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Unit Date
1821-1897

Language
English

Extent
4.5 Cubic Feet 9 document boxes 9 legal size document boxes, 2 oversize documents and one oversize account book. (and 3 flat boxes in original collection).

Condition Description
Fair to good.

Repository
Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access
The collection is open for research use.

Immediate Source of Acquisition
Part of this collection was a deposit from Ernest C. Mead on January 5, 1955 which became a gift in 1998, another gift from Ernest C. Mead on January 30, 2007, and in 2020. There was an additional gift from James Blizzard Mead on September 27, 2012 to the Small Special Collections library at the University of Virginia.

Preferred Citation
MSS 4966, Anna Maria Hickman Otis Mead Chalmers papers, Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library, University of Virginia Library.

Biographical / Historical

Othello Tillo Freeman (1) was enslaved by General William Hull before or at the turn of the nineteenth century. He moved with Nancy "Ann" Binney Hickman (1787-1847), daughter of General William Hull, from Newton, Massachusetts to Richmond, Virginia in 1838 and continued to be enslaved by the Mead Chalmers family until his death, which may have been in the 1860's. Sam had escaped from an enslaver in Louisiana and worked on the Hull farm for the last thirty years of his life [1800's to 1830's]. Jordan is described as hired out in a letter from Thomas R. Blair dated September 8, 1841.

Anna Maria Chalmers was the granddaughter of General William Hull (1753-1825) who recollects the memories of Tillo and Sam on her grandparents farm. She was a mother of four children and became a businesswoman in Richmond, Virginia. She was a writer, an editor of the *Southern Churchmen*, an educator and founder of Mrs. Mead's School for Young Ladies, and a director of The Southern Churchmen Cot ("Retreat for the Sick") a hospital for children. She wrote articles for the *Boston Home Journal*, the *New York Tribune*, and the *Southern Literary Messenger*

Her mother was Nancy "Ann" Binney Hull Hickman and her father was Harris H. Hickman who served as a captain in the War of 1812 and the United States Navy, and died in 1824 in St. Thomas, South America. Her grandparents General William and Sarah Fuller Hull helped raise her in Newton, Massachusetts. She attended William B. Fowle's school in Boston (2) and after her father and grandparents died, she lived with her Uncle Edward and Aunt Maria Campbell, who ran a school in Marietta, Georgia. Her sister Louisa "Louly" Hickman Smith was a published poet who died as a young mother aged 21, in 1832 leaving a husband, Samuel Jenks Smith and their two children.

Anna Maria Mead Chalmers survived three husbands, George Alexander Otis (1803-1831), Zachariah Mead (1800-1840), and David Chalmers (1779?-1875?), and had three sons, living during the American Civil War, George Alexander Otis, Jr. (1830-1881) who was a field surgeon in the Massachusetts 27th volunteers and assistant surgeon general of the army, William Zachariah Mead, (1838-1864) who fought at Murfreesboro and died fighting for the Tennessee Army in the Confederacy in the Battle of Resaca, Georgia, and Edward C. Mead (1837-1908) who traveled to Australia in search of financial independence with a stint in gold digging, and settled on a farm in Keswick, Virginia.

Anna Maria's first husband, George Otis was a young lawyer who died from consumption one year after their marriage in 1831. Their first and only son was Dr. George Alexander Otis. Zachariah Mead, her second husband was a reverend at the Grace Episcopal Church in Cismont, Virginia, an assistant clergyman at Monumental, Saint James's, and Saint John's Episcopal Churches in Richmond and the editor of the *Southern Churchmen* also in Richmond, Virginia. They had two sons Edward, and William, and a daughter Louisa who died as a child. She married a third time in 1856 to David Chalmers who was a plantation owner in News Ferry, (Halifax) Virginia. He enslaved people, and educated African Americans at his school. The collection does not mention the school by name and no further details were found in the papers.

