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RM.528

### Unit Date

1842-1860

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### Language

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### Creator

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### Creator

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

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## Biographical / Historical

John Augustine Washington III (1821-1861): John Augustine Washington was the great-grandnephew of George Washington and the last Washington to own Mount Vernon before its sale to the Mount Vernon Ladies Association (MVLA). He was born on May 3, 1821 to John Augustine Washington II and Jane Charlotte Blackburn Washington. He graduated from the University of Virginia in 1840, and returned to Mount Vernon to manage the declining estate with his widowed mother's permission. In 1843, he married Eleanor Love Selden with whom he had seven children. He sold 200 acres of Mount Vernon to the MVLA in 1858 for \$200,000, and he and his family moved to Waveland plantation in Fauquier County, Virginia in 1860. He served as aide-de-camp to General Robert E. Lee, but was shot by a bushwhacker and died one week later on September 13, 1861.

Eleanor Love Selden Washington (1824-1860): Born April 12, 1824 to Wilson Cary Selden and Louisa Elizabeth Fontaine Alexander Selden, "Nelly" married John Augustine Washington III on February 16, 1843. Together, they had seven children: Louisa, Jane Charlotte ("Jenny"), Eliza ("Lily"), Anna Maria, Lawrence, Eleanor ("Nelly"), and George. She died from childbirth October 9, 1860.

## Scope and Contents

The collection contains correspondence between John Augustine Washington III and his wife Eleanor Love Selden. The letters begin during the Washingtons' engagement and continues through eighteen years of marriage, ending with a letter from John Augustine to Eleanor composed the day prior to her sudden death. The letters contain information on family matters, the management of the Mount Vernon estate, and plantation life prior to the Civil War.

## Related Materials

Bushrod Washington Family Papers ; John Augustine Washington III and Descendants Papers ; Elswyth Thane Beebe Collection of Washington Family Papers ; Historic Manuscripts Collection

## Arrangement

The collection is arranged first by letters written by John Augustine Washington III, organized chronologically, and second by letters written by Eleanor Love Selden Washington, organized chronologically.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Letters from John Augustine Washington III

**Unit Date** 1842-1860; undated

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden

**Unit ID** MS-4320

**Unit Date** 1842 October 16

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

#### Scope and Contents

Expresses his happiness at receiving Nelly's letters and love for her. "I do not object to the whole world knowing that I love you."

**Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

### **John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden**

**Unit ID** MS-4321

**Unit Date** 1842 October 30

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

#### **Scope and Contents**

Must defer visit to Exeter for four or five days due to appointments. His mother will visit Nelly on her way up to Leesburg.

#### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

### **John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden**

**Unit ID** MS-4322

**Unit Date** 1842 November 13

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

#### **Scope and Contents**

Feels pain at parting from Nelly. Cousin William [Turner] distraught over his intention to marry Betty [Selden].

### **John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden**

**Unit ID** MS-4323

**Unit Date** 1842 December 29

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

#### **Scope and Contents**

Arrived Christmas day. Distressed at being apart from Nelly. Saw the family at Mount Ida [Wilson Cary Selden, Sr.'s family] on Saturday.

#### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

### **John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden**

**Unit ID** MS-4324

**Unit Date** 1843 January 24

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

#### **Scope and Contents**

Love letter. "...as the dearest moments of my life have been with you, so the happiest hopes that my soul can form, have you for their reigning star."

#### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Leesburg, to Eleanor Love Selden**

**Unit ID** MS-4325

**Unit Date** 1843 February 7

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Will probably not see or hear from Nelly until their wedding. Discredits stories that his relative Thomas Turner mistreated his family and servants.

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4327

**Unit Date** 1843 September 8

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Is unable to return to Jefferson until the middle or end of next week. Gives instructions for Dick [Richard Blackburn Washington] regarding delivery of wheat, receipts, and a shingles order. Mentions Bushrod Washington and West Ford.

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Blakeley, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4329

**Unit Date** 1843 December 4

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Changed route after leaving Nelly. Hopes Nelly recovers from her headaches. Did she get the box from Stabler's safely?

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Leesburg, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4331

**Unit Date** 1844 April 19

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

"Time hangs heavily on me when you are absent..." Updates on relations. A new academy is to be built opposite Mr. Burr Harrison's. Leaves for Jefferson tomorrow.

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4333

**Unit Date** 1844 October 10

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

#### **Keywords**

Slavery

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4336

**Unit Date** 1844 November 2

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

"...not having been aware of my right to vote out of the county in which I resided, at the Presidential election I made arrangements to return home..." Hyacinths planted.

#### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Blakeley, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4338

**Unit Date** 1845 January 21

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

His case came up in Court and estate committed to Augustine's hands. Encloses ten dollars to entertain Dick and Christian Washington. Two or three snowstorms since his arrival at Blakeley. Scarlet fever prevailing.

#### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Blakeley, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4340

**Unit Date** 1845 May 17

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Scarlet fever disappeared. Direct West [Ford] to tell William Hayes to procure eggs or chickens, "but know the price beforehand, or he will charge you double."

**Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4342

**Unit Date** 1845 September 1

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Scope and Contents**

Absence of Gabriel and desertion of some of the hired hands. Has decided not to sell Gabriel. "If it were possible to without them [slaves], I do not think I could own one, but situated as we are, landed property would be almost valueless without them, and it is a matter of necessity to have their labor."

