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Unit ID

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Unit ID

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Unit Date

1820-2014

Unit Date

1820-1930

Language

English

Extent

4 Cubic Feet 7 document boxes, 2 oversize folders

Repository

Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research use.

Provenance

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Historical Note

Ebenezer Walker Goss of Somerset Virginia (1820-1885), son of the Reverend John W. Goss (1775-1838), married Ann Carter Nalle (1824-1907) and they had five children, Ann "Nannie" C. Goss Walker (1848-1928) who married Robert Walker, Jane Goss Claiborne (1853-1922) who married Robert Claiborne, Rosa Goss Turner (1857-1923) who married Mortimer A. Turner (school teacher at Woodberry Forest), Mary Botts Goss (1858-1881), Charlotte "Lottie" Goss (1861-1914), and Ebenezer Lee Goss (1863-1934).

Most of the letters in the collection are to Charlotte "Lottie" Goss who took care of her mother in Somerset, Virginia. Lottie suffered from serious bouts of asthma and was engaged to J. Frank Lobingier who lived in Pomona, California. Mr. Lobingier was also devoted to caring for his mother. Lottie's health and the couple's devotion to their family is mentioned frequently in his letters from 1880 to 1909 as a delay in their becoming married. Instead of marriage, "Lottie" visited friends and helped her brother Lee take care of their farm.

Scope and Contents Note

The Goss family papers (1820-2014; 4 cubic feet) contain Civil War letters and documents including a pardon for Ebenezer Walker Goss from President Andrew Johnson in 1865, manuscript receipts of goods sold to the Confederate Army, enslaved person receipts, and papers (mostly correspondence) related to their 19th and early 20th century family in Somerset, Virginia. Business records reflect their apple orchard, farming, and dairy business which was maintained by Charlotte "Lottie" Goss (1861-1914), and her brother Ebenezer "Lee" Goss, (1863-1934). The family papers also contain correspondence with William and Marion du Pont about horses and dogs. There are also letters from suitors, particularly J. Frank Lobingier, pursuing Charlotte "Lottie" Goss (1880-1909), from around the country. Miss Goss lived for a while in Pomona California, and Saltito, Mexico. The family papers also contain photographs and genealogy describing their family history in Virginia.

Keywords

letters (correspondence)

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Correspondence

Business records

Arrangement

The collection has been arranged into Six series.

Description of Subordinate Components

Civil War related letters and documents

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/174949

Unit Date 1863-1865

Language English

Scope and Contents

Letters from Leigh Page and J. L. Kemper, 1864, requesting Ebenezer Goss be transferred from infantry to cavalry, as he is too old (45) to be in the infantry but is an excellent horseman; Certificate for Goss' substitute for service in the C.S.A; Parole certificate dated May 16, 1865; William Seward acknowledgement of President Andrew Johnson's pardon of Goss, November 8, 1865; and receipts of goods sold to the Confederate government on Sept. 25, 1863.

There is also an enslavement receipt and a letter from James W. Walker to his daughter Fanny dated Madison, October 28, 1862 in which he complains of the Yankees and the fact that they took 9 of his

"Negro" men.

Civil War letters and documents

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/174965

Unit Date 1863-1865

Manuscripts 1 [X030899324] (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Letters from Leigh Page and J. L. Kemper, 1864, requesting Ebenezer Goss be transferred from infantry to cavalry, as he is too old (45) to be in the infantry but is an excellent horseman; Certificate for Goss' substitute for service in the C.S.A; Parole certificate dated May 16, 1865; William Seward acknowledgement of President Andrew Johnson's pardon of Goss, November 8, 1865; and receipts of goods sold to the Confederate government on Sept. 25, 1863.

Andrew Johnson pardon of Ebenezer Goss (oversize)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/174968

Unit Date 1865 August 19

Mixed Materials [X030894324] P-42 (Flat_Box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English

Letters and receipts pertaining to enslavement

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/174971

Unit Date 1862-1863

Manuscripts 1 [X030899324] (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

There is an enslavement receipt and a letter from James W. Walker to his daughter Fanny dated Madison, October 28, 1862 in which he complains of the Yankees and the fact that they took 9 of his "Negro" men.

Family and personal correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/174977

Unit Date 1868-1925; undated

Language English

Scope and Contents

Family correspondence (1868-1925) relates to the health, activities, and financial situations of family members and includes John W. Goss to his son Ebenezer Goss; Lee Goss with his sister Ann "Nannie" Goss Walker; Ann Carter Nalle Goss to her daughter Charlotte "Lottie" Goss; letters from Rosa Goss Turner; Mortimer A. Turner to Charlotte Goss, and letters from R. Mason Nalle and Joseph G. Walker. Personal correspondence includes letters from J. Frank Lobingier who seriously courted Charlotte Goss from 1880 to 1909. There are also letters from other boyfriends charging her with unrequited love for them.