In 1881, after her son Dr. George Otis died, Mrs. Chalmers moved in with her son Edward Mead on his farm in Keswick. They were close friends with many prominent Charlottesville families including Peter and Frances ("Fannie") Meriwether, Frances Poindexter, Rector, and Mrs. Ebenezer Boyd, William Cabell Rives, Franklin Minor, Thomas Walker Gilmer and Elizabeth Anderson Gilmer, and Dr. Mann Page. William Mead attended the University of Virginia and met with many of the University of Virginia's earliest professors including Basil L. Gildersleeve, Gessner Harrison, Socrates Maupin, John Minor, Schele De Vere, James L. Cabell, Frederick George Holmes, and Alfred T. Bledsoe.

Her grandfather, General William Hull was born in Derby, Connecticut in 1753 and moved to Detroit Michigan when his government work which involved the taking of land from indigenous persons led him to become the Governor of the Territory of Michigan and the commander of the Army of the Northwest Territory during the War of 1812. He was appointed by Thomas Jefferson and was a friend of General Lafayette. After being unsuccessful in fighting off the Canadians, (however claiming that the government did not give him the resources to defend Michigan) he was court-martialed by James Madison who later commuted his sentence. (3) He died in 1825 in Newton, Massachusetts. He was

married to Sarah Fuller Hull. Their children were Nancy Ann Binney Hickman, Sarah McKesson (1783-1810), Maria Campbell (1788-1845) Abraham Fuller Hull (1786-1814), Rebecca Parker Clarke (1790-1865), Caroline Hull (1793-1824), Julia Knox Wheeler (1799-1842), Eliza McClellan (1784-1864), and Cornelia Page.

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Scope and Contents

The papers of Anna Maria (Campbell Hickman) Otis Mead Chalmers (1809-1891) and her family offer a deep look into a 19th century American family with a sharp focus on enslaved and formerly enslaved persons. The collection documents the life of a young, widowed woman, Anna Maria Mead Chalmers, who was the granddaughter of General William Hull (1753-1825). She was a mother of four children and became a businesswoman in Richmond, Virginia. She was a writer, an editor of the Southern Churchmen, an educator and founder of Mrs. Mead's School for Young Ladies, and a director of The Southern Churchmen Cot ("Retreat for the Sick"), a hospital for children. Anna Maria's family enslaved people who are represented in the papers including Othello "Tillo" Freeman (1790's-1860's?). It includes a letter from William written in [1875], who was their carriage driver, and letters about Sam the fiddler, who settled on the farm after escaping harsher enslavement in Louisiana, and Jordan who was described as being hired out in a letter dated September 8, 1841 from Thomas R. Blair.

In the correspondence of the Mead-Chalmers family, are letters describing Othello Tillo Freeman. There is also a will of Nancy "Ann" Binney Hull Hickman (1787-1847), mother of Anna Maria Chalmers, that left a stipulation providing room and board for Tillo.

Letters also show that the family inquired about slave laws for travelling so that they could bring Tillo with them when they moved from Newton, Massachusetts to Richmond, Virginia in 1838. The family is characterized as being kind to enslaved persons by providing for them and educating them however this description does not take into consideration that they never had the opportunities that existed for free white men.

There is also a leather-bound account book with the first names of enslaved persons. It is not clear who owns the book or the location of the enslaved persons, but it has an extensive list of first names and dates from 1767 to 1845. Also included in the account book are records for horses and business transactions.

The letters from William C. Mead (son of Anna Maria Chalmers) and his friends and family describe skirmishes and battles in the Civil War including Murfreesboro, Tennessee and Resaca, Georgia. Included in the collection are letters about succession and anxiety about the conflict between the states. Also included is a carte de visite of Lieutenant William Mead, n.d.; a testimony to the gallantry of William L. Mead signed by J.E.B. Stuart; an oath of allegiance to the Confederacy; a map of Chattanooga & Environs November 15, 1863; a notice that William Z. Mead has been appointed 1st Lieutenant, 1st Battalion Sharp Shooters; a pass allowing Mrs. Anna Maria Chambers to cross the lines with a hat box and carpet bag; and a memorandum sent to General Joseph Wheeler, concerning personal items taken from the body of Lieutenant William Mead following his death at Resaca, Georgia in 1864.

