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Biographical Information:

John Dixon Jr. was born in 1778 and died September 5, 1830. He married Sally (Sarah) Throckmorton, the daughter of Warner and Julia Throckmorton, in 1795. They had three children: Dr. John Dixon(1812- 1835), Isabella S. Burwell, Harriet Peyton. Dixon remarried Mary T. (?). There was one child from this union Mary E. Dixon.

Family History

John Dixon Jr.'s father was John Dixon (d.1788). He married Elizabeth Peyton, daughter of Sir John Peyton of Isleham, Gloucester County, on February 6, 1773. They had four children: John, Lucy, Seigniora, and Betsy.

John Dixon Jr.'s grandfather was the Rev. John Dixon(d.1777). He married Lucy (?). They had five children: John, William, Thomas, Lucy, Elizabeth

John Dixon Jr.'s great grandfather, John Dixon (d.1758) came to Virginia from Bristol, England in the eighteenth century. He married Lucy Reade(1701-1731), daughter of Mr. Thomas Reade of Gloucester. They had three children: Rev. John Dixon, Roger Dixon, and Thomas Dixon. After the death of his first wife, he remarried Ann (?), of King William County. They had four children: Cornelious, Lyonell, Robert, and Susannah Ann. All the male children from this second union died unmarried.

Additional family and genealogical information can be found in the first folder of the first box of the John Dixon Papers, Collection number: Mss. 39.1 D64. Further information about this individual or organization may be available in the Special Collections Research Center Wiki:

http://scdbwiki.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/John_Dixon.

Scope and Contents

The John Dixon Papers include letters, legal papers, farm and personal accounts, 1760-1829 of John Dixon, Jr. (1777-1830) of "Airville" Gloucester County, Virginia.

Letters include those from Charles H. Braxton of "Oak Spring," Burwell Bassett of Williamsburg, Richard Jones, John Nicholson, John Peyton, and James and Samuel Stubbs of Gloucester County. The collection also

includes a letter, 22 October 1827, of Burwell Bassett and a letter, 1826, of John Mercer Patton (1796-1858). These papers contain references to the Whiting family of Williamsburg, Virginia.

Papers relate to settlements of estates which John Dixon administered, while early material include copies of the wills of his great-grandfather John Dixon of Bistol, England, his father John Dixon (d. 1788) of Gloucester County, Virginia, and the settlement of the estate of his mother Elizabeth Peyton Dixon.

Sm. Coll. Add. 24:

Copies of a 1729 land patent, the 1766 will of Roger Dixon and two genealogies of the family.

Keywords

Account books

Correspondence

Financial records

Agriculture--Virginia--History--18th century

Gloucester County (Va.)--History--18th century

Gloucester County (Va.)--History--19th century

Legal documents

Dixon family

Whiting family

Bassett, Burwell, 1764-1841

Dixon, Elizabeth Peyton

Dixon, John, d. 1788

Dixon, William M

Patton, John Mercer, 1796-1858

General

Other Information:

Additional information may be found at <http://ead.lib.virginia.edu/vivaead/published/wm/viw00006.frame>

Arrangement of Materials:

These papers have been organized into six series: 1. Family Papers; 2. Letters Written to John Dixon Jr.; 3. Legal Papers of John Dixon Jr.; 4. Other Papers of John Dixon; 5. Business Papers of John Dixon Jr.; 6. Sm. Coll. Add. 24.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1: Family Papers

Unit ID id162118

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375089

Box 1

Unit ID id306739

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375095

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Folder 1

Unit ID id162119

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375100

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Copy of the will of John Dixon of Bristol, England.

Unit ID id160085

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375109

Unit Date 1760

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Container 1 (Carton)

Scope and Contents

1 item. Mutilated. John Dixon is the great-grandfather of John Dixon Jr.

Estate of John Dixon, Sr.,

Unit ID id160086

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375110

Unit Date 1778-1816

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

25 items. John Dixon is the father of John Dixon Jr. A copy of his will is included among his estate papers.

Estate of Elizabeth Dixon.

