

Cole-Lane Collection

Cole-Lane Collection

1794-1934



WILLIAM
& MARY

CHARTERED 1693

Title Statement

Cole-Lane CollectionGuide to Cole-Lane Collection MS 00059

Author: SCRC staff

Publication Statement

Publisher: Special Collections Research Center

William & Mary Special Collections Research Center

Earl Gregg Swem Library

400 Landrum Dr

Williamsburg, Virginia

Business Number: 757-221-3090

spcoll@wm.edu

URL: <https://libraries.wm.edu/libraries-spaces/special-collections>



WILLIAM
& MARY

CHARTERED 1693

2020-03-11

Profile Description

Creation: This finding aid was produced using ArchivesSpace on 2025-05-15 13:19:15 -0400.

Language Usage: English

Descriptive Rules: Describing Archives: A Content Standard

Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

MS 00059

Unit ID

/repositories/2/resources/9168

Unit Date

1794-1934

Language

English

Creator

Cole, Henry Denison, 1856-1938

Creator

Lane, Levin Winder, Sr.

Extent

2 Boxes

Repository

Special Collections Research Center

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

Collection is open to all researchers. Manuscript collections and archival records may contain materials with sensitive or confidential information that is protected under federal or state right to privacy laws and regulations, such as the Virginia Public Records Act (Code of Virginia, § 42.1-76-91); and the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (Code of Virginia § 2.2-3705.5). Confidential material may include, but is not limited to, educational, medical, and personnel records. If sensitive material is found in this collection, please contact a staff member immediately. The disclosure of personally identifiable information pertaining to a living individual may have legal consequences for which the College of William and Mary assumes no responsibility.

Conditions Governing Use

Before publishing quotations or excerpts from any materials, permission must be obtained from the Curator of Manuscripts and Rare Books, and the holder of the copyright, if not Swem Library.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Ann Geddy Cross and Vernon M. Geddy, III, through the Williamsburg Historic Records Association

Biographical / Historical

Several of the documents reference "L.W. Lane" and it can be difficult to discern which family member is being referenced. The below geneology may assist in identifying who authored/is associated with the materials.

Captain L.W. Lane, Sr. (born January 6, 1839, died April 27, 1933) Colonel L.W. Lane, Jr. (born August 31, 1891, died March 7, 1934) L.W. Lane III (born February 1, 1892, died September 24, 1934)

Scope and Contents

Collection includes materials related to the Lane and Cole families of Williamsburg, Virginia including wills, voting ballots, property receipts, deeds, photographs, contracts, estate documents, invitations, diaries, and correspondence. The materials detail the political, economic and social issues in Williamsburg during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Specific Virginia properties are named, i.e. "Lilliput" and "Lightview." The emancipation of named enslaved individuals are in the last will and testament of Ezechael Lane, and the hiring of an enslaved man named William by L.W. Lane and William K. Davis in January 1862.

Keywords

Deeds--Virginia--Williamsburg
Williamsburg (Va.)--History--19th century
Virginia--Landowners
Williamsburg (Va.)--History--20th century
Elections--Virginia
Slaves--Virginia--Williamsburg

Description of Subordinate Components

Box 1

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465068

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Language English

Diary of H.D. Cole

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465055

Unit Date 1896-1936

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Language English

Jesse and Catherine Cole Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465056

Unit Date 1830 September

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Language English

Cole Family Portraits

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465057

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Language English

C.P. Armistead Letter of Resignation to H.D. Cole

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465058

Unit Date 1896 January 30

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Language English

Ashton Dovell, Gubernatorial Campaign Platform

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465059

Unit Date 1941

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Language English

"Roberts Affair" memo

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465060

Unit Date 1952

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Short note, stamped with Miss Mary Inman, 308 Griffin Avenue, Williamsburg, that details when Julia Tyler, daughter of William & Mary President Lyon G. Tyler, allegedly roomed with Portia Washington, daughter of Booker T. Washington at Wellesley College. Williamsburg residents R.J. Armistead and Preacher Roberts threatened to publish a story about the roommate situation, and they were both

summarily told by William & Mary students and faculty that such an action would result in bodily harm i.e. "tarred & feathered" and "beat to a pulp."

Story was originally shared with Inman by Vernon Geddy, Jr.

Correspondence between the Rockefeller and Geddy families, photocopied

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465061

Unit Date 1951, 1955

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Language English

Local Election Materials

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465062

Unit Date 1882-1932

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Democratic Tickets

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465063

Unit Date 1884-1908

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Language English

Republican Tickets

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465064

Unit Date 1880-1893

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Language English

Miscellaneous Political Materials

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465065

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Language English

Newspaper Clippings

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465066

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

Language English

Supplemental Information

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465069

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 13 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Photocopied newspaper articles. folder details provided by donor

Lane Family Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465070

Unit Date 1884-1935

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 14 (Folder)

Language English

L.W. Lane, Grocery Store Account Book

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465071

Unit Date 1909-1910

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 15 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Notebook is mostly blank, with four pages of penciled notation at the front.