William Mead graduated from the University of Virginia in 1857 before the Civil War began. The collection has many references to Charlottesville and the University of Virginia, including comments about university professors Basil L. Gildersleeve, Gessner Harrison, Socrates Maupin, John Minor, Schele De Vere, James L. Cabell, Frederick George Holmes, and Alfred T. Bledsoe. Charlottesville families include Peter and Frances ("Fannie") Meriwether, Frances Poindexter, Rector, and Mrs. Ebenezer Boyd, William Cabell Rives, Franklin Minor, Thomas Walker Gilmer and Elizabeth Anderson Gilmer, and Dr. Mann Page.

Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers was extraordinary in having been as well educated as any man in Boston (1) and was able to share her knowledge with other privileged young white girls through her school, including Amélie Rives Troubetzkoy, the famous writer. The collection includes examination questions, correspondence about the school and a newspaper article in the *The Richmond Times Dispatch* dated August 10, 1913 describing Mrs. Mead Chalmers. There are also handwritten poems, short stories, and miscellaneous writings in the collection, including an essay on "Virginia Before and After the Civil War."

The collection also includes correspondence from Anna Maria Mead Chalmer's cousins, Samuel Clarke, James Freeman Clarke (1810-1888) and his sister, Sarah Ann Freeman Clarke (1808-1896). Sarah Clarke was a landscape artist, a world traveler, and a member of the transcendentalist movement. (2) James Clarke was an American theologian, author, and abolitionist. (3) Mrs. Mead Chalmers and her cousins were friends with literary authors including Edgar Allan Poe, Nathaniel P. Willis, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and Oliver Wendell Holmes. The letters refer to these individuals but there is no correspondence with them.

Unrelated to anything else in the collection, is a miscellaneous item which is a specimen of the first telegraphic writing made on the first telegraph in this country by Professor Morse in 1847.

Also of interest in the collection are letters about General William Hull (1753-1825) who fought in the American Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. His work with the government involved taking land from indigenous persons. In the end, he was charged by the government of not properly defending Detroit in the War of 1812, but President James Madison commuted his sentence. (4) For years, the family and descendants refuted the charges and filed a claim to receive his backpay. In contrast to General Hull's work with the government, is a newspaper clipping of a sermon by Bishop Henry Benjamin Whipple (1822-1901) printed in 1876 which displays Whipple's outrage at the United States government for taking lands from indigenous persons.

From the taking away of the lands of indigenous persons, to enslavement of African Americans, to a widowed woman trying to earn a living in the nineteenth century, with history about the War of 1812 and the American Civil War, as well as politics, religion, transcendentalism, local Charlottesville history and professors at the University of Virginia, this is a collection of letters rich in history that shows the inner workings of government, society, and people and its effects on everyday life. Collections like these help us to envision our collective past and broaden our perspective on our history and our future. This one is worth a deep dive into the history of the nineteenth century locally and nationally.

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United States History Revolution, 1775-1783 Personal narratives
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Enslavers
human hair
United States -- History -- War of 1812
Enslaved laborers
enslaved persons
University of Virginia -- History
University of Virginia -- Faculty
University of Virginia--Students--Correspondence

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into fifteen series: 1. William and Sarah Hull papers, 2. Otis Mead Chalmers family correspondence, 3. Anna Maria Mead Chalmers correspondence, 4. Clarke family correspondence, 5. Anna Maria Mead Chalmers business papers, 6. Enslavery, 7. United States Civil War, 8. Financial papers, 9. Diaries and daybooks, 10. Genealogy, 11. Hair collection, 12. Miscellaneous first telegraph of morse code, 13. Photographs 14. Printed items 15. Poetry & writings

Under Series 1. William and Sarah Hull papers includes letters about filing a claim in support of General Hull. Information about the claim can also be found throughout the family correspondence in the collection.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1. William and Sarah Fuller Hull papers

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216432

Unit Date 1821-1874

Language English

Hull financial and legal papers

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Unit Date 1826-1840

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Container 1 (folder)

Claim for General Hull

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Unit Date 1826-1860

Mixed Materials [X032669199] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English

Arrangement

There are letters from the family and others about General Hull's claim throughout the correspondence in the collection.

