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Descriptive Summary

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Unit Date

1779-1913

Language

English

source

Moore, William Poindexter, Jr.

Extent

1.25 Linear Feet 1 half-document case, 1 oversize folder

Condition Description

Overall, good. Some older pieces need conservation are fragile and should be handled with additional care.

Repository

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Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

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Scope and Contents

This collection primarily includes correspondence written between 1791-1913 to different ancestors of William Poindexter Moore.

The letters written to Andrew Reid by his son-in-law, Andrew Moore, provide insight into what was happening in the United States during Moore's time in Congress. His November 26, 1791 letter mentions concern for Western troops at the hands of Indigenous populations, some of whom were receiving goods imported by the British West Indies. His letter dated February 22, 1792, Moore states that the House of Representatives passed an apportionment bill and proceeds to describe it. He also briefly mentions the Militia Bill and states that "almost every man appears to have an opinion of his own which he is unwilling to relinquish." Moore's letter dated March 3, 1792 mentions that the apportionment bill is before the Senate and that Congress passed a law for the defense of the Western frontier. In his January 20, 1796 letter, Moore states that there is a bill before the House "appropriating 150,000 Dollars to the carrying on a trade with the Indians," a bill for opening a land office, one for altering the militia system, and one for general bankruptcy. Moore's December 25, 1796 letter informs Reid that it is "ascertained that Adams will be President and Jefferson Vice President." He also wrote "Information is received from different quarters and generally believed, that Spain has ceded to France the Florida and Louisiana." Moore's February 19, 1804 letter briefly mentions there is debate in Congress over charging a duty "per head on negroes imported." There is a printed typescript letter dated March 19, 1804 that may have gone out to Moore's constituents. It covers the Louisiana Purchase and its importance to the United States and defends Moore from an accusation that he had given incorrect information.

Reid's other correspondents include Samuel McDowell, Brisco Baldwin, David Holmes, and J. Marshall. Of particular note is the letter from McDowell, dated June 8, 1808. McDowell mentions personal matters, such as his wife's health, and then shares his views on international matters regarding Great Britain and Napoleon Bonaparte. He suggests that if Napoleon conquers Great Britain and Ireland, then he will attempt to conquer the United States.

The collection includes a letter written by attorney Edmund Pendleton (Cincinnati) to attorney David Moore (Lexington, Va.), dated September 22, 1845, about a fugitive slave named Patrick Howard. Pendleton previously lived in Virginia and was familiar with Howard. According to Pendleton, Howard was guilty of murder within Moore's jurisdiction. The purpose of the letter was to inform Moore of Howard's whereabouts as he'd recently been seen in Cincinnati.

There is also a letter from William (last name unknown) to his cousin (name unknown), dated November 26, 1864, which mentions returning to camp from a foraging expedition in Lexington, Va. and how he has never had "such an unpleasant trip in all my life." He describes being sick and his dislike for Col. Payne [William H. F.] because of his alcohol consumption. The rest of the letter remarks about people he knows and their marriage potential.

The letter written by Major John Bowyer Brockenbrough to his daughter Judy in 1901 is in regards to activities held at Washington and Lee University which honored his father, John Brockenbrough. The other correspondence is primarily related to land and/or personal matters.

The collection also includes a typescript of a personal reminiscence about Washington and Lee University during Robert E. Lee's presidency, the June 26, 1779 issue of the Caledonian Mercury newspaper (Edinburgh, Scotland), which discusses the American Revolution, a family history, and the last will and testament of Botetourt County resident, Mathew Harvey.

Related Materials

Reid Family Papers (WLU Coll. 0027)

Keywords

Personal narratives -- Confederate
Apportionment
Fugitive slaves
Indigenous people
Moore, William Poindexter, Jr.
Brockenbrough, John Bowyer
Washington and Lee University
Moore, Samuel McDowell
Moore, Andrew, 1752-1821

Napoleon I, Emperor of the French, 1769-1821

Reid, Andrew, 1751-1837

Description of Subordinate Components

Letters from Andrew Moore to Andrew Reid

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23338

Unit Date 1791-1797, 1804

Mixed Materials [35101206592375] Manuscripts Small Collections Box 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Andrew Reid was Andrew Moore's father-in-law

Letters from Various Correspondents to Andrew Reid

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23339

Unit Date 1808, 1812, undated

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Container 3 (folder)

Letter from B. Washington to Col. James McDowell

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23340

Unit Date 1810 March 2

Mixed Materials [35101206592375] Manuscripts Small Collections Box 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Letter from Edmund Pendleton to David Moore

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23345

Unit Date 1845 September 22

Mixed Materials [35101206592375] Manuscripts Small Collections Box 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Letter from William to Cousin

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23346

Unit Date 1864 November 26

Mixed Materials [35101206592375] Manuscripts Small Collections Box 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Letter from Major John Bowyer Brockenbrough to his Daughter, Lucy

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23347

Unit Date 1901 April 18

Mixed Materials [35101206592375] Manuscripts Small Collections Box 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Letter from Walter Shelby Forrester to Lucius Junius "June" Desha

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23348

Unit Date 1913 April 8

Mixed Materials [35101206592375] Manuscripts Small Collections Box 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Handwritten Reminiscences of Washington and Lee during the Lee Presidency

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23349

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [35101206592375] Manuscripts Small Collections Box 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Typed Family History based on the 1855 Original by Samuel McDowell Moore

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23350

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [35101206592375] Manuscripts Small Collections Box 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Last Will and Testament for Mathew Harvey

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23351

Unit Date circa 1823-1825

Mixed Materials [35101206592375] Manuscripts Small Collections Box 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Caledonian Mercury

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23352

Unit Date 1779 June 26

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