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1855-1904, undated

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Abstract

Letters, paid receipts and household ledgers belonging to William Polk Fitchett, Eastern Shore plantation owner, and his family.

Creator

Doughty family

Extent

0.20 Linear Feet

Extent

1 half Hollinger document case boxes

Repository

ODU Community Collections

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Source of Acquisition

Mr. and Mrs. Louis C. Doughty

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Biographical or Historical Information

William Polk Fitchett was an Eastern Shore plantation owner who resided in the community of Seaview in Northampton County, Virginia. He lived in the Poplar Grove plantation home that was built in 1783 by Benjamin Stratton. As a farmer his income was created by the growing of potatoes, which were transported north by rail and corn, which was used to feed his livestock. He had a common country school education and was of English descent. William Polk Fitchett was married to the former Margaret E. Mapp, his first wife, who was originally from Willow Grove plantation in Weirwood, Virginia. By his first wife, Fitchett had two children, a daughter Willetta and a son, James P. Fitchett. It is from this first marriage that the Doughty family traces its genealogical roots to the present. The dates of birth, death and marriage to his first wife are unknown. Fitchett's daughter Willetta was born June 19, 1862. She married Edward Joseph Doughty (born May 10, 1861 - died January 19, 1954). The marriage produced two children: E. J. Doughty, Jr. (born March 6, 1895 - d. ?) and Adelaide W. Doughty (born January 24, 1894). Adelaide married Louis M. Doughty. They had two sons, Louis C. Doughty (May 14, 1922) and Francis Marion Doughty (November 5, 1925). Mrs. Adelaide Doughty outlived her husband and resided on the Eastern Shore. She passed away on March 9, 1993. William P. Fitchett lived through but did not participate in the Civil War and was married a second time to the former Elizabeth Ann Roberts (b.? d.?). They had three children, two sons Julian (b.? d.?) and Charles Polk Fitchett (b.? d.?), and one daughter, Eva Roberts Fitchett (b.? d.?). Little is known about the second set of William Polk Fitchett's children.

Note written by Thomas C. Evans

Scope and Contents

The collection contains letters, paid receipts and household ledgers belonging to William Polk Fitchett. The content of many of the letters deals with James Polk Fitchett's (William's son) life at school and also love letters sent to Willetta Fitchett (William's daughter) from various suitors. The paid receipts consist of charges for services rendered to or from Fitchett himself and the ledgers are an account of household expenses. Other items in the collection are brochures, a shopping list, a poem and business letters from distant relatives and friends.

Keywords

Families--Virginia--History--19th century

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Description of Subordinate Components

Series I: Correspondence

Unit ID Series I

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/5844

Unit Date 1855-1904, undated

Box 1

Unit ID Box 1

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/5845

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Folder 1: College Life in the Mid-1850s

Unit ID Folder 1

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/5846

Unit Date 1855 March-1859 February

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Folder 2: Fitchett Family and Later Life

Unit ID Folder 2

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/5847

Unit Date 1879 April-1904 July

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

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Folder 3: General

Unit ID Folder 3

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/5857

Unit Date undated

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Container 3 (folder)

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Series II: Business Correspondence

Unit ID Series II

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/5848

Unit Date 1864-1892

Box 1

Unit ID Box 1

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/5849

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Folder 4: General

Unit ID Folder 4

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/5851

Unit Date 1864 December-1892 September

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

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Series III: Receipts and Bills (Cancelled)

Unit ID Series III

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/5850

Unit Date 1859-1880

Box 1

Unit ID Box 1

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/5852

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Folder 5: General

Unit ID Folder 5

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/5854

Unit Date 1859 July-1880 September

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

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Series IV: Miscellaneous Material

Unit ID Series IV

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/5853

Unit Date undated

Box 1

Unit ID Box 1

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/5855

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Folder 6: Miscellaneous Material

Unit ID Folder 6

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/5856

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

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[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 6, Miscellaneous Material, undated, Doughty Family Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Series V: Account Books of Miss Eva R. Fitchett, Family and Farm Expenses

Unit ID Series V

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/5858

Unit Date 1887-1890

Box 1

Unit ID Box 1

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/5859

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Folder 7: General, Pages 1-70

Unit ID Folder 7

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/5860

Unit Date 1887 January-1889 February

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

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[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 7, General, Pages 1-70, 1887 January-1889 February, Doughty Family Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 8: General, Pages 1-100

Unit ID Folder 8

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/5861

Unit Date 1888

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

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[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 8, General, Pages 1-100, 1888, Doughty Family Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 9: General, Pages 7-108

Unit ID Folder 9

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/5862

Unit Date 1889

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

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Folder 10: General, Pages 1-122

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Unit Date 1890

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

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