Report on remains of Judge Abraham Fuller

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216464

Unit Date [1803]

Mixed Materials [X032669199] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English

Correspondence about death of Captain Abraham Fuller Hull

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216463

Unit Date 1847; 1874

Mixed Materials [X032669199] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English

Series 2. Otis Mead Chalmers family correspondence

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216433

Nancy "Anna" Binney Hull Hickman correspondence

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Unit Date 1825-1847

Mixed Materials [X032669199] 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English

Otis-Mead-Chalmers family and University of Virginia correspondence

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216465

Unit Date 1847-1858

Mixed Materials [X032669199] 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Included are comments about University of Virginia Professors Gessner Harrison, John B. Minor, Socrates Maupin, Basil L. Gildersleeve, Maximilan Schele De Vere, James Lawrence Cabell, and William Holmes McGuffey. Included is a letter from Professor Gildersleeve to Dr. George Otis, Jr. dated 1876. Dr. Otis was the first born son of Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers.

Otis-Mead-Chalmers family correspondence

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Unit Date 1859

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Container 7 (folder)

Language English

Otis-Mead-Chalmers family correspondence

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216467

Unit Date 1860-1869

Mixed Materials [X032669199] 1 (box)

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Language English

Otis-Mead-Chalmers family correspondence

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Unit Date 1870-1879

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Language English

Otis-Mead-Chalmers family correspondence

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216469

Unit Date 1881-1891

Mixed Materials [X032669199] 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Language English

Otis-Mead-Chalmers family correspondence

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216470

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [X032669199] 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Language English

Peter and Frances Meriwether family correspondence

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216480

Unit Date 1838-1876

Mixed Materials [X032669199] 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Language English

Letters to Edward Mead from friends

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216479
Unit Date 1853-1858
Mixed Materials [X032669199] 1 (box)
Container 13 (folder)
Language English

Dr. George Otis correspondence

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Unit Date 1868-1881
Mixed Materials [X032669199] 1 (box)
Container 14 (folder)
Language English

Series 3. Anna Maria Mead Chalmers correspondence

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216481
Unit Date 1828-1891, undated
Language English

Edward F. and Maria Campbell to Anna Maria Hickman Otis Mead Chalmers

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Unit Date 1828-1861
Mixed Materials [X032669199] 1 (box)
Container 15 (folder)
Language English

Reverend Ebenezer Boyden and Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers correspondence

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216492
Unit Date 1840-1891, undated
Mixed Materials [X032669199] 1 (box)
Container 16 (folder)
Language English

Sarah P. Weed to Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216494
Unit Date 1840-1870
Mixed Materials [X032669200] 2 (box)
Container 1 (folder)
Language English

Condolence correspondence to Anna Maria Hickman Otis Mead Chalmers

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Unit Date 1843-1849
Mixed Materials [X032669200] 2 (box)
Container 2 (folder)
Language English

Scope and Contents

Condolences on the death of daughter Louisa and her mother Nancy Binney Hull Hickman.

George Alexander Otis to Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

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Unit Date 1844-1861
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Container 3 (folder)
Language English

William G. Hale to Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216493

Unit Date 1845-1861

Mixed Materials [X032669200] 2 (box)

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Language English

George S. Hale to Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

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Unit Date 1866-1892

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Language English

William W. Old to Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

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Unit Date 1866-1888

Mixed Materials [X032669200] 2 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English

Letters to Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

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Unit Date 1847-1879

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Language English

Letters to Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

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Unit Date 1880-1882

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Language English

Letters to Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

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Unit Date 1883-1885

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Language English

Letters to Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

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Unit Date 1886-1889

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Language English

Letters to Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

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Letters to Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

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Letters to Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

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Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers and Surgeon General C. H. Crane

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Unit Date 1881-1883

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Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers and William C. Rives family

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Language English

Letters from Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

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Unit Date 1833; 1851-1856; 1881-1890

Unit Date 1851-1856

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Language English

Scope and Contents

Includes correspondence of Richard Gambill 1851-1856. There is also a letter from Thomas Walker Gilmer to Richard Gambill from 1833.

Letters from Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

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Letters about Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

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Language English

Condolence letters regarding Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216502

Unit Date 1891

Mixed Materials [X032669201] 3 (box)

Container 7-8 (folder)

Language English

Letters about Grace Episcopal Church (Keswick) Virginia and miscellaneous letters and items

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Language English

Series 4. Samuel C. Clarke, James Freeman Clarke and Sarah Freeman Clarke correspondence with Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

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Unit Date 1846-1897

Language English

Scope and Contents

Other cousins may be included in this correspondence including McLellans and Clouds.

