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Biographical / Historical

Colonel John Fairfax (1762-1843), an overseer for George Washington, settled with his family in the Preston County area in 1790. He served as Colonel of the 104th Regiment of Virginia troops. He was appointed as the Justice of the Peace in 1794. Fairfax was elected to the House of Delegates of Virginia three times.

Other Fairfax family members represented in this collection include:

Elizabeth Fairfax, Col. John Fairfax's daughter, never married and inherited his property; General Buckner Fairfax, Col. John Fairfax's eldest son, Preston County representative to the Virginia Assembly (1837-38, 1846-47, and 1851) and general of the 10th Brigade, 3rd Division of the Virginia Military; Rebecca Parsons, Buckner's wife, daughter of James Parsons of Romney; Susan Louisa Fairfax, Buckner's daughter who married John Allen Fairfax Martin (J.A.F. Martin), her first cousin; Colonel John A.F. Martin of the 148th Regiment of the Virginia Militia, deputy sheriff, and member of the Legislature of Virginia (1853, 1855, and 1881) and Susan Louisa's husband; Philip Doddridge, member of the Senate of Virginia, member of the Virginia House of Delegates (1815-1816, 1822-1823, and 1828-29), and delegate to the Virginia Constitutional Convention (1829), Doddridge County named for him

Scope and Contents

Correspondence of the Fairfax family of Preston County including some of Colonel John Fairfax's business correspondence, 1803-1838. Colonel John Fairfax (1762-1843), an overseer for George Washington, settled with his family in the Preston County area in 1790. He served in the Virginia House of Delegates twice. He was instrumental in the formation of Preston County from Monongalia County and as the Sheriff, the muster of troops. He also served as the Justice of the Peace. Much of the John Fairfax correspondence appears to be legal papers stemming from these roles.

Documents included in the collection are letters, legal and business including a deed, patent rights, wills, lists of purchases with prices, receipts, a marriage record (Washington Johnson to Elizabeth Posten), a notebook, muster lists, and other documents of Fairfax family members including Susan Fairfax, Col. Fairfax's daughter Elizabeth, and Buckner Fairfax, often discussing family matters. Much of the correspondence is to and from J.A. Martin and his wife Louisa Martin Fairfax. All of these post date John Fairfax's death or are very near it.

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Genealogy - Preston County.

Description of Subordinate Components

Will - Mary Duffield, Harrison County, VA

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201636

Unit Date 1803 October 09

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Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Land in New Jersey, 1772

John Fairfax - lease to manufacture molasses and sugar

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201637

Unit Date 1819 November 24

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Signed by Isaiah Wood as lessor. 14-year term.

John Fairfax - expense list for year's travel and clothing

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201638

Unit Date 1822

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Total of \$343.25. Cloth in Fredericktown \$31.50. One suit of clothes \$29.50. Cash paid to Samuel Hilton for boarding and doctor's bill during illness \$150.

John Fairfax - letter with illegible text

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201639

Unit Date 1823 March 08

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letter has illegible postmark, possibly a bill. Addressed to Fairfax at Prince William Occaquan, Virginia.

John Fairfax - record of 1805 marriage

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201640

Unit Date 1824 November 12

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Washington Johnson married Elizabeth Poston; Frederick County, Maryland

Jacob B [possibly Ball] to John Fairfax

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201641

Unit Date 1824 April 06

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Have not heard further about missing trunk of medicine. Assume it has reached its destination.

Philip Doddridge to John Fairfax

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201642

Unit Date 1827 February 13

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Discusses prior and future terms of court and testimony. Testimony given by Mr. Hubbard. Bills and documents to be sent to Doddridge's office.

W. B. Cul[?] to John Fairfax

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201643

Unit Date 1828 March 29

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Mr. Doddridge was not available as expected for testimony; writer doubtful about having case fully prepared for July term.

James A. F. Martin to John Fairfax

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201644

Unit Date 1830

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Various family and social matters. Two Irish men in jail for killing young Mr. Menear.

Buckner Fairfax to Rebecca Fairfax

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201645

Unit Date 1838 January 17

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Five-day stay in Richmond; is concerned about her during her confinement; addressed to her at Dunkard Bottom Cheat River; had sent earlier letter from Romney with \$10

[A. J. Smith], Clarksburg, to Col. John Fairfax, Preston County

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201646

Unit Date 1838 January 22

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Request for information regarding the sale of two [tracts], offers to meet in Pruntytown.

