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MSS 2338

Unit ID

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Unit ID

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Unit Date

1713-1977

Language

English

Extent

4.44 Cubic Feet 7 legal-size document boxes, 17 legal-size folders, 1 legal size folder for addition ViU-2024-0134, 2 large oversize folders. Includes 2 legal-sized folders in the Henry Clay Papers (1825 & 1842 letters from Clay to Littleton Teackle and Aaron Quinby); and 1 legal-sized folder in the James Madison Papers (1826 Mar 29 letter from Madison to Littleton Teackle).

Condition Description

Good

Repository

Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library

Administrative Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift, 2017 August 19

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Preferred Citation

MSS 2338, Quinby, Teackle, and Upshur families of Somerset County, Maryland, and Accomack and Northampton Counties, Virginia papers, Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library, University of Virginia.

Scope and Contents

The larger collection consists of the original materials and 7 additions including the most recent one represented in this finding aid.

In this addition, ViU-2017-0179, are six Elizabeth Upshur Teackle letters with transcriptions. Five letters are written by Mrs. Teackle, and one is addressed to Mrs. Teackle from William Wirt, esquire. In the letters Mrs. Teackle mainly discusses the hardships of her family after her husband, Mr. Teackle, was sent to prison in Baltimore, the circumstances surrounding his imprisonment and those responsible for it, and the actions and support of their family friends. She writes to two government officials making appeals on behalf of her husband for his release from prison. Mrs. Teackle also writes about the return home of her husband from prison and some of their experiences after his return, as well as her desire to see her family.

Addition ViU-2024-0134 has its own scope and content note and bio note. It contains a handwritten document listing enslaved people and 8 letters among family members particular the Teackle and Bancker family members.

The records for the rest of the collection can be found here:

MSS 2338, MSS 2338-a, MSS 2338-b, MSS 2871 - Quinby, Teackle, and Upshur families of Somerset County, Maryland, and Accomack and Northampton Counties, Virginia papers:

https://search.lib.virginia.edu/sources/uva_library/items/u3928667

MSS 2338-c - Papers of the Quinby Family: https://search.lib.virginia.edu/sources/uva_library/items/u3928668

MSS 2338-d - Accomack County, Land Patent:

https://search.lib.virginia.edu/sources/uva_library/items/u4367998

MSS 2338-e - Genealogy of the Evans Family:

https://search.lib.virginia.edu/sources/uva_library/items/u3927001

MSS 2338-f - Letter to Mary Emma Justis Sturgis:

https://search.lib.virginia.edu/sources/uva_library/items/u2674611

<http://ead.lib.virginia.edu/vivaead/published/uva-sc/vivadoc.pl?file=viu00995.xml>

1825 and 1842 letters from Henry Clay to Littleton Teackle and Aaron Quinby (2 folders) interfiled in the Henry Clay Papers

An 1826 Mar 29 letter from James Madison to Littleton Teackle (1 folder) interfiled in the James Madison Papers.

Keywords

United States -- History -- War of 1812
University of Virginia
Legal correspondence
letters (correspondence)
family papers
photographs

Other Finding Aids

https://search.lib.virginia.edu/sources/uva_library/items/u3928667;
https://search.lib.virginia.edu/sources/uva_library/items/u3928668;
https://search.lib.virginia.edu/sources/uva_library/items/u4367998;
https://search.lib.virginia.edu/sources/uva_library/items/u3927001;
https://search.lib.virginia.edu/sources/uva_library/items/u2674611

Arrangement

The overall collection is arranged sequentially in order by its different accretions, except the MSS 2871 material, which is interfiled among the first three. Accretions: MSS 2338, MSS 2338-a, MSS 2338-b, MSS 2871, MSS 2338-c, MSS 2338-d, MSS 2338-e, MSS 2338-f.