**Keywords**

Slavery

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4343

**Unit Date** 1845 September 7

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Scope and Contents**

Sowing wheat. "I have never had soft crabs in perfection before." Asks if mother [Jane C. B. Washington] has received money on his wheat. Offers two sets of names for Dick and Christian Washington's daughter.

**Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4345

**Unit Date** 1845 September 14

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Keywords**

Slavery

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**Existence and Location of Copies**

Saw Dr. Powell on Thursday. Cases of bilious fever. Arrangements for slave Eliza's return to Mount Vernon. Crabs are "disappearing very rapidly."

## **John Augustine Washington III, Blakeley, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4349

**Unit Date** 1845 November 19

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Sale of Exeter will not take place until spring. Dr. Alexander struggling with debt.

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Leesburg, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4350

**Unit Date** 1846 January 12

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

"I have not seen our friends here, but hear that Bentley bought Cousin Eliza's negroes at \$1,200.00."

### **Keywords**

Slavery

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Blakeley, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4353

**Unit Date** 1846 January 20

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Mother [Jane Charlotte Blackburn Washington] ill. His letter will be taken to Nelly "by two negro men who I have purchased, and by Julia whom I send down. I wish West to set them to getting rails..."

### **Keywords**

Slavery

Correspondence

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4354

**Unit Date** 1846 September 17

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

"I left the negroes I got in Alexandria, where I had an offer of \$650.00 for them from a negro trader, but I prefer selling to a private person if I can do so. I found several of the servants sick, and Phil who was

very low, died this evening."

**Keywords**

Slavery

Correspondence

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4355

**Unit Date** 1846 September 22

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Scope and Contents**

Servants recovering. Nelly's cloak was dyed mazarine blue. Shall begin seeding wheat.

**Keywords**

Slavery

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4357

**Unit Date** 1846 September 30

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Scope and Contents**

West [Ford] has taken sick this morning. "The stockings and socks for the negroes are nearly done...The coat patterns are eaten up by the rats..."

**Keywords**

Slavery

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

Ford, West, approximately 1784-1863

**John Augustine Washington III, Charlestown, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4358

**Unit Date** 1846 November 13

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Scope and Contents**

Got up to Blakeley night before last accompanied by Charles Washington. "I have the prospect of employing an overseer for next year."

**Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4361

**Unit Date** 1846 December 10

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

### **Digital Archival Object**

Letter, John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington, 1846 December 10: 2023-02-09

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

He has been trying to procure signatures for a "petition for the division of our county." The sale of Woodlawn and the Quakers who are to settle on it.

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4364

**Unit Date** 1847 September 24

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Received Nelly's letter of September 18th. Has succeeded in obtaining an overseer "at the rate of one hundred and fifty dollars a year."

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Blakeley, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4365

**Unit Date** 1848 February 27

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Relates journey to Blakeley. Was delayed as Turbeville Stuart had typhus or nervous fever. Pneumonia and typhoid fever "prevailing through this neighborhood."

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4366

**Unit Date** 1848 June 22

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Augustine is losing his overseer due to his marriage to a widow, Ms. Spence. Discusses case at the Alexandria Superior Court.

**Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4369

**Unit Date** 1848 July 13

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Scope and Contents**

"Between pleasant company and bad weather I was detained in the lower country some days longer than I expected." Pleased with Gloucester. Disappointed in Old Point. Gabriel's duties and tasks.

**Keywords**

Slavery

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4374

**Unit Date** 1848 September 18

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Scope and Contents**

Has been twice at church. Hopes Nelly received a package with silk, a bottle with slips, and peach stones. Preserves and pickles are done.

**Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4376

**Unit Date** 1849 August 18

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Scope and Contents**

Describes weather and damage caused by drought and storms. Mr. Turner informs him that he can probably obtain an overseer but "the chance of getting a tenant is not so good."

**Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4378

**Unit Date** 1849 September 6

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Returned home yesterday from trip to Maryland. Visited Mr. Sewall at Poplar Hill. Went to visit Dr. Crawford but he was absent, so went to Mr. Shipley's. Recommends Nelly go to Baltimore. Presumes Elizabeth Blackburn was married today.

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4380

**Unit Date** 1849 September 24

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Wheat machine broke. Sends thirty dollars. Colonel Bailey Peyton is to marry Julia Thompson. Employed three Irish workers to see if they could replace slaves but the "experiment" failed.

### **Keywords**

Slavery

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4382

**Unit Date** 1849 December 11

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Sends a carriage up for Nelly. He shall leave tomorrow or the next day for Jefferson.

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4385

**Unit Date** 1850 September 18

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Relates arrival in Baltimore and journey to Mount Vernon. Steamboat brought five hundred visitors during the week. Misses Nelly: "...I feel a constant yearning to have you at my side, to hear you, to see you..."

**Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4384

**Unit Date** 1850 October 10

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Scope and Contents**

Dreams of Nelly. Monuments were erected at the vault. Steamboat continues to come full. President Filmore and his cabinet postponed visit. Plasterer to come and fix dining room and cellars.

**Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**John Augustine Washington III, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Mount Vernon**

**Unit ID** MS-4387

**Unit Date** 1851 January 17

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Scope and Contents**

Will be down tomorrow accompanied by William Turner and two other gentlemen.

**Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**John Augustine Washington III, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4389

**Unit Date** 1851 May 14

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Scope and Contents**

Is obliged to go to Fairfax Court House to "sue out attachments against Mr. Whitehall's property."

**Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4390

**Unit Date** 1851 June 15

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Scope and Contents**

Writes in haste. Ephraim died yesterday evening. Too hazardous for Nelly to come down until epidemic subsides. Sends a package containing a fan and dress.

**Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Charleston, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4394

**Unit Date** 1851 August 30

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Will be in Alexandria on Friday. Dick [Richard Washington] unwell with attack of erysipelas. Fears John Washington will be deformed. New steamboat for the Mount Vernon route will not begin trips until the week after next.

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Claymont, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4392

**Unit Date** 1851 September 3

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 14 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Short letter. Will not be in Alexandria before Saturday. Needs to attend to business with "Brother" Thomas [Blackburn Washington]. Families at Blakeley are well.

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Alexandria, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4395

**Unit Date** 1852 February 3

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 14 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Short letter. Mother [Jane C. B. Washington] is "dangerously ill." Requests a carpet bag with clean clothes. "Send John [Michum] up tomorrow morning for my Buggy."

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4396

**Unit Date** 1852 February 4

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 14 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Mother is better but still weak. Gives instructions for Mr. Stowell regarding corn for mules at Marshall

Hall.

**Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**John Augustine Washington III, Blakeley, to Louisa Fontaine Washington and Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4398

**Unit Date** 1852 February 12

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 15 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Scope and Contents**

Mother is better. "I have been purchasing negroes—and am in negotiation for others..." Gives instructions for "grubbing and ploughing." Overseer position. Includes letter to daughter Louisa on same sheet regarding various cousins.

**Keywords**

Slavery

Chew, Louisa Fontaine Washington, 1844-1927

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**John Augustine Washington III to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4399

**Unit Date** 1852 April

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 15 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Scope and Contents**

Sends Jim up with the carriage today for Nelly. Augustine writes he is "completely tired of bacheloring."

**Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4401

**Unit Date** 1852 July 22

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 15 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Scope and Contents**

Heard of Mrs. [Eleanor Parke Custis] Lewis' illness. Describes journey with stops in Berryville and Chantilly. Harriet subject to fainting attacks. Threshing machine is set. Negotiations with Mr. Stowell as overseer. Death of General Roger Jones

**Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4402

**Unit Date** 1852 August 2

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 16 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Health of Aunt Eliza and Mr. Lloyd. Railroad festival at Salem [now Marshall]. Cary, Fontaine and John hunting and fishing. Describes flowers in Louisa's garden. Wharf and buildings being put up at the White House for the steamboat and visitors.

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4403

**Unit Date** 1852 August 9

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 16 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Going to Alexandria to sell a load of wheat. The slave Eliza was injured when she "ran a needle in her arm and broke it off..." Ends with proclamation of undying love: "Indeed as I grow older my heart seems to cling closer to you...and never do I feel this more deeply than when you are absent from me."

### **Keywords**

Slavery

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4405

**Unit Date** 1852 August 24

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 16 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Finished ploughing in Maryland. Tried to sell the slave Matilda but she was unwilling. Has employed a German gardener. Gives updates on the steamboat, visitors, and construction of new wharf.

### **Keywords**

Slavery

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4408

**Unit Date** 1852 September 8

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 17 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Attaches a check for fifty dollars for travel expenses by canal. Good weather to begin work again. Heard

Attaches a check for fifty dollars for travel expenses by canal. Good weather to begin work again. Heard through West [Ford] of Cousin Esther's death. Health of servants

**Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4411

**Unit Date** 1852 September 17

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 17 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Scope and Contents**

Mount Vernon and other farms have lost one third to one half of harvest due to rains. Has finally engaged a Maryland bricklayer and plasterer.

**Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**John Augustine Washington III, Blakeley, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4413

**Unit Date** 1853 February 18

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 17 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Scope and Contents**

Was unable to write due to a cold. Noblet Herbert's death. Disappointed in sale of mountain land. Instructions for sowing and sale of clover seed.

**Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**John Augustine Washington III to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4416

**Unit Date** 1853 March

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 18 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Scope and Contents**

He cannot get up to the house. Requests beef, ham, knives and forks, Worcestershire sauce, and cream or milk.

**Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**John Augustine Washington III, Blakeley, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4419

**Unit Date** 1853 September 5

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 18 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Scope and Contents**

Sold Matilda and her family to Mr. Bevin. Augustine has had attacks of ague. Cases of scarlet fever and dysentery. Gives instructions for Mr. Stowell regarding sheep and wheat machine.

**Keywords**

Slavery

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**John Augustine Washington III, Aspen Hill, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4420

**Unit Date** 1854 March 4

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 18 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Scope and Contents**

Brief letter. Getting on slowly with work. Will probably not come down tomorrow.

**Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**John Augustine Washington III to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4421

**Unit Date** 1854 August 3

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 19 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Scope and Contents**

"Brother T's [cousin Thomas Washington] corpse has not yet arrived." John Alexander has dysentery.

**Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**John Augustine Washington III, Walnut Farm, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4422

**Unit Date** 1854 August 11

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 19 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Scope and Contents**

Thomas Washington's body arrived and was buried at Charlestown. John Alexander's death. Will conclude funeral arrangements tomorrow.

**Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4423

**Unit Date** 1854 September 4

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 19 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Scope and Contents**

Servants sick. Bought and forwarded a dress for Louisa. Will take Louisa to Bath after sale of Richwoods

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**Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**John Augustine Washington III, Washington City, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4427

**Unit Date** 1855 March 27

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 20 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Scope and Contents**

"Richard [Washington] was rather better last night." Brief letter.

**Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**John Augustine Washington III, Walnut Farm, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4429

**Unit Date** 1856 January 24

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 20 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Scope and Contents**

He is detained a few days longer due to Dr. Alexander's absence. Asks Nelly to send the wagon up for coal. Has sold corn at three dollars.

**Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**John Augustine Washington III, Blakeley, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4430

**Unit Date** 1856 December 7

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 20 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Scope and Contents**

Arrived in Charlestown yesterday. Restaurants in Charlestown and Harper's Ferry filthy. Richard [Washington] sold about 300 acres of his land at \$60.00 per acre.

**Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**John Augustine Washington III to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4437

**Unit Date** 1857 April

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 21 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Scope and Contents**

"Alexandria May 18" crossed out at top. His health continues to improve, will join her in a few days.

Requests pills and tea.

**Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**John Augustine Washington III to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4438

**Unit Date** 1857 April

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 21 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Scope and Contents**

"My cold is broken and a great deal better." Regrets that sickness prevents him from joining her as planned.

**Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**John Augustine Washington III to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4432

**Unit Date** 1856 December 13

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 21 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Scope and Contents**

Augustine writes he will be down on Thursday or Friday. Direct Mr. Browner to get ready to kill the hogs next Saturday.

**Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**John Augustine Washington III, Ferry Landing, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4433

**Unit Date** 1857 April 7

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 22 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Scope and Contents**

Has commenced hauling today. Encloses check for fifty dollars. Sends up a swan.

**Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**John Augustine Washington III to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4439

**Unit Date** 1857 April

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 22 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Scope and Contents**

Augustine writes that though his health has improved, he's still unable to return.

**Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Ferry Landing, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4434

**Unit Date** 1857 April 17

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 22 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Sends bacon, shad and fish by West [Ford]. Wrote a short note to Nelly this morning to be delivered by girl Maria. Son Lawrence and the baby [Eleanor] are well.

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Ferry Landing, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4435

**Unit Date** 1857 April 17

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 23 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Encloses a letter from California. Has had stormy weather. Requests that Nelly tell Cousin Sally or the doctor to inform him how she is.

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Ferry Landing, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4440

**Unit Date** 1857 April 22

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 23 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Stormy and rainy weather prevented his going to see Nelly. Weather unfavorable for fishing.

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4457

**Unit Date** 1858

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 23 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Forwards check for \$100.

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Alexandria, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4448

**Unit Date** 1858 January 3

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 24 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Instructions to send several servants [enslaved workers?] from Mount Vernon to Alexandria.

### **Keywords**

Slavery

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Alexandria, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4449

**Unit Date** 1858 March 10

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 24 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

The slave Sarah "had run off from Mr. Taylor and had gone home this morning." Has not heard from Richmond [regarding sale of Mount Vernon to the Mount Vernon Ladies Association]

### **Keywords**

Slavery

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Richmond, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4450

**Unit Date** 1858 March 15

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 24 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Regarding negotiations with the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association.

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Staunton, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4451

**Unit Date** 1858 August 4

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 25 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Relates his visits with the children to the University, Monticello, Farmington, and the "Asylums for the Insane and for the Blind and the Deaf and Dumb."

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Blakeley, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4453

**Unit Date** 1858 August 9

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 25 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Relates visit to Wyers Cave. Saw John Selden and his children. Visited Cousin Ann and Miss Mary Peter. Saw Sister Hannah and Jenny. "My farm as usual will yield but a small rent, and I have half made up my mind to sell it."

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Waveland, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4454

**Unit Date** 1858 October 9

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 25 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Brief letter. Is detained until Monday and "then have to go to Balt[imore]. If I do not get home on Tuesday in the boat, send up for me Wednesday morning."

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Washington, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4455

**Unit Date** 1858 November

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 26 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Must travel to Baltimore with Mr. Herbert. Instructs William Ford to meet him in Alexandria to show him lots [of timber?] to be labeled.

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Alexandria, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** RM-528 ; MS-4456

**Unit Date** 1858 December 29

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 26 (folder)

### **Digital Archival Object**

Letter: John Augustine Washington III, Alexandria, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington, 1858 December 29: 2020-01-20

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Encloses letter from Magruder Mason. Gives instructions for delivering slaves George, Charlotte and Milly who have been hired out.

### **Keywords**

Enslaved persons

Correspondence

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4459

**Unit Date** 1859 January

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 26 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Has requested Mr. Price send down game and fish. Expects to meet Willie Rogers and Mr. Robinson on Saturday.

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Blakeley, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4460

**Unit Date** 1859 February 25

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 27 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Christian Washington's baby had an operation on her lip. Heavy fall of snow. Gives instructions regarding clover seed, ploughs, and windows of hot beds.

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Blakeley, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4461

**Unit Date** 1859 February 29

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 27 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Scope and Contents**

Shall leave tomorrow for Frederick and Fauquier and be home Friday or Saturday. Bad weather prevented his visiting friends in Audley and Berryville. Has arranged matters with Mr. Richardson about Joe [a slave boy].

**Keywords**

Slavery

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**John Augustine Washington III, Chicago, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4462

**Unit Date** 1859 June 4

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 27 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Scope and Contents**

Describes journey to Chicago: stops and sights. Unsure if he can make an investment in Chicago or not.

**Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**John Augustine Washington III, Chicago, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4464

**Unit Date** 1859 June 11

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 28 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Scope and Contents**

Relates investigation of investments with Mr. Wright and Mr. McFarland. Describes geography of Chicago, Lake Michigan, and river and its relation to property value. Visited a Mr. Kerfoot. Describes scenery.

**Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**John Augustine Washington III, Chicago, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4465

**Unit Date** 1859 June 18

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 28 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Scope and Contents**

Has bought two pieces of property. Gives instructions regarding harvest. Inquires after cradles and rakes.

**Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** Ms-4467

**Unit Date** 1859 August 31

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 28 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Richard and Bushrod Washington came down with him. "I fear I shall be disappointed in selling Marshall Hall to the person who I expected to buy it."

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4469

**Unit Date** 1859 September 24

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 29 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Constant rains on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Will go to Washington to meet John F. Lee. Thinks they can move to Waveland by the first of December.

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **Box label, John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4487

**Unit Date** 1860

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 29 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

"This box contains the correspondence between my wife and myself from October 1842 to October 1860. From the time of our engagement to her Death - John A. and E. L. Washington."

## **John Augustine Washington III, Alexandria, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4470

**Unit Date** 1860 March

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 29 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Dr. Lloyd's funeral will take place tomorrow. Requests suit of black clothes.

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Tremont House, Chicago, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4480

**Unit Date** 1860 April 4

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 30 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Description of journey from St. Louis to Chicago. Fertility of the prairie and poverty of inhabitants. Business in Chicago remains uncertain.

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Tremont House, Chicago, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4476

**Unit Date** 1860 April 7

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 30 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Received Nelly's letter of April 1st. Has not made much progress in his business. "I went out yesterday about 35 miles on the Milwaukee Railroad branch..."

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Chicago, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4472

**Unit Date** 1860 April 10

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 30 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Has rented a part of his property. Ogden suit will come up in a few days. Dined at Mr. Kerfoot's. Describes a "feat of house lifting" he witnessed.

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Chicago, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4475

**Unit Date** 1860 April 14

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 31 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

His lawyers are confident in winning the Ogden Suit [Malebon D. Ogden vs. John A. Washington and William F. Turner]. Met with friends and relations; mentions Cassins, Grahams, and Mr. Morgan Johnson. Says he is "wife sick or love sick."

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Chicago, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4478

**Unit Date** 1860 April 19

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 31 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Expects to leave tomorrow night or Saturday for Indianapolis and Louisville. Encloses flowers. "I regret to hear that Miss Cunningham's enterprise turned out indifferently. It was I thought rather inconsiderate in her to attempt anything of the sort while we are living there, but I suppose she did not think of this."

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Alexandria, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4481

**Unit Date** 1860 July 9

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 31 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Forgot trunk key and requests to have Nelly mail it. Has sent up boxes of silver, white and brown sugar, and soap. Gives instructions regarding a box of stolen sugar.

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4483

**Unit Date** 1860 September

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 32 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Going to Leesburg this morning with friends. Postscript "Thursday morning."

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Mount Vernon, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4485

**Unit Date** 1860 October 4

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 32 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

"Mr. Turner though still very unwell is going about a little, and we are engaged in sowing wheat..."  
Bought a carpet for the library. Has sent up stair carpet rods.

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III, Alexandria, to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4486

**Unit Date** 1860 October 8

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 32 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Augustine writes he had intended going up to Waveland yesterday but "as I have some little unfinished business here and have not had an opportunity of seeing Cousin H[arriet] I shall wait until tomorrow and accompany them up."

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **John Augustine Washington III to Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit ID** MS-4491

**Unit Date** undated

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 33 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Reports he will not return as soon as planned. Encloses ten dollars.

### **Keywords**

Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **Letters from Eleanor Love Selden Washington**

**Unit Date** 1842-1860

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

## **Eleanor Love Selden, Exeter, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4319

**Unit Date** 1842 October 10

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

### **Scope and Contents**

After receiving her father's permission to respond to Augustine's letter, she writes that she has never before attempted such a letter. Expresses her feelings for him.

### **Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

## **Eleanor Love Selden, Blakeley, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4326

**Unit Date** 1843 September 2

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**Scope and Contents**

Disappointed in trip to Walnut Farm. Supposes Augustine has arrived at Mount Vernon. Death of Mrs. Mason.

**Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Blakeley, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4328

**Unit Date** 1843 September 14

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**Scope and Contents**

If Augustine is detained, their separation will be nearly three weeks. Delivered messages to Dick. Recent storm caused flooding and destroyed fencing.

**Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Mount Ida, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4330

**Unit Date** 1844 April 18

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**Scope and Contents**

Spent yesterday at Mount Vernon. Whitewashing has improved the appearance of the yard. Longs for the twenty-sixth to come. Miss Morey [Maury] leaves tomorrow.

**Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Blakeley, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4332

**Unit Date** 1844 September 26

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**Scope and Contents**

Bridal party arrived [for wedding of Christian Maria and Richard Washington]. Asks Augustine to get a new pair of boots or have his mended.

**Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

## **Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Blakeley, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4334

**Unit Date** 1844 October 17

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

### **Scope and Contents**

Augustine's last letter dated the 10th. Pleased he employed a white overseer.

### **Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

## **Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Blakeley, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4335

**Unit Date** 1844 October 21

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

### **Scope and Contents**

No time fixed for Dick's [Richard Washington] marriage. Will Augustine get the baby a pair of shoes? Penciled note by Augustine possibly noting property lines.

### **Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

## **Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Mount Ida, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4337

**Unit Date** 1845 January 20

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

### **Scope and Contents**

When did Augustine leave Loudon? Louisa has learned several words. Nelly has visited several friends.

### **Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

## **Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Mount Ida, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4339

**Unit Date** 1845 May 16

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

### **Scope and Contents**

Intends to have her tooth drawn. Weather very cold. Louisa learned waltzing.