Military Notice to Officers of 104th Regiment**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/201647**Unit Date** 1838 October 14**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 3 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

From Col. John Rodeheaver; Battalion Court at Guseman's Store and Franconville.

Preston County Academy - remarks by Rev. Howells at close of school session**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/201648**Unit Date** 1845 October 02**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 4 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Rev. Howells is the teacher. "The flame of liberty is extinguished in Greece and Rome but the light of its glowing embers are still bright and strong on the shores of America."

Lazus M. Lane, Morgantown, to Buckner Fairfax**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/201649**Unit Date** 1845 February 08**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 4 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Bottles of liniment and specific were purchased for \$.50 each with instructions on their use; how to treat diphtheria with poultice and light diet.

Receipt for \$ 0.63 for 1845 county taxes and Bill of Exchange on Bank of Baltimore**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/201650**Unit Date** 1845?**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 4 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

(1) Taxes paid on 626 acres. Signed by J. A. F. Martin. (2) 1847-09-20 Bank of Baltimore Bill of Exchange on W. T. Willey to Buckner Fairfax for \$1000. Payable in 6 months to the Order of Thomas S. Haymonds, notarized.

Buckner Fairfax to Rebecca Fairfax**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/201651**Unit Date** 1846 January 11**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 4 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

From Richmond. Smallpox vaccination and feeding of cattle and sheep. Note about William Bucklew and Mr. Carroll getting patent in 1839.

Buckner Fairfax - tuition bill for schooling at Preston Academy

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201652

Unit Date 1846 October

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Mary Fairfax \$7. Louisa Fairfax \$5. Baldwin Fairfax \$3.18. Balance due \$12.53. Notice dated 1847-06-04.

J.G. Blair, Farmers Bank, Richmond, to Buckner Fairfax

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201653

Unit Date 1847 September 22

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Notice of loan nonpayment. W. T. Willey paid \$500. Fairfax owed balance on \$1000 as of 1847-09-20

William G. Payne, Carrollton, KY, to Buckner Fairfax

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201654

Unit Date 1848 January 20

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letter to 6 individuals in Preston County. "For Col. B. Fairfax - He will please aid my nephew in any of my business, Mr. Amaziah Payne." Directs Thomas Brown "to put William Fairfax in possession of the 200 acres of land."

John Marshall, Glenville, Gilmer County to John A.F. Martin, Esq.

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201655

Unit Date 1849 January 28

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

"...act for you in the sale of that land on the south of the river, the 740 and 960 acres."

Recipe for diphtheria remedy

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201656

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Makes a liquid and a poultice

John A. F. Martin to Susan L. Fairfax, Romney

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201657

Unit Date 1850 October 31

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

General correspondence about family and friends.

Buckner Fairfax to Susan L. Fairfax, Romney

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201658

Unit Date 1850 December 26

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Salutation to Louisa. From Richmond. "I hope you are attentive to your school and endeavoring to acquire as much information as possible."

John A. Boggs, Falling Springs, to John. A.F. Martin

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201659

Unit Date 1850 August 11

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

From Falling Spring. Cousins. "You ought to come over to Greenbrier and you and she go to the White Sulphur Springs."

George H. Lee to John A.F. Martin

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201660

Unit Date 1850 October 05

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Lee was on Supreme Court of Virginia. Requests Martin to "bring out the books...to Pruntytown for me."

County Court of Preston, Hiram Sanders v. Richard Serpell

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201661

Unit Date 1850 November

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

John P. Byrne, Clerk. Judgment that Serpell is indebted to Sanders for \$88.50. Sheriff will sell the attached property, but matter was continued to next March term.

Louisa Fairfax to Rebecca Fairfax

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201662

Unit Date 1850 January 20

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

From Magnolia Plantation, St. Charles Parish. Long and tedious trip, having left Frankford Oct. 19. "All of my acquaintances lost no time in calling on me." "We have some cholera yet."

John A. F. Martin to S.L. Fairfax, Romney

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201663

Unit Date 1850 August 28

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Inquiring about family and friends. Mentions that she had communicated that a number of weddings were to take place on the [South] Branch [of the Potomac] this fall and regrets that he could have no part in them.

