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Abstract

The John T. Harris Papers, 1771-1937 (bulk 1850-1900), consist of a large number of personal and political documents relevant to the life and career of John T. Harris. The bulk of the collection is comprised of letters of John T. Harris and his family, and of Peyton Randolph and his family. Several letters discuss Southern secession and the American Civil War. Also included are Randolph family letters, James Clarkson Papers, Civil War documents and Harris genealogy.

Creator

Harris, John T. (John Thomas), 1823-1899

source

Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society

source

Harris, R. Randolph

Extent

2.47 cubic feet 7 boxes and 2 folders

Repository

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Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

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Processing Information

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Bio/Historical Note

John T. Harris (1823-1899) was perhaps one of the most prominent citizens of Rockingham County throughout the nineteenth century. The son of Nathan and Ann Harris, he was commonwealth's attorney for

Rockingham County from 1852 to 1859, and in 1856 served as a Presidential elector for James Buchanan. Thereafter, he served in the United States Congress from 1859 until the outbreak of the Civil War. Despite his strong Unionist sentiments and his continual efforts to keep Virginia in the Union, Harris remained loyal to Virginia when she seceded in May 1861. During the war he served two terms in the Virginia General Assembly. Following the war John T. Harris was judge of the 12th judicial circuit, which included Rockingham County. In 1870 he was again elected to Congress and was continuously re-elected until 1880, after which he resumed his law practice in Harrisonburg. John T. Harris returned to politics in 1889 as a rival of P.W. McKinney for the Democratic nomination for the governorship. Later he was appointed by Governor McKinney as one of the representatives for Virginia to the World's Columbian Exposition in 1892. He died in Harrisonburg, October 14, 1899.

In addition to the Harris family letters, there are a large number of miscellaneous letters (3 Hollinger boxes) of the related Peyton Randolph Family. The Randolph family papers came into the Harris family when John T. Harris's son, John T. Harris Jr., married Peyton Randolph's daughter, Mary Elizabeth Randolph. Born in Washington, D.C. in 1833, Peyton was the son of James Innes Randolph, a congressional clerk, and Susan Armistead Randolph. However, despite the numerous letters to him, little is known about Peyton Randolph. Prior to the Civil War he attended Columbian College (now George Washington University) and was an engineer on numerous railroad projects in Virginia, Indiana, and Alabama through the 1850's. He enlisted in the army in Mobile, Alabama, at the outbreak of war and served as an engineer in Pickett's division, rising to the rank of major by 1865. Thereafter, even less is known of his life. He married Mary Fisher following the war, returned to the engineering profession, and died November 28, 1888.

Scope and Contents

The John T. Harris Papers, 1771-1937 (bulk 1850-1900), consists of seven boxes and two oversize folders of material. Although the collection contains a large number of personal and political documents relevant to the life and career of John T. Harris, the bulk of the collection is comprised of correspondence addressed to John T. Harris and his family, and between Peyton Randolph and his family. A small number of James Clarkson papers are also present. The collection is arranged in four series: Correspondence, Personal and Family Papers, Political Papers, and Miscellaneous.

Series 1: Correspondence, 1831-1937, is arranged chronologically in four subseries:

Subseries 1.1: Addressed to John T. Harris, 1841-1899, consists of correspondence addressed to Harris from his constituents requesting personal favors. Letters from 1860 to 1861 primarily address the issue of Virginia seceding from the Union. Most of the letters express pro-Unionist feelings and encourage Harris to work for a compromise in Congress to avert violent conflict. The contents of these letters suggest that Harris worked with and may have been a close friend of Stephen A. Douglas. The 24 May 1871 letter addressed to Harris from William Nelson Pendelton, written on behalf of Henry Clay White of Rockbridge County requesting appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point is property of Special Collections at James Madison University, and does not form part of the original collection on deposit. It is not available on microfilm.

Subseries 1.2: Harris Family, 1831-1937, consists chiefly of letters among various members of the Harris family; content includes descriptions of family life. Also included among this subseries are several letters to John T. Harris, Jr., from Presidents Woodrow Wilson and Theodore Roosevelt.

