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Scope and Content

This collection consists of the papers of the Carr family of "Carrsbrook", Albemarle County, and the Cary family of "Carysbrook", Fluvanna County, Virginia, 1785-1839, ca. 285 items (2.5 Hollinger boxes, 1 linear foot), including chiefly correspondence, but also manuscripts of obituaries, poetry, and debates, and financial documents. The papers include correspondence between Peter Carr (1770-1815), nephew of Thomas Jefferson, Hester "Hetty" Smith Stevenson Carr (1767-1834), George Pitt Stevenson (d.1819), Dabney S. Carr (1802-1854), Maria Jefferson Carr (1804-1825), Jane Margaret Carr Cary (1809-1903), Wilson Miles Cary (1806-1877), Wilson Jefferson Cary (1784-1823), and Virginia Randolph Cary (1786-1852), with other members of the Jefferson, Randolph, Carr, and Cary families.

All Thomas Jefferson correspondence has been transferred to the Thomas Jefferson Papers and is not listed in this guide. The Jefferson letters are included in the calendar *The Jefferson Papers of the University of Virginia* compiled by Constance E. Thurlow and Francis L. Berkeley, Jr. available in the Special Collections Reading Room and on the Special Collections web page under Digital Resources & Exhibitions - Guides to the Collections.

Topics include family and social news of Charlottesville, Virginia, and Baltimore, Maryland, agricultural matters and plantation life; relationships between slaves and their owners; family advice, education and study of law; the increasing financial distress of the period and other financial matters of the family; religious thought; local and national politics; scattered references to the University of Virginia and Thomas Jefferson; with genealogical notes by Wilson Miles Cary.

Topics also include proposed and subsequent sale of Carrsbrook; the sale, hire, and purchase of family slaves; Hetty Carr's move to Baltimore; a fight between Charles Lewis Bankhead and Thomas Jefferson Randolph and its after effects; John Addison Carr's career in the navy; concern for dental care; the controversial proposal of either a lottery or a subscription for the financial relief of Thomas Jefferson; and travel to Florida. The papers also contain correspondence, 1793-1807, of Thomas Mann Randolph (1768-1828, son-in-law of Thomas Jefferson, concerning agricultural and social matters; the possible engagement of John Leslie as a tutor for the Randolph family; a letter, 1802, from Thomas Mann Randolph to Peter Carr concerning his plans to respond to James Thomson Callender's accusation against Thomas Jefferson, and his decision not to do so; and a letter, 1826, from Thomas Jefferson Randolph (1792-1875) concerning Thomas Jefferson's death and desire for keeping his father from misusing money from Jefferson's estate.

The papers also contain a letter, 1797, from George Washington commenting on the divisive nature of politics and on political attacks aimed at him; a letter, 1800, from James Monroe regarding the hire of slaves and financial matters; a statement, 1814, by Anne Cary Randolph Bankhead on Thomas Jefferson Randolph's

courtship and marriage to Jane Hollins Nicholas(1798-1871); an obituary, 1815, of Peter Carr by William Wirt; two student essays by Peter Carr; and poems by Virginia Randolph Cary.

Financial documents consist of receipts for payments of fees for Peter Carr at William & Mary College; receipts for payments of fees related to the education of D. Terrell and George P. Stevenson; Peter Carr's account with Hollins & McBlair of Baltimore; a receipt for blacksmith work; Hetty Carr's memorandum concerning money due her from Robert Carter Nicholas from a plantation in Louisiana; accounts of Mrs. Virginia Cary; and an account of the estate of Wilson J. Cary.

Sources for information about the Carr & Cary families include: The Virginia Carysby Fairfax Harrison, The Carr Family Records by Edson I. Carr, and The Carrs of Albemarle University of Virginia History Thesis by Elizabeth Dabney Coleman.

Item Listing

John Leslie (1766-1832), Professor of Mathematics at Edinburgh, Scotland, to Thomas Mann Randolph

Unit Date 1788-1807

Container Box 1

Extent 7 ALS

Scope and Content

[advises further practical study in England, mentioning the mines of Derbyshire, the canals & works of the Duke of Bridgewater, the pottery methods of Mr. Wedgwood, the libraries at the University of Oxford, and the natural history specimens and antiquities in the museums of London, and suggests some books to read (1788 May 12); anxiously inquires if he has heard anything from Thomas Jefferson on the subject of his own possible immigration to America to continue as Randolph's teacher (1788 Jun 22); informs Randolph of his terms for employment in Virginia (1788 Aug 2); refers to his stay in Virginia in 1789, his happiness at the news of Randolph's marriage, his connection to the Wedgwood family, his paper Observations on Electrical Theories, encouragement to complete the natural history of Virginia which his father-in-law had sketched (1792 Sep 27), all these letters are bound together; regrets at leaving the Randolph family, request for seeds to be sent to him in Scotland, and his impressions of Philadelphia (1789 Jun 16); his stay at Etruria, Staffordshire with the Wedgwoods and the marriage of Randolph (1790 Jul 23); and his letter of introduction for John Wilson, mentioning the conflict between Great Britain and the United States (1807 Aug 28)]

Peter Carr to his mother, Mrs. Martha (Jefferson) Carr (1746-1811)

Unit Date 1789 May 3

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[assures her of his affection and tells of his plans to accompany Captain Lilly with Mrs. Griffin, to New York City, where he hopes to see many of the important men of the new Congress, including James Madison and his uncle, Thomas Jefferson, after his return from France]

Thomas Mann Randolph to Peter Carr

Unit Date 1793 Jun 26

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[suggests that William try to buy lime in Richmond, James is setting out for Varina Grove with the horses for Mr. Hughes and will also have the deed for Edgehill to present to Colonel Randolph for his acknowledgment of the signature, and mentions the necessity of hiring labor to help in his wheat fields]

Thomas Mann Randolph to Peter Carr

Unit Date 1793 Dec 15

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[mentions his child Ann Cary (1791-1826), and the upcoming Christmas party at Beverly Randolph's]

Martha Jefferson Randolph to Peter Carr

Unit Date 17[96?] Nov 28

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[congratulates him upon his approaching marriage (in June 1797?) to Hester Smith Stevenson]

George Washington to John Langhorne

Unit Date 1797 Oct 15

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[discusses political divisions and the attacks made upon those in government, perhaps referring to the John Nicholas affair]

Dabney Carr to unknown correspondent

Unit Date 17[?]