Rebecca Fairfax to Buckner Fairfax

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201664

Unit Date 1850 January 26

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

From Zanesville. "I suppose you have heard of that dreadful murder in Paterson, N.J. Judge Van Winkle and his wife were both murdered."

John A. F. Martin to S.L. Fairfax, Romney

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201665

Unit Date 1851 February 04

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

From Grimes Hotel. "We marched with a bold front up the Allegheny, expecting to meet a tremendous snow storm...but were disappointed." Other family and friends news.

Marie L. Duval, Romney, to Susan L. Fairfax, Romney

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201666

Unit Date 1851 May 10

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

General correspondence about family and friends.

John A. F. Martin, Cheat River, to S.L. Fairfax

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201667

Unit Date 1851 January 26

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

General news including new Kingwood lawyer to be married in the spring.

Auction sale of animals and equipment

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201668

Unit Date 1851 February 02

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

List of buyers and sellers. Horses, livestock, carriages, wagons. Signature of J. A. F. Martin.

John A. F. Martin to Louisa Fairfax

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201669

Unit Date 1851 October 16

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

One of Aunt Jacob's sons accidentally shot himself. Uncle Biggs in Harrison County to buy cattle.

Louisa Fairfax to Rebecca Fairfax

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201670

Unit Date 1851 March 07

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

General correspondence from daughter

John A. F. Martin, Cranberry Summit, to Susan L. Fairfax

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201671

Unit Date 1851 March 24

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Comfort, an older Black woman, died after long illness. Rest of family in moderate health.

Buckner Fairfax to Susan L. Fairfax

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201672

Unit Date 1851 March 27

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Plans for trip to Romney. John A. F. Martin will probably meet them in Romney and "you had better go home with him."

Louisa Fairfax to Buckner Fairfax

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201673

Unit Date 1851 January 19

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Mother wants sister and her to go home as session is half out. Mr. M says a \$30 fee would be owed if leaving early. Louisa asks her father what to do.

John A. F. Martin to Buckner Fairfax

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201674

Unit Date 1852 April 30

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Needs his horse to get to Fairfax house and meet with people in Kingwood

Martha Elizabeth Boggs, Falling Spring, to John A.F. Martin, Kingwood

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201675

Unit Date 1852 April 16

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Gift of hand-stitched bookmarks, one embroidered using human hair. Her mother would rather see him than any relative she has in the world.

John A. F. Martin to Louisa Fairfax

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201676

Unit Date 1852 September 20

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Apologizes for cold behavior to her yesterday. Hopes to see her during the week. Was unable to speak with her father about their announcements and October 19, but did write her father a letter that day.

John A. F. Martin, Cranberry Summit, to Susan L. Fairfax

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201677

Unit Date 1852 April 04

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Attended lively candidate session with voters. Describes church service during which preacher read and

preached exhaustively all 29 verses in Matthew, Chapter 1.

John A. F. Martin to Louisa Fairfax

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201678

Unit Date 1852 July 16

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Aunt Betsy started for Morgantown during prior week. Uncle and his wife will return with Aunt Betsy. Difficulty in doing laundry and has no flour or bread.

John A. F. Martin, Cheat River Summit, to Louisa Fairfax

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201679

Unit Date 1852 February 22

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Has spent a pleasant week with Buckner. Dinner at David Freelans included fine hog, sauerkraut and 2 excellent glasses of milk in company with Buckner.

John A. F. Martin, Kingwood, to Louisa Fairfax

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201680

Unit Date 1852 July 28

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Buckner came to Aunt's, and John and Buckner walked around the farm. Seated under a large tree, John asked Buckner "for [Louisa's] hand in wedlock and he granted my request without a moment's hesitancy." "My cup is full and overflowing." "Accept my most ardent love my dear."

John A. F. Martin, Kingwood, to General Buckner Fairfax

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201681

Unit Date 1852 September 20

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Spoke to aunt [Buckner's wife] about engagement and she thought he was joking. Later she "remarked that as we made our beds so we had to lie." Suggests October 19 as wedding date and then they can travel to the Maryland States Exhibition.

Hackney's U. S. Hotel - 2 laundry receipts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201682

Unit Date 1852 October 23

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

For Room 58. Each receipt for 2 shirts and collars.

Hackney's U. S. Hotel, Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington City, D.C.

