

# Brown, Henry James, Papers

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1830-1921

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## Descriptive Summary

**Unit ID**

Mss. 65 B845

**Unit ID**

/repositories/2/resources/7491

**Unit Date**

1830-1921

**Language**

English

**Creator**

Brown, Henry James, 1811-1855

**Extent**

0.50 Linear Feet 1 Century Box. Depth17.5" x Height 3" x Width 11.5"

**Repository**

Special Collections Research Center

## Administrative Information

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### **Acquisition Information:**

Original Accession: 1965.10 Henry James Brown papers 1850-1880 appr. 50 pieces 1994.20 Manuscript "The Brownes/Browns of London, Virginia, and Missouri"; by the donor, ca. 1989. Includes sketch of Henry James Brown, artist of Virginia Gift of Charles W. Whitman Gift: 46 items of Mrs. Janet Roller on 3/3/1994. Gift: 1 item of Charles W. Whitman on 4/1/1994.

### **Preferred Citation:**

Henry James Brown Papers, Special Collections Research Center, Swem Library, College of William and Mary.

## **Biographical Information:**

## **Scope and Contents**

Papers, 1830-1921, of the Henry James Brown family. There is a biographical sketch of Henry James Brown an artist and Methodist clergyman, as well as sketches drawn by him and sermons written by him. The papers also are of other members of his family. Includes a cut-out valentine and a fold-out book of poems illustrated in water color both made by Mary A. Brown, sister of Henry James Brown; cut-out valentines and a bookmark made by Salina Brown Worsham; and correspondence between Salina Brown Worsham and J. S. Worsham, her husband.

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## **Separated Materials:**

Transferred to the Manuscripts Artifact Collection (Mss 1.03): Ink washed sketch titled "Somerset"; (65B845.01), Miniature painting in oil on cardboard (65B845.02), Book mark, "With my love"; (65B845.03), Cut-out Valentine basket (65B845.04), Children's book illustrated in watercolor (65B845.05), Cut-out Valentines with painted red flower (65B845.06), Cut-out Valentine, " Ever-of-thee"; (65B845.07), Cut-out Valentine, " Love/Hope"; (65B845.08), Miniature Portrait of Thomas and Martha Brown (65B845.09), Sketch of Children Playing Indoors (65B845.10), Profile Sketches of Benjamin Franklin and George Washington (65B845.11), Pencil Sketch of Grimacing Man (65B845.12), Pencil Sketch of Sleeping Child (65B845.13), Pencil Sketch of Woman (65B845.14), Pencil Sketch of Girl's Profile (65B845.15), Oil Portrait on Canvas of Man Shading His Eyes (65B845.16)

## **Related Materials:**

Some paintings by Henry James Brown, which were presented with the collection, are now part of the Muscarelle Museum, College of William Mary.

## **Keywords**

Art (sketches)  
Correspondence  
Speeches, addresses, etc.  
Artists--United States  
Painters--America  
Watercolor painting  
Artists--Virginia

Methodist Church--Virginia--Clergy--History--19th century.  
United States--Religious History--Christianity

## General

Other Information:

A PDF document of this inventory is available online.

Additional information may be found at <http://scrc.swem.wm.edu/findingaids/65%20B845,%20Bucher.pdf>

## Arrangement of Materials:

Arrangement: Each series in the collection is arranged in chronological order. Organization: This collection is organized into 5 series: 1. Letters, 2. Sermons, 3. Items of or Dealing With Art, 4. Newspaper Clippings, and 5. Genealogical Material - Addition.

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## Description of Subordinate Components

### **Series 1: Mss. 65 B845 Original Accession**

**Unit ID** id322592

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258372

#### **Box 1**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/594239

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

#### **James A. Servies, Librarian, to Sydney A. Temple, Curator of Manuscripts**

**Unit ID** id137847

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258376

**Unit Date** 1965 March 2

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Re: papers received.

#### **Brief sketch of the life of Henry James Brown, written by a granddaughter, Mrs. Christine I. Staton**

**Unit ID** id137848

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258377

**Unit Date** Undated

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Note on Henry James Brown and family.

#### **Cut-out valentine basket**

**Unit ID** id137849

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258378

**Unit Date** [circa 1830]

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Fold-out group of poems illustrated in water color; a children's book made by Mary A. Brown, sister of Henry James Brown.

**Jennie [?] to her mother**

**Unit ID** id137850

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258379

**Unit Date** 1865 December 7

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Family affairs. ALS.

**Invitation to Jefferson Society of the University of Virginia, to Salina Brown, Ballsville P. O., Powhatan Co., Virginia**

**Unit ID** id137851

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258380

**Unit Date** 1868 April 13

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

S.B. was the daughter of Henry James Brown.