Subseries 1.3: Addressed to Peyton Randolph, 1846-1884, consists of letters from several college friends of Randolph and from Randolph's immediate family. Notable among these are letters from college friend Henry Force. Force was the son of historian Peter Force and acted as surveyor on the Border Commission dispatched to study the newly acquired lands in present-day New Mexico and Arizona. In a series of letters to Peyton from 1848 to 1853, Force describes his encounters with Mexican soldiers and Apache Indians, as well as his duties on the trek from New Orleans to San Diego. Transcriptions are available for eight of Force's letters, 1848-1851.

Subseries 1.4: Randolph Family, 1837-1928, includes letters addressed to Peyton Randolph and his sisters, Mollie Randolph, Nannie Randolph and Sue Randolph from their mother, Susan Armistead Randolph, correspondence between the Randolph siblings, as well as a few miscellaneous items of Peyton Randolph's including a book of psalms which he carried during the Civil War. The letters from Susan Armistead Randolph form the bulk of this subseries. In her weekly four-page letters, Susan Randolph describes life in Washington, D.C. during the 1850's, including the inauguration of Franklin Pierce and the funeral of Henry Clay. Susan Randolph was acutely aware of the political climate of her era and took particular interest in the Know-Nothing party in the 1850's. In several letters she outlines the platform of the Know-Nothings and even urges Peyton to join the party. However, despite her vivid political commentaries and her proximity to the arena of the conflict, she does not mention the issue of slavery. In addition to her political and social sketches, she provides detailed accounts of family life, including detailed descriptions of the deaths of various family members. Her letters from Richmond during the war describe the changes in life in that city through the course of the war and include detailed examples of the rampant inflation of prices on common goods such as bacon and flour. Of particular interest are Mrs. Randolph's inquiries concerning her first cousin, General

Lewis Armistead, who was said to be the first Confederate soldier to cross into Union lines during Pickett's Charge at the battle of Gettysburg. See Randolph Harris Moulton's *Some Randolphs Around Civil War Times* for transcriptions of some of the Peyton Randolph letters.

Series 2: Personal and Family Papers, 1843-1936, is arranged topically and contains a variety of materials. General papers include John T. Harris' law license, an 1861 will, and his post-Civil War oath of allegiance to the United States. [A certificate in which President Benjamin Harrison appoints Harris as Virginia's representative at the World's Columbian Exposition of 1892 is located in the oversize miscellaneous file.] Also in this series is a photocopy of John T. Harris' handwritten 1898 autobiography, which gives many particulars of his life, as well as a photocopy of his son John T. Harris Jr.'s typed 1936 autobiography, which includes characterizations of the lawyers with which the younger Harris was acquainted. Genealogical notes and charts as well as newspaper clippings pertaining to the Harris family are also present.

Series 3: Political Papers, 1856-1896, consists primarily of copies of John T. Harris' Congressional speeches as well as several made by other members of Congress. The most notable of these is the resignation speech of Preston B. "Bully" Brookes, who was censured by Congress for caning Charles Sumner in 1856. In addition, there are election returns from elections in which Harris was a candidate. These include reports from Rockingham County and localities throughout the Shenandoah Valley. There is also a folder containing political ephemera such as political broadsides, handbills, and selected pages from newspapers regarding local and national elections

Series 4: Miscellaneous, 1771-1933, contains a variety of materials, including general miscellany and receipts, Civil War documents, indentures, James Clarkson Papers, photographs and undated material. Among the Civil War documents are requests for exemption from military service, requisition receipts from Confederate military authorities, contracts between individuals and their military substitutes, and requests to John T. Harris for release from Union prisoner-of-war camps. The James Clarkson Papers primarily are comprised of legal documents from Albemarle County. These documents were preserved by John T. Harris's wife, Virginia Harris, who was a descendant of James Clarkson. Among the photographs is a print of Peyton Randolph and his four brothers, a photographed portrait of James Innes, and photographs of John T. Harris' writing desk, a young Isabelle Heard, and an unidentified young girl. Undated material consists of any items in this series that may be undated, including print material, notes, memoranda, receipts, various lists, writings, and calling cards. In addition, also includes a certificate signed by Benjamin Harrison appointing him as Virginia's representative at the World's Columbian Exposition of 1892; a land grant to Joel S. Graves signed by Governor Thomas M. Randolph; and a sheet dated March 11, 1861, signed by members of the provisional government of secession (Civil War) from South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Alabama.