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[discusses how Dr. Walker has violated the principle that the public interest should be preferred to private advantage]

Richard Terrell to Peter Carr

Unit Date 1800 May 30

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[discusses his suit in the District Court, Lexington, Kentucky, over land in the forks of the [Elkhorn?] River, and their hope that Thomas Jefferson will win the election]

Peter Carr to his sister, Mary Carr

Unit Date 1800 Jul 24

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[the murder of [Samuel] Burch of Charlottesville, Virginia, by George Carter, who was angry over not being allowed in the Burch home to see Betsy Minor; the natural death of Tom Fleming; the hiring of slave woman Rose by Mr. Lott; the schooling of his stepson, George P. Stevenson, who has a private tutor at the home of Colonel Nicholas, and the sickness of little Jefferson (died in infancy)]

James Monroe to Peter Carr

Unit Date 1800 Aug 19

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[discusses his financial arrangements to meet his obligations to "some Jews in Richmond," which involve [the slave hire of?] two girls presently with their grandmother "at the mountain," and Lucy who has served her term of three years with Mr. Carr]

Cradock Vaughan to Peter Carr

Unit Date 1801 Sep 19

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[dancing master concerning his account for George P. Stevenson]

John Hollins to Peter Carr

Unit Date 1801 Sep 25

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[discusses Hetty's (Hester Stevenson Carr) deed for the wharf property and procuring a carriage from Philadelphia for Carr]

John Hollins to Peter Carr

Unit Date 1801 Nov 12

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[mentions the deed for the warehouse property in Baltimore and offers condolences to Hetty (Hester Stevenson Carr) and Peter Carr on the loss of their son, Jefferson]

Thomas Mann Randolph to Peter Carr

Unit Date 1802 Dec 24

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[refers to the charges against Thomas Jefferson by James Thomson Callender]

John Wayles Eppes (1773-1823) to Peter Carr

Unit Date 1803 Jan 3

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[discusses politics and the Republican party, the report of the Ways & Means Committee, his desire for Meriwether Jones to become the commissioner of loans, news of the Spanish troops disembarking at New Orleans, his expectation that the Louisiana Territory will pass from the French prefect to the United States without difficulty, and the two remaining matters before Congress being the creation of a Louisiana Territory government and the impeachment of a drunken judge]

George P. Stevenson to Peter Carr

Unit Date 1803 Apr 28

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[discusses horses, family matters, and a duel between Mr. Windom Grimes, of Richmond, and Mr. Terrell, with Wilson J. Cary (1784-1823), Peter Carr's nephew, as his second]

William H. Cabell to Peter Carr

Unit Date 1805 Nov 22

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[asks Peter Carr to pay his brother, Dabney Carr (1772-1837) a debt for a horse incurred by Cabell, if it is convenient]

Peter Carr to Mary Carr

Unit Date 1806 Dec 31

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[mentions the sale of slave woman, Nelly and her two children, to Mr. Rothwell for six hundred dollars and the hire of [Sary]

George P. Stevenson to Peter Carr

Unit Date 1807 Jan 1

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[politics in the Virginia General Assembly and the eloquence of several speeches, especially T.L. Preston of Rockbridge]

George P. Stevenson to Peter Carr

Unit Date 1808 Jan 25

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[reports on his studies at Warren, Virginia, and his boarding at Mr. White's]

P. R. Gilmer to Peter Carr

Unit Date 1808 Jul 15

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[regrets that Rice has beaten him in the election, supposes James Madison will succeed Thomas Jefferson in the presidency and mentions the Embargo]

W. L. Stone to Peter Carr

Unit Date 1809 Apr 21

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[advice to Carr on campaigning as a candidate in the state Senate, which he supports]

George P. Stevenson to Peter Carr

Unit Date 1810 May 8

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[asks concerning the possibility of selling his property in Augusta County, Virginia]

Peter Johnston to Peter Carr

Unit Date 1811 Feb 7

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[begs Carr to come and visit him before he moves to southwest Virginia]

Peter Carr to Mary Carr

Unit Date 1811 Oct 6

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[assures her he has written to Mr. Divers concerning Louisa, [a slave?]]

Jane B. Cary (1767-1840) to Mary Carr

Unit Date 1811 Oct 26

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[describes her travel, searching for items in the Richmond stores for her sister Mary, and the letter has a handwritten genealogical chart of the Cary family]

Jane B. Cary to Mary Carr

Unit Date 1811 Dec 24

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[William Newsum (1785-1828) gone to Norfolk on business; includes some additional genealogical notes re the Carr family]

Peter Carr to his niece, Martha J. Terrell (1796-1860)

Unit Date 1812 Feb 1

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[discusses his children, the progress of his school, marriage of George P. Stevenson, and the election of Dabney Carr as Chancellor of the Winchester District]

Peter Carr to George P. Stevenson

Unit Date 1812 May 24

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[expresses his disappointment that George and Eliza have postponed their trip to Carrsbrook, uncertainty over placing his son Dabney, with George in his counting house if they do not plan to visit very often, and his anxiety that they are going to set up housekeeping for themselves before George has finished his apprenticeship; also mentions the land in Augusta County, Virginia]

Peter Carr to Joseph J. Monroe

Unit Date 1812 Jun 12

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[requests he forward any letter of Carr's in his possession]

Extracts from a letter from an unknown correspondent to "Brother Woods" concerning Peter Carr, "G.W.," and Colonel John Nicholas, possibly to be used in a lawsuit

Unit Date [1812?]

Container Box 1

Philip Norborne Nicholas to Wilson J. Cary

Unit Date 1813 May 1

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[forwards the legal opinion of [John] Wickham about money due from the Fairfax estate and holds the other papers for Cary or his agent]

Wilson Cary Nicholas to Peter Carr

Unit Date 1813 Jun 10

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[gives his advice concerning a controversy with Mr. N[elson] and Mr. Eustis involving Carr over an appointment]

Statement by Mrs. Ann C. Bankhead

Unit Date 1814 Jun 21

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[writes concerning a visit of Thomas Jefferson Randolph to Warren, Albemarle County to visit Jane Hollins Nicholas, daughter of Wilson Cary Nicholas and the future wife of T.J. Randolph (on March 16, 1815); apparently the family was upset about remarks that Mrs. Nicholas had supposedly made about Martha Randolph and Ann Bankhead]

Peter Carr to Mary Carr

Unit Date 1814 Jun 25

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[writes concerning her trip to Winchester]

Jane B. Cary to Mary Carr

Unit Date 1815 Jan 9

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[hopes that Peter Carr's health has improved, tells of difficulties on her journey home, the anxiety of William Newsum over the sale of his Tennessee lands, requests Virginia [Terrell] (1798-1816) to write, mentions the pregnancy of Virginia Randolph Cary (with Archibald Cary, born March 9th) and the fatal sore throat prevalent around King William County]

Mary Randolph Harrison (1773-?) to Mrs. Virginia Cary (1786-1852)

Unit Date 1815 Jan 21

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[answers her letter to Jane (Cary Harrison) who is away, makes arrangements to complete the bonnet to be sent to Mrs. Cocke, and reports that both she and her husband, Jane, and Lucy have all been sick]

Judith Randolph (1772-1816) to her sister, Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1816 Feb 23

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[refers to the death of her son, Theodoric Randolph (1794?-1815) and the burdens she bears alone; mentions the possible visit of her sister, Harriet]

Mary Randolph Harrison to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1816 Apr 7

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[refers to the death of Judith Randolph (1772-1816), sister of Virginia Cary, and her childhood friend, and the plans of Judith's son, John St. George Randolph (1792-1857), to build at "Bizarre" and her uncertainty if his uncle, John Randolph of Roanoke, will care for him or not]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date [1817?] Apr 19

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[discusses her financial situation, mentions James Overton Carr and his wife, Mary Minor, lists the names of

the slaves that she sent to Mr. Kelly's, and warns against early marriage]

Dabney S. Carr to George P. Stevenson

Unit Date 1817 Oct 9

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[explains why his trunk did not arrive and promises to see it off the next Saturday from Charlottesville, mentions the death of Colonel John Mercer, and the accident of Mr. Battaille]

George P. Stevenson to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1817 Oct 28

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[wants to get their mother to come to Baltimore and see the surgeon, Dr. Gibson, for her hearing, and tell her about the opportunity for Dabney to work in the insurance office of Uncle Hollins, where he serves as President, and Dabney can continue his studies at night]