The most recent addition (ViU-2017-0179) that is represented in this finding aid is arranged chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Elizabeth Upshur Teackle Correspondence - ViU-2017-0179

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/249203

Unit Date 1821-1822

Extent 0.24 Cubic Feet6 legal folders

Scope and Contents

Six Elizabeth Upshur Teackle letters with transcriptions, one of which is addressed to Mrs. Teackle from William Wirt, esquire. Mrs. Teackle in the letters mainly discuss the hardships of her family after her husband, Mr. Teackle, was sent to prison in Baltimore, the circumstances surrounding his imprisonment and those responsible for it, and the actions and support of their family friends. She writes to two government officials making appeals on behalf of her husband for his release from prison. Mrs. Teackle also writes about the return of her husband from prison and some of their experiences after, as well as her desire to see her family.

These letters are also available online at the Voices of the Eastern Shore website:
<https://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/VOESH/>

Elizabeth Upshur Teackle letter to Mrs. John Eyre

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/249205

Unit Date 1821-12-08

Mixed Materials [X032668450] MSS 2338-c (box)

Container 1/6 (folder)

Digital Archival Object

Elizabeth Upshur Teackle letter to Mrs. John Eyre, 1821-12-08

Extent 0.04 Cubic Feet

Elizabeth Upshur Teackle letter to her sister

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/249206

Unit Date 1821-12-14

Mixed Materials [X032668450] MSS 2338-c (box)

Container 2/6 (folder)

Digital Archival Object

Elizabeth Upshur Teackle letter to her sister, 1821-12-14

Extent 0.04 Cubic Feet

Elizabeth Upshur Teackle letter to William U. Crawford

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/249207

Unit Date 1821

Mixed Materials [X032668450] MSS 2338-c (box)

Container 3/6 (folder)

Digital Archival Object

Elizabeth Upshur Teackle letter to William U. Crawford, 1821

Extent 0.04 Cubic Feet

William Wirt letter to Elizabeth Upshur Teackle

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/249226

Unit Date 1822-07-10

Mixed Materials [X032668450] MSS 2338-c (box)

Container 4/6 (folder)

Digital Archival Object

William Wirt letter to Elizabeth Upshur Teackle, 1822-07-10

Extent 0.04 Cubic Feet1 legal-size folder

Elizabeth Upshur Teackle letter to her sister

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/249227

Unit Date 1822-07-29

Mixed Materials [X032668450] MSS 2338-c (box)

Container 5/6 (folder)

Digital Archival Object

Elizabeth Upshur Teackle letter to her sister, 1822-07-29

Elizabeth Upshur Teackle letter to William Wirt

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/249228

Unit Date 1822-10-29

Mixed Materials [X032668450] MSS 2338-c (box)

Container 6/6 (folder)

Digital Archival Object

Elizabeth Upshur Teackle letter to William Wirt, 1822-10-29

Scope and Contents

In this letter Mrs. Teackle includes a copy of a June 1822 letter in her own hand.

Teackle and Bancker family papers- ViU-2024-0134

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/273925

Unit Date 1801-1837

Language English

Creator Teackle, John, 1756-1817

Extent 0.03 Cubic Feet8 letters and one list of enslaved people

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection was a gift from Randolph George, Somerset County Maryland Historical Trust to the Small Special Collections Library at the University of Virginia Library on 12 July 2024.

Preferred Citation

MSS 2338, Teackle and Bancker family papers, Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library, University of Virginia Library.

Biographical / Historical

The collection centers around the family of John Teackle of Kegotank (1753-1817) and his wife Elizabeth Dennis Teackle (1760-1811) and their children from the Eastern Shore (Somerset County and Accomack County of Maryland). Their granddaughter, Elizabeth Ann Teackle (daughter of their son Littleton Dennis Teackle (1777-1848) and his wife Elizabeth "Eliza" Upshur (1783-1835), married Aaron Balderston Quinby in 1839.

Both families came to Virginia and Maryland from Great Britain around the same time, were owners of enslaved people and were probably related through cousins. Genealogy: Arthur Upshur (1624-1709) was born in Essex County, England. He immigrated to the Eastern Shore of Virginia about 1637. His descendants for the next five generations remained on the Eastern Shore. The Teackle family goes back to Thomas Teackle (1624-1695) who came to the Eastern Shore from Gloucester, England. They are related to the Admiral Lord Nelson (1758-1805) who fought in the Battle of Trafalgar.

The collection is reparative in that Elizabeth Upshur Teackle was an exemplary independent woman and poet. It is also reparative because the Teackle family enslaved many people, who are mentioned in the letters.