L.W. Lane, Stock Certificates, First National Bank of Williamsburg

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465072

Unit Date 1916-1919

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 16 (Folder)

Language English

L.W. Lane, Financial Records

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465073

Unit Date 1906-1934

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 17 (Folder)

Language English

Estate of J.B.C. Spencer

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465074

Unit Date 1919-1934

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 18 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Materials included in the financial records of L.W. Lane

Insurance, Tax Payments, and Receipts for Properties in James City County and Williamsburg

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465075

Unit Date 1885-1932

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 19 (Folder)

Language English

L.W. Lane, Insurance Policies for Properties

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465076

Unit Date 1916, 1918, 1933

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 20 (Folder)

Language English

L.W. Lane, Insurance Documents for Waller Street Tenant House

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465077

Unit Date 1916

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 21 (Folder)

Language English

L.W. Lane, Settlement of Tax Payment on Crenshaw Estate

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465078

Unit Date 1888 February 11

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 22 (Folder)

Language English

L.W. Lane, Rental Papers

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465079

Unit Date 1922, 1926

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 23 (Folder)

Language English

Land Deeds and Tax Documents (1 of 2)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465080

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 24a (Folder)

Language English

Land Deeds and Tax Documents (2 of 2)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465081

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 24b (Folder)

Language English

L.W. Lane, Financial Letters and Notes

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465082

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 25 (Folder)

Language English

Deeds for "Lightview" in Gloucester County

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465083

Unit Date 1871-1891

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 26 (Folder)

Language English

Letter from B.S. Ewell to L.W. Lane

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465084

Unit Date 1877 September 1

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 27 (Folder)

Language English

Extent Letter is in pieces. Handle with care.

Bond, L.W. Lane to pay Peter Powell

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465085

Unit Date 1861 January 25

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 27 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Bond is in pieces. Handle with care.

L.W. Lane and Parke Jones, materials related to "Lilliput" property

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465086

Unit Date 1860-1869

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 28 (Folder)

Language English

Contract for enslaved man named William

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465087

Unit Date 1862 January 1

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 29 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Contract outlines the hire of William by L.W. Lane and William K. Davis from William's enslaver, Armistead Davis. The requirements for William's summer and winter clothes are described at length.

L.W. Lane, Contract for Electric Current

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465088

Unit Date 1918 September 19

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 30 (Folder)

Language English

Box 2

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465089

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Language English

L.W. Lane's land sale to Power City Investment Co.

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465090

Unit Date 1916-1918

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Language English

Bond, L.W. Lane and Esso Standard Oil

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465091

Unit Date 1926 January

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Language English

L.W. Lane, Sr. Materials

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465092

Unit Date 1869-1886

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Materials related to Lane's tenure as Treasurer and Deputy Sheriff of James City County

Shield's Point Land and Timber

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465093

Unit Date 1876-1909

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Materials include deeds and correspondence related to the timber business

James H. Lane Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465094

Unit Date 1895-1899

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Correspondence written on Alabama Polytechnic Institute (A.M. College) stationary

Biographies of James H. Lane

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465095

Unit Date 1946 and undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Handwritten biography, titled "James H. Lane and His Battles," appears to be written in Lane's handwriting.

James H. Lane's History of Williamsburg**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/465096**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 7 (Folder)**Language** English**Last Will and Testament of Ezechael Lane****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/465097**Unit Date** 1794 April 15**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 8 (Folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Will sets free nine enslaved persons and some of their children; lands and enslaved person to his grandson; specifically mentions Point Comfort, Piankatank River, Mathews County.

Kate C. Young Tax Receipts**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/465098**Unit Date** 1888-1910**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 9 (Folder)**Language** English**Kate C. Young Tax Receipts****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/465099**Unit Date** 1911**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 10 (Folder)**Language** English**Kate C. Young, Checks****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/465100**Unit Date** 1903, 1911-1912**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 11 (Folder)**Language** English**Kate C. Young Deeds****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/465101**Unit Date** 1899-1911**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 12 (Folder)**Language** English**Kate C. Young, Financial Documents****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/465102**Unit Date** 1887-1910**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 13 (Folder)**Language** English

Kate C. Young, Insurance Policy**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/465103**Unit Date** 1911**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 14 (Folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Deed is for a property on Victoria Avenue in West Hampton, Virginia

Deeds for City of Williamsburg Properties**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/465104**Unit Date** 1882-1913**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 15 (Folder)**Language** English**Deeds for York County Properties****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/465105**Unit Date** 1884-1911**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 16 (Folder)**Language** English**Correspondence between W.S. Spencer and Martha Lane Spencer****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/465106**Unit Date** 1878**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 17 (Folder)**Language** English**Death of Spencer Lane****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/465107**Unit Date** 1927 February 7**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 18 (Folder)**Language** English**Oyster Business Records****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/465108**Unit Date** 1900-1911**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 19 (Folder)**Language** English**W.W. Vest's Receipts****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/465109**Unit Date** 1881-1890**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 20 (Folder)**Language** English

Nu Chapter House Corporation Bonds

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465110

Unit Date 1920

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 21 (Folder)

Language English

Letter and Bond

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465111

Unit Date 1921

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 22 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Signed by B.R. James, of Kappa Sigma Fraternity

R.W. Lane, Jr. Insurance Documents

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465112

Unit Date 1930 September

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 23 (Folder)

Language English

L.W. Lane, Jr. York County Tax Receipts

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465113

Unit Date 1931 December

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 24 (Folder)

Language English

Miscellaneous Financial Documents

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465114

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 25 (Folder)

Language English

WWI Mobilization Regulations

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465115

Unit Date 1917

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 26 (Folder)

Language English

Redemption Liberty Loan Form

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465116

Unit Date 1927

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 26 (Folder)

Language English

Invitation to the Alumni Celebration of the 166th Anniversary of the College of William & Mary

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465117

Unit Date 1859 February 19

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 27 (Folder)

Language English

Final Celebration Program for William & Mary's Phoenix and Philomathean Societies

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/465118

Unit Date 1879 June 30

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 28 (Folder)

Language English