Unit ID id160087

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375111

Unit Date 1797-1826

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

19 items. Elizabeth Dixon is the mother of John Dixon Jr.

Copy of the will of William M. Dixon. 1 item.

Unit ID id160088

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375112

Unit Date 1775

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

1 item.

Series 2: Letters Written to John Dixon Jr.

Unit ID id160090

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375090

Box 1

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375909

mixed materials 1 (Box)

Language English

Folder 2**Unit ID** id162120**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/375101**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 2 (Folder)**John B. Jesse, Middlesex [County]****Unit ID** id160091**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/375113**Unit Date** 1811 September 29**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 2 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

1 item.

John B. Jesse, Middlesex [County]. 1 item.**Unit ID** id160092**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/375114**Unit Date** 1812 May 21**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 2 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

1 item.

John Lind Smith, at Cherleston, S.C. 1 item.**Unit ID** id160093**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/375115**Unit Date** 1812 July 21**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 2 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

1 item.

Thomas T. T. Tabb, at Seaford, [York County, Virginia]. 1 item.**Unit ID** id160094**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/375116**Unit Date** 1815 January 18**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 2 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

1 item.

Charles H. Braxton, at Pipingtree, [King William County]. 1 item.**Unit ID** id160095**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/375117**Unit Date** 1825 February 1**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 2 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

1 item.

Charles H. Braxton, at Pipingtree, [King William County]. 1 item.

Charles H. Braxton, at Springtree, [King William County]. 1 item.

Unit ID id160096

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375118

Unit Date 1825 March 3

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

1 item.

J. K. Marshall, Fauquier [County]. 1 item.

Unit ID id160097

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375119

Unit Date 1826 May 22

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

1 item.

John F. Tomkies, at Huntersville, N.C. 1 item.

Unit ID id160098

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375120

Unit Date 1827 May 20

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

1 item.

John M. Patton, at Fredericksburg. 1 item.

Unit ID id160099

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375121

Unit Date 1827 May 31

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

1 item.

Thomas J. [?], at Baltimore.

Unit ID id160100

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375122

Unit Date 1827 August 1

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

1 item.Mutilated.This is a printed circular letter.

Burwell Bassett, at Williamsburg. 1 item.

Unit ID id160101

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375123

Unit Date 1827 October 22

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

John R. West, at Yorktown. 1 item.

Unit ID id160102

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375124

Unit Date 1828 April 2

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Charles H. Braxton, at Oak Spring. 1 item.

Unit ID id160103

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375125

Unit Date 1828 April 8

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

C. & G. Clarke, at Richmond. 1 item.

Unit ID id160104

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375126

Unit Date 1828 August 6

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

R. Patton, Jr., at Fredericksburg. 1 item.

Unit ID id160105

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375127

Unit Date 1828 September 6

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Beverley Blair, at Richmond. 1 item.

Unit ID id160106

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375128

Unit Date 1828 October 2

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Charles H. Braxton, at Oak Spring. 1 item.

Unit ID id160107

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375129

Unit Date 1829 July 11

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Charles H. Braxton, at Oak Spring. 2 items.

Unit ID id160108

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375130

Unit Date no date

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Richard Jones. 1 item.

Unit ID id160109

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375131

Unit Date no date

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

John Miller, New Kent [County]. 1 item.

Unit ID id160110

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375132

Unit Date no date

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

R. Patton, Jr. 1 item.

Unit ID id160111

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375133

Unit Date no date

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Letter from Thomas Smith to Mr. Garnett, overseer at Airville. 1 item.

Unit ID id160112

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375134

Unit Date no date

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Series 3: Legal Papers

Unit ID id160114

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375091

Box 1

Unit ID id306743

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375096

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Folder 3

Unit ID id162124

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375102

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Assignment made by M. Dixon to John Dixon

Unit ID id160115

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375135

Unit Date 1805

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

1 item. Item concerns the transference of M. Dixon's interest in John Gwyn's estate.

Power of Attorney given by Benjamin N. Robinson**Unit ID** id160116**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/375136**Unit Date** 1807**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 3 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

1 item. This item concerns the authorization of Morgan Tomkies to sell slaves.