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201683

Unit Date 1852 October 13

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Announcements of coach services available from the hotel to the railroad and steamboat landings.

John A. F. Martin, Madison House, Richmond City, to Louisa Martin

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201684

Unit Date 1853 December 12

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Serving in House of Delegates. Governor Johnson's wife passed away in Harrison County and governor has not returned to Richmond. Boarding house room is \$8 per week and is comfortable. Has already spent \$53 on expenses. Asks whether she will come to Richmond at the close of the session to spend Christmas there. He had written her 4 letters but hasn't received any replies.

John A. F. Martin, Richmond City, to Buckner Fairfax

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201685

Unit Date 1853 December 07

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

3-cent postage stamp on letter. Many requisitions to Committee of Roads & Internal Navigation for extension and increase of capital stock. Some members want to swell the state debt.

John A. F. Martin, Richmond, to Louisa Martin

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201686

Unit Date 1853 December 11

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Very happy to receive her letter, but upset to hear that she cries in his absence. Have formed acquaintance with a few delegates and senators. Is sharing a room at Monument House with 3 others.

John A. F. Martin, Richmond City, Louisa Martin

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201687

Unit Date 1853 January 17

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Forty enslaved Africans sold at auction. A man sold for \$1200. A woman for \$1100. "Was shocking to see the traders examining the women, stripping them naked, feeling them all over to see if they are sound." Attended wine party held by newly elected brigadier general of 7th Brigade. Also, went with Uncle Isaac to see the Governor.

John A. F. Martin, Richmond City, to Louisa Martin

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201688

Unit Date 1853 December 06

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Has noticed the fashions: -- all kinds of bonnets, with trains taking the lead; capes and mantillas extending over the shoulders. Family news and Major William B. Zinn is there. Uncle Isaac Parsons attending session and "the members are rather a good looking crowd of men."

John A. F. Martin, Richmond City, to Louisa Martin

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201689

Unit Date 1854 January 18

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Saw General Jackson's equestrian statue in Washington City, and the book and pictures sent to her are a perfect likeness. "To my very heart am I sorry that I am situated so that I can't be with you to comfort you."

W. B. Crane, Cranberry Summit, Va., to John A.F. Martin

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201690

Unit Date 1854 February 06

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Have not received the draft. Baldwin was hurt when going down Piedmont Hill by jumping off a 10-wheeled engine after a connecting rod on the drive wheel broke and it flew near where he stood.

John A. F. Martin, Richmond City, to Louisa Martin

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201691

Unit Date 1854 January 28

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Everything going slowly and not sure whether will adjourn at end of 90 days. Have passed two turnpike bills and one railroad bill that week. Will not be surprised if the appropriations are as extravagant as last session. Will send the February issue of Goody's Ladies Book soon with fashions that are more full than any he has seen.

John A. F. Martin, Richmond City, Louisa Martin

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201692

Unit Date 1854 January 14

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Happy to receive her letters. Concerned about her health. If get sick and think he should come home, let him know. Questions why Baldwin would expose himself to danger as brakeman in railroad job. Staying at the Madison and Mr. Shackelford, brother of the senator, is his roommate.

John A. F. Martin, Richmond City, to Louisa Martin

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201693

Unit Date 1854 January 11

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Intend to write Wednesdays and Saturdays. Some bills dealing with internal improvements have made it to 2nd reading. Have mailed 2 Lady's Books but did not examine them 1st. Ole Bull is in city and producing excitement with his musical talent. Saw 2 English Bealewell sheep on exhibit with wool 36" long and shears in rolls ready for spinning.

Lucian Minor, State Temperance Convention, to John A. F. Martin

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201694

Unit Date 1854 January 17

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Notice that 73 of his constituents have signed a memorial in favor of the principles of the State Temperance Convention and requests that he inform the House of Delegates. Signed by Lucian Minor.

John A. F. Martin, Richmond City, to Louisa Martin

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit Date 1854 January 21

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Pleased that she is weaving a blanket, but be careful of her health because it is toilsome labor and when going between buildings in the cold. Gragg has gone to school and must work hard. Baldwin sent his carpet sack to Piedmont by passenger train but he went on a different one. Recent hog butchered must have provided many tasty cuts of meat.