Dabney S. Carr to George P. Stevenson

Unit Date 1817 Oct 31

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[Hetty Carr will set off for Baltimore by the end of the week, and Uncle Samuel Carr hopes to take John A. Carr to Washington to either sail on the Franklin or join the navy, hopefully with a recommendation from Thomas Jefferson]

Hetty Carr to George P. Stevenson

Unit Date 1817 Nov 3

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[did not leave on Saturday because Sam persuaded her to stay for a later stage which was unable to leave because the water was too high, will bring Maria with her to Baltimore, Dabney is delighted to remain there, and notes that Thomas Jefferson did not receive George's letter as soon as he should have, but will send a recommendation to Washington for John A. Carr]

George P. Stevenson to Dabney S. Carr & Maria Carr

Unit Date 1817 Dec 19

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[sends a letter of brotherly advice]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr, in care of John Hollins

Unit Date 1817 Dec 21

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[discusses family and financial affairs, W. Patterson and W. Gilmer will board with her next year, Mr. Craven wants to purchase the slave, Elizabeth, and Hetty Carr's property]

Ellen P. Carr & Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1817 Dec 29

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[names the servants they now have including Anderson, Betsy, Anne, and Robert; Jim is hired out to

[names the servants they now have, including Anderson, Betsy Anne, and Robert, Jim is hired out to Richard Martin; cannot find white flour in Richmond, and they miss Dabney and Maria]

John A. Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1818 Jan 3

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[full of friendly joking but little news]

Ellen P. Carr & Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1818 Jan 28

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[cousin James is building a house, and cousin Martha comes to Carrsbrook every Friday for Ellen to say her lessons, which she describes; Jefferson [Randolph] came by last Sunday and thought Carrsbrook better off than when Hetty left Virginia, he has rented two plantations and 70-80 slaves from his grandfather, Thomas Jefferson, and gives him produce in return]

George P. Stevenson to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1818 Feb 5

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[writing from Havana, Cuba, instructs Dabney to purchase Commercial & Farmers Bank stock for Eliza and his children, dividing the balance between himself and Maria]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1818 Feb 15

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[discusses financial situation and her desire to sell the plantation, prices of slaves are very high, hopes to eventually live in Baltimore with all her family together]

John A. Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1818 Feb 22

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[letter from a childhood friend]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date [1818] Mar 1

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[worries about selling Carrsbrook, and the education of her girls]

George P. Stevenson to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1818 Mar 2

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[writes from Havana with business and other instructions]

O.M.C. & [T.?]L.M. , to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1818 Mar 6

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[letter from two unknown childhood friends, teasing him about marriage]

John A. Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1818 Mar 9

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[mentions his father and Doctor Everet as candidates for the General Assembly]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date [1818] Mar 12

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[urges him to tell her how Eliza and Maria are getting along and asks how Eliza is treating both of them while George is in Cuba]

Mary Randolph Harrison to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1818 Mar 15

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[mentions the illness of her husband, the visit of William Fitzhugh Randolph, her daughter Jane Cary Randolph and her trouble with her pregnancy, and Lucy Bolling Randolph, and the visit of General [John Hartwell Cocke?] to her husband]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date [1818] Mar 22

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[discusses finances with him, including the possibility of Mr. Kelly buying the plantation and slaves, and her hopes of moving to Baltimore and reuniting the family]

Mary Randolph Harrison to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1818 Mar 30

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[regrets that she was unable to stop and see her when they returned from "Bremo," her daughter Jane suffers a miscarriage, and cousin Mary Irving sends her love to Virginia; also includes genealogical notes by another writer on the letter]

George P. Stevenson to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1818 Apr 1

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[discusses business matters and moral instruction]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date [1818] Apr 6

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[discusses the condition of her crops this year, the unwillingness of Mr. Kelly to pay what she believes the plantation and slaves are worth, the necessity of being careful financially, availability of flour at Mr. Peyton's in Richmond for Eliza, and her concern for Maria's use of her time]

Hetty Carr to Maria Carr

Unit Date [1818] Apr 6

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[gives her advice, warns her not to try to keep up with her friends, Mary T. and Alicia McBlair in fashion, and her trouble with one of her boarders]

George P. Stevenson to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1818 Apr 19

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[writes from Cuba, discussing financial affairs]

Hetty Carr to Maria Jefferson Carr

Unit Date [1818] May 3

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[asks her to account for the spending of her one hundred dollars, and insists that she gets her teeth filled]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1818 May 3

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[Eliza has written to her, unreconciled to George remaining in Cuba on business, her concerns about Dabney & Maria, if Eliza should leave Baltimore to join him there, and the condition of the plantation]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date [1818] May 23

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[her concerns about where Dabney and Maria will board if Eliza and her family go to the Charity School, suggests that Robert Smith may ask them to stay with him, worries about who will care for her children, Maria, Hollins, and Jane Margaret, should she die before they are grown, or before Dabney is married]

Ellen B. Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1818 May 24

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[writes during her stay in Richmond, mentions the publication of William Wirt's biography of Patrick Henry, and discusses her improvement in dancing]

John A. Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1818 May 24

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[letter from childhood friend]

Uncle Dabney Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1818 May 28

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[promises to get General [John George] Jackson, who is on the spot, to investigate his deed to lands on Cedar Creek, near Clarksburg, [West Virginia] and begs his nephew to write to him about his welfare]

Hetty Carr to Maria Jefferson Carr

Unit Date [1818] May 31

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[discusses family affairs, her pleasure that Maria has filled her teeth, and Dabney Minor handling the sale of Carrsbrook and her slaves in Fairfax]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date [1818] Jun 18

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[Jefferson and Jane Randolph dined with her at "Dunlora," James [Carr?] has lost a child, and mentions the Trists]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1818 Jun 25

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[discusses the prospects of selling Carrsbrook again]

General J[ohn] G[eorge] Jackson (1777-1825) to Judge Dabney Carr

Unit Date 1818 Jun 30

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[reports on his efforts to locate a deed to the land on Cedar Creek conveyed by General Smith to Dabney S. Carr]

James O. Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1818 Jul 4

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[his friend and relative discusses the crops on the farm at Carrsbrook and the arrival of Maria there]

John A. Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1818 Jul 7

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[saw Jane Smith and Mary Taylor in Winchester]

Dabney Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1818 Jul 9

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

Scope and Content

[Aunt Betsy is very unwell, encloses the letter from General Jackson (see June 30, 1818)]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date [1818] Jul 18

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[discusses the wheat harvest, the birth of George P. Stevenson's son, and the intention of James Carr to buy Carrsbrook, if he is able to sell his own place]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date [1818] Jul 19

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[further discussions of the intention of James & Mary Carr to buy Carrsbrook, if he is able to sell his own place, and has found the deed to Dabney's land on Cedar Creek, West Virginia]

Ellen Carr & Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1818 Jul 30

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[further discussions of the intention of James & Mary Carr to buy Carrsbrook]

James O. Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1818 Aug 2

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[further discussions of the intention of James & Mary Carr to buy Carrsbrook, mentions the University of Virginia, "the good citizens of Charlottesville are on their heads about the University which is shortly to be located," which is believed to be fixed at the Central College; mentions James Minor and his efforts concerning the old mill road for his mother, Hetty, and the deliverance of his overseer's wife of twins (the last year she had triplets)]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1818 Aug 9