**Cut-out valentine made by Salina Brown, sent to Joe [S.] Worsham, her future husband**

**Unit ID** id137852

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258381

**Unit Date** [circa 1870]

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Two cut-out valentines and a bookmark, "With my Love."

**J. S. Worsham, Cumberland, Miss. to his "sister," Salina Browne [sic], W.F. College, Murfreesboro, North Carolina**

**Unit ID** id137853

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258382

**Unit Date** 1872 January 12

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Re: Christmas: fireworks nearly every night--young men dressed as Rag muffins--several Christmas trees---one Christmas present only.

**Grubbs and Williams, Real Estate Agents, Richmond, to Salina I. Brown, Lynchburg, Virginia**

**Unit ID** id137854

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258383

**Unit Date** 1873

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Re: portion of inheritance from the estate of Henry J. Brown. Enclosure: an account sheet.

**J. S. Worsham, Mississippi, to Salina Browne [sic], Lynchburg, Virginia**

**Unit ID** id137855

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258384

**Unit Date** 1877 April 1

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Compares the Mississippi River with the James River; comments unfavorably on the Mardi Gras celebration in Memphis.

**J. S. Worsham, Mississippi, to his "sister," Salina Browne [sic], Farmville, Virginia**

**Unit ID** id137856

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258385

**Unit Date** 1878 January 12

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Re: snow and a sleigh ride.

**J. S. Worsham, Michigan City, Mississippi, to his "sister," Salina Browne [sic], Farmville, Virginia**

**Unit ID** id137857

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258386

**Unit Date** 1878 March 8

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

8 pp. trip back from Virginia; married a couple on his way; unpleasant visit to a poorhouse; visits with Salina's sister, Mrs. Winfree, and other members of the family; the proposal that he has made to her.

**J. S. Worsham, Michigan City, Mississippi, to Salina Browne [sic], Farmville, Virginia**

**Unit ID** id137858

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258387

**Unit Date** 1878 May 13

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

6 pp. Re: his activities in raising cattle.

**J. S. Worsham, Michigan City, Mississippi, to Salina Browne [sic], Farmville, Virginia.**

**Unit ID** id137859

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258388

**Unit Date** 1878 June 1

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Sent with a box he has made on occasion of her commencement; news of Jennie; the temperance movement "is all the rage."

**J. S. Worsham, Michigan City, Mississippi, to Salina Browne [sic], care Mr. C. V. Winfree, Lynchburg, Virginia**

**Unit ID** id137860

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258389

**Unit Date** 1878 June 12

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 14 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Brief letter.

**J. S. Worsham, Michigan City, Mississippi, to Salina Browne [sic], Clinton, Powhatan Co., Virginia**

**Unit ID** id137861

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258390

**Unit Date** 1878 July 10

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 15 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Re: his planned visit to Virginia.

**J. S. Worsham, Michigan City, Mississippi, to Salina Browne [sic], "Sunnyside," Cumberland, Virginia**

**Unit ID** id137862

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258391

**Unit Date** 1878 August 18

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 16 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Re: Yellow Fever which is causing some towns to be deserted and some of the railroads to stop running--many refugees from Memphis.

**J. S. W[orsham], Knoxville, Tennessee., to Salina Browne [sic], Lynchburg, Virginia**

**Unit ID** id137863

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258392

**Unit Date** 1878 October 27

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 17 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Re: the engagement of S.B.; enclosure a photo

**J. S. W[orsham], Knoxville, Tennessee, to Salina Browne [sic], Lynchburg, Virginia**

**Unit ID** id137864

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258393

**Unit Date** [1878] October 29

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 18 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

On his way home.

**Edward [?], Lynchburg, to his niece, Salina**

**Unit ID** id137865

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258394

**Unit Date** 1880 August 23

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 19 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Re: inherited property, family news; "Love to Joe and a kiss to your little baby."

**[Salina Brown Worsham], Lynchburg, to her husband, J. S. Worsham, Michigan City, Benton Co., Mississippi**

**Unit ID** id137866

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258395

**Unit Date** August 5, 1881

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 20 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Ill in bed, she writes of family affairs--of her longing for her husband but her hate of Mississippi.

**A letter about a Bible Class in Lynchburg with pencil notes added**

**Unit ID** id137867

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258396

**Unit Date** 1921 October 21

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 21 (folder)

**P.A. Brown to his sister**

**Unit ID** id137868

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258397

**Unit Date** [?]29 October 7

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 22 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Re: his failing health, family affairs.