John A. F. Martin, Richmond City, to Buckner Fairfax

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201696

Unit Date 1854 February 06

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

If own the old Taylor place, Martin wants to have the use of it this season to make a living. Legislative matters re: little accomplished, but the improvement party may come to a compromise and is bound to be on a large scale. Get that gray mare from Cobun that you bought for \$38.75 but haven't received; suggestions on strategy to get the mare. Uncle Isaac says no appropriation for the Alexandria Loudon & Hampshire Road this session. Problem with land purchase by Donnella from Christian Stone about 20 years ago but later court action involved Marquess and now Baldwin owns that land. Please examine records to find out if true.

James Davis Day, Day's Fancy, Upshur County, to John A. F. Martin

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201697

Unit Date 1854 January 14

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Discusses current and possible routes of transportation including Staunton to Parkersburg Turnpike and the Clarksburg and Buckhannon Pike. His neighbors want a route through their area.

John A. F. Martin, Richmond City, to Louisa Martin

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201698

Unit Date 1854 February 08

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Has sore throat and slept for last 3 nights with sock pinned around it. Johnson, 1st auditor, resigned and Democrats nominated George Clutter. Explains Baldwin's accident on train and that he was badly stunned but not dangerously hurt and had gone home. Letter from Gragg says she has taken up seven studies. May visit Gragg In Winchester after session ends if Louisa thinks that would be better than going straight home. Pneumonia going around but not smallpox like 3 weeks before.

John A. F. Martin to Louisa Martin

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201699

Unit Date 1854

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Post Script (P.S.) to previous letter. Letters crossed in the mail about Baldwin. Glad that Louisa's cold is improving. Not sure of seriousness of Baldwin's condition because Buckner had planned to go after him.

John A. F. Martin, Richmond, Louisa Martin

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201700

Unit Date 1854 February 25

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Saw a magnificent exhibition of fireworks at the armory - millions of light sparks. The Philadelphia Company was in the city and were very popular with crowds swarming around them. May adjourn in 1 week. Many bills have not passed, so "have done but little."

John A. F. Martin, Richmond City, to Louisa Martin

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201701

Unit Date 1854 February 23

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Visited Charlottesville and University of Virginia, has 12 professors and 480 male students. "I feel proud to own it as a Virginia institution." It was founded by the "illustrious" Jefferson and is in sight of Monticello. Stayed with Mr. McCoy and Dr. Bill Allen and families. Attended Joseph Anderson's party with plenty of champagne and oysters.

John A. F. Martin, Richmond City, to Louisa Martin**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/201702**Unit Date** 1854 February 11**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 10 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Discusses her upcoming childbirth and are happy with either a girl or boy. "You will necessarily want many things that you did not think of when I was at home, and I wish you to make out a list in your next letter and send it to me and what will be necessary for the newcomer."

John A. F. Martin, Richmond, to Louisa Martin**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/201703**Unit Date** 1854 March 01**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 10 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Aunt is also expecting a child soon. Louisa says she "has grown to be as large as all outdoors," and he is to come home and purchase new clothes for her. He will most willingly comply.

John A. F. Martin, Richmond City to Louisa Martin**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/201704**Unit Date** 1854 February 18**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 10 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Governor "invited about 40 of us to see & sup with him last night." Served soup, fish, turkey & oysterspie, and dessert of ice cream with preserved oranges float. Great deal of wine and champagne, so a jolly party. No women there. Several turnpike and bridge bills have passed. Alexandria Loudon & Hampshire Railroad will be voted on next week. Charles S. Moran elected as superintendent of penitentiary after long battle. A letter from Baldwin expressed ill humor because John advised him to leave the railroad.

Aquila Martin to John A.F. Martin**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/201705**Unit Date** 1854 September 13**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 10 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Sympathy message (from his father) after Louisa's death.

Indenture between Elizabeth L. Fairfax, Buckner Fairfax and Asbury Struble**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/201706**Unit Date** 1854**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 10 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Marriage is intended between Elizabeth and Asbury. List of her real and personal property. Certain property transferred to Buckner in trust, but remains in control of Elizabeth until marriage is solemnized. Disposition of property at each spouse's death. Trust shall continue if Buckner dies 1first. No signatures or

date on 5-page document.

Aquila Martin to John A.F. Martin

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201707

Unit Date 1854 March 21

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Is a question about matrimony in which Sophia is involved and a promise to a neighbor's daughter of a bonnet. Come soon to resolve it.