Family correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/174978

Unit Date 1868-1894

Manuscripts 1 [X030899324] (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English

Family correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/174999

Unit Date 1895-1899

Manuscripts 1 [X030899324] (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English

Family correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175046

Unit Date 1901-1911

Manuscripts 1 [X030899324] (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English

Family correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175060

Unit Date 1913; 1925; undated

Manuscripts 1 [X030899324] (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English

Personal correspondence J. Frank Lobingier to Rob S. Walker

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175061

Unit Date 1893

Manuscripts 1 [X030899324] (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Language English

Personal correspondence (boyfriend) J. Frank Lobingier to Charlotte Goss

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175062

Unit Date 1880's

Manuscripts 1 [X030899324] (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English

Personal correspondence (boyfriend) J. Frank Lobingier to Charlotte Goss

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175063

Unit Date 1891-1892

Manuscripts 1 [X030899324] (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Language English

Personal correspondence (boyfriend) J. Frank Lobingier to Charlotte Goss

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175064

Unit Date 1893

Manuscripts 1 [X030899324] (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Language English

Personal correspondence (boyfriend) J. Frank Lobingier to Charlotte Goss

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175065

Unit Date 1894

Manuscripts 1 [X030899324] (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Language English

Personal correspondence (boyfriend) J. Frank Lobingier to Charlotte Goss

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175066

Unit Date 1895

Manuscripts 1 [X030899324] (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Language English

Personal correspondence (boyfriend) J. Frank Lobingier to Charlotte Goss

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175067

Unit Date 1896

Manuscripts 2 [X030899325] (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English

Personal correspondence (boyfriend) J. Frank Lobingier to Charlotte Goss

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175068

Unit Date 1897

Manuscripts 2 [X030899325] (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English

Personal correspondence (boyfriend) J. Frank Lobingier to Charlotte Goss

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175069

Unit Date 1898

Manuscripts 2 [X030899325] (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English

Personal correspondence (boyfriend) J. Frank Lobingier to Charlotte Goss

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175070

Unit Date 1899

Manuscripts 2 [X030899325] (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English

Personal correspondence (boyfriend) J. Frank Lobingier to Charlotte Goss

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175071

Unit Date 1900

Manuscripts 2 [X030899325] (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English

Personal correspondence (boyfriend) J. Frank Lobingier to Charlotte Goss

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175072

Unit Date 1901

Manuscripts 2 [X030899325] (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English

Personal correspondence (boyfriend) J. Frank Lobingier to Charlotte Goss

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175073

Unit Date 1902

Manuscripts 2 [X030899325] (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Language English

Personal correspondence (boyfriend) J. Frank Lobingier to Charlotte Goss

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175074

Unit Date 1903-1905

Manuscripts 2 [X030899325] (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English

Personal correspondence (boyfriend) J. Frank Lobingier to Charlotte Goss

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175075

Unit Date 1906-1907

Manuscripts 2 [X030899325] (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Language English

Personal correspondence (boyfriend) J. Frank Lobingier to Charlotte Goss

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175076

Unit Date 1908

Manuscripts 2 [X030899325] (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Language English

Personal correspondence (boyfriend) J. Frank Lobingier to Charlotte Goss

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175077

Unit Date 1909

Manuscripts 2 [X030899325] (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Language English

Personal correspondence (boyfriend) J. Frank Lobingier to Charlotte Goss

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175078

Unit Date undated

Manuscripts 2 [X030899325] (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Language English

Personal correspondence (boyfriend) Glarnier Terrell to Charlotte Goss

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175079

Unit Date 1881-1898

Manuscripts 2 [X030899325] (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Language English

Personal correspondence (boyfriend) O. J. Wise to Charlotte Goss

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175080

Unit Date 1882-1883

Manuscripts 2 [X030899325] (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Language English

Personal correspondence (boyfriend) Horace Stringfellow to Charlotte Goss

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175081

Unit Date 1882-1905

Manuscripts 3 [X030899326] (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Includes letters from "H" and one letter from Nisbut Reid to Charlotte Goss.

Personal correspondence (boyfriend) L. H. Strother to Charlotte Goss

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175082

Unit Date 1887

Manuscripts 3 [X030899326] (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English

Personal correspondence (boyfriend) Thomas Barbour to Charlotte Goss

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175083

Unit Date 1888

Manuscripts 3 [X030899326] (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English

Personal correspondence (boyfriend) J. McRobert to Charlotte Goss

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175084

Unit Date 1889-1890

Manuscripts 3 [X030899326] (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English

Personal correspondence (boyfriend) Frank P. Firey to Charlotte Goss

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175085

Unit Date 1892

Manuscripts 3 [X030899326] (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English

Personal correspondence (boyfriend) Tom Hardy Smith to Charlotte Goss

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175086

Unit Date 1892

Manuscripts 3 [X030899326] (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English

Personal correspondence Alfred J. Stofer to Charlotte Goss

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175087

Unit Date 1895-1900

Manuscripts 3 [X030899326] (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Language English

Personal correspondence R. H. Willis to Charlotte Goss

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175088

Unit Date 1897

Manuscripts 3 [X030899326] (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English

Personal correspondence (friends)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175089

Unit Date 1878-1889

Manuscripts 3 [X030899326] (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Language English

Personal correspondence (friends)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175090

Unit Date 1890-1896

Manuscripts 3 [X030899326] (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Language English

