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Scope and Contents

Journal, compiled by Lucy Elizabeth James in 1959, titled "Four Score Years, 1880-1960," in which the author shares memories of the different stations of her life in a "series of random letters and narrations." Includes reminiscences of her childhood in New Kent County, student years in Farmville, years spent in Williamsburg and Newport News, all Virginia. Also included are photographs of the author, from 1880 to the 1950s, and two 1973 obituaries for Robert Welmore James (1901-1973). Includes some narration on student life at the College of William and Mary, where her husband, George B. Wright was a student in the late 1890s.

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Scope and Contents Titled "Four Score Years, 1880-1960." The following information was provided by the seller: "Consists of a frontispiece woodcut by J.J. Lankes dated 1927 (believed to be of the St. George Tucker home in Williamsburg or possibly 'Holly Fork' in New Kent). The journal has over 100 typed pages plus a foldout genealogy chart. She begins the journal with her childhood at "Clover Dale", a farm near Williamsburg. She continues with stories of life at "Holly Fork" in Barhamsville, New Kent County, Virginia on special visits to her grandparents. " "Some examples of special interest of stories told by Lucy Elizabeth Wright-She married George Bertand Wright: I. Visits to her grandparents at "Holly Fork" in Barhamsville, New Kent County II. Life while a student at Farmville Normal in 1896-1899 III. Her rooming with Julia Tyler and visits from Dr. Lyon Gardiner Tyler IV. Her days in Williamsburg V. Her husband as a student at William & Mary in the 1890's. The 'Finals' at W&M in 1896-1898 and related stories VI. Starting the business with her husband-"The Shirley" which would become they away from home, home for many dignitaries while in Newport News VII. Visits from James Branch Cabell and others VIII. Newport News Ship Building-the people-the activities and ships christened IX. Civil War stories passed down by her grandparents X. World War I X. Operating the business after the death of her husband in 1933 until she closed it in 1940."