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Unit ID

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Unit Date

1779-1926

Language

English

Creator

Lee, Robert E. (Robert Edward), 1807-1870

Creator

Lee, Mary Custis, 1835-1918

Creator

Lee, Henry, III, 1756-1818

Extent

14 items

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Manuscripts stacks

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Scope and Contents

The Robert E. Lee and Lee Family papers consist of the personal papers of Robert E. Lee and Mary Custis Lee, including documents bearing their signatures. The papers also include one one letter (dated February 1926) from Mrs. William A. Anderson to Sydney B. Williamson that relates the history of a quilt made by Mary Custis Lee that was donated to the VMI Museum.

In addition, there is one letter (dated July 7, 1779) from Henry Lee III (Light Horse Harry), the father of Robert E. Lee.

Keywords

Generals—Confederate States of America

Correspondence

Receipts (financial records)

Orders (military records)

Description of Subordinate Components

Letter from Henry Lee III to Jeremiah Wadsworth

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4469

Unit Date 1779 July 7

Language English

Creator Lee, Henry, III, 1756-1818

Scope and Contents

Written from Haverstraw, New York. Letter regards settling of various accounts for horses and supplies.

Keywords

American Revolution (1775-1783)

Correspondence

Wadsworth, Jeremiah, 1743-1804

Transcription

Haverstraw [New York]. July 7th, 1779

I received your letter of May 30th and its duplicate both yesterday. I communicated the matter you wish to be concluded to Gen. Greene last winter when settling my accounts in hopes that a settlement with the Commissary department might have then taken place.

You was not in camp, or I should have waited on your office. I will pay the money received from Mr. Aylett for the purpose of purchasing horses to your order and accommodate its account in any manner most convenient to you. Myself & officers have during the last campaign expending some several sums in support of our troops when detached. Will you please to inform me, whether this can be repaid, and by whom. I am Sir Your most obedient servant, Henry Lee

Existence and Location of Originals

The original letter is currently on loan to another institution.

Letter from Robert E. Lee to Mrs. Hugh W. Mercer**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4475**Unit Date** 1848 December 9**Language** English**Creator** Lee, Robert E. (Robert Edward), 1807-1870**Scope and Contents**

Letter regards family news and a gift that Robert E. Lee is sending to his namesake Robert Lee Mercer. Includes envelope.

Keywords

Correspondence

Mercer, Hugh W., Mrs. (Mary?)

Robert E. Lee receipts**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4470**Unit Date** 1839-1854**Language** English**Creator** Lee, Robert E. (Robert Edward), 1807-1870**Extent** 4 items**Scope and Contents**

Four receipts signed by Robert E. Lee dating from his United States Army career.

Keywords

Receipts (financial records)

General Order Number 1**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4471**Unit Date** 1861 April 23**Language** English**Creator** Lee, Robert E. (Robert Edward), 1807-1870**Scope and Contents**

General Order Number 1 signed by Major General Robert E. Lee, in which he assumes command of military forces in Virginia.

Keywords

Orders (military records)

Virginia—History—Civil War, 1861-1865

Correspondence

Letter from Robert E. Lee to William H. Stiles**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4472**Unit Date** 1861 December 14**Language** English**Creator** Lee, Robert E. (Robert Edward), 1807-1870**Scope and Contents**

Written from Charleston, South Carolina. The letter regards William H. Stiles' request for Robert E. Lee to help his son receive a military appointment.

Keywords

United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865

Correspondence

Stiles, William H.

Letter from Robert E. Lee to Longstreet, Owen & Co.

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4473

Unit Date 1866 January 26

Language English

Creator Lee, Robert E. (Robert Edward), 1807-1870

Scope and Contents

Written from Lexington, Virginia. Letter regards business matters.

Keywords

Correspondence

Longstreet, James, 1821-1904

Letter from Robert E. Lee to H. G. D. Brown

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4474

Unit Date 1866 April 21

Language English

Creator Lee, Robert E. (Robert Edward), 1807-1870

Scope and Contents

Letter is a reply to an inquiry from a parent of a prospective student at Washington College.

Keywords

Washington College (Lexington, Va.)—Students

Washington and Lee University—History

Correspondence

Bank of Lexington check

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4477

Unit Date 1870 January 16

Language English

Scope and Contents

Check payable to Mary Custis Lee. Endorsed on verso, "Pay to Mrs. Figgatt, M. C. Lee"

Keywords

Lexington (Va.)—History

Financial records

Lee, Mary Custis, 1835-1918

Note

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4476

Unit Date 1913 October 22

Language English

Creator Lee, Mary Custis, 1835-1918

Scope and Contents

Notecard written by Mary Custis Lee that presents buttons to VMI.

Keywords

Correspondence

Letter from Mrs. William A. Anderson to Sydney B. Williamson

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4478

Unit Date 1926 February 26

Language English

Creator Anderson, William A., Mrs.

Scope and Contents

Letter concerns the history of the quilt created by Mary Custis Lee that was donated to the VMI Museum. The quilt itself is located in the VMI Museum collection.

Keywords

Correspondence

Lee, Mary Custis, 1835-1918

Williamson, Sydney B. (Sydney Bacon), 1865-1939

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