Personal correspondence Mrs. L. H. Pruitt

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175091

Unit Date 1891-1901

Manuscripts 3 [X030899326] (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Language English

Personal correspondence (friends)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175092

Unit Date 1897-1899

Manuscripts 4 [X030899327] (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English

Personal correspondence (friends)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175093

Unit Date 1900-1929

Manuscripts 4 [X030899327] (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English

Personal correspondence (friends)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175094

Unit Date Undated

Manuscripts 4 [X030899327] (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English

Ebenezer Lee Goss general correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175095

Unit Date 1870; 1915-1921

Manuscripts 4 [X030899327] (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Included is a letter from Governor of Virginia Westmoreland Davis

Business correspondence and ledgers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175099

Unit Date 1811-1929

Language English

Scope and Contents

Business correspondence relating to debts, stocks, and provisions for their farm and including legal deeds for Somerset.

Ebenezer Lee Goss business correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175124

Unit Date 1854; 1874-1890

Manuscripts 4 [X030899327] (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English

Ebenezer Lee Goss business correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175125

Unit Date 1896-1915

Manuscripts 4 [X030899327] (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Includes letter from Lee Goss to Robinson Riley about the coffee industry in Venezuela (1896 April 1st); letter from Lee Goss requesting a man to run his farm business; letters from State Veterinarian J. G.

Ferneyhough.

Ebenezer Lee Goss business correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175096

Unit Date 1916-1919

Manuscripts 4 [X030899327] (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Language English

Ebenezer Lee Goss business correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175097

Unit Date 1920-1927; undated

Manuscripts 4 [X030899327] (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English

Marion and William Dupont Scott correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175098

Unit Date 1914-1920

Manuscripts 5 [X030899328] (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English

Financial and legal papers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175100

Unit Date 1811-1883

Manuscripts 5 [X030899328] (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English

Receipts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175101

Unit Date 1845-1879

Manuscripts 5 [X030899328] (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English

Receipts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175102

Unit Date 1880-1890

Manuscripts 5 [X030899328] (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English

Receipts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175103

Unit Date 1891

Manuscripts 5 [X030899328] (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English

Receipts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175104

Unit Date 1896-1900

Manuscripts 5 [X030899328] (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Includes receipt for stud services

Receipts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175105

Unit Date 1902-1909

Manuscripts 5 [X030899328] (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Language English

Receipts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175106

Unit Date 1907-1913

Manuscripts 5 [X030899328] (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English

Receipts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175107

Unit Date 1910-1914

Manuscripts 5 [X030899328] (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Language English

Receipts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175108

Unit Date 1916

Manuscripts 5 [X030899328] (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Language English

Receipts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175109

Unit Date 1916

Manuscripts 6 [X030899329] (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English

Receipts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175126

Unit Date 1916

Manuscripts 6 [X030899329] (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English

Receipts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175110

Unit Date 1917

Manuscripts 6 [X030899329] (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English

Receipts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175111

Unit Date 1919-1927

Manuscripts 6 [X030899329] (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English

Bank receipts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175112

Unit Date 1907-1921

Manuscripts 6 [X030899329] (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Includes samples of checks written by Goss family

Account books and notebooks

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175121

Unit Date 1830-1910

Manuscripts 7 [X030899330] (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Charlotte Goss and Lee Goss account books and notebooks

Genealogy research

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175116

Unit Date 1833-2014

Language English

Scope and Contents

Includes typed manuscript, "Life of John Goss". There is also genealogy of the Nalle family.

Genealogy research

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175114

Unit Date 1833-2014

Manuscripts 6 [X030899329] (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English

Genealogy research Nalle

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175115

Unit Date 1994

Manuscripts 6 [X030899329] (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Language English

Photographs and photocopies

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175117

Unit Date 1880; 1941; undated

Language English

Scope and Contents

Photographs of Somerset home, Charlotte Goss, Rosa Goss Turner, Ebenezer Lee Goss, Ann Carter Nalle Goss, James Goss, J. Frank Lobingier, and Horace Stringfellow

Photographs (oversize)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175118

Unit Date Undated

Photographs OS Box P-42 (Flat_Box)

Container [X030899331] (Oversize_Folder(Within_an_OSBox))

Language English

Scope and Contents

Photographs of Somerset Farm and some family members

Photographs

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175119

Unit Date 1880; 1941; undated

Photographs 6 [X030899329] (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Photographs of Somerset home, Charlotte Goss, Rosa Goss Turner, Ebenezer Lee Goss, Ann Carter Nalle

Goss, James Goss, J. Frank Lobingier, and Horace Stringfellow

Photocopies of photographs and letters in the collection

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175120

Mixed Materials 6 [X030899329] (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Language English

Miscellaneous

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175122

Unit Date 1839-1897

Language English

Scope and Contents

Index rerum (1839) by the Reverend John Todd belonging to Ebenezer Goss, newspaper clippings, artwork, and programs including an invitation to President William McKinley's inaugural ball (1897)

Empty envelopes and stamps

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/175361

Unit Date Undated

Manuscripts 7 [X030899330] (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English