Related Material

Harter, Dale F. *Of Men and Measures: The Memoirs of John T. Harris of Virginia*. M.A. Thesis, University of South Carolina, 1999.

Keywords

Lawyers -- Virginia

Judges -- Virginia

Practice of law -- Virginia

Elections -- Virginia

Statesmen -- Virginia

Rockingham County (Va.) -- Politics and government

Virginia -- Politics and government -- 1775-1865

Virginia -- Politics and government -- 1861-1865

Virginia -- Politics and government -- 1865-1950

Virginia -- Genealogy

Virginia -- History, Local

Virginia -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

Virginia -- Social life and customs

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Personal narratives, Confederate

United States -- Politics and government -- 1849-1861

United States -- Social life and customs -- 19th century

Letters (correspondence)

Genealogies (histories)

Newspaper clippings

Indentures
Photographs
Wills
broadsides (notices)
Legal documents
Harris, John T. (John Thomas), 1823-1899 -- Correspondence
Randolph, Peyton, 1833-1891 -- Correspondence
Randolph, Susan Armistead, 1810-1884 -- Correspondence
Harris family -- Correspondence
Randolph family -- Correspondence
Virginia. General Assembly. House of Delegates -- Elections
Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society
Harris, R. Randolph

Other Formats Available

The collection is also available on microfilm at Special Collections of James Madison University (Microfilm # 1471-1479) and at the Library of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia.

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged into the following four series and subseries. All correspondence series are arranged chronologically, and all other series are arranged topically.

Series 1: Correspondence, 1831-1937 1.1: Addressed to John T. Harris, 1841-1899 1.2: Harris Family, 1831-1937 1.3: Addressed to Peyton Randolph, 1846-1884 1.4: Randolph Family, 1837-1928 Series 2: Personal and Family Papers, 1843-1936 Series 3: Political Papers, 1856-1896 Series 4: Miscellaneous, 1771-1933

Description of Subordinate Components

Correspondence

Unit ID 1

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/781

Unit Date 1831-1937

Addressed to John T. Harris

Unit ID Sub-series 1.1

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/25007

Unit Date 1845-1899

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/787

Unit Date 1845-1860

Mixed Materials [1000886537] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Extent 100 letters

Scope and Contents

Notable Letters:

- 2 Feb. 1857, Arch Graham on national, state and local politics, with letter of 20 July from John T. Harris (son) interpreting the meaning of the letter
- 3 March 1860 Supporter of Stephen A. Douglas and "squatter sovereignty."
- 2 May 1860 Talk of secession
- 30 Oct. 1860 England blamed for dissolution of the Union
- 1 Dec. 1860 South Carolina resident gives plans of that state with regards to the Union.
- 16 Dec. 1860 Harris believes Union must be preserved.

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/788

Unit Date 1861 January

Mixed Materials [1000886537] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Extent 37 letters

Scope and Contents

Notable Letters:

- 21 Jan. Constituent blames "Black Republicans" and Lincoln for conflict between the North and South

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/789

Unit Date 1861 February

Mixed Materials [1000886537] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Extent 67 letters

Scope and Contents

Notable Letters

- 20 Feb. Letter from Gov. John Letcher
- 21 Feb. Constituent refers to slavery as the "never ending nigger question"
- 27 Feb. Letter from Col. David B. Bimey, son of abolitionist James G. Bime

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/790

Unit Date 1861 March-1864 December

Mixed Materials [1000886537] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Extent 90 letters

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/791

Unit Date 1865-1866

Mixed Materials [1000886537] 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Extent 79 letters

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/792

Unit Date 1867-1868

Mixed Materials [1000886537] 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Extent 37 letters

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/793

Unit Date 1869

Mixed Materials [1000886537] 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Extent 90 letters

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/794

Unit Date 1870-1872

Mixed Materials [1000886537] 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Extent 100 letters

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/795

Unit Date 1873-1877

Mixed Materials [1000886538] 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Extent 58 letters

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/796

Unit Date 1878-1880

Mixed Materials [1000886538] 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Extent 110 letters

