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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

MSS 16277

Unit ID

[Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID

/repositories/3/resources/840

Unit Date

1772-1961

Language

English

Extent

0.8 Cubic Feet 1 document box, 1 half-width legal document box, 1 oversize folder.

Repository

Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research use.

Provenance

Accession 2017-0082, Purchased 19 December 2016.

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Biographical Note

Based on family names and relationships in the letters the Lane/Laine family of Sussex County, Virginia seems to date back to Thomas Lane of Jamestown, who came from England in 1634 and more recently pertaining to this collection, from his descendants Joseph Lane (1721-1775) and his wife Lucy Pride Lane (1720-1792?). They had nine children: Jesse Lane (1741-1803), Leticia Lane Hargrave (1748-1781), Drury Lane (1745-1816), Thomas Lane, Joseph Lane (1750-1810) and Selah Lane Phillips. Peter Lane and Jerry (Jeremiah?) Lane descended from Drury Lane in Sussex County, Virginia. Sources:

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Lane-8795> <http://home.windstream.net/ehallman/lane0001.htm>

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~bowers/lane/thomasl.htm>

Other papers in the collection relate to Mrs. Ella Jane Laine(1873-?) who was married to Christopher Columbus Laine and their children, Amos Lloyd Laine 1906-2004, Eugene Roy Laine, 1908-?), Elva Louise Laine Magee 1909-2012, Josie L. Wiedman, Alvin Woodrow Laine 1913-2007, and Milton Columbus Laine 1898-1944 who was married to Alma Lorraine Morris 1901-1987.

Scope and Contents Note

The Laine family papers (1772-1961; 0.8 cubic feet) contains letters and documents about hiring enslaved people, other family correspondence, and financial and legal papers related to the Laine (sometimes Lane) family in Sussex County, Virginia. There is also a letter and information about the War of 1812. Also of interest is the correspondence and church programs for Amos Lloyd Laine who was a minister in Wakefield, Virginia.

Keywords

letters (correspondence)

family papers

Arrangement

The collection has been arranged into four series: Series 1. Correspondence, Series 2. Financial and Legal papers, Series 3. Letters and documents about enslaved people, 4. Miscellaneous

Description of Subordinate Components

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/176976

Unit Date 1796-1944; 1961

Language English

Correspondence Jeremiah Laine

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/176977

Unit Date 1796-1836

Manuscripts [X030899335] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Consists of mostly Jeremiah Laine correspondence with his wife, Polley Laine. Of note is a letter from Jeremiah Laine to his family about the war of 1812 and also two militia fines. Other correspondence includes medical instructions from Dr. Benjamin Hancock; letters between Peter Laine and his wife Jane; letters from Jeremiah and Polley Laine's children, Charles and Mary Scammel, Nancy Atkinson, and Nancy Morriss. Also included is a letter from William Laine recommending his son Gilbert, for employment; and a letter from Rob Nicholson to Jane Laine.

Correspondence Lucie [Lucy] Laine

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/176978

Unit Date 1978-1892

Manuscripts [X030899335] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Letters with family and boyfriends.

Letters to Robert T. Laine

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/176979

Unit Date 1887-1918

Manuscripts [X030899335] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Letters from Christopher C. Laine, Thomas Laine, and E. J. Morris about family and work. (Southampton Airfield).

Letters to Mrs Christopher C. [Ella] Laine

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/176980

Unit Date 1892; 1910; 1944

Manuscripts [X030899335] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Mostly letters from her children, Amos Laine, Eugene Laine, Milton Laine, and Alvin Woodrow Laine. Charles S. Kitchen writes about plans for the launching of the new iron ship at the Navy yard.

Letters to Amos Lloyd Laine

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/176981

Unit Date 1923-1924

Manuscripts [X030899335] 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Mostly letters from his girlfriend, Margaret (Maggie).

Letters to Amos Lloyd Laine

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/176982

Unit Date 1925

Manuscripts [X030899335] 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Mostly letters from his girlfriend, Margaret (Maggie). One letter is from 1926 because it came inside of another letter from 1925. Also includes letters from "Evelyn" and graduation cards.

Letters to Amos Lloyd Laine

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/176983

Unit Date 1926

Manuscripts [X030899335] 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Language English

Letters to Elva Laine

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/176984

Unit Date 1928-1929

Manuscripts [X030899335] 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Mostly letters from "Daniel" to Alva Laine.

Correspondence Milton Columbus Laine

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/176985

Unit Date 1930-1944

Manuscripts [X030899335] 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Mostly letters from "Alma" to Milton Laine and one letter from Milton to his brother Eugene Laine.

Miscellaneous Laine family letters

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/176986

Unit Date 1907-1925

Manuscripts [X030899335] 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Language English

Financial and Legal papers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/176987

Unit Date 1772-1844

Language English

Receipts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/176991

Unit Date 1822-1835

Manuscripts [X030899335] 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Receipts for goods, such as, potatoes, whiskey, nails, coffee, flour, sugar, spices, oysters, tobacco plants; work; medical prescriptions; making of shoes; and purchase of land.

Receipts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/176992

Unit Date 1836-1844; 1961

Manuscripts [X030899335] 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Receipts for bond due, and goods such as fish, shoes, cotton, sewing materials, coffee, potatoes, flour, sugar, meat, and brandy.

Lucy Lane will (oversize)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/176989

Unit Date 1793

Mixed Materials Oversize box P-39 (Flat_Box)

Language English

Extent 0.05 Cubic FeetOversize

Indentures, judgements, and summons

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/176990

Unit Date 1802-1836

Manuscripts [X030899335] 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Legal notes and questions, judgements, land assessments, and taxes related to Laine family and others. There are indentures between Ephraim Bryant and Charles Bryant, Peter Laine and John and Drewry Lane, John Lane and William Wren, and John Laine and Robert Ellis for the secret of making whiskey. Also included is a marriage license for Eliza Brittle.

Business advertisements

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/176993

Unit Date 1904-1915

Manuscripts [X030899336] 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English

Documents about Enslaved Persons

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/176994

Unit Date 1797-1836

Language English

Scope and Contents

Request to purchase or hire "Jenny" who he claims is 50 years old or older and "cannot be worth much" by the next year; a legal document to hire "Anthony" for the sum of eight pounds and clothe him; and tax receipts for enslaved persons.

Letters and documents about Enslaved Persons

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/176995

Unit Date 1797-1836

Manuscripts [X030899336] 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English

Miscellaneous

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/176996

Unit Date 1797-1813; undated

Language English

Scope and Contents

Miscellaneous verses; programs from various churches including one promoting Reverend Amos Lloyd Laine; and militia fines from 1797 for Jeremiah Laine, and a letter from Jeremiah Laine to his family about the War of 1812.

Miscellaneous verses and church programs

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/176997

Unit Date 1934-1937; undated

Manuscripts [X030899336] 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English