

# A Guide to the William D. Ligon Papers

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## Descriptive Summary

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**Language**

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**Creator**

William D. Ligon

**Extent**

ca. 1450 items

**Repository**

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University of Virginia  
Charlottesville, Virginia 22903  
USA

## Administrative Information

**Access Restrictions**

Collection is open to research.

**Use Restrictions**

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**Acquisition Information**

These papers were given to the University of Virginia Library on May 18, 1949 by William D. Ligon, Jr. of New York City, New York.

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## Scope and Content

This collection consists of ca. 3,000 items, (13 Hollingers and 15 oversize bound volumes), ca. 9 linear shelf feet), ca. 1907-1949, chiefly the genealogical correspondence and research of William D. Ligon, Jr. concerning the Ligon family. The collection contains correspondence, newspaper clippings, photographs, post cards, photostats, forms, genealogical charts, book reviews, Christmas card albums, and printed material, much of it mounted in bound volumes and scrapbooks. Also present is the typescript and illustrations for the book *The Ligon Family and Connections*, the product of all of the research and genealogical inquiries conducted by Ligon through his correspondence.

Much of the information concerns the first and second Ligon reunions, in Richmond, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. respectively, William D. Ligon's visit to England in 1938, and the Ligon kin in England, especially the Royal Family. A copy of the two volume published work can be found in the Rare Books Division (see CS 71. L724 1947). According to Ligon, the founder of the family in Virginia, was Colonel Thomas Ligon [Lygon] who came to Henrico County, Virginia, in 1641. Thomas Ligon married Mary Harris, daughter of Captain Thomas Harris, who arrived in Virginia in 1611 from Essex, England. Other related families include: Beauchamp, Berkeley, Corbin, Harris, and Savage.

## Container List

### PAPERS OF WILLIAM D. LIGON, JR

**Correspondence of William D. Ligon, Jr.**

**Unit Date** 1912, 1926-1936 Jun

**Container** Box 1

**Extent**

(7 folders)

**Correspondence of William D. Ligon, Jr.****Unit Date** 1936 Jul-1937 May**Container** Box 2**Extent**

(7 folders)

**Correspondence of William D. Ligon, Jr.****Unit Date** 1937 Jun-Nov**Container** Box 3**Extent**

(6 folders)

**Correspondence of William D. Ligon, Jr.****Unit Date** 1937 Dec-1938 Sep**Container** Box 4**Extent**

(5 folders)

**Correspondence of William D. Ligon, Jr.****Unit Date** 1938 Oct-1943**Container** Box 5**Extent**

(5 folders)

**Correspondence of William D. Ligon, Jr.****Unit Date** 1944-1947**Container** Box 6**Extent**

(6 folders)

**Correspondence of William D. Ligon, Jr.****Unit Date** n.d.**Container** Box 7**Correspondence between William D. Ligon, Jr. and Alice Ligon Jeanblanc****Unit Date** 1930-1941**Container** Box 7**Correspondence of William D. Ligon, Jr. (England File)****Unit Date** 1936-1938**Container** Box 7

## **The Ligon Family and Connections - Preface, Contents, and Pages vii-406**

**Unit Date** 1947

**Container** Box 7

**Extent**

(3 folders)

## **The Ligon Family and Connections - Pages 407-1335**

**Unit Date** 1947

**Container** Box 8

**Extent**

(5 folders)

## **The Ligon Family and Connections - Pages 1336-2158 and Index, 233 p.**

**Unit Date** 1947

**Container** Box 9

## **The Ligon Family and Connections - Pictures**

**Unit Date** 1947

**Container** Box 10

**Extent**

(2 folders)

## **The Ligon Family and Connections - Omitted Chapter & Illustrations**

**Unit Date** 1947

**Container** Box 10

## **Corbin and Harris Families in England and Virginia**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**Container** Box 10

## **Ligon Family Records**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**Container** Box 10

## **Magna Charta by John S. Wurts, Part VII, Pedigree 3V by William D. Ligon, Jr., pages 2218-2223**

**Unit Date** 1954

**Container** Box 11

## **Miscellaneous Ligon Family Data, including Reunions**

**Unit Date** 1937-1938, n.d.

**Container** Box 11

## **Printed Material**

**Unit Date** 1937-1947

**Container** Box 11

## **Proceedings in Two Sections The Ligon Family and Kinsmen Association**

**Unit Date** 1937, 1939

**Container** Box 11

**Extent**

(2 volumes)

## **Records & Data obtained from members of the Ligon Family**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**Container** Box 12

**Extent**

(4 folders)

## **Reviews re The Ligon Family and Connections by William D. Ligon, Jr.**

**Unit Date** 1948-1949

**Container** Box 12

## **Wills and Other Legal Documents re the Ligon Family - Copies**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**Container** Box 13

**Extent**

(4 folders)

## **OVERSIZE SCRAPBOOKS & ALBUMS**

### **1 Christmas Card Album**

**Unit Date** 1941

### **2 Christmas Card Album**

**Unit Date** 1942

### **3 Christmas Card Album**

**Unit Date** 1943

### **4 Christmas Card Album**

**Unit Date** 1944

### **5 Christmas Card Album**

**Unit Date** 1945

### **6 Christmas Card Album**

**Unit Date** 1946

### **7 Christmas Card Album**

**Unit Date** 1947

## **Photostats (bound) of Colonial and other records**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**9 Photostats (bound) of Virginia and English records relating to the Ligon, Berkeley, Savage, etc. Families**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**10 Photostats (bound) largely from Burke's Peerage, Landed Gentry, Extinct Peerage**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**11 Photostats (bound) largely from Burke's The Commoners, Extinct Peerage, Nash's Worcestershire and Visitations**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**12 Scrapbook re Lignons and their kin both in England and America, especially the Royal Family**

**Unit Date** ca. 1930-1947

**13 Scrapbook re Ligon kin, mostly in America & the marriage of W.D. Ligon, Jr. and Ellen L. Singleton**

**Unit Date** ca. 1907-1944

**14 Scrapbook of Photographs & Post Cards re the First (Richmond, Virginia) and Second (Washington, D.C.) Ligon Reunions and Ligon's Visit to England**

**Unit Date** 1937-1938

**15 Scrapbook of Visit to England, and Ligon Reunions at Madresfield Court & in the United States**

**Unit Date** 1938-1939

## **GENEALOGICAL CHARTS**

**Full size photostat of Beauchamp-Lygon Family Chart, prepared by Sir William Lygon, 7th Earl Beauchamp for Second Ligon Family Reunion in Washington, D.C. October 13, 14, 15, 1938**

**Unit Date** 1938

**Container** Oversize Tray 4

**Chart - "Some Royal Kin of the Lignons"**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**Container** Oversize Tray 4

**Chart - "Berkeley-Ligon"**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**Container** Oversize Tray 4

**Chart - "Lygon-Beauchamp"**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**Container** Oversize Tray 4

**Blank Chart for Family Tree**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**Container** Oversize Tray 4

**The Ligon Family and Kinsmen Association Resolution to Sir William Lygon, 8th Earl Beauchamp, as President of the Association**

**Unit Date** 1939 Jun 12

**Container** Oversize Tray 4

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