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/797

Unit Date 1881-1885

Mixed Materials [1000886538] 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Extent 81 letters

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/798

Unit Date 1886

Mixed Materials [1000886538] 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Extent 77 letters

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/799

Unit Date 1887-1888

Mixed Materials [1000886538] 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Extent 41 letters

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/800

Unit Date 1889

Mixed Materials [1000886538] 2 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Extent 68 letters

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/801

Unit Date 1890-1893

Mixed Materials [1000886538] 2 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Extent 42 letters

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/802

Unit Date 1894-1899

Mixed Materials [1000886538] 2 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Extent 57 letters

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/803

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [1000886538] 2 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Extent 57 letters

Harris family

Unit ID 1.2

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/25008

Unit Date 1831-1937

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/804

Unit Date 1831-1879

Mixed Materials [1000886539] 3 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Extent 79 letters

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/805

Unit Date 1880-1890

Mixed Materials [1000886539] 3 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Extent 60 letters

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/806

Unit Date 1891-1901

Mixed Materials [1000886539] 3 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Extent 70 letters

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/807

Unit Date 1902-1911

Mixed Materials [1000886539] 3 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Extent 84 letters

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/808

Unit Date 1912-1915

Mixed Materials [1000886539] 3 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Extent 67 letters

Scope and Contents

Notable Letters:

- 13, 18 July 1912 Letters from Woodrow Wilson
- 25 Oct., 17 Nov. 1915 Letters from Teddy Roosevelt

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/809

Unit Date 1916-1927

Mixed Materials [1000886539] 3 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Extent 60 letters

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/810

Unit Date 1928-1931

Mixed Materials [1000886539] 3 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Extent 79 letters

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/811

Unit Date 1932-1937

Mixed Materials [1000886539] 3 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Extent 67 letters

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/812

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [1000886539] 3 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Extent 54 letters

Addressed to Peyton Randolph

Unit ID Sub-series 1.3

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/25009

Unit Date 1846-1884

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/813

Unit Date 1846-1851

Mixed Materials [1000886540] 4 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Extent 39 letters

Scope and Contents

Notable Letters:

- Eight letters in this folder from Henry Force to Peyton Randolph, 1848-1851, are available in [transcription](#) (NOT ON MICROFILM)
- 17 Aug. 1850 Henry Force describes voyage from New York to Havana and New Orleans.
- 7 Sept. 1850 Henry Force's duties as surveyor on Border Commission in Victoria, Texas.
- 5 April 1850 Samuel Force giving views of a Princeton Freshman.
- 29 June 1851 Henry Force describes encounters with Mexicans and Apaches in New Mexico.

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/814

Unit Date 1852

Mixed Materials [1000886540] 4 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Extent 41 letters

Scope and Contents

Notable Letters:

- 9 March Henry Force describe duties and life in San Diego and survey of the Gila River.
- 21 March Susan Randolph, Peyton's mother, notes new painting in Capitol Rotunda-Washington Crossing the Delaware.
- 4 July Mother describes Henry Clay's funeral.
- 3 Oct. Mother describes father's involvement in Whig vs. Democrat politics.

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/815

Unit Date 1853 January-June

Mixed Materials [1000886540] 4 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Extent 30 letters

Scope and Contents

Notable Letters:

- 2 Jan. Mother describes death of Nannie's son, Randolph, of scarlet fever.
- 4 Jan. Mother describes death of Peyton's grandfather.
- 9 Jan. Mother describes erecting of statue of Andrew Jackson with speech by Stephen A. Douglas.
- 6 Feb. Mother anticipates somber character of Franklin Pierce's inauguration because of recent death of his only son.
- 13 Feb. Henry Force describes Apache attack on return trip from El Paso.
- 13 March Mother describes Pierce's inauguration.
- 22 May Mother describes 25th wedding anniversary.

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/816

Unit Date 1853 July-December

Mixed Materials [1000886540] 4 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Extent 22 letters

Scope and Contents

Notable Letters:

- 21 Nov. James Innes Randolph asks for \$200 to avoid foreclosure on house and sale of furniture.

