

Ward Family Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Ward Family Papers

Span Dates: 1831-1904

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1832-1881)

ID No.: MSS44552

Creator: Ward Family

Extent: 2,600 items

Extent: 11 containers

Extent: 3.6 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Family from Richmond County, Virginia. Correspondence, broadsides, songs, financial records, printed matter, and other papers of William Norvell Ward, Episcopal clergyman and Confederate soldier, and members of his family including material relating to the Civil War, Reconstruction, and social life and customs in Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Maryland, and northern Virginia.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Ward family.

Ward, William Norvell, 1817-1881. William Norvell Ward papers.

Organizations

Episcopal Church--Virginia--Clergy.

Subjects

Antietam, Battle of, Md., 1862.

Bull Run, 2nd Battle of, Va., 1862.

Gettysburg Campaign, 1863.

Peninsular Campaign, 1862.

Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877)--Virginia.

Places

Baltimore (Md.)--Social life and customs.

Maryland--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Maryland--Social life and customs--19th century.

Richmond County (Va.)--Social life and customs.

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Campaigns.

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Personal narratives, Confederate.

Virginia--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Virginia--Social life and customs--19th century.

Washington (D.C.)--Social life and customs--19th century.

Provenance

The papers of the Ward family were acquired by the Library of Congress in 1936 from Evelyn D. Ward through purchase and deposit. The deposit was converted to gift in 1956 by William Randolph Ward.

Processing History

The papers of the Ward Family were arranged and described in 1997. The register was revised in 2008.

Additional Guides

A description of the Ward Family Papers appears in *Civil War Manuscripts: A Guide to the Collections in the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress*. Washington: Government Printing Office. 1986.

Related Materials

Additional papers of William Norvell Ward, Sr., can be found at the Alderman Library of the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the Ward family is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of the Ward family are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Ward Family Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of the Ward family span the years 1831-1904 with bulk of the items concentrated in the period 1832-1881. The majority of the collection consists of correspondence, much of which is between family members. The papers also include broadsides, songs, financial papers, and printed matter. The collection is divided into two groupings of similar material, a bound chronological file and an alphabetical file.

The papers provide insight into relations among the family; social life and customs of Washington, D.C., northern Virginia, and Baltimore, Maryland; the Civil War, including material relating to the 2nd Battle of Bull Run (2nd Battle of Manassas), Battle of Antietam, and the Peninsular and Gettysburg campaigns; and the Reconstruction period. Prominent family correspondents include the Episcopal minister and Confederate soldier, William Norvell Ward, Sr., his wife Mary, his sons Channing, Harry, Randolph, and William, and his daughters Edmonia, Evelyn, Lucy, and Mary.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged into two groupings of a bound chronological file and an alphabetical file.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Chronological file
BOX 1	16 Nov. 1831-22 July 1843
BOX 2	1 Aug. 1843-13 Oct. 1848
BOX 3	24 Oct. 1848-26 Nov. 1859
BOX 4	13 Dec. 1859-6 Aug. 1862
BOX 5	9 Aug. 1862-9 May 1863
BOX 6	12 May 1863-13 July 1866
BOX 7	Alphabetical file
BOX 7	"A" miscellaneous, 1846-1874, undated
BOX 7	Blincoe, Charles W., 1842-1855
BOX 7	Blincoe, Virginia, 1849, undated
BOX 7	Brown, Maria D., 1837-1861, undated
BOX 7	"B" miscellaneous, 1841-1881, undated
BOX 7	Carey, Martha Ward, 1836-1884, undated (2 folders)
BOX 7	"C-D" miscellaneous, 1836-1881, undated
BOX 7	Elmendorf, Marie M., 1850-1855, undated
BOX 7	"E" miscellaneous, 1846-1888
BOX 7	Farr, Sallie, 1859-1860
BOX 7	Financial papers, 1839-1868, undated
BOX 8	Forbes, Maggie and Cammine, 1854-1863, undated
BOX 8	"F-G" miscellaneous, 1840-1881, undated
BOX 8	Hooff, Elizabeth Blincoe, 1844, undated
BOX 8	Hooff, John, 1842-1859
BOX 8	Hooff, Martha Blincoe, 1840-1874, undated
BOX 8	"H-J" miscellaneous, 1836-1904, undated (2 folders)
BOX 8	Kerr, Nancy Ward, 1832-1840
BOX 8	"K-L" miscellaneous, 1851-1881, undated
BOX 8	Mayer, Mollie, 1858-1863, undated
BOX 8	Miscellany, 1846-1881, undated
BOX 8	"M" miscellaneous, 1836-1881, undated
BOX 9	"N-R" miscellaneous, 1832-1881, undated (2 folders)
BOX 9	Smith, Sally Blincoe, 1836-1861, undated
BOX 9	Soldier's songs, 1861-1864
BOX 9	"S-T" miscellaneous, 1832-1881, undated (2 folders)
BOX 9	Ward, Benjamin, 1833-1846
BOX 9	Ward, Channing Moore, 1874-1886, undated
BOX 9	Ward, Edmonia Herr, 1857-1882, undated (3 folders)

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 9	Ward, Estelle, 1862-1864, undated
BOX 10	Ward, Evelyn Douglas, 1862-1877, undated
BOX 10	Ward, Fannie, 1872-1886, undated
BOX 10	Ward, Harry, 1866-1867, 1881
BOX 10	Ward, Lucy Randolph, 1862-1883, undated
BOX 10	Ward, Mary Goode, 1832-1861
BOX 10	Ward, Seth, 1832-1842
BOX 10	Ward, Mary Virginia, 1857-1886, undated (3 folders)
BOX 11	Ward, Randolph Goode, 1872-1884
BOX 11	Ward, William Norvell, Jr., 1837-1861, undated
BOX 11	Ward, William and Mary Norvell, 1837-1880, undated (2 folders)
BOX 11	Williams, Lucy Ward, 1831-1846
BOX 11	Wright, Charlotte, 1862-1864, undated
BOX 11	"W" miscellaneous, 1836-1883, undated
BOX 11	Unidentified, 1837-1884, undated (2 folders)