**Unsigned poem**

**Unit ID** id137869

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258398

**Unit Date** Undated

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 23 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

First line: "How transient the things of this life."

**Sermon on the text Jer. viii.22.**

**Unit ID** id137870

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258399

**Unit Date** Undated

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 24 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Endorsed. Rev. Henry I. Brown and Mrs. Susan A. Brown. Powhatan County, Virginia. 16 pp.

**Sermon [by Henry James Brown], titled, "Predestination Condemned";**

**Unit ID** id137871

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258400

**Unit Date** Undated

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 25 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

19 pp.

**Sermon [by Henry James Brown]**

**Unit ID** id137872

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258401

**Unit Date** Undated

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 26 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Incomplete 22 pp. AMs.

**Sermon [by Henry James Brown], text from 1st Chronicles**

**Unit ID** id137873

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258402

**Unit Date** Undated

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 27 (folder)

**Notes on preparing paper for photographic drawing, etc**

**Unit ID** id137874

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258403

**Unit Date** [1859]

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 28 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Endorsed: "This paper was written by my father, Henry J. Brown in 1839...June 16, 1923...Salina J. Worsham."

**Paintings and sketches by Henry James Brown**

**Unit ID** id137875

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258404

**Unit Date** Undated

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 29 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Bound ledger with notations on end pages. All pages are missing from ledger. All painting and sketches transferred to Manuscripts Artifact Collection (Color miniature of a couple 4" x 4 1/2"; Color sketch of children playing, indoor scene. 6" x 7"; Pencil sketches of sculptured heads of Franklin and Washington [?]" x 9"; Comic pencil sketch of a man's head (perhaps a self portrait) 7 1/2"; x 9"; Pencil sketch of a child's head. 8" x 10 1/2"; Pencil sketch of a woman's head 8 1/2"; x 12 1/2"; Pencil sketch of a girl's head 8 1/2"; x 12 1/2"; Oil painting on canvas of a man's bust 8" x 10".)

**Obituary notice of Mrs. Susan A. Brown, widow of Henry J. Brown, of Powhatan County, Virginia**

**Unit ID** id137878

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258407

**Unit Date** 1873 May 11

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 32 (folder)

**Article in the [?] News, Lynchburg, Va., on exhibition of portraits by Henry James Brown**

**Unit ID** id137879

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258408

**Unit Date** 1941 October 16

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 33 (folder)

**Cut out advertisement of "Superior Bisquits"**

**Unit ID** id137956

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258409

**Unit Date** Undated

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 34 (folder)

**Photographs of paintings presented with this collection are housed in the library storage rooms**

**Unit ID** id137957

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258410

**Unit Date** Undated

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 35 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

4 photographs.

**Series 2: Mss. Acc. 1994.20 Addition**

**Unit ID** id61162

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258373

**Scope and Contents**

Described on pdf inventory. Genealogical material on Brown family. Five Folders.

**Box 1**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/594240

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**"The Brownes/Browns of London, Virginia, and Missouri"**

**Unit ID** id137959

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258411

**Unit Date** 1985 and 1989

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 36 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

"The Brownes/Browns of London, Virginia, and Missouri" (which includes a sketch of Henry James Brown, artist of Virginia} by Charles Walker Whitman, 1985 (revised 1989).

**"The Brownes/Browns of London, Virginia, and Missouri"**

**Unit ID** id137960

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258412

**Unit Date** 1985 and 1989

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 37 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

"The Brownes/Browns of London, Virginia, and Missouri" (which includes a sketch of Henry James Brown, artist of Virginia} by Charles Walker Whitman, 1985 (revised 1989).

**"The Brownes/Browns of London, Virginia, and Missouri"**

**Unit ID** id137961

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258413

**Unit Date** 1985 and 1989

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 38 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

"The Brownes/Browns of London, Virginia, and Missouri" (which includes a sketch of Henry James Brown, artist of Virginia} by Charles Walker Whitman, 1985 (revised 1989).

**"The Brownes/Browns of London, Virginia, and Missouri"**

**Unit ID** id137962

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258414

**Unit Date** 1985 and 1989

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 39 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

"The Brownes/Browns of London, Virginia, and Missouri" (which includes a sketch of Henry James Brown, artist of Virginia} by Charles Walker Whitman, 1985 (revised 1989).

**"The Brownes/Browns of London, Virginia, and Missouri"**

**Unit ID** id137958

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/258415

**Unit Date** 1985 and 1989

**Mixed materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 40 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

"The Brownes/Browns of London, Virginia, and Missouri" (which includes a sketch of Henry James Brown, artist of Virginia} by Charles Walker Whitman, 1985 (revised 1989).