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[the girls are at Jefferson Randolph's, George is exchanging his house for a larger one, further discussions of the intention of James & Mary Carr to buy Carrsbrook, and her feeling that she must sell everything that cannot be transported by water to Baltimore]

John A. Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1818 Aug 15

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[during a trip to Winchester, describes his rescue of a gig stuck in the mud, his impression of the Alleghany Mountains, and includes a humorous and slightly risqué story]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1818 Oct 4

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[the offer of Dabney Minor for Carrsbrook, the sale of the slaves Elizabeth and Betsy to D. C. Martin, who

[the offer of Dabney Minor for Carrsbrook, the sale of the slaves Elizabeth and Betsy to R.G. Martin, who offers the same price to Maria for Jenny, asks George to make application so she can transport her slaves, Phil, Betty, Peter, Robert and his wife, Mary, and their two children, Esther and her man]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1818 Oct 15

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[provides details of her sale of Carrsbrook to Dabney Minor, and the public sale on November 19th, of her slaves and other property]

John A. Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1818 Oct 18

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[writes from the ship U.S.S. Independence, being a midshipman in the U.S. Navy, and describes a fight he participated in at a theater in [Boston?]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date [1818] Oct 22

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[discusses the results of the sale, and mentions getting a power of attorney for the sale of Ben's family, belonging to George]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date [1818] Oct 25

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[discusses the sale of the family slaves, hoping to sell them to family or to neighbors if possible, the death of the slave named Phil, and the sale of her furniture and furnishings]

Jane Hollins Randolph to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date [1818] Oct 28

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[requests that Carr introduce Dr. Bramham into Baltimore society]

Dabney Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1818 Oct 31

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[has sent Dabney S. Carr's deed to lands near Clarksburg, [West] Virginia, with a gentleman to be recorded in the court of the newly formed Lewis County]

George P. Stevenson to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1818 Nov 2

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[business & moral instructions and the progress of the voyage to Havana]

John Brand[ee] to George P. Stevenson

Unit Date 1818 Nov 2

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[discusses business]

John A. Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1818 Nov 6

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[witnesses the fire in the Boston Exchange Coffee House and the subsequent blaze in the Navy Yard, and two midshipmen tried for overstaying their leave on shore]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date [1818] Nov [10]

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[describes the sale of the family slaves, and makes arrangements about her furniture]

Hetty Carr to George P. Stevenson

Unit Date [1818?] Nov 10

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[worries about the repayment of George's debts, James Carr's purchase of Ben's family, and the arrangements for the sale of the other slaves]

John A. Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date [1818] Nov 17

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[describes more adventures of the midshipman life]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date [1818] Nov 26

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[reports on the sale of slaves and furniture, Uncle Sam is to marry in a week and Martha and Dabney Minor are to marry]

George P. Stevenson to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1818 Dec 2

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[business instructions]

James O. Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1818 Dec 7

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[forwards one hundred dollars from his mother to Dabney Carr]

John A. Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1818 Dec 8

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[describes his life on the ship and adventures in swabbing the deck when the temperature was freezing]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date [1818] Dec 14

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[arrangements to come to Baltimore and set up housekeeping with Eliza temporarily, and her concerns over whether her daughter-in-law is really willing for her to come]

John A. Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1818 Dec 26

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[has heard word of George Hollins and John Nicholas on board the Mediterranean, and mentions a brawl in the Boston theater]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr & Others

Unit Date [1818] Dec 28

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[fears that Eliza is no longer interested in a joint housekeeping venture, mentions the marriage of Martha and Dabney Minor, and discusses business]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date [1818]

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[discusses business and gives advice]

Eliza Stevenson to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date [1818?]

Container Box 1

Scope and Content

[writes concerning a slave, Letty, and her concerns about sending her to Georgia to be among strangers or even Louisiana without her consent, despite her being brought home by a constable]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1819 Jan 3

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[complains that Maria seldom writes her, reports on the selling of her furniture, longs to see her children and her concerns about housekeeping in Baltimore]

John A. Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1819 Jan 18

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[describes his courting activities in Boston, wonders about the absence of letters from his father, and has not received his orders to The Hornet]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1819 Jan 24

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[discusses a check, family affairs, and furniture]

John A. Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1819 Jan 27

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[discusses the merits of Boston girls and Virginia girls, parties, his anger at his father for not writing, and his hopes to sail aboard The Hornet]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1819 Jan 31

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[discusses her proposed trip to Baltimore and other business]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date [1819 Jan]

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[hopes to come to Baltimore in March if the roads are not too bad and discusses family affairs]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1819 Feb 5

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[asks if he has gotten permission for her to bring her slaves to Baltimore, trouble over the slave Elizabeth because Samuel Carr neglected to apply to the General Assembly for leave to keep her in Virginia, describes the attack of Charles L. Bankhead upon Jefferson Randolph at court with a knife on February 1st, and weakened by his wounds, Randolph remained at the home of Alexander Garrett for awhile until he could be moved; remarks that "poor Mr. Jefferson was dreadfully agitated when he saw him first"]

James O. Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1819 Feb 7

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[shares his pride that Virginia has established and endowed the University of Virginia at the location of Central College which will have about 300 students as estimated by Thomas Jefferson]

John A. Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1819 Feb 8

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[glad that Dabney has deferred his plan to marry [Mary Taylor?] until next fall, and the possibility that he may sail on The Columbian]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1819 Feb 9

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[asks Dabney to make final arrangements with Mr. Montgomery to bring her and family to Baltimore, asks concerning her letters and what they said about her bargain with Dabney Minor for the land, which is in dispute, and reports on Jefferson Randolph's condition]

John A. Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1819 Feb 22

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[remarks concerning the actions of Charles L. Bankhead, and wishes his friend would visit Monticello and remember John Carr to all the folks there, especially to Mrs. Randolph]

M. Gilmer to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1819 Mar 11

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[mentions that Jefferson Randolph is almost restored to health, mentions Dabney Carr, Major Divers, Mrs. Coleman, and Ann Bankhead moving out of the county]

Wilson J. Cary (1784-1823) to Wilson Miles Cary (1806-1877)

Unit Date 1819 Apr 20

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[writes from Carysbrook to his son at the Staunton Academy, mentions General John Hartwell Cocke's willingness to send up his carryall for his son, John Hartwell Cocke (1804-1846) and Wilson, General Cocke believes that soon a grammar school will be established by Thomas Jefferson in Charlottesville, who has written to Dr. Cooper in Philadelphia about engaging a competent teacher, and neighborhood disasters as a result of fires, including the death of the foreman at Oakhill who had a tree fall on his head]

Mary Randolph Harrison to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1819 Apr 24

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[mentions Jane Randolph, Virginia's sister, and her daughter Jane [Randolph] who recently had a baby and is still at home with her]

M. Gilmer to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1819 May 12

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[describes a visit to the Peaks of Otter, the meeting of the Presbytery of Hanover, with sermons by Mr. Rice of Petersburg and Mr. Lyle of Prince Edward, and her experiences in gardening]

John A. Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1819 May 16

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[upset that no one has written for two months, has heard that Carrsbrook has burned, and describes his struggles with a runaway sailor in Boston]

John A. Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1819 Jun 3

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[discusses the girls of Boston and asks about family & friends]

Tobias S. Collis to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1819 Jun 4

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[continues to teach in Louisa County having refused an appointment to West Point, but may emigrate to Pensacola in the fall if he doesn't get married]

