

# A Guide to the Stuart-Baldwin Papers

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## Descriptive Summary

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**Collector**

A. Stuart Robertson, Jr.

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## Administrative Information

**Access Restrictions**

Collection is open to research.

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## Biographical Sketch

Briscoe Gerard Baldwin was born on January 18, 1789, in Winchester, Virginia, the eldest son of Cornelius Baldwin and Mary Briscoe. He attended William and Mary College and later studied law under Judge William Daniel in Cumberland County, Virginia. During 1818-1820 he served in the Virginia House of Delegates as a representative for Augusta County and in 1829-1830 was a member of the constitutional convention. He returned to the House of Delegates during 1841-1842. On January 29, 1842, Baldwin was elected a member of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia and held that position until his death on May 18, 1852.

## Scope and Content

This accession is comprised of thirty-six items, 1786-1882, primarily letters to Briscoe G. Baldwin and Alexander H. H. Stuart, lawyers in Staunton, Virginia. Also included are a dinner invitation from the Minister of France to Alexander H. H. Stuart; two certificates of membership for Alexander H. H. Stuart in the Virginia Historical Society; a handwritten poem entitled "Hope"; two newspaper clippings, one regarding the Whig party in 1844 and another regarding Southern debts owed to Northerners after the Civil War; and an unsigned printed petition, 1848-1849, regarding internal improvements in Virginia.

The letters to Briscoe G. Baldwin are primarily from his wife, Martha S. Baldwin, or his daughter, Frances C. Stuart, regarding family matters but there are also letters from others regarding legal and business matters. These correspondents include J. E. Brown, M. F. Eskridge, and Alexander H. H. Stuart. Letters to Alexander H. H. Stuart regard business and legal matters and a variety of political topics including secession, reconstruction, the "Negro problem," and Fillmore's cabinet. Correspondents include Charles Francis Adams, Jr., J. Lidball, R. W. Clelland, Joseph Baldwin, Nathan K. Hall, James H. Dooley, Thomas Hall, and George C. Whiting. One letter, September 20, 1786, was written by Thomas Hall to Archibald Stuart (Alexander H. H. Stuart's father) and concerns Hall's supposed drinking problem, family news, the last military expeditions of George Rogers Clark, the desire of Kentucky to separate from Virginia, and local politicians Joseph Crockett and John Fowler.

## Container List

### Correspondence

## **Thomas Hall to Archibald Stuart**

**Unit Date** 1786 Sep 20

**Extent**

1 item  
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## **Letters to Briscoe G. Baldwin**

**Unit Date** 1825-1845, n.d.

**Extent**

16 items

## **Letters to Alexander H. H. Stuart**

**Unit Date** 1853-1882, n.d.

**Extent**

15 items

## **Miscellaneous**

### **Poem, "Hope"**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**Extent**

1 item

### **Printed unsigned petition to the General Assembly of Virginia re railroads**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**Extent**

1 item

### **Newspaper clippings**

**Unit Date** n. d.

**Extent**

2 items