Clarke family correspondence with Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216504

Unit Date 1846-1875

Mixed Materials [X032669201] 3 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Language English

Clarke family correspondence with Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216505

Unit Date 1876-1879

Mixed Materials [X032669201] 3 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Language English

Clarke family correspondence with Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216506

Unit Date 1880-1881

Mixed Materials [X032669201] 3 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Samuel C. Clarke writes to his cousin Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers about his attitudes towards Freedmen after enslavement, and their working and living conditions.

Clarke family correspondence with Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216507

Unit Date 1882

Mixed Materials [X032669201] 3 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Language English

Clarke family correspondence with Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216508

Unit Date 1883

Mixed Materials [X032669202] 4 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English

Clarke family correspondence with Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216509

Unit Date 1884

Mixed Materials [X032669202] 4 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English

Clarke family correspondence with Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216510

Unit Date 1885

Mixed Materials [X032669202] 4 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English

Clarke family correspondence with Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216511

Unit Date 1886

Mixed Materials [X032669202] 4 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English

Clarke family correspondence with Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216512

Unit Date 1887-undated

Mixed Materials [X032669202] 4 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English

Clarke family correspondence with Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216513

Unit Date 1888

Mixed Materials [X032669202] 4 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English

Clarke family correspondence with Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216514

Unit Date 1889

Mixed Materials [X032669202] 4 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Includes small broadside of Sarah Clark art exhibit

Clarke family correspondence with Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216515

Unit Date Undated

Mixed Materials [X032669202] 4 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English

Clarke family correspondence with Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216516

Unit Date 1890-1891

Mixed Materials [X032669202] 4 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Language English

Clarke family correspondence with Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216518

Unit Date Undated

Mixed Materials [X032669203] 5 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English

Clarke family correspondence with Edward Mead

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216517

Unit Date 1892-1897

Mixed Materials [X032669203] 5 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English

Series 5. Anna Maria Mead Chalmers business papers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216548

Unit Date 1841-1880

Language English

Mrs Mead's School

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216557

Unit Date 1841-1868; undated

Mixed Materials [X032669203] 5 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Letters about starting the school, procurement of teachers, letters from parents, and examinations.

The Southern Churchmen

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216562

Unit Date 1837-1842

Mixed Materials [X032669203] 5 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Letters and notes about purchase of the newspaper and maintaining its operation.

The Southern Churchmen Cot

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216563

Unit Date 1877-1878

Mixed Materials [X032669203] 5 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Papers related to raising money and operating a charity hospital for children in Richmond, Virginia

Newspaper clipping about Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers and her school

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216695

Unit Date 1913 August 10

Mixed Materials [X032669203] 5 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

"The Lengthened Shadow" of a Woman" by Maria Pendleton Duval in the Richmond Times Dispatch is a newspaper article about how Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers started Mrs. Mead's School for Young Ladies and how it influenced the opening of the Virginia Female Institute in Staunton, Virginia. Mrs Chalmers taught female students using the same curriculum as Harvard College.

Series 6. Enslavery

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216435

Scope and Contents

Enslavement, letters from former enslaved people, and information about African American schools, and teaching African Americans to read the bible

Oversize letter from Zachariah Mead to Nancy Binney Hull Hickman

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216520

Unit Date 1838 August 24

Mixed Materials Archival Oversized Box S 6 (Flat_Box)

Container 1 (Oversize_Folder(Within_an_OSBox))

Language English

Scope and Contents

Zachariah Mead (husband of Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers) writes a letter to his mother-in-law Nancy Binney "Anne" Hickman dated August 24, 1838 in which he describes to her the legislation required for bringing enslaved persons to another state. The family wants to move from Newton, Massachusetts to Richmond, Virginia and take Othello "Tillo" Freeman with them.

Letter from Thomas R. Blair about bond hiring enslaved person named "Jordan"

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Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216543

Unit Date 1841 September 8

Mixed Materials [X032669203] 5 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Blair writes that the bond agreement was for him to keep Jordan until October when servants would be returning from the Springs, but he will return him if she needs his services.

