dramatic history of Civil War crime in western North Carolina* (Spartanburg, S.C.: The Reprint Company, 2004). Call number: PS3607.A768 S43 2004 Spec Civil War.

Krick, Robert K., *The Smoothbore volley that doomed the Confederacy: the death of Stonewall Jackson and other chapters on the Army of Northern Virginia* (Baton Rouge, La.: Louisiana State University Press, 2002). Call number: E470.2 .K75 2002 copy 2 Spec Civil War.

Allison, Roger A., *A Brief history of Saltville* ([Saltville, Va.: Saltville Centennial Committee, 1996?]). Call number: F234.S17 A55 1996 Spec Civil War.

Keywords

Civil War

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

Patrick County (Va.) -- History

Students and alumni

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

University History

Stuart, Jeb, 1833-1864

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (1970-)

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Other Finding Aids

A guide developed by the donor, providing a more detailed inventory of the collection, is available online.

Arrangement

The collection is unprocessed and remains largely in the order in which it was received. Generally, the collection is arranged within the following categories: Patrick County in the American Civil War; genealogy of J. E. B. Stuart; history of Laurel Hill Farm, Stuart's birthplace; records of the J. E. B. Stuart Birthplace; general American Civil War and Patrick County history files; and Perry's personal papers.

Description of Subordinate Components

The Free State of Patrick: Patrick County, Virginia in the Civil War by Thomas David Perry

Research notes, drafts (including final draft), back-up copies, and related materials

box 1

Research notes, drafts and materials related to the book

box 2

Draft copies and miscellaneous material

box 3

Ascent to Glory: the Genealogy of J. E. B. Stuart by Thomas David Perry

Notes and rough drafts of Stuart genealogy; drafts, copies and compact disc back-ups of second edition

box 4

Stuart's Birthplace: the History of Laurel Hill Farm by Thomas David Perry

Books and materials relating to chapter 1 about Native Americans, geography, geology, William Byrd and Peter Jefferson

box 5

Books and materials relating to chapters two through six

box 6

Books and materials relating to time period after the Stuarts; materials relating to family of Archibald and Elizabeth Letcher Pannill Stuart

box 7

Archives of the J. E. B. Stuart Birthplace

Newsletters, newspaper clippings, correspondence, videocassettes

box 8

Archaeological assessment reports by the college of William and Mary; scrapbooks

box 9

Photo album, scrapbooks; loose photos

box 10

Speeches and Tours Given by Perry on J. E. B. Stuart and the Civil War

Various material on tours and speeches given from 1990 to 2002

box 11

Patrick County History

Material on various topics relating to the history of the county, particularly the Patrick County Oral History Project, together with books relating to the history of Patrick County and the surrounding region

box 12

Miscellaneous Materials Relating to J. E. B. Stuart and Patrick County History

Books and programs such as Tracing Your Civil War ancestor, Stoneman's Raid and civic group presentations

box 13

Laurel Hill Teacher's and Reference Guides, Jeb Stuart's North Carolina Connections, the Play the Last Cavalier by Frank Levering and Patrick County World War II book

box 13

Stoneman's Raid (March-May 1865)

Banners and speeches relating to George Stoneman's raid and William Jackson Palmer

Papers and speeches relating to George Stoneman's raid and William Jackson Farmer
box 14

Civil War Research

17th Tennessee Infantry
box 15

Notes for proposed tour of Civil War sites west of Blacksburg
box 15

Material on various aspects of Civil War history
box 15

Genealogical Research

Jonathan Hanby Carter: research material relating to naval career of Carter, of Surry County, North Carolina
box 16

Hairston family: books and papers relating to the Hairstons of Virginia and North Carolina
box 16

Perry and Hobbes family
box 16

Book Discussions

Notes and annotated books for discussions led by Perry
box 17

Personal Papers

Papers relating to Perry's activities
Unit Date 2003-2005
box 18

College text books and class notes of Perry while a student at Surry Community College and Virginia Tech
box 19