

# Guide to the Virginia historical documents collection, Late 16th century-1958

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## Descriptive Summary

### Collection Number

C0034

### Date

16th Century-1958

### Mixed materials

1 (Oversize)

### Mixed materials

1 (Box)

### Language

English. Contains one document in French.

### Abstract

This collection contains historical documents relating to Virginia families and citizens. Documents range from pre-Revolution colonial documents to early 20th Century documents.

### Creator

George Mason University

### Physical Characteristics

2.25 linear feet (2 boxes)

### Repository

George Mason University. Libraries. Special Collections Research Center.

## Administrative Information

### Access Restrictions

There are no access restrictions.

### **Use Restrictions**

There are no restrictions on personal use. Permission to publish material from Virginia Historical Documents must be obtained from Special Collections Research Center, George Mason University Libraries.

### **Acquisition Information**

Collection donated by Susan J. Brennan in 1985 and Dartmouth College Library in 1993. Additional documents acquired from various sources between 2005-2012.

### **Processing Information**

Processed by Special Collections and Archives staff. EAD markup completed by Eron Ackerman and Jordan Patty in August 2009. Updated by Zac Greenfield in July 2017.

### **Preferred Citation**

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## **Historical Information**

Special Collections Research Center staff created this collection from small donations of historical documents.

## **Scope and Content**

The Virginia Historical Documents collection was created out of many small donations of materials that were accessioned by the Special Collections Research Center over the course of many years. Documents range from late 16th and early 17th century Raleigh family letters, court documents from the 18th and 19th centuries, which include summons and slave receipts, and material from the Fairfax family. Also included are Mason family documents and Civil War letters. Lastly, there are 20th Century postcards depicting Colonial Virginia and a request answered by Senator Harry Byrd about attending the 1945 Presidential Inauguration.

## **Related Material**

The Special Collections Research Center also holds the [Northern Virginia Civil War Images Collection](#).

## **Index Terms**

### **Persons:**

Cook, Peyton

Fairfax, Denny Martin, 1725?-1800

### **Geography:**

Virginia--History--18th century.

Virginia--History--19th century.

Virginia--History--20th century.

### **Subject:**

Courthouses--Virginia--Fairfax.

Slavery--Virginia--Loudoun County.

### **Document Types:**

Letters.

## **Arrangement**

Organized chronologically.

# Contents List

## [Level 1 Items]

### **George Wyley to Daniel Clarke,**

**Unit Date** Undated

**Container** 1 (Box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

### **Raleigh Family Letters,**

**Unit Date** 1595-18th Century

**Container** 1 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Content**

Contains one letter in French.

### **Fairfax County Bail Bonds,**

**Unit Date** 1714

**Container** 1 (Box)

**Container** 3 (Folder)

### **Lord Fairfax Land Survey,**

**Unit Date** 1739

**Container** 1 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

### **John Park vs William Hall,**

**Unit Date** 1746

**Container** 1 (Box)

**Container** 5 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Content**

Settlement of debt.

### **Mary Tarbuck vs John Doones Court Summons of Witnesses,**

**Unit Date** 1754

**Container** 1 (Box)

**Container** 6 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Content**

William Lyndin, John Lynnston, and Mary Bradford on behalf of Tarbuck.

### **David Hughes vs Joseph Stevens,**

**Unit Date** 1763

**Container** 1 (Box)

**Container** 7 (Folder)

### **Joseph Janney, Leesburg,**

**Unit Date** 1773

**Container** 1 (Box)

**Container** 8 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Content**

Merchant's letter concerning the pre-Revolution shipping of goods.

### **Denny Fairfax Land Lease Document,**

**Unit Date** December 4, 1790

**Container** 1 (Box)

**Container** 9 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Content**

100 Acres of Fairfax land leased to Alexander White of Hardy County.

### **William Alexander to Washington,**

**Unit Date** December 21, 1790

**Container** 1 (Box)

**Container** 10 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Content**

Rent of Land from Alexander by Washington.

### **Indenture of Hugh Ogden, Loudoun County,**

**Unit Date** Spring 1815

**Container** 1 (Box)

**Container** 11 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Content**

Hugh Ogden entered into the service of a miller as his apprentice.

### **Calvin Jewett New Year's Resolutions,**

**Unit Date** December 29, 1841

**Container** 1 (Box)

**Container** 12 (Folder)

### **James H. Reid Slave Holding,**

**Unit Date** May 22, 1850

**Container** 1 (Box)

**Container** 13 (Folder)

### **Slave Deed of Gift Maynadier Mason,**

**Unit Date** March 29, 1853

**Container** 1 (Box)

**Container** 14 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Content**

Mason granting a "negro slave woman" to a maternal aunt of his deceased wife.

### **Peyton Cook Slave Receipt,**

**Unit Date** January 14, 1860

**Container** 1 (Box)

**Container** 15 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Content**

Receipt transferring ownership of Peyton Cook. Written on lined paper.

### **James M. Mason Letter to President James Buchanan,**

**Unit Date** 1860

**Container** 1 (Box)

**Container** 16 (Folder)

### **Rhode Island soldier Civil War Letter,**

**Unit Date** July 15, 1861

**Container** 1 (Box)

**Container** 17 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Content**

Letter by a soldier identified only as Frank at Camp Clarke, addressed to his brother and discusses orders to march, President Lincoln, being photographed, the Fourth of July, etc.

### **James M. Mason Letter on Trent Affair,**

**Unit Date** 1861

**Container** 1 (Box)

**Container** 18 (Folder)

### **Letter from unidentified Confederate Soldier to his Mother,**

**Unit Date** January 29, 1863

**Container** 1 (Box)

**Container** 19 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Content**

Location is listed as "Camp Burton's Farm."

### **Jamestowne Exposition Postcard,**

**Unit Date** 1907

**Container** 1 (Box)

**Container** 20 (Folder)

### **Postcard with Capt. John Smith and Pocahontas,**

**Unit Date** 1907

**Container** 1 (Box)

**Container** 21 (Folder)

### **Harry F. Byrd Letter about Presidential Inauguration,**

**Unit Date** December 18, 1944

**Container** 1 (Box)

**Container** 22 (Folder)

### **Envelope with Anniversary Gunston Hall Stamp,**

**Unit Date** 1958

**Container** 1 (Box)

**Container** 23 (Folder)

### **Fairfax County Sun Echo,**

**Unit Date** September 1964

**Container** 2 (Box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)