Vincent Gray to Mr. McBlair - Copy

Unit Date 1819 Jun 10

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[announcing the death of George P. Stevenson in Havana, Cuba, of a fever]

James O. Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1819 Jun 11

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[remarks on the scarcity of money and its effects on the economy, the disadvantages of being a merchant, plans for the wagon with the servants to leave Charlottesville tomorrow, and asks if a Miss Campbell can accompany Hetty Carr for safety]

John A. Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1819 Jun 17 & Jun 24

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[his work as a commodore's aid, sorry to hear Hetty is leaving Baltimore so soon, language of Yankee ladies, and the wounding of his friend]

John A. Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1819 Jun 28

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[transferred to The Constellation]

Dabney Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1819 Jul 2

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[concerning his land in Lewis County, [West] Virginia]

James O. Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1819 Jul 5

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[concerning the death of Dabnev's brother. Georae P. Stevenson. and his land in Lewis Countv. [West]

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John H. Eustace to Mrs. Hetty Carr

Unit Date 1819 Jul 5

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[sends \$120.00 at the request of James O. Carr]

John A. Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1819 Jul 5

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[concerning the death of Dabney's brother, George P. Stevenson, and advice about a new vocation]

Dabney Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1819 Jul 13

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[concerning the death of Dabney's brother, George P. Stevenson, his land in Lewis County, and asks about the plans of the family]

Dabney Minor to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1819 Jul 20

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[concerning the death of Dabney's brother, George P. Stevenson, his land in Lewis County, Dabney Terrell, and asks about the plans of the family]

Dabney Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1819 Jul 23

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[concerning his land in Lewis County, [West] Virginia, and an offer to read law in his own office]

James O. Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1819 Jul 24

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[times are very hard, has no overseer at present, reports on the lack of progress of Central College, the notes of the North Carolina banks are refused, saw his friend Jack Carr who left them yesterday, and advises Dabney to quit the mercantile business]

Mary Randolph Harrison to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1819 Aug 7

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[both her husband and son-in-law, William, have been unwell, William, who has been at the Amelia Springs, will soon go to the Buckingham County Quarterly Court, accompanied by Jane to the home of Charles Irving, and asks if Virginia's daughter, Jane, can come to the dancing school with her children]

Dabney Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1819 Sep 15

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[makes arrangements for Dabney to take a position reading law in his office]

Mary Jane Terrell to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1819 Dec 17

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[mentions the visit of Martha Jefferson Randolph and Ellen Randolph to Virginia, and discusses the misunderstanding over her comments concerning Mary Campbell, sister of Sally Peachy, to Lelia Barraud; someone has included genealogical notes]

George P. Stevenson to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date [1819?]

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[business and moral instruction]

Wilson J. Cary (1784-1823) to Virginia Cary (Incomplete)

Unit Date 1821 Dec 25

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[instructions and plans for the education of their son, Wilson M. Cary, at the school of Mr. Maury, and refers to the unpleasant dispute between the governor, Thomas Mann Randolph, and the council]

Wilson J. Cary to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date [1821 Dec]

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[lists various items he has purchased for Tom Whitlock to bring to her on his return trip, and recounts an account of an exhibition of rope walking at a height of forty feet by a Frenchman, Godeau, at the Eagle Tavern in Williamsburg]

Wilson J. Cary to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date [1822] Jan 9

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[discusses the sale of several slaves including: Martha and three children to Mr. Hopkins of Goochland County, Polly and two children to Mr. Farrar of Fluvanna County, the need to sell Nancy or Priss, and the interest of T.C. Nelson in Billy, who is the husband of Virginia Cary's cook]

Wilson J. Cary to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1822 Jan 16

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[enumerates the articles sent by him through General John Hartwell Cocke to his wife, describes his social life, especially a large party given by John Rutherford in Richmond, discusses schooling for his son, considering Hamden-Sydney if Mr. Maury's school disappoints, asks his wife to remove the wife and children of slave Julius from their household, instructs her to hire out any slaves she can, except for the boy Billy, and reports the rumor that her niece, Ellen, has Martin Van Buren of New York in her train as a suitor]

Lelia Skipwith Tucker to Mrs. Rebecca Cary (1755-1823)

Unit Date 1822 Feb 11

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[writes concerning the death of Rebecca's [granddaughter?], Anne Martha Cary (1813-1822), and other deaths in her neighborhood, Betsy Bassett, John Bracken, Mary Kennon Cocke Faulcon (1783-1822), and the illness of Mrs. Butler and John Blair Peachy]

Wilson J. Cary to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1822 Feb 11

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[writes concerning the death of their daughter, Anne Martha Cary (1813-1822), her sister, Harriet Hackley, is still confined to her room, and mentions the visit of Henry Clay to the General Assembly and his speech]

Wilson J. Cary to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1822 Feb 15

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[writes of a letter from his son, Wilson Miles, consoling him upon the death of Anne Martha Cary, his son's description of a drowning of a boy, Watson, from Charlottesville, who fell through the ice, and his plan to go down to Hampton, bring up slave Hannah and her family to sell in Richmond]

J. S. Nicholas to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1822 Feb 16

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[shares news of common friends and relatives in Virginia, and asks for a copy of the statutes of Maryland, where he hopes to join the bar]

Wilson J. Cary to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1822 Feb 21

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[discusses religion, a concert by Mrs. French, a letter from his mother mentions the confinement of Mary Jane next month, the upcoming trip of William Newsum (1785-1828) westward, his friends, T.C. Nelson and Griffin Peachy both in town, the legacy of cousin Andrews, and is sending copies of Guy Mannering and The Pirate by Sir Walter Scott]

Wilson J. Cary to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1822 Feb 25

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[river is high at Richmond, her sister Harriet, is much better, met [Joel Roberts] Poinsett, a member of Congress from South Carolina, saw Mrs. Randolph of Wilton, Miss Betsy Andrews, Miss Ballard, Robert & John Andrews, and Doctor Tazewell, plans to attend the last concert of Mrs. French, and mentions the marriage of Griffin Peachy's sister]

John A. Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1822 Apr 23

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[writes from the U.S. Constellation a depressed letter from Valparaiso, Chile, about his prospects in the

[writes from the US; consideration; a depressed letter from Valparaiso, Chile, about his prospects in the Navy, saw The Franklin in this port, and asks for correspondence]

P. Harrison to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1822 Jun 20

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[inquires about his progress in his study of law]

John H. Eustace to Mrs. Hetty Carr

Unit Date 1822 Jul 12

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[encloses a draft]

Dabney Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1822 Jul 22

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[writes concerning a debt he owes for boots and his pleasure at hearing Dabney is reading law with Judge Dorsey]

John H. Eustace to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1822 Jul 25

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[defends the manner of his last payment to Hetty Carr]

Dabney Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1822 Aug 2

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[refers again to the debt for boots to Mr. Carson, warns of the dangers of procrastination, for which the Carrs are known, thanks him for a copy of The Fortunes of Nigel by Sir Walter Scott for which he offers a critique, advises him about studying with Judge Dorsey, and looking forward to seeing Jack, knowing their many letters to him have miscarried]

Wilson J. Cary to Wilson Miles Cary

Unit Date 1822 Nov 30

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[writes concerning to his son at the Hampden Sydney College, the birth of a daughter, Louisa Hartwell, (who later died April 28, 1823), fires at the homes of Dr. Wills and Joshua Key, the marriage of Mary Elizabeth Randolph, daughter of Thomas Eston and Jane Cary Randolph, to Francis Eppes, son of John Wayles Eppes and Maria Jefferson, and work at the plantation]

