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Unit ID

WLU.Coll.0113

Unit ID

/repositories/5/resources/70

Unit Date

1830-1915

Language

English

Creator

Davidson, James D. (James Dorman)

Creator

Davidson, Mary

Creator

Letcher, Greenlee D. (Greenlee Davidson)

Extent

0.5 Linear Feet

Repository

Washington and Lee University, University Library Special Collections and Archives

Administrative Information

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Scope and Contents

This collection consists of papers of Lexington, Virginia lawyer James D. Davidson and his daughter Mary Davidson and includes some correspondence, manuscript and printed poems of James D. Davidson, clippings, and some miscellaneous papers from the family. James Davidson's printed and handwritten writings in the collection were compiled for his book "A Curiosity in the Chancery and Rhyme and Prose," (N.D., but likely 1876-81). The collection contains detailed genealogy of the Davidson, Greenlee, and McDowell families of Virginia and Kentucky. Other highlights are a typescript paper presented in 1915 by Greenlee Davidson Letcher to the Fortnightly Club of Lexington (Va.) on the life of Capatian Greenlee Davidson, son of James D. Davidson, who died fighting for the Confederacy during the American Civil War, a fragment of a handwritten 19th century recipe book, a small pen and ink drawing on Washington College stationery of the Virginia patriotic doodles and quotations, and a carte de visite photograph of the steamship "City of New York".

Separated Materials

The copy of James D. Davidson's book, "A Curiosity in Chancery and Rhyme and Prose," was removed from this collection and cataloged for our rare book collection housed in Washington and Lee University Special Collections.

Keywords

Poetry
Manuscripts
Correspondence
Genealogy
Cookbooks
Country lawyers
Davidson, Greenlee
Davidson family
Greenlee family
McDowell family

Description of Subordinate Components

Control Folder

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/15993

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English

Correspondences

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/15994

Unit Date 1873-1881

Text 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English

Correspondences

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/15996

Unit Date 1876

Text 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English

Notes on liquor laws, temperance, Biblical scripture pertaining to alcohol, and misc.

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/15997

Text 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English

General

Content by James D. Davidson

Poems and scriptural and general quotations

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/15998

Unit Date 1870-1881

Text 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English

General

Content in James D. Davidson's hand.

Poems and Speeches

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/15999

Unit Date 1830-1881

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Includes handwritten and printed material by James D. Davidson. Materials in this folder seem to have been compiled for submission to the publisher (Lexington (Va.) Gazette Printing House) of his book "A Curiosity in Chancery and Rhyme and Prose". Includes a ticket stub for the "Natural Bridge Sunday School Convention Picnic and Music Festival, July 15, 1876".

Newspaper clippings

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/16002

Unit Date 1865-1880

Text 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Includes a complete single edition of "The Commonwealth" newspaper of Covington, Ky., July 6, 1876. Clippings of Davidson's writings and interests - Davidson's account of the burial in Hollywood Cemetery (Richmond, Va.) of an artillery soldier, Richard W. Outland, formerly of his son Greenlee's "Letcher Battery" of the Army of Northern Virginia during the American Civil War; humorous description of the hand writing of a number of Lexington's prominent citizens of the 1860s-70s including James D. Davidson.; et al.

Book - "A Curiosity in Chancery and Rhyme and Prose" by James D. Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/16003

Books 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English

Separated Materials

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Letters to Mary Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/16004

Unit Date 1884-1885

Text 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Letters written to Mary Davidson on genealogy of the McDowell family. There is one letter regarding genealogy written to Clara (Davidson) Estill, Mary's sister.

Keywords

Pickett, Margaret Madison, 1806-1887

Green, Thomas Marshall, 1837-1904

Genealogy - McDowell, Greenlee, Davidson Families

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/16005

Unit Date 1885

Text 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Language English

Genealogy - McDowell, Greenlee, Davidson Families

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/16006

Unit Date 1885

Text 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Language English

Genealogy - McDowell, Greenlee, Davidson Families

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/16007

Unit Date 1885

Text 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Language English

Genealogy - McDowell Family

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/16008

Unit Date 1885

Text 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Language English

Genealogy - McDowell Family

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/16009

Unit Date 1885

Text 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Language English

Typescript paper on Captain Greenlee Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/16010

Unit Date 1915

Text 1 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Language English

Genealogy - Greenlee Family

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/16011

Text 1 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Language English

Recipe book

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/16012

Unit Date 1830-1880

Text 1 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Handwritten recipes from the Davidson family.

Newspaper clippings

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/16013

Unit Date 1850-1913

Text 1 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

Language English

Miscellaneous materials

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/16014

Text 1 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Carte de visite of the "City of New York", Virginia patriotic pen and ink drawing (c.1865 - 75?, receipt, Washington College stationary, dried flowers, a chart (table) for finding the day of the week in any month