The Voices of the Eastern Shore project headed by Dreanna Belden sums it up well, "Topics such as: slavery, women's history, home life, the economy, the War of 1812, social life, religion, health, and death – the letters encompass virtually every aspect of society that informs our understanding of the era."

Children of John Teackle of Kegotank, Maryland and Elizabeth Dennis: Littleton Dennis Teackle (1777-1848) m. Eliza Upshur (1783-1835) Sarah Upshur Teackle Bancker (1783-183) Henrietta (Hetty) Teackle Chauncey (1780-1832) Elizabeth Dennis Teackle Montgomery (1786-1823) Henry Dennis Teackle (1786-1807) John Justice Teackle (1790-1824) Esther (Hetty) Maria Fisher Teackle (1795-1840) James Henry Dennis Teackle (1796-1840)

Ann Upsher Eyre, sister of Elizabeth Upshur Teackle (1780-1829) lived at Eyre Hall with her husband John Eyre.

Sources: Upshur, John, A. "Upshur Family in Virginia" Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture is collaborating with JSTOR to digitize, preserve and extend access to The William and Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine <https://www.jstor.org/stable/1923340?seq=2>

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Scope and Contents

This addition (ViU-2024-0134) to MSS 2338, Quinby, Teackle, and Upshur Families of Somerset County, Maryland, and Accomack and Northampton Counties, Virginia Papers includes one legal document and eight handwritten letters from the Teackle and Bancker family. Correspondents are Elizabeth Dennis Teackle Montgomery, Littleton Dennis Teackle, John Teackle, and William White Bancker. Letter recipients are Elizabeth's sister, Sarah Upshur Teackle Bancker, Henrietta Bancker, Aunt Hetty (Esther Maria Fisher

Teackle), and Messrs. Blair from the Maryland House of Delegates.

The legal document, dated 1801, is from Littleton Dennis Teackle, recording his moving two enslaved women, Sarah alias Sally and Nanny alias Nancy, from Virginia to Maryland. The rest are letters dated between 1807 and 1835, primarily to family members. One included letter is from John Teackle to his granddaughter Henrietta Bancker, dated 1815 and postmarked to Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, is a photocopy of an original not present in this collection. The eight remaining letters are originals, postmarked on their exterior.

These letters are also available online at the Voices of the Eastern Shore website:
<https://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/VOESH/>

Related Materials

MSS 2338, MSS 2338-a, MSS 2338-b, MSS 2338-c, MSS 2338-d, MSS 2338-e, MSS 2338-f MSS 2871

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Keywords

enslaved persons

List of people enslaved Littleton Dennis Teackle

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/273939

Unit Date 1801

Mixed Materials [X032762551] 1 (folder)

Elizabeth Dennis Upshur Teackle to her daughter Sarah Upshur Bancker

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/273940

Unit Date 1807

Mixed Materials [X032762551] 1 (folder)

Language English

Related Materials

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Elizabeth Dennis Teackle Montgomery to her sister Sarah Upshur Teackle Bancker

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/273934

Unit Date ca 1810

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Elizabeth Dennis Teackle Montgomery and her father John Teackle to Sarah Upshur Teackle Bancker

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/273935

Unit Date 1812

Mixed Materials [X032762551] 1 (folder)

Language English

Elizabeth Dennis Teackle Montgomery to her sister Sarah Upshur Teackle Bancker

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/273941

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [X032762551] 1 (folder)

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John Teackle to his daughter Sarah Upshur Teackle Bancker

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/273936

Unit Date ca 1815-1817

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Language English

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(Photocopy) John Teackle to his granddaughter Henrietta Bancker

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/273937

Unit Date 1815

Mixed Materials [X032762551] 1 (folder)

Language English

William White Bancker to his Aunt Henrietta Teackle (Esther Maria Fisher Teackle)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/273938

Unit Date 1837

Mixed Materials [X032762551] 1 (folder)

Language English

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Letter from Littleton Dennis Teackle to the Maryland House of Delegates: address change Messr. Blair and Rives

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/273943

Mixed Materials [X032762551] 1 (folder)

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