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## Biographical Information:

Like his father (Benjamin Bucktrout, an emigrant from England who died in 1812), Richard Manning Bucktrout (1805 - 1866) of Williamsburg, Va. was an entrepreneur. He did just about anything to bring a buck or a shilling. He made keys, repaired furniture, mounted curtains, sold lumber and other goods, and rented out anything he owned, from land and houses to his carriage, horses, and his slave. Following in his father's footsteps, Richard was also the town's undertaker, responsible for providing coffins and burial for virtually everyone in Williamsburg and the surrounding countryside.

## Scope and Contents

Papers of Richard M. Bucktrout, merchant and mortician in Williamsburg, Virginia. Includes correspondence, receipts, financial papers, records of soldiers killed at the Battle of Williamsburg and legal papers, dated 1855 to 1869. List of deaths at the Seminary Hospital from July to November 1861 in Williamsburg, Virginia and coffins made for soldiers dying in Williamsburg in July-August 1861.

The business papers of Sydney Smith, dated 1874 to 1929.

Lists names of people who purchased coffins and others in financial accounts.

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## Related Materials:

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Wren Building (Williamsburg, Va.)  
Bucktrout Cemetery (Williamsburg, Va.)  
Seminary Hospital (Williamsburg, Va.)

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### Folder 1

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#### Scope and Contents

Copy of the will of John Roberts, York County, Va.; advertisement for medical review, addressed to Dr. Galt; list of coffins made by Richard M. Bucktrout and submitted for payment to York County, 1855; and account book with Sam Allen for oysters, 1856.

### Folder 2

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#### Scope and Contents

Slips of paper with names of dead soldiers, locations of graves, and letters requesting coffins from William Stoddert and others, 1861-1862; legal paper appointing Sydney Smith his lawful attorney, signed by Richard M. Bucktrout, 1864; complaint against the keeper of the jail in Williamsburg, 1868; copies of two letters pertaining to the jail, 1869; list of creditors against the estate of William H. Kerly, 1869.

### Folder 3

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Business papers of Sydney Smith, 1874-1879

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Business papers of Sydney Smith, 1881-1888

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Business papers of Sydney Smith, 1890-1896

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Letters, 1901, 1929

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List of deaths at the Seminary Hospital, July 31, 1861 to November 17, 1861.

List of coffins made for soldiers dying in Williamsburg, Virginia dated July 31, 1861-August 7, 1862.

Photocopies of four items concerning the cemetery:

April 5, 1997 letter from Anne H. Cutler to "U.S. in France" seeking help identifying French soldiers who died in 1781 in the French Revolutionary Hospital in the Wren Building of the College of William and Mary, with enclosures:

Interview with Professor P.P. Peebles.

Business roots.

Excerpt from a letter by Mrs. Rutherford Goodwin, 1953.