Reverend M. Jackson to Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers about teaching enslaved persons to read the bible

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Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216526

Unit Date 1843 November 4

Mixed Materials [X032669203] 5 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English

Nancy "Ann" Binney Hull Hickman last will and testament requesting provisions be made for Othello "Tillo" Freeman, her former enslaved person by her estate

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Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216527

Unit Date 1845 September 16

Mixed Materials [X032669203] 5 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

In her last will and testament, "I direct that my old servant Othello Freeman, be supported from my estate, in such manner as my said executrive, may think proper."

Joseph Bacon letter to Nancy "Ann" Binney Hull Hickman about housing for Othello "Tillo" Freeman and receipts

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216523

Unit Date 1847 June 18

Mixed Materials [X032669203] 5 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Letter from the Hickman's accountant, Joseph Bacon, that Othello "Tillo" Freeman, who was enslaved by the Hull and Mead family, was removed from the Mclellan household (sister of "Ann" Nancy Binney Hickman) and was being boarded at Mr. White's. He writes that Tillo cannot do any work, is not well, and needs medical attention. Mr. White wants more money to board and take care of him.

Edward F. Campbell letter to Nancy "Ann" Binney Hull Hickman about finances including clothing for Othello "Tillo" Freeman

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Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216547

Unit Date 1847 September 23

Mixed Materials [X032669203] 5 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Language English

Letter to Nancy "Ann" Binney Hull Hickman describing their observations of Othello "Tillo" Freeman

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Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216528

Unit Date 1847 December 27

Mixed Materials [X032669203] 5 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Includes unidentified letter to Anna Maria Mead Chalmers about her being honored as a teacher, and her treatment of "Tillo".

Letter from Howard Potter to Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers about the school for African Americans in News Ferry (Halifax, Virginia)

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Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216546

Unit Date 1867 March 14

Mixed Materials [X032669203] 5 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Mr. Potter says that he has heard good accounts of the school. No details are included.

"Massing Bird" note to [Frances] E. Meriwether about buying a horse

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216545

Unit Date 1875 February 19

Mixed Materials [X032669203] 5 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

A note signed "Massing Bird" to [Frances] E. Meriwether asking to buy a horse. His son has taken his horse so he needs to buy one.

Letter from William (carriage driver) for Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

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Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216544

Unit Date 1875 [May] 2

Mixed Materials [X032669203] 5 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Letter written by "Old William" who was the carriage driver for Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers. He writes to Mrs. Chalmers after the death of Mr. Chalmers about his fondness for them.

Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers letter to James Freeman Clarke with description of Othello "Tillo" Freeman attending church with General Hull

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Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216524

Unit Date Undated

Mixed Materials [X032669203] 5 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Letter from Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers describing her memories of her grandfather General William Hull to her cousin James Freeman Clarke. Mrs. Chalmers recalls that her grandfather required Othello "Tillo" Freeman who they enslaved to be present in Church.

Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers memories of her grandmother Mrs. Sarah Fuller Hull and Sam the Fidler

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Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216533

Unit Date Undated

Mixed Materials [X032669203] 5 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Language English

Miscellaneous writing about Freedmen and labor of the Southern Planter

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216542

Mixed Materials [X032669203] 5 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

One page argument for the Southern Planter's claim that they need the Freedmen to labor their crops. Author unidentified, undated.

Oversize unidentified account book with first names and birthdates of enslaved persons

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216525

Digital Archival Object

Oversize unidentified account book with first names and birthdates of enslaved persons

Language English

Oversize unidentified account book with first names and birth dates of enslaved persons

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/245137

Mixed Materials [X032669335] 1 (Ledger)

Language English

Series 7. American Civil War

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216436

Scope and Contents

Correspondence of the Mead family, Meriwether family, George H. Geyer and others describing camp life, skirmishes and battles, and officers, including General Stonewall Jackson, General Longstreet, General Braggs, General McLellan, and General Grant

Civil War letters

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216653

Unit Date 1860-1861

Mixed Materials [X032669203] 5 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

Language English

Civil War letters

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216654

Unit Date 1862

Mixed Materials [X032669203] 5 (box)

Container 20 (folder)

Language English

Civil War letters

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216655

Unit Date 1863-1865

Mixed Materials [X032669203] 5 (box)

Container 21 (folder)