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/817

Unit Date 1854 January-June

Mixed Materials [1000886540] 4 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Extent 27 letters

Scope and Contents

Notable Letters:

- 28 May Father believes Kansas-Nebraska Act will make Northerners refuse to enforce the Fugitive Slave Law.
- 18 June Mother urges Peyton to join the Know-Nothings.
- 26 June Mother notes rumor that Pope's nuncio was engaged in Catholic atrocities to subvert the government and make Washington the headquarters of the Pope.

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/818

Unit Date 1854 July-December

Mixed Materials [1000886540] 4 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Extent 14 letters

Scope and Contents

Notable Letters:

- 23 July Mother describes spread of cholera in Washington.
- 19 Nov. Mother describes financial panic in Washington.

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/819

Unit Date 1855

Mixed Materials [1000886540] 4 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Extent 36 letters

Scope and Contents

Notable Letters:

- 1 March Mother gives vivid description of Grandmother's death.
- 10 May Wm. Titcomb warns Peyton not to join Know-Nothings.
- 22 Dec. Wm. Titcomb anticipates arrival of Santa Claus.

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/820

Unit Date 1856

Mixed Materials [1000886541] 5 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Extent 29 letters

Scope and Contents

Notable Letters:

- 9 July Henry Force describes trial of Preston Brookes for assault of Sumner in the Senate.
- 17 Aug. Henry Force discusses maintenance of Washington Territory boundary.
- 24 Aug. Father tries unsuccessfully to get a clerkship at Congress.
- 3 Sept. Henry Force describes his father's (Peter Force) problems with his documentary history of America.

- 3 Nov. Peyton believes Buchanan will defeat Fillmore in presidential election.

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/821

Unit Date 1857-1860

Mixed Materials [1000886541] 5 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Extent 41 letters

Scope and Contents

Notable Letters:

- 7 June 1857 Peyton in Mississippi gladly notes absence of foreigners and Yankees.

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/822

Unit Date 1861-1862

Mixed Materials [1000886541] 5 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Extent 32 letters

Scope and Contents

Notable Letters:

- 6 Jan. 1861 Peyton believes conflict between South Carolina and the U.S. will not last long because neither can afford a war.
- 17 March 1861 Mother believes Lincoln will preserve peace.
- 24 March 1861 Peyton joins the Army at Fort Morgan, Alabama.
- 24 March 1861 Mother observes that most Know-Nothings have switched to the Republicans.
- 14 April 1861 Mother says, "Hurrah for the Southern Confederacy."
- 8 Sept. 1861 Mother describes rising prices in Richmond. Peyton's brother John could see the Capitol rotunda on picket duty outside Washington.
- 20 Oct. 1861 Mother visits Richmond hospitals filled with soldiers.
- 5 May 1862 Mother describes Confederate evacuation of Yorktown and Norfolk. Notes Merrimac is in the James River.
- 24 Dec. 1862 Peyton asks when General. Armistead's uniforms will be ready.

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/823

Unit Date 1863-1884

Mixed Materials [1000886541] 5 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Extent 25 letters

Scope and Contents

Notable Letters:

- 15 Feb. 1863 Prices sky rocketing in Richmond.
- 14 July 1863 Mother believes Lewis Armistead still alive despite rumors of his death at Gettysburg.
- 20 Aug. 1863 Mother questions fate of General. Armistead.
- 17 July 1864 Mother describes scarcity of food in Richmond.

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/824

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [1000886541] 5 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Extent 42 letters

Randolph family

Unit ID Sub-series 1.4

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/25010

Unit Date 1837-1928

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/825

Unit Date 1837-1857

Mixed Materials [1000886541] 5 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Extent 36 letters

Scope and Contents

Notable Letters:

- 6 July 1854 Birthday letter to Mary Fisher, Peyton's future wife. Advises her what to look for in a husband.
- 10 Feb. 1856 Letter to Innes Randolph at Hobart College, New York.