### **Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

## **Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Blakeley, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4341

**Unit Date** 1845 August 29

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

### **Scope and Contents**

Discusses weather. Mr. Stuart arrived. "Louisa has completely retrieved her character since you left." Letter continues September 2nd. Nelly "left Blakeley yesterday morning to spend this week with Aunt Maria and Anne.

### **Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

## **Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Charlestown, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4344

**Unit Date** 1845 September 9

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

### **Scope and Contents**

Louisa's health. "I was really gratified to hear you did not find it necessary to sell Gabriel." Louisa has "several times mistaken persons down the street for you..."

### **Keywords**

Slavery

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

## **Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Blakeley, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4346

**Unit Date** 1845 September 15

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

### **Scope and Contents**

Delivery and payment of wheat. Louisa is well. Christian Washington already named her daughter Elizabeth. Old Mr. [John] Sinclair died and his slaves are to be sold.

### **Keywords**

Slavery

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

## **Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Mount Ida, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4348

**Unit Date** 1845 November 15

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

### **Scope and Contents**

Dined with Ellen Powell. Louisa "fell against the table and nearly broke her legs."

Dined with Ellen Powell. Louisa "fell against the table and nearly broke her nose..."

**Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Mount Ida, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4351

**Unit Date** 1846 January 14

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**Scope and Contents**

Nelly writes she had a bad cold on Monday. Louisa's arm is almost entirely well. West [Ford] was in town yesterday. Charles Lee and Anne Gardener are engaged.

**Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Mount Ida, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4352

**Unit Date** 1846 January 19

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**Scope and Contents**

**Keywords**

Slavery

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Blakeley, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4347

**Unit Date** 1846 September 21

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**Scope and Contents**

Daughter Jenny [Jane Charlotte Washington] sick with fever and welts.

**Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Blakeley, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4356

**Unit Date** 1846 September 29

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**Scope and Contents**

Daughter Jenny and other family members ill. Cousin Thomas and Noblet returned last week. Postscript asking for money for children's dresses.

**Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Baltimore, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4359

**Unit Date** 1846 December 2

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**Scope and Contents**

Aunt Eliza doing well. Nelly went to hear Hertz play: He is "one of the most celebrated performers on the piano." Does not understand Anne's letter.

**Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Baltimore, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4360

**Unit Date** 1846 December 8

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**Scope and Contents**

Short letter. Chastises Augustine for not writing. Asks "is it because your wife is not of sufficient importance to you to write to her."

**Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Baltimore, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4362

**Unit Date** 1846 December 15

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**Scope and Contents**

"I shall be ready to go any day that you can come for me." Asks for mutton suet and cat mint.

**Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Eleanor Love Selden Washington, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4363

**Unit Date** 1847 September 18

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**Scope and Contents**

"Mr. George Turner, starts for Boston tomorrow, and I have determined to go under his escort." Discusses meetings with friends and relatives. Cousin Rebecca had a son.

**Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Blakeley, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4367

**Unit Date** 1848 June 22

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

#### **Scope and Contents**

Discusses harvest and rain. Jack and Anne drove up this morning. "If there are any damsons, I wish you would have some preserved."

#### **Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Blakeley, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4488

**Unit Date** 1848 July 4

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

#### **Scope and Contents**

Hopes Augustine had a pleasant trip and "felt no evil effects from crabs and oysters." Nelly treated Louisa's illness with calomel and oil. Sorry to hear that Mr. Moore the overseer took a wife. Enclosed note and postscript regarding letter from Sister Mary.

#### **Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Eleanor Love Selden Washington, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4368

**Unit Date** 1848 July 5

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

#### **Scope and Contents**

Inquires if the slave Mary has washed the bedstead. Will try to get a larger sheet of paper. Postscript regarding daughter Louisa's tin cow.

#### **Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Blakeley, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4370

**Unit Date** 1848 August 3

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

#### **Scope and Contents**

"It has been nearly three weeks since my confinement..." Uncle Bushrod [Washington] leaves for the Salt Sulphur on Monday.

**Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Blakeley, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4371

**Unit Date** 1848 August 18

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**Scope and Contents**

Nelly and Augustine have been apart nine weeks. Describes her recovery and the new baby [Eliza]. General Rust [new owner of Exeter] traveled up on Sunday.

**Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Walnut Farm, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4372

**Unit Date** 1848 August 28

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**Scope and Contents**

Requests Augustine have a log cabin built. "Our children are well, having two babies keeps me pretty constantly employed." Postscript regarding poor pen and Aunt Eliza's confinement.

**Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Baltimore, to John Augustine Washington III,**

**Unit ID** MS-4373

**Unit Date** 1848 September 12

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**Scope and Contents**

"Our dear child is quite well again [Louisa]." Hopes to hear from Augustine soon. Postscript, "Dear little Molly [Mary Selden Page] continues I think to improve."

**Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Baltimore, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4375

**Unit Date** 1848 September 25

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**Scope and Contents**

Short letter. Aunt Eliza gave birth to a girl yesterday, about three o'clock.

**Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Baltimore, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4489

**Unit Date** 1848 September 29

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**Scope and Contents**

Family news. Asks Augustine set a date for her to return to Mount Vernon.

**Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Blakeley, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4377

**Unit Date** 1849 August 21

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**Scope and Contents**

Cary was thrown over his horse's head. Mrs. Carter died last night. Daughter Eliza goes looking for Augustine. Nelly makes requests and gives instructions for making preserves, "and please don't forget my hen house."

**Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Baltimore, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4379

**Unit Date** 1849 September 15

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**Scope and Contents**

Arrived Thursday evening. Requests more money to buy things for the winter. Mentions Aunt Maria, Rebecca and Dr. Tabb, and Aunt Eliza.

**Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Baltimore, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4381

**Unit Date** 1849 September 28

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**Scope and Contents**

Daughter Eliza sick past ten days. "Louisa and Jenny talk incessantly about you." Nelly has been walking

a good deal.

**Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Cave Farm, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4383

**Unit Date** 1850 September 16

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**Scope and Contents**

Uncle Cary's death. Discusses children and weather. Passes on Mr. Lloyd's questions regarding hiring an overseer such as salary and privileges.

**Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Blakeley, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4386

**Unit Date** 1850 October 2

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**Scope and Contents**

"Old Dolly gave me the letter I enclose about ten days ago..." Sister Mary wrote after her confinement. Today is Harriet's wedding day.

**Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Mount Vernon, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4388

**Unit Date** 1851 February 18

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**Scope and Contents**

Boat landed with 50 or 60 visitors. Susan, a slave, prefers being sold.

**Keywords**

Slavery

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Eleanor Love Selden Washington to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4391

**Unit Date** 1851 June

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**Scope and Contents**

She shall "be down in the boat tomorrow to see you." Shall not bring the children.

**Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Mount Vernon, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4393

**Unit Date** 1851 August 25

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**Scope and Contents**

Visitors. No one is sick. "The boat had just come in sight and it is beginning to rain right fast..."

**Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Mount Vernon, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4397

**Unit Date** [1852?] February 6

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**Scope and Contents**

Anxious to hear about Mother [Jane C. B. Washington]. A man came "to apply for situation as overseer, at Marshall Hall..." Note at end of letter written by Louisa Washington. Misses her father. Writes about dogs, birds, and sheep.

**Keywords**

Correspondence

Domestic animals

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Eleanor Love Selden Washington to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4400

**Unit Date** 1852 July 20

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 14 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**Scope and Contents**

Has heard rumors and is unsure if Mrs. [Eleanor Parke Custis] Lewis is dead or alive. Went to Charlestown on Sunday. Visited with relations. Describes wellbeing of her daughters: "Maria has five teeth."

**Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

## **Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Cave Farm, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4404

**Unit Date** 1852 August 12

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 14 (folder)

### **Digital Archival Object**

Letter: Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Cave Farm, to John Augustine Washington III, 1852 August 12: 2019-09-25

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

### **Scope and Contents**

Expresses her happiness at receiving Augustine's last letter. Sorry to hear of Eliza's injury. Describes children's party. Would be glad if he could finish the threshing.

### **Keywords**

Correspondence

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

## **Eleanor Love Selden Washington to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4406

**Unit Date** 1852 August 27

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 15 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

### **Scope and Contents**

"Mrs. Byrd and Mrs. Alsbone... appear very nervous about the state of our slaves. They think the negroes hate the whites so much, that we are in constant danger."

### **Keywords**

Slavery

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

## **Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Blakeley, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4409

**Unit Date** 1852 September 8

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 15 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

### **Scope and Contents**

Louisa has measles. Dr. Lloyd shipwrecked twice and lost everything. Scarlet fever and whooping cough going around.

### **Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

## **Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Blakeley, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4410

**Unit Date** 1852 September 13

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 15 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**Scope and Contents**

Daughters Jenny, Lily [Eliza] and Maria all have measles. Distressed to hear about Augustine's wheat and corn. Begs for a letter from him; "I am miserable."

**Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Eleanor Love Selden Washington to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4414

**Unit Date** 1853 February

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 16 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**Scope and Contents**

Steamboat quite full today with sixty or seventy persons. Tomorrow is Louisa's birthday. Spoke to Susan [a slave] and "she prefers being sold."

**Keywords**

Slavery

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Eleanor Love Selden Washington to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4415

**Unit Date** 1853 March 4

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 16 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**Scope and Contents**

"Aunt Eliza had a little girl last night, she and the child are both doing well."

**Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Cave Farm, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4418

**Unit Date** 1853 August 4

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 16 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**Scope and Contents**

Arrived at Cave Farm on Monday. Heard that "Mr. Alexander was so extravagant that if you were not careful, Cousin Hannah's property would all in short time go." Louisa looks forward to a child's party. Nelly requests vanilla.

**Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

## **Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Washington, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4412

**Unit Date** 1853 October 16

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 17 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

### **Scope and Contents**

Instructions to have her black bonnet sent up as well as a night gown, linens, and visit cards. Went to hear Dr. Butler's sermon. "Don't forget the butter from Maryland..."

### **Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

## **Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Sunny Side, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4426

**Unit Date** 1854 September

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 17 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

### **Scope and Contents**

Encloses letter from Mr. Davis. She is visiting Richard and Christian. Asks Augustine to bring the "baby's sucking bottle." Gives instructions for the slave Sarah to make a brine to drop the butter in.

### **Keywords**

Slavery

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

## **Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Sunny Side, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4424

**Unit Date** 1854 September 30

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 17 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

### **Scope and Contents**

Richard returned from town and says that court will begin on the second Monday of October, and the sale at Claymont will take place on the following Wednesday.

### **Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

## **Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Walnut Farm, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4425

**Unit Date** 1854 October 3

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 18 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

### **Scope and Contents**

Daughter [Anna] Maria broke her left arm.

### **Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

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### **Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Walnut Farm, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4407

**Unit Date** 1855 August 27

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 18 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

#### **Scope and Contents**

Infant [Lawrence] very ill. Family news.

