

# **Elsie Taylor-Goins Collection of Dibble Family Papers**

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Elsie Taylor-Goins Collection of Dibble Family Papers

**Inclusive Dates:** 1696-2021

**Bulk Dates:** 1979-2019

**ID No.:** MSS86498

**Creator:** Taylor-Goins, Elsie

**Extent:** 6,900 items

**Extent:** 20 containers plus 4 oversize

**Extent:** 8.2 linear feet

**Extent:** 119 digital files (5.64 GB)

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lcn.loc.gov/mm2022086498>

**Summary:** African American genealogy records. Correspondence, biographical material, family trees, photographs, property records, reunion programs, and other genealogical records related to the descendants of Andrew Henry Dibble Sr. (1825-1873) and Ellie Naudin Dibble (1828-1920) as well as ancestors in England, Scotland, and Sierra Leone.

## Acquisition Information

The papers of the Dibble Family were donated to the Library of Congress by Elsie Taylor-Goins in 2021.

## Processing History

The Elsie Taylor-Goins Collection of Dibble Family Papers was arranged and described by Katherine Madison with the assistance of Rosa Hernandez in 2022.

Digital files were received as part of the Dibble Family Papers on a variety of storage media, each of which was assigned a unique digital ID number. Use the digital ID number to request access copies of the files associated with each media. A description of the standard processes taken on all born digital records can be found in the Processing History Note: Born Digital Collection Material at <https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/eadmss.digital>.

## Related Material

Related collections in the Manuscript Division include the papers of Hugh H. Smythe and Mabel M. Smythe (see <https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/eadmss.ms001042>) and the papers of the Francis Lewis Cardozo family (see <https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/eadmss.ms009014>).

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the Dibble Family is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The Elsie Taylor-Goins Collection of Dibble Family Papers is open to research. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use. Access to digital content is available onsite only in the Manuscript Reading Room and requires advanced notice. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting.

## Technical Requirements

Digital files in the collection were received on optical discs. The content is primarily audio files in Waveform audio format (.wav), with one disc containing audiovisual files in Video Object File format (.vob). Files are accessible with a standard media player.

## Published Edition

Select photographs in the Elsie-Taylor Goins Collection of Dibble Family Papers have been printed in *Reflections: A Pictorial History of Certain People of South Carolina, 1840s-1940s* by E. Louise (aka Elsie Taylor-Goins). [Orangeburg, S.C.]: Published for Phoenix Publishers by Cecil Williams Publishing, 2009. Transcriptions of select legal documents are printed in *Elizabeth Cleveland Hardcastle, 1741-1808: A Lady of Color in the South Carolina Low Country* by E. Louise (aka Elsie Taylor-Goins). Columbia, S.C.: Phoenix Publishers, 2001.

These volumes are available in the Manuscript Reading Room. Consult reference staff for more information.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or digital ID number, Elsie Taylor-Goins Collection of Dibble Family Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of the Dibble family span the years 1696-2021, with the bulk of the material dating from 1979 to 2019. The collection documents the extended families of Andrew Henry Dibble Sr. (1825-1873) and Ellie Naomi Naudin Dibble (1828-1920), including their descendants and ancestors in Scotland, England, Sierra Leone, and South Carolina. The collection is organized into five series: [Dibble-Naudin Family](#), [Cleland/Cleveland/Cleveland Family](#), [South Carolina Families](#), [Naudin-Dibble Heritage Foundation](#), and [Oversize](#).

The collection consists of the genealogical research of Elsie Taylor-Goins, the great-granddaughter of Andrew and Ellie Dibble. Through archival and online research, as well as family correspondence, Taylor-Goins compiled files on her family members that document the lives of several generations of an African American family from free persons in the antebellum South through the modern day. Prominent individuals related to the Dibble family include Bonds Conway (1762-1843), Julian Abele Cook Jr. (1930-2017), Mercer Cook (1903-1987), William Morgan Goins Jr. (1931-1988), Ann Dibble Jordan (1934-), Jewel Lafontant-MANKarious (1922-1997), Henry J. Maxwell (1837-1906), Stephen Lloyd Maxwell Jr. (1921-2009), Mabel M. Smythe (1918-2006), Muriel S. Snowden (1916-1988), and Ayo Vaughan-Richards. Taylor-Goins also researched Andrew Dibble's mixed-race great-grandmother, Catherine Cleveland, and her aunt, Elizabeth Cleveland Hardcastle, who immigrated to colonial South Carolina as free persons of color in the late eighteenth century. Some genealogical research in the collection was compiled by Taylor-Goins's sister, Catherine Taylor-McConnell. In 1979, Taylor-Goins and Taylor-McConnell founded the Naudin-Dibble Heritage Foundation for the purpose of organizing reunions and honoring the extended family descended from Andrew Dibble Sr. and Ellie Dibble.