Ann Davis, New Lexington, Somerset County, Pennsylvania to "Dear Friend"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201708

Unit Date 1855 June 06

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

[Letter mostly illegible] Invitation to an exhibition and request to "bring some of the young gents."

"Expenses to, at, and from Richmond 1855-6" and enclosed undated poem, signed J.A.F. Martin's

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201709

Unit Date 1855 December 24

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Amounts spent for legislative session on newspapers, Goody's magazine, umbrella, laundry, legislative guide, postage stamps, clothing, etc. 7 pages. Poem: - "Oh carry me back to my childhood home, When the ocean surges roar, Where the billows dash on a rockbound coast, And moan forever more.....Twould ease my pain to hear her voice, When death had darkened my eye....O carry me home to die."

John T. Byrne, Morgantown, to Col. John A.F. Martin

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201710

Unit Date 1855 December 26

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Request to examine muster rolls of Indian Wars of 1791-96 in the companies commanded by Captains Dudley Evans, John Evans and John Dent to establish whether certain privates served. Also, property sold in 1845 for unpaid taxes was contrary to Code of Virginia. Wants a correction carried out through the General Assembly.

Form letter from John P. Thomasson, candidate for Doorkeeper and 1850 Circular about A. F. Haymond's candidacy for Constitutional Convention

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201711

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

(1) In House of Delegates in next General Assembly of Virginia. Provides his credentials and states "...the office of Doorkeeper will pay well, and I shall be thankful for it. I want to spend one winter in Richmond at the public expense." (2) Circular for Constitutional Convention's candidate dated 1850-06-15 providing Haymond's views on the constitutional issues.

John A. F. Martin, Columbian Hotel, Richmond City, to Baldwin Fairfax

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201712

Unit Date 1856 January 12

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

"Much doubt seems to be entertained as to the safety of our Union; some seem to be of the opinion that a war between the North and South is not far distant. God forbid that our once happy states should soon or late dip their fingers in each others blood though come what may let us be prepared for the worst." 13" Thirteen inches of snow since last Saturday and 3-15" of ice on the canal and river. All have been on sleighs pulled by mules and horses and have somewhat a frozen appearance.

Thomas H. DeWitt to J.A.F. Martin

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201713

Unit Date 1856 April 26

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Includes envelope. Working on transformation of acceptance into state bonds. Will provide copy of report of B P Work if available but don't think there is.

A.E. [Cavden or Carden] to John A.F. Martin

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201714

Unit Date 1856 July 27

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Must come to talk with Sophia because you have more influence with her. William is dreadfully disturbed because some have convinced him that Sophia is in the family way. Don't believe that she is. Her cousin Alessander Martin has said mean things.

Tom Marshall, Glenville, Gilmer County, to I. P. Byrne and J.A. F. Martin, Esqs.

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201715

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Has sold the 100 acres he selected to two Mr. Rhodes of Taylor County. Will keep bonds of Herndon and Arnold until Byrne comes. Had a fair season for all kinds of grain.

William Martin, Moundsville, to Col. John A.F. Martin

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201716

Unit Date 1857 May 01

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Can send seed corn if provide address and person to receive it. Have been very unwell since coming home, but am now much better.

I. B. Fairfax to Mother

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201717

Unit Date 1857 April 22

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Dr. Bones would like as much butter as you have. Tell Toll that Suse says that it's time she is married.

Marie Duvall, Romney, to Louisa Fairfax

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201718

Unit Date 1857 September 15

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Extensive letter conveying family news.

Samuel Albright to Elizabeth Fairfax, Albrightsville

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201719

Unit Date 1854 November 21

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Bill of Goods for muslin, candle wicks, hair brush, hat, fur cape and other items. \$6.06 charges all paid.

J. A. F. Martin - J. N. Vance invoice

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201720

Unit Date 1859 April 07

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

For iron plow, nails, glass and freight \$25.44. Other items \$.90. Paid in full.

Marvin Dodge to Buckner Fairfax

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201721

Unit Date 1860 October 02

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Dodge wants the stoves from Mr. Fairfax because it's time to haul them soon. Mr. Brown is also going to haul things shortly. On lined paper.

Bucker Fairfax - Oath of loyalty to the United States

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201722

Unit Date 1863 May 25

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Smith Crane, Clerk of Preston County, affirms that General Buckner Fairfax affirmed his support for the Constitution of the United States.