Land papers**Unit ID** id160117**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/375137**Unit Date** 1815**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 3 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

2 items. Items include a deed given by Warner and Thomas Throcknorton to John Dixon covering a mill dam and a tract of land in Gloucester County, Virginia; and a copy of a court order granting John Dixon permission to erect a mill.

Suit in Williamsburg Chancery Court**Unit ID** id160118**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/375138**Unit Date** 1826**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 3 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

1 item. Kennon and Tomasia Whiting vs. William S. Thornton, administrator of Meaux Thornton et als.

Power of attorney given by John Dixon**Unit ID** id160119**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/375139**Unit Date** 1828**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 3 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

6 items. Items authorize William C. Minor to settle and adjust claims against various persons, and include papers concerning these claims.

Series 4: Other Papers**Unit ID** id160120**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/375092**Box 1****Unit ID** id306745**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/375097**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

Folder 3**Unit ID** id162126**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/375103**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 3 (Folder)**Memorandum of an agreement between John Ellis and John C. Pryor****Unit ID** id160121**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/375140**Unit Date** 1807**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 3 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

1 item. Item concerns a lease for a tract of land. John Dixon was a witness for this agreement.

Agreements of Elihu Hotchkiss with John Dison**Unit ID** id160122**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/375141**Unit Date** 1818**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 3 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

4 items. Item concern the manufacture and sale of Hotchisses' improved straw cutter.

A pre-nuptial agreement between John Grrill and Signiora Banks**Unit ID** id160123**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/375142**Unit Date** 1823**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 3 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

1 item. Items concern the use and disposal of certain property.

Copy of an act of the General Assembly**Unit ID** id160124**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/375143**Unit Date** no date**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 3 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

2 items. Item concerns the specifications for staves for hogsheads; and a memorandum concerning other lumber.

A printed list of prices of drugs and medicines**Unit ID** id160125**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/375144**Unit Date** no date**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 3 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

1 item.

Series 5: Papers of John Dixon, Jr.

Unit ID id160127

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375093

Box 2

Unit ID id306747

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375098

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Folder 4

Unit ID id162127

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375104

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Accounts with Newington Academy. 9 items.

Unit ID id160128

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375145

Unit Date 1819 - 1826

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Account of the United States with Thomas C. Amory.

Unit ID id160129

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375146

Unit Date 1814

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

1 item. This item was paid for by John Dixon, quarter master.

Invoices, receipts, and tax bills.

Unit ID id160130

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375147

Unit Date 1799 - 1829

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

230 items. (Continued in Folder 5)

Folder 5

Unit ID id160131

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375105

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Invoices, receipts, and tax bills.

Unit ID id160132

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375148

Unit Date 1799 - 1829

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

230 items. (Continued from Folder 4)

Folder 6

Unit ID id160133

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375106

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Papers relating to transactions of John Dixon, Jr., with various people

Unit ID id160134

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375149

Unit Date 1802-1820

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Transactions with the George Catlett estate and Signiora Catlett, 1802 - 1827. 80 items.

Folder 7

Unit ID id160135

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375107

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Transactions with Jones (Richard)

Unit ID id160136

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375150

Unit Date 1806 - 1826

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

18 items.

Transactions with Peyton (John)

Unit ID id160137

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/375151

Unit Date 1806 - 1829

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

24 items. Items include a copy of his will.

Transactions with Stubbs (James)**Unit ID** id160138**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/375152**Unit Date** 1803 - 1814**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 7 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

10 items.

Transactions with Stubbs (Sam)**Unit ID** id160139**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/375153**Unit Date** 1819 - 1826**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 7 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

28 items.

Bonds given by John Dixon, Jr., and others to various persons.**Unit ID** id160140**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/375154**Unit Date** 1814 - 1824**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 7 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

13 items.

Scope and Contents

26 items.

Accounts of other persons.**Unit ID** id160141**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/375155**Unit Date** 1807 -1828**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 7 (Folder)