The collection's series are listed and briefly described below. A fuller description of each series and a list of its contents can be accessed in the series descriptions within the container list.

The [Dibble-Naudin Family](#) series documents Taylor-Goins's research into and correspondence with the descendants of Andrew Henry Dibble Sr. and Ellie Naomi Naudin Dibble.

The [Cleland/Cleveland/Cleveland Family](#) series documents Taylor-Goins's research into her ancestral family line in Scotland and England, as well as the legal research supporting her book, *Elizabeth Cleveland Hardcastle, 1741-1808: A Lady of Color in the South Carolina Low Country* (2001).

The [South Carolina Families](#) series documents Taylor-Goins's research into the Conway, Naudin, and Vaughan families of Camden, South Carolina, as well as other African American families and individuals related to Ellie Naomi Naudin Dibble and Andrew Henry Dibble Sr.

The [Naudin-Dibble Heritage Foundation](#) series documents the organization founded by Taylor-Goins and her sister, Catherine Taylor-McConnell, to celebrate the descendants of Andrew Henry Dibble Sr. and Ellie Naomi Naudin Dibble.

The remaining series contains [Oversize](#) material.

## Arrangement of the Collection

This collection is arranged in five series:

- [Dibble-Naudin Family, 1841-2021](#)
- [Cleland/Cleveland/Cleveland Family, 1696-2008](#)
- [South Carolina Families, 1793-2019](#)
- [Naudin-Dibble Heritage Foundation, 1877-2021](#)
- [Oversize, 1789-2017](#)

## 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

Caulker family--Genealogy.  
Cleland family--Genealogy.  
Cleveland family--Genealogy.  
Cleveland, Catherine, 1758 or 1759-  
Cleveland family--Genealogy.  
Conway family--Genealogy.  
Conway, Bonds, 1763-1843.  
Corker family--Genealogy.  
Dibble family--Genealogy.  
Dibble family.  
Dibble, Andrew Henry, Jr., 1850-1934.  
Dibble, Andrew Henry, Sr., 1825-1873.  
Dibble, Ellie Naomi Naudin, 1828-1920.  
Dibble, Eugene Heriot, 1854-1934.  
Dibble, Rufus Dennis, 1867-1961.  
Goins, William Moreau, 1961-2017.  
Goins, William Morgan, Jr., 1931-1988.  
Hardcastle, Elizabeth Cleveland, 1741-1808.  
Jordan, Ann Dibble, 1934-  
Kinloch family--Genealogy.  
Lafontant-MANKarious, Jewel, 1922-1997.  
Levy, Ella Dibble, 1865-1913.  
Maxwell, Henry J. (Henry Johnson), 1837-1906.  
Maxwell, Martha Louisa Dibble, 1846-1923.  
Maxwell, Stephen Lloyd, Jr., 1921-2009.  
Naudin family--Genealogy.  
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Smythe, Mabel M. (Mabel Murphy).  
Snowden, Muriel S. (Muriel Sutherland), 1916-1988.  
Taylor, Harriet Dibble, 1873-1936.

Taylor-Goins, Elsie.  
Taylor-McConnell, Catherine. Catherine Taylor-McConnell research files.  
Vaughan family--Genealogy.  
Vaughan-Richards, Ayo.

**Organizations**

Naudin-Dibble Heritage Foundation.  
Naudin-Dibble Heritage Foundation. Naudin-Dibble Heritage Foundation records.

**Subjects**

African American families--Genealogy.  
African American families--South Carolina--Genealogy.  
African American families--Southern States--Genealogy.  
African American families.  
Free African Americans--South Carolina.

**Places**

England--Genealogy.  
Scotland--Genealogy.  
Sierra Leone--Genealogy.  
South Carolina--Genealogy.  
Southern States--Genealogy.  
United States--Genealogy.