#### **Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Mount Vernon, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4431

**Unit Date** 1856 December 11

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 18 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

#### **Scope and Contents**

Nursery chimney caught on fire yesterday. Son Lawrence has been ill. Mr. Turner salted hams. Wants to see Christian and the children this winter.

#### **Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Eleanor Love Selden Washington to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4443

**Unit Date** 1857

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 19 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

#### **Scope and Contents**

Is very concerned about Lawrence's fever. Asks that Augustine send for a doctor.

#### **Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Eleanor Love Selden Washington to Cary Selden Alexander**

**Unit ID** MS-4444

**Unit Date** 1857

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 19 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

#### **Scope and Contents**

Has heard that his Uncle Augustine was unwell. Requests word on how he is. Sends a bottle of castor oil.

### **Eleanor Love Selden Washington to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4445

**Unit Date** 1857

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 19 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

#### **Scope and Contents**

Regrets to hear that his health has not improved. Lawrence is better.

#### **Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Eleanor Love Selden Washington to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4446

**Unit Date** 1857

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 20 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

#### **Scope and Contents**

Nelly reports that she is ready to go home and regrets that she be sent for.

#### **Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Eleanor Love Selden Washington to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4447

**Unit Date** 1857

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 20 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

#### **Scope and Contents**

Her health continues to improve, hopes to be able to return soon. Letter sent with West [Ford].

#### **Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Eleanor Love Selden Washington to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4441

**Unit Date** 1857 April 22

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 20 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

#### **Scope and Contents**

Clara [Heilman] has arrived. Nelly is disappointed that the weather keeps her away. "I am as well as ever, look very fat...and right strong."

#### **Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

## **Eleanor Love Selden Washington to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4442

**Unit Date** 1857 August

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 21 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

### **Scope and Contents**

Lawrence's health improves. Postscript regarding Edith and Mrs. Powell.

### **Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

## **Eleanor Love Selden Washington to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4458

**Unit Date** 1858

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 21 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

### **Scope and Contents**

Their niece Anne, daughter of Augustine's brother Richard Blackburn and Christian Washington has died.

### **Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

## **Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Blakeley, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4417

**Unit Date** 1858 July 26

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 21 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

### **Scope and Contents**

Gives preserving instructions for slaves Sarah and Matilda. Secret engagement of Andrew Kennedy. Asks about having the dining room fixed. Anne is sick with dysentery.

### **Keywords**

Slavery

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

## **Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Mount Vernon, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4452

**Unit Date** 1858 August 7

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 22 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

### **Scope and Contents**

"The baby [George Washington] improves every day." Watermelons in the ice house.

### **Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

## **Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Mount Vernon, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4463

**Unit Date** 1859 June 9

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 22 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

### **Scope and Contents**

Dined with Harriett Cazenove. "Everything is going on at home here as usual."

### **Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

## **Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Capon Springs, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4466

**Unit Date** 1859 August 28

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 22 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

### **Scope and Contents**

"Everybody is leaving so fast that by Thursday everyone will be gone..." She can be at Walnut Farm on Saturday.

### **Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

## **Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Walnut Farm, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4468

**Unit Date** 1859 September 5

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 23 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

### **Scope and Contents**

Daughter Nelly had fever and boils. Nelly writes she is delighted she left [Capon Springs] as the "house keeper, servants and all were dismissed and the stages taken off the line on Friday." Instructs Augustine to bring clothes for the children.

### **Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

## **Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Mount Vernon, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4471

**Unit Date** 1860 April 1

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 23 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

### **Scope and Contents**

Louisa and Jenny went to a concert. Yesterday a crowd with Masons came by boat and made a speech. Received a letter from Miss [Ann Pamela] Cunningham requesting permission for an address.

### **Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Eleanor Love Selden Washington to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4477

**Unit Date** 1860 April 8

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 23 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

#### **Scope and Contents**

Much rain. Wheat looks well. Family news.

#### **Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Mount Vernon, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4473

**Unit Date** 1860 April 11

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 24 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

#### **Scope and Contents**

Summer weather. Had first dish of asparagus yesterday. Miss [Ann Pamela] Cunningham's address is Saturday with Dr. Hawks of New York as orator.

#### **Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Mount Vernon, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4474

**Unit Date** 1860 April 15

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 24 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

#### **Scope and Contents**

"Yesterday was the day fixed on by Miss Cunningham for her grand doings here.... There were benches enough to accommodate six hundred but I don't think there could have been more than one hundred and fifty or two hundred at most on the grounds."

#### **Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

### **Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Mount Vernon, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4479

**Unit Date** 1860 April 19

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 24 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

#### **Scope and Contents**

Received his sixth letter this morning. Mrs. Robert [Mary Anna Custis] Lee staying with them. Son George has not learned to say a word since Augustine left. "Wishing you happy dreams and hoping I may be the burden of them as you are of mine."

**Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Waveland, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4482

**Unit Date** 1860 July 10

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 25 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**Scope and Contents**

Nelly writes she cannot find the trunk key Augustine requested. She delivered his message to Mr. Lunsford [overseer at Waveland].

**Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861

**Eleanor Love Selden Washington, Waveland, to John Augustine Washington III**

**Unit ID** MS-4484

**Unit Date** 1860 October 3

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 25 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Washington, Eleanor Love Selden, 1824-1860

**Scope and Contents**

Mr. Lunsford finished seeding and now setting strawberry plants. Cabbage plants have come up but they look like kale. Received letters from ladies applying for "the situation" [teaching position?]. Requests jonquil roots, hairpins, and tea toweling.

**Keywords**

Washington, John Augustine, III, 1821-1861