Dabney Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1822 Dec 8

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[will continue to hire his slave Peter, and Doctor Grayson has told him that his nephew is about to take his place at the bar]

Wilson J. Cary to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date [1822?] Dec 9

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[saw the last performance of [Junius Brutus?] Booth in King Richard, boarding at Mr. Poore's, a cabinet maker, discusses the election of governor, favoring James Pleasants, Jr., saw her sister Harriet Hackley whose husband was detained in New York on business, and the price of ordinary tobacco has fallen considerably]

Wilson J. Cary to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1822 Dec 12

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[Thompson Payne is bringing a bundle to her from himself, which he describes, instruct the overseer to stem their long tobacco this year, asks about the progress on the mill, find out if Mr. Ashlin wishes to hire the slaves, Julius and Jack, and mentions the purchase of slave Polly by Mr. Hopkins of Goochland]

Wilson J. Cary to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1823 Jan 2

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[Happy New Year wishes, bad market in Richmond for slaves, although they hire well, hard financial times, bad management of their property by the overseer, saw Colonel Thomas Mann Randolph who said that Thomas Jefferson was nearly recovered from his accident, and that Randolph was making great profits at Varina, and reports that Harriet Hackley was still physically very weak]

Wilson J. Cary to Virginia Cary (Incomplete)

Unit Date 1823 Jan 6

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[instructs her to get her sister at Monticello to try and clear up her misunderstanding with the Ashton family, pleased that she did not hire out the slaves to anyone who would use them ill, his debt obligates him to sell one of the slave girls, Priss or Nancy, Martha and her two youngest children sold to Mr. Farrar of Fluvanna, Polly and her children left at Cartersville with Dr. James, Sampson sold in the county, Elizabeth to be sold with her husband in Williamsburg by Dr. Peachy, and the marriage of Juliana Mayo to Dr. R.H. Cabell]

Wilson J. Cary to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1823 Jan 15

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[describes articles he is sending and the money for Wilson]

Wilson J. Cary to Wilson Miles Cary (Incomplete)

Unit Date 1823 Jan 16

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[must economize due to the difficulty of the times, his dissatisfaction with Hampden Sydney if Wilson is only learning Greek, and an account of his slave sales]

Wilson J. Cary to Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1823 Feb 3

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[writes concerning his slave William, the mill repairs, her sister, Harriet Hackley, his sister, Sally Newsum (1788-1841) who is still grieving over the loss of her child, Robert Starke Newsum, and the determination of William Newsum to take his father's claim for \$16,000 before Congress]

Wilson J. Cary to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1823 Feb 17

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[hopes the General Assembly session will soon end, and mentions the death of his "unfortunate Aunt [Sarah?] Fairfax]

Wilson Miles Cary to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1823 Oct 28

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[attending the College of William and Mary, visits to Aunt Harriet Hackley and Aunt [Mary Munro] Peachy, his cousin, John Blair, has loaned him many of the books he needs, and describes classes]

S. S. M. to John Spear Smith

Unit Date 1824 Apr 26

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[his statement for use in a suit regarding the intended dowry of the wife of John S. Smith]

Wilson M. C. Fairfax to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1824 Jun 27

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[inquires about the payment of an annuity left by his grandfather, Wilson Miles Cary, in the hands of her late husband Wilson J. Cary (1784-1823), for Fairfax's mother]

[T.L.N.?] to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1824 Sep 27

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[an account of his difficult voyage as a sailor in the merchant service aboard the Quarantum, sailing from [New York?] with a load of flour for La Guaira, [presently Venezuela], the purchase of cocoa to sell in Tampico, Mexico, the Captain ashore at Havana, where the crew rebelled and attacked him physically demanding higher wages, until he quelled them]

Wilson Miles Cary to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date [1825] Jan

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[studying Greek in Charlottesville, boarding with Mr. Hatches, hears from the Monticello family every morning by Ben who comes to Mr. Hatches' school, the upcoming marriage of Ellen Randolph and Joseph Coolidge, and Thomas Jefferson's concerns for his faculty who have not yet arrived at the University of Virginia]

Thomas Jefferson Randolph to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1825 May 10

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[the mahogany plank arrived at Norfolk, was transferred to the deck of a steamboat bound for Richmond where it remains on the wharf, Carr's mother and the girls have arrived, and mentions interviews with booksellers from Philadelphia]

Maria Jefferson Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1825 [Jun] 29

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[describes the poor state of sister Ellen's health, seeing Doctors Gooch and Dunglison]

Maria Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1825 Jul 2

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[writes from Charlottesville, asks about Eliza, reports concerning the improvement in the health of their sister, Ellen]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1825 Jul 10

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[concern for Ellen's health, have been staying at Martha's for three weeks, concerns for the cost of their doctor bill, Maria in constant attendance upon her sister, and other business]

Maria Jefferson Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1825 Jul 20

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[plans to go to Tufton soon, Jane Margaret sick at Woodlands, and attended by Hetty Carr]

Sidney Nicholas (1805-1886) to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1825 Jul 22

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[asks him to secure iodine for her throat in Baltimore, his sister Ellen continues to improve, his mother and the baby are at James Carr's, the visit of Uncle Dabney, Aunt Betsy, and Nancy Carr]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1825 Aug 7

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[Maria has been ill, Martha's son now with fever, asks why he does not write to his bride elect, which she advises him to do, her regret at not being able to give him a genteel wedding, and discusses the financial troubles of Thomas Jefferson Randolph, who will handle his grandfather's financial affairs]

Hetty & Jane Margaret Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date [1825 Aug] 13

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[writes concerning the sickness of Maria Carr, her own abscessed tooth, asks about her business affairs, the Louisiana sugar plantation business, the expected death of Martha's son, and about Francis Gilmer, professor of law]

Goodwin McBlair to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1825 Dec 19

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[writes from the ship Peruvian, on his way to Lima, Peru, to tell Dabney goodbye]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1826 Jan 26

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[discusses the plantation in Louisiana and other business]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1826 Feb 1

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[discusses the sale of sugar from the Louisiana plantation in Baltimore, Mrs. Randolph is in great distress over the death of her daughter, Ann Bankhead, fears that Thomas Jefferson will not get permission to have a lottery because it meets with great opposition, but he will suffer great injury without it, and Jefferson is very unwell]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1826 Feb 8

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[Thomas Jefferson Randolph has gone to Richmond to beseech the General Assembly to allow a lottery for Thomas Jefferson and she discusses her business affairs]

[L?] Goodwin to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1826 Feb 20

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[is attempting to secure signatures for Dabney's application for a job in the State Department consulate for Columbia but fears that his rival, Mr. Forsyth, has the advantage of prior experience]

Jane Margaret Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date [1826] Feb 27

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[disapproves Dabney seeking a consulate position in South America because he and his wife, Sidney, will be so far away, they will soon visit Dunlora, the lottery bill has passed but tickets can only be sold up to the value of the property by disinterested gentlemen and must include Monticello itself, Thomas Jefferson in dreadful spirits, greatly affected by the death of his sister Anne, says Colonel Randolph, "has gone on since his daughter's death more like a demon than ever," the University of Virginia Board of Visitors have chosen

no candidate yet, and Frank Gilmer died and was interred at Pen Park]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1826 Mar 3