Language English

Civil War letters

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216656

Unit Date Undated

Mixed Materials [X032669203] 5 (box)

Container 22 (folder)

Language English

Civil War orders and passes

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216657

Unit Date 1862-1864

Mixed Materials [X032669203] 5 (box)

Container 23 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Includes a testimony to the gallantry of William L. Mead signed by J.E.B. Stuart; an oath of allegiance to the Confederacy; a map of Chattanooga & Environs November 15, 1863; a notice that William Z. Mead has been appointed 1st Lieut., 1st Battalion Sharp Shooters; a pass allowing Mrs. Anna M. Chambers to cross the lines with a hat box and carpet bag; and a memorandum sent to Gen. Joseph Wheeler, concerning personal items taken from the body of Mead following his death at Resaca, Ga., 1864.

Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers writing "Virginia Before and After the War"

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216658

Mixed Materials [X032669203] 5 (box)

Container 24 (folder)

Language English

Series 8. Financial papers and account books

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216437

Hickman, Mead, Chalmers financial papers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216434

Unit Date 1826-1838

Mixed Materials [X032669203] 5 (box)

Container 25 (folder)

Language English

Mead Chalmers financial papers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216659

Unit Date 1840-1865

Mixed Materials [X032669203] 5 (box)

Container 26 (folder)

Language English

Oversize Anna Maria Mead Chalmers marriage contract

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216751

Unit Date [1856?]

Language English

Frances W. Meriwether will

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216731

Unit Date August 2, 1851

Mixed Materials [X032669203] 5 (box)

Container 27 (folder)

Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers will

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216667

Unit Date 1856

Mixed Materials [X032669203] 5 (box)

Container 28 (folder)

Language English

Mead Chalmers financial papers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216660

Unit Date 1866-1867

Mixed Materials [X032669203] 5 (box)

Container 29 (folder)

Language English

Mead Chalmers financial papers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216661

Unit Date 1868

Mixed Materials [X032669204] 6 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English

Mead Chalmers financial papers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216662

Unit Date 1869

Mixed Materials [X032669204] 6 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English

Mead Chalmers financial papers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216663

Unit Date 1870

Mixed Materials [X032669204] 6 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English

Mead Chalmers financial papers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216664

Unit Date 1871

Mixed Materials [X032669204] 6 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English

Mead Chalmers financial papers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216665

Unit Date 1872-1874

Mixed Materials [X032669204] 6 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English

Mead Chalmers financial papers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216666

Unit Date 1875-1879

Mixed Materials [X032669204] 6 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English

Mead Chalmers financial papers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216668

Unit Date 1880-1883

Mixed Materials [X032669204] 6 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Language English

Mead Chalmers financial papers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216669

Unit Date 1884

Mixed Materials [X032669204] 6 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English

Mead Chalmers financial papers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216670

Unit Date 1885

Mixed Materials [X032669204] 6 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Language English

Mead Chalmers financial papers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216671

Unit Date 1886

Mixed Materials [X032669204] 6 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Language English

Mead Chalmers financial papers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216672

Unit Date 1887-1889

Mixed Materials [X032669204] 6 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Language English

Mead Chalmers financial papers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216673

Unit Date 1890-1891, undated

Mixed Materials [X032669204] 6 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Language English

Anna Maria Mead Chalmers account books

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216674

Unit Date 1843-1850

Mixed Materials [X032669205] 7 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English

Anna Maria Mead Chalmers account books

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216675

Unit Date 1853-1858

Mixed Materials [X032669205] 7 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English

Anna Maria Mead Chalmers account books

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216676

Unit Date 1859-1880

Mixed Materials [X032669205] 7 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English

Anna Maria Mead Chalmers account books

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216677

Unit Date 1868-1878

Mixed Materials [X032669205] 7 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English

Anna Maria Mead Chalmers account books

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216678

Unit Date 1881-1883

Mixed Materials [X032669205] 7 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English

Anna Maria Mead Chalmers account books

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216679

Unit Date 1884-1891; [1867]

Mixed Materials [X032669205] 7 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English

Edward C. Mead account books

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216680

Unit Date 1896-1905

Mixed Materials [X032669206] 8 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English