## Description of Series

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**Series**  
**Dibble-Naudin Family, 1841-2021**

The Dibble-Naudin Family series documents Taylor-Goins's research into and correspondence with the descendants of Andrew Henry Dibble Sr. (1825-1873) and Ellie Naomi Naudin Dibble (1828-1920). Andrew Dibble and Ellie Naudin together had ten surviving children: Andrew Henry Dibble Jr. (1850-1934), Ella Naomi Dibble Levy (1865-1913), Eugene Heriot Dibble (1854-1934), Harriet Catherine Dibble Taylor (1873-1918), James Laurence Dibble (1859-1932), John Moreau Dibble (1848-1877), Martha Louisa Dibble Maxwell (1846-1923), Rufus Dennis Dibble (1867-1961), William Smith Dibble (1852-1930), and Wyatt Naudin Dibble (1857-1935). This series documents the descendant branches of the family.

Individuals represented include the children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, in-laws, and in-laws of the children (etc.) of Andrew Jr., Ella, Eugene, Harriet, Martha, and Rufus. The material includes both archival and online genealogical research as well as collected ephemera and correspondence with and about individual family members. Of particular note are Taylor-Goins's correspondence with her cousin, Stephen Lloyd Maxwell Jr., related to shared family history and Maxwell's own research into his non-Dibble relatives. Also included is material documenting the advocacy, education, and research interests of Taylor-Goins's son, William Moreau Goins (1961-2017). A detailed family tree, showing the Dibble-Naudin branches, is filed in the Oversize series.

Material types include correspondence, genealogical records, newspaper and magazine clippings, obituaries, funeral and memorial service programs and a video recording, wedding invitations, audio recordings, and photocopies of archival research including land deeds, court records, and birth and death certificates.

Arranged alphabetically and by name under headings representing the six descendant branches of the Dibble-Naudin family tree. Andrew Dibble Sr. and his unmarried sons are listed at the top of the container list under the heading "Dibble." The file structure of the digital content maintained as received.

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**Cleland/Cleveland/Cleveland Family, 1696-2008**

The Cleland/Cleveland/Cleveland Family series documents Taylor-Goins's research into her ancestral family line in Scotland and England, as well as the legal research supporting her book, *Elizabeth Cleveland Hardcastle, 1741-1808: A Lady of Color in the South Carolina Low Country* (2001, as E. Louise). Taylor-Goins's Dibble ancestors descended from Catherine Cleveland, who arrived in South Carolina as a free passenger sailing from Africa on the *Queen of Barra* in 1764. Material in this series covers research into the ancestral Cleland family of Scotland, the Cleveland family branch that settled in Tapeley, Devonshire, England, and relatives in South Carolina. Minimal research in the series covers Taylor-Goins's Bullom ancestors in Sierra Leone. Material also relates to family branches related by marriage to the Cleland/Clevlands, such as the Corker/Caulker family and the Kinloch family. Catherine's aunt, Elizabeth Cleveland Hardcastle, was a free woman of color in colonial South Carolina. Upon her death in 1808, Elizabeth's estate was contested in the South Carolina courts. The bulk of material in this series consists of copies of colonial and antebellum legal records documenting Elizabeth's property and its contestation, including references to enslaved persons included in the estate. This case, and subsequent legal rulings, were examined by Taylor-Goins in *Elizabeth Cleveland Hardcastle, 1741-1808*. Regarding the production of this book, the series only includes correspondence, photographs subsequently reproduced in the book, and minimal editorial documents related to its publication.

Material types include correspondence, photographs, court records, property records, family trees, and other genealogical records.

Arranged alphabetically by topic.

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**South Carolina Families, 1793-2019**

The South Carolina Families series documents Taylor-Goins's research into the Conway, Naudin, and Vaughan families of Camden, South Carolina, as well as other African American families and individuals related to Ellie Naomi Naudin Dibble and Andrew Henry Dibble Sr. The series is largely comprised of genealogical records and news articles related to the descendants of Bonds Conway (1762-1843) and Scipio Vaughan (1784-1840), both ancestors of Ellie Naudin Dibble.

Material types include correspondence, directories, newspaper and magazine clippings, property records, family trees, and other genealogical records.

Arranged alphabetically by topic.