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[discusses the sugar crop's arrival in Baltimore, Dabney's need for a cooper, suggests Spotswood, except Mr. Garret says he can not sell him unless he gets more than he is worth, and Jefferson Randolph is arranging everything for the lottery for Thomas Jefferson]

Hollins Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1826 Mar 6

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[writes to his brother about his school examinations]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1826 Mar 10

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[her concern over the lottery and raising enough money for Jefferson to keep Monticello, "I cannot bear the idea that the graveyard of almost all my family should be sold if I were to draw it is should never be sold it should be kept for a graveyard for every descendant of the Jefferson race" and the possibility of Dabney Terrell becoming Professor of Law at the University of Virginia]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1826 Mar 13

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[discusses the lottery of Thomas Jefferson again, preferring using a subscription to relieve his debt, Jefferson went white when Jefferson Randolph proposed putting Monticello into the lottery, and Uncle Dabney has lost his little boy, Dabney Jefferson Carr (1817-1826)]

Robert Carter Nicholas to John Spear Smith

Unit Date 1826 Mar 14

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[the marketing of the sugar from the plantation, prospects of a loan on the plantation, and other related business]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1826 Mar 18

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[discusses plantation affairs, the lottery and subscription to relieve Thomas Jefferson]

C. J. Carr to Messrs. Dobbin, Murphy, & Bose

Unit Date 1826 Mar 24

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[forwarding a statement by John Hancocke concerning Thomas Jefferson and his financial woes to be published in their morning paper]

P. N. Nicholas to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1826 Mar 25

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[fears that to begin subscriptions for the financial relief of Thomas Jefferson in Virginia would injure the chances of success for the lottery]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1826 Mar 29

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[discusses the proposal of selling the lottery tickets on Thomas Jefferson's birthday, April 13th and burning them on July 4th when the Vice-President would present the money to him; and Robert wishes her to secure a blacksmith, cooper, and carpenter while she is still in Virginia]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1826 Mar 31

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[repeats the proposal about the lottery described in the previous letter, James Carr is planning on selling his slaves and land, one of whom, Nelson, is a cooper, and the University of Virginia law professor is to be chosen on Monday by the Board of Visitors]

Lucy Beverly Randolph to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1826 Apr 4

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[contains genealogical notes, the conversion of Burwell Randolph to Catholicism, her mother, the health of [Jane Cary Randolph] improved, they may open a school in Bedford, and family and personal news]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date [1826?] Apr 4

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[no selection made as yet about the law professorship, but confused by the proposal of William Wirt as professor]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date [1826?] Apr 11

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[instructions for their return to Baltimore]

Mrs. Louise McIntire to Jane Margaret Carr

Unit Date 1826 Jul 6

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[laments the death of Thomas Jefferson, wishing that it had been Colonel Randolph who might have been taken instead but who remains to "torment his family a little longer," her Aunt Maria is to petition the General Assembly for a divorce, and sends greetings from Wilson Cary Newsum (1808-1875) presently at the University of Virginia]

Thomas Jefferson Randolph to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1826 Jul 11

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[anecdotes of Thomas Jefferson's last days, warns of the attempts of his father, Colonel Thomas Mann Randolph, to get the money raised by selling lottery tickets for Jefferson, and the disposal of Jefferson's estate]

Clarissa [?] to Jane Margaret Carr

Unit Date 1826 Sep 17

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[writing from Monticello, describes a concert given by dwarves in Charlottesville, mentions Jane Margaret's suitor, Wilson M. Cary, whom she defends]

Hollins Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1826 Sep 24

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[writes concerning his examinations]

M. Nicholas to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date [1826]

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[concerning the publication of an enclosed circular by Thomas Jefferson found in one of his scrapbooks]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr [?] (Incomplete)

Unit Date [1826?]

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Scope and Content

[concerning the purchase of slaves]

Philo Thompson

Unit Date [1826]

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[his statement advocating a subscription to relieve the "Patriot of Monticello" (Thomas Jefferson)]

Kenderton Smith to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1827 Jan 31

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[needs the money from Reeder's bonds]

Susanna Isham Harrison to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1827 Aug 22

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[writes of personal affairs, offering religious encouragement and perspective, heard that John Cocke is at

White Sulfur [Springs]

J. S. Armistead to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1827 Sep 13

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[thanks her for her suggestions about his preaching, and mentions his financial difficulties with his present salary]

Wilson M. Cary to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1828 Jan 1

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[while studying law with Henry St. George Tucker in Winchester, writes concerning the death of his Uncle Miles, his father's only brother (1789-1827), in Alabama while exploring the Southwest, and warns his mother to keep Archibald constantly in school without interruptions]

Goodwin McBlair to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1828 Feb 18

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[reports concerning a meeting of the supporters of his political opponent]

M[ary] M[unro] Peachy to Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1828 Apr 26

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[shares social and family news, refers to the death of her daughter, Elizabeth Griffin Peachy Webb, and includes many genealogical notes]

Thomas Jefferson Randolph to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1828 May 3

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[hopes to leave Philadelphia for Baltimore on Monday]

E. Littell to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1828 Jun 10

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[refers to the papers forwarded by her for the editor of Remember Me]

Samuel Hurd to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1828 Jun 18

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[writing from the Union Theological Seminary, refers to her literary labors, and the progress of revival services]

Thomas Mann Randolph to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1828 Jul 13

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[asks for assistance in securing a steam boat between Norfolk and Baltimore]

Samuel J. Hollins to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1828 Jul 13

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[Wilson died at the plantation in Louisiana]

Susan A. Pool to Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1828 Jul 18

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[mentions the upcoming marriage of Virginia's daughter, Mary Randolph Cary (1811-1887) and Dr. Orlando Fairfax (1806-1882) and religious matters]

Robert Carter Nicholas to J. S. Smith

Unit Date 1828 Jul 19

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[the death of Wilson at the plantation in Louisiana]

William Meade to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1828 Aug 28

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[writes concerning Mrs. Flournoy?]

Samuel Hurd to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1828 Sep 16

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[the nature of his examinations at Union Theological Seminary and religious matters]

M[ary] M[unro] Peachy to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1828 Sep 24

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[writes concerning the death of William Newsum (1785-1828), the estate of Miles Cary of "Oak Hill," and other news of family and friends]

Dabney S. Carr to John H. Eaton

Unit Date 1829 Feb 24

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[the cost of the publication of the Baltimore Republican]

S. [?] Goodwin to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1829 Mar 12

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[inquires as to the status of his possible appointment under Andrew Jackson's administration]

S. [?] Goodwin to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1829 Mar 15

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[discusses the status of his possible appointment under Andrew Jackson's administration]

Samuel Hurd to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1829 Jul 1

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[reports concerning Andover Theological Seminary]

Susan A. Pool to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1829 Sep 18

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[family and personal news]

Harriet Randolph Hackley to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1829 Nov 16

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[the birthday of Martha Jefferson Hackley (1824-?)]

Martha Randolph to Thomas Jefferson Randolph

Unit Date [182-?]