John A. F. Martin - bill from Thomas Stone, Agricultural Machinery

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201723

Unit Date 1870 May 05

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

\$5 charge for 6 left hand iron center points. Was shipped to Portland from Fairmont, W. Va.

Receipt from General B. Fairfax, Cranberry Summit, and Monmouth Mutual Fire Insurance Company assessment

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201724

Unit Date 1859 October 27-1863 December 19

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

(1) Receipt from J. W. Brown for \$100 from Buckner for the use of Miss E. L. Fairfax. (2) 1863 December 19 receipt on Monmouth Mutual Fire Insurance policy no. 8118 to Samuel Whitney, debtor. Israel Lowning, Collector. Premium note of \$21.25. Portion assessed is \$1.68 to cover company losses and expenses.

From [?], Ghent, to [?]

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201725

Unit Date 185__ February 27

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 13 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Glad to receive your letter. James Brown came for Kate and her on Saturday evening, and they did not return home until Tuesday morning. Miss Caldwell gave a party on Tuesday but she and Kate did not go.

Journal and cash book, packet of powder, and a short note

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201726

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 13 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Journal and cash book with information on purchases of fodder, lodging, costs, etc. Note states that the 4 girls (Adaline Baker, Louisa S. Fairfax, Jemima A. Parsons, Elizabeth M. Vadiver) are not to get mad at each other or show their temper in the least.

From Carrie - lyrics for a love song**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/201727**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 13 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

After the song lyrics: "I cannot tell the reason but I really want a wife. And every body tells me 'tis the happiest thing in life....Tedela Tedela Tedela..."

Isaac P. Martin's Grammar Book, Flemington, WV**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/201728**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 13 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Accounting class notes; rules dealing with principal and interest, etc.

John A. F. Martin's personal phrenological chart**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/201729**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 13 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Prepared by A. I. Blosser, Practical Phrenologist. Shows scores or rankings for domestic propensities, dramatic acting, authorship, mathematics and other aspects of his faculties.

History timeline beginning in 1492**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/201730**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 13 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Handwritten listing of historic American events in 1497, 1607, 1620 through Revolutionary War & important battles.

Amount due from John Fairfax**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/201731**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 13 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Due from Fairfax \$164.71. Five men listed on note: William Johnson, John Wilson, Samuel R. Trowbridge, Jacob Snyder, William McCoy. "A true copy."

Miscellaneous receipts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201732

Unit Date 1845-1854

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 14 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Buckner Fairfax - eight-year subscription beginning 1850-11-04 to Richmond Examiner, \$40; State Mutual Fire & Marine Ins. Co. policy beginning 1854-11-05, \$20. John A. F. Martin, \$1.88 for 1 gallon of peach brandy from Dudley & Co., Philadelphia, 1854-01-27. George Ashton's 1845 county tax receipt for \$.63 for 626 acres and \$.1575 for road tax, total of \$.7875, undated.

The People's Store, Royalton, VT

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201733

Unit Date 1880s

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 14 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Charles N. Parker, Dealer in All Goods Usually Sold in Country Stores. Established 1851. Blank letterhead, blank order sheets, blank receipt - total of 6 items.

Miscellaneous lists of men and assorted items

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201734

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 14 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

James Morgan, David Morgan, Abraham Sutton and 8 others are listed and a long list of household items such as tea kettle, milk ladles, buckets, etc. plus 11 head of sheep and 30 bushels of rye. "List of men subject to be enrolled as militiamen." List of men presumed to be under Cols. J.A.F. Martin and R.E. Ewan.

148th Virginia Regiment militia rosters

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201735

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 14 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Listing of officers, soldiers and companies.

Miscellaneous empty envelopes, advertisement and turnpike company reports

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/201736

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 14 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Two empty envelopes to John A. F. Martin; two to Buckner Fairfax; and two to Susan L. Fairfax/Martin. Advertisement for Capt. H. P. Stewart's Kidney Herb. Doc. No. 17, Brandonville, VA, 1854 October 30 re: Brandonville, Kingwood and Evansville turnpike road company. Also, Doc. No. 17 Buchanan and Bedford Turnpike Company, 1854 November 23, report signed by W.R. Drinkard, Esq. and Wm. W. Boyd.