Series 9. Diaries, prayer books, and appointment books

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216441

Nancy "Anna" Binney Hull Hickman diaries

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216681

Unit Date 1837-1845

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Container 2 (folder)

Language English

Nancy "Anna" Binney Hull Hickman prayer books

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216682

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [X032669206] 8 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English

Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers prayer books and journals

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216683

Mixed Materials [X032669206] 8 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English

Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers compilation of prayers and literature

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216684

Mixed Materials [X032669206] 8 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English

Hickman and Mead compilation of songs and poems

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216685

Unit Date 1843-1844

Mixed Materials [X032669206] 8 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English

Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers appointment books

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216686

Unit Date 1850-1862

Mixed Materials [X032669206] 8 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Language English

Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers appointment books

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216687

Unit Date 1866-1868

Mixed Materials [X032669206] 8 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English

Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers appointment books

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216688

Unit Date 1873; 1883

Unit Date 1883

Mixed Materials [X032669207] 9 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English

Edward C. Mead diary

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216689

Unit Date 1889-1905

Mixed Materials [X032669207] 9 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English

Series 10. Genealogy

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216690

Language English

Scope and Contents

Some letters and notes about the genealogy of the Mead family

Letters and notes about the genealogy of the Mead family

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216692

Mixed Materials [X032669207] 9 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English

Series 11. Hair collection

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216438

Lock of hair belonging to Louisa Hickman Smith

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Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216694

Unit Date 1832

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Container 4 (folder)

Biographical / Historical

Lock of hair belonging to Sarah Louisa P. (Hickman) Smith who was the sister of Anna Maria Hickman Otis Mead Chalmers. Louisa was born in 1811 and died at age 20 from illness. Her husband, Samuel Jenks Smith published a book of her poems in 1829. They had two children.

Lock of hair belonging to Annie McLellan

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Mixed Materials [X032669207] 9 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Biographical / Historical

Annie McLellan may have been a cousin of Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

Series 12. First telegram with morse code (miscellaneous)

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First telegram with morse code

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216760

Unit Date 1847

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Container 20 (folder)

Language English

Series 13. Photographs

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216705

Photographs of Mead and Chalmers family members including William Zachariah Mead

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216706

Mixed Materials [X032669207] 9 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Photographs identified as Lieutenant William Zachariah Mead, Fannie Chalmers, and Marion Kollock.

Series 14. Printed items

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Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216439

Bishop Whipple sermon about taking land from indigenous persons

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Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216696

Mixed Materials [X032669207] 9 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Includes article about Bishop Whipple sermon supporting Indigenous persons; article about James Freeman Clarke, other obituaries, and various miscellaneous items including a football game at Pantops Academy.

Newspaper printed poems

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Mixed Materials [X032669207] 9 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Scope and Contents

John Greenleaf Whittier "The Singer" from the Atlantic Monthly, devotional prayers, and miscellaneous

Miscellaneous publications, articles, and advertisements

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216698

Unit Date 1880's

Mixed Materials [X032669207] 9 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Article Isaac McLellan, Sunday School brochures, advertisement for the Rockbridge Baths, Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist by N. W. Camp, and religious printed materials.

Oversize certificate and broadside

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216752

Unit Date 1878-1881

Language English

Scope and Contents

Certificate of Distinction from La Fourches School, Keswick, Virginia for Henry B. Mead; Anna Maria Chalmers marriage certificate; and Kappa Alpha In Universitate Virginiae broadside.

Series 15. Poetry and Writings

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216440

Handwritten poems by Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers and others

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216699

Mixed Materials [X032669207] 9 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Language English

Miscellaneous manuscript by Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

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Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216701

Mixed Materials [X032669207] 9 (box)

Container 11-12 (folder)

Language English

Miscellaneous writings of Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers and others

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Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216700

Mixed Materials [X032669207] 9 (box)

Container 13-16 (folder)

Language English

Memories and ephemera of Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216702

Mixed Materials [X032669207] 9 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Language English

Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers notes on James Freeman Clarke

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216704

Mixed Materials [X032669207] 9 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

Language English

Edward C. Mead notes and prospectus for his biographical sketch of Anna Maria Otis Mead Chalmers

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Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/216703

Mixed Materials [X032669207] 9 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

Language English