Keywords

Randolph, Innes, 1837-1887

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/826

Unit Date 1861-1866

Mixed Materials [1000886541] 5 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Extent 39 letters

Scope and Contents

Notable Letters:

- 4 Dec. 1861 John Randolph describes winter camp life in the army and his efforts to stay warm.
- 6 Feb. 1862 Mollie, fearing that the North will win, wonders why England and France will not recognize the Confederacy.
- 12 Aug. 1863 Mother unsure of Lewis Armistead's fate. Notes the high cost of wood and coal.
- 22 Nov. 1863 Mother describes death of James Innes Randolph.
- 13 May 1864 Family wakes to booming cannon outside Richmond. John brought home wounded in thigh.

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/827

Unit Date 1868-1928

Mixed Materials [1000886541] 5 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Extent 47 letters

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/828

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [1000886541] 5 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Extent 56 letters

Miscellany

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/829

Unit Date 1844-1865

Mixed Materials [1000886541] 5 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Extent 7 items

Personal and family papers

Unit ID 2

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/782

Unit Date 1843-1936

General papers

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/830

Unit Date 1843-1887

Mixed Materials [1000886542] 6 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Extent 21 items

Autobiography of J.T. Harris

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/831

Unit Date 1891

Mixed Materials [1000886542] 6 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Extent 116 pages

Autobiography of J.T. Harris Jr.

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/832

Unit Date 1936

Mixed Materials [1000886542] 6 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Extent 47 pages

Harris genealogy: part I

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/833

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [1000886542] 6 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Extent 44 items

Harris genealogy: part II

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/834

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [1000886542] 6 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Extent 31 items

Harris genealogy: part III

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/835

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [1000886542] 6 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Extent 21 items

Newsclippings part I

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/836

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [1000886542] 6 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Extent 18 items

Newsclippings part II

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/837

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [1000886542] 6 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Extent 57 items

Newsclippings part III

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/838

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [1000886542] 6 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Extent 19 items

Political papers

Unit ID 3

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/783

Unit Date 1821-1896

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/849

Unit Date 1821-1900

Mixed Materials [1000898365] OV 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Extent 9 items

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/839

Unit Date 1856-1896

Mixed Materials [1000886543] 7 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Extent 55 items

Scope and Contents

Notable items: 1856 Resignation speech of Congressman Preston B. Brookes.

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/840

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [1000886543] 7 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Extent 28 items

Miscellaneous

Unit ID 4

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/784

Unit Date 1771-1933

General miscellany

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/841

Unit Date 1795-1863

Mixed Materials [1000886543] 7 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Extent 86 items

Scope and Contents

Notable items: 1795 List of Subscribers to the "New Virginia Justice"

General miscellany

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/850
Unit Date 1821-1900
Mixed Materials [1000898365] OV 1 (box)
Container 2 (folder)
Extent 10 items

General miscellany

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/842
Unit Date 1864-1933
Mixed Materials [1000886543] 7 (box)
Container 4 (folder)
Extent 81 items

Civil War documents

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/843
Unit Date 1861-1863
Mixed Materials [1000886543] 7 (box)
Container 5 (folder)
Extent 45 items

Civil War documents

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/844
Unit Date 1864-1865
Mixed Materials [1000886543] 7 (box)
Container 6 (folder)
Extent 112 items

Indentures

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/845
Unit Date 1734
Unit Date 1786
Mixed Materials [1000886543] 7 (box)
Container 7 (folder)
Extent 2 items

James Clarkson papers

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/846
Unit Date 1771-1835
Mixed Materials [1000886543] 7 (box)
Container 8 (folder)
Extent 94 items

Photographs

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/847
Unit Date undated
Mixed Materials [1000886543] 7 (box)
Container 9 (folder)
Extent 5 items

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/848

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [1000886543] 7 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Extent 35 items

Microfilm

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/27222

Microfilm reel 1471

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/27223

Microform MR 1471 (box)

Microfilm reel 1472

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/27224

Microform MR 1472 (box)

Microfilm reel 1473

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/27225

Microform MR 1473 (box)

Microfilm reel 1474

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/27226

Microform MR 1474 (box)

Microfilm reel 1475

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/27227

Microform MR 1475 (box)

Microfilm reel 1476

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/27228

Microform MR 1476 (box)

Microfilm reel 1477

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/27229

Microform MR 1477 (box)

Microfilm reel 1478

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/27230

Microform MR 1478 (box)

Microfilm reel 1479

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/27231

Microform MR 1479 (box)