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[asks Jefferson to let Thrimston remain to help Gorman repair the portico which has been ripped up, revealing the red dirt underneath, or they will all be mired in the dining room]

Martha Randolph to Peter Carr

Unit Date [182-?] Aug 23

Container Box 2

Scope and Content

[if possible Ann will wait for Mr. Nicholas tomorrow, but after that the Madisons will be with them]

Dabney Carr to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1830 Feb 9

Container Box 3

Scope and Content

[legal advice to appeal to a judicial tribunal to decide upon and assign to Virginia her rights, and call the person in question (the administrator?) to account; and to secure a copy of the will]

Dabney Carr to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1830 Mar 1

Container Box 3

Scope and Content

[discusses Virginia's prospective school and encloses the receipt from John Gordon]

Elizabeth Ball to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1830 Aug 5

Container Box 3

Scope and Content

[sends a box of Bibles from the Bible Society of Virginia to be distributed in Fluvanna County]

Mary B. Randolph & [?] to Sidney (Mrs. Dabney S.) Carr

Unit Date 1830 Sep 10

Container Box 3

Scope and Content

[family news, the birth of twin boys to Ellen Coolidge, and plans to use the garret for a school room]

Sally Newsum to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1830 Sep 14

Container Box 3

Scope and Content

[her beloved Cary has been at the point of death for 20 days, has gotten a letter from Lucius Cary, Aunt Hetty Carr and Wilson Cary, when he and Jane Margaret Carr are married, will live in Mr. Davis's new house, and mentions the financial ruin of the Buchannons]

E. W. Hudnall to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1830 Nov 4

Container Box 3

Scope and Content

[discusses the sale and distribution of Bibles in Fluvanna County]

Susan A. Pool to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1830 Dec 20

Container Box 3

Scope and Content

[the marriages of Virginia's son, Wilson Miles Cary to Jane Margaret Carr (1809-1903), and daughter, Jane Blair (1808-1888) to the Rev. Edward Dunlap Smith, of New York, and the serious illness of Mrs. Betsy Carr]

Martha Jefferson Minor to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date 1831 Nov 28

Container Box 3

Scope and Content

[includes genealogical notes, describes her school, financial terms, and her teacher, welcomes the addition of scholar Virginia Pasture, and her sympathy for motherless children]

Peggy Nicholas to her daughter, Sidney (Mrs. Dabney S.) Carr (1805- 1886)

Unit Date 1832 Feb 27

Container Box 3

Scope and Content

[grateful that her son, John, survived an attack of cholera on his ship, fears that Jefferson Randolph's decision to run for office will bring about financial ruin, Jane has received a check from the Proctor at the University of Virginia, asks about the folks at Montebello and John Smith, mentions people at Monticello, and the birth of boys to both Virginia Trist and Jane Smith]

Jane Margaret Cary to Sidney (Mrs. Dabney S.) Carr

Unit Date 1834 Jan 7

Container Box 3

Scope and Content

[describes her voyage from Baltimore to St. Augustine on the General Marion, the storm off Cape Hatteras, the rough seas on the way to Charleston drove them past the port to Sullivan's Island and they had to sail back, upon their arrival the mists were too thick to attempt to enter the port of Charleston, another ship collided with her vessel while at anchor and damaged it, though it did not sink, they took a little schooner Samuel Mills the rest of the way, encountering a strong gale near Florida, and her thankfulness that little Sally was safe at home with Sidney]

Jane Margaret Cary to Sidney (Mrs. Dabney S.) Carr

Unit Date [1834] Mar 17

Container Box 3

Scope and Content

[reports on the improvements in her health, the many others in Florida who do not appear able to recover, and the purchase of Indian ponies by Wilson]

Jane Margaret Cary to Sarah E. Nicholas

Unit Date 1834 Apr 9

Container Box 3

Scope and Content

[discusses the improvements in her health, religion, her separation from her little girl, and their projected trip back home from Florida]

Wilson M. Cary to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1834 Apr 27

Container Box 3

Scope and Content

[plans to leave Florida on the schooner S.S. Mills next week, praises the climate of Florida but not its civilization, discusses the health of Jane Margaret, and their plan "to try the leeches" for her throat in Charleston, and mentions the financial panic, where even the office holders in Florida are cursing President Jackson]

S.[?] Goodwin to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1839 Apr 1

Container Box 3

Scope and Content

[has had a conversation with Mr. Barney who promises that nothing further on an unnamed subject would be published in The Patriot]

James Broadhead to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 1839 May 6

Container Box 3

Scope and Content

[writes from St. Charles County, Missouri, studying law with Mr. Bates, his father's farm doing well, especially with his tobacco crop, his sickness, and all the agues promoted by the number of swamps and ponds nearby, most of the immigrants are from Virginia, Tennessee, and Kentucky, and the beautiful

spring season in Missouri]

Dabney Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date [18--?] Jan 19

Container Box 3

Scope and Content

[the hire of slave Peter]

John Hollins Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date [18--?] Apr 14

Container Box 3

Scope and Content

[writes of events at home to his older brother, his schooling, and the whipping of the slave Peter]

Sidney (Mrs. Dabney S.) Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date [18--?] Apr 25

Container Box 3

Scope and Content

[their son's health has improved but his behavior has worsened since his father has been in Washington]

Jane M. H. Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date [18--?] May 4

Container Box 3

Scope and Content

[writes to her brother, Ellen has gone to Richmond with cousin Betsy and cousin James to have her teeth filled, the fruit in the neighborhood is killed and the Blue Ridge Mountains filled with snow]

John Hollins Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date [18--?] May 4

Container Box 3

Scope and Content

[William Patterson has gone away, and paid for a hatchet before he could get it]

Hetty Carr to George Pitt Stevenson

Unit Date [18--?] Oct 24

Container Box 3

Scope and Content

[plans to leave Dabney with Mr. Hollins if possible, her sympathy for Eliza because she will not accompany George [to Cuba?]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date 18[?] Nov 1

Container Box 3

Scope and Content

[discusses the sale of her slaves, which would bring more in a public sale but she prefers to sell privately to those she knows, and other business affairs]

Louisa Cocke to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date [18--?]

Container Box 3

Scope and Content

[asks to borrow a glass lamp because one of hers is broken]

Louisa Cocke to Mrs. Virginia Cary

Unit Date [18--?]

Container Box 3

Scope and Content

[expects her husband back from Charlottesville soon, and misses her child Nanny]

Dabney S. Carr to Aunt Margaret Spear Smith (1759-1842)

Unit Date [18--?]

Container Box 3

Scope and Content

[draft of a letter which urges her to make a will]

Hetty Carr to Dabney S. Carr

Unit Date [18--?]

Container Box 3

Scope and Content

[warns him against bad influences, laments the loss of Maria [Jefferson Carr (1804-1825)?], and regrets his financial reverses]

Hetty Carr to [?]

Unit Date [18--?]

Container Box 3

Scope and Content

[writes concerning the debts of her nephew, George N. O[verton?]

Back of letter to Mrs. Carr

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 3

Financial Documents

Unit Date 1786-1830

Container Box 3

Debate Manuscripts by Peter Carr at [William and Mary ?]

Unit Date [ca. 1785]

Container Box 3

Mrs. Virginia Cary - Poems

Unit Date 1827 Jul 9

Container Box 3

Mrs. Virginia Cary - Poem, "Moonlight"

Unit Date 1829 Jun 15

Container Box 3

Satirical Poem re: John Marshall Decision (of 1821?)

Unit Date [18--?]

Container Box 3

Manuscript Poem

Unit Date n. d.

Container Box 3

Obituary of Peter Carr by William Wirt

Unit Date 1815 Feb 17

Container Box 3

Obituary for Colonel Robert Jouett

Unit Date 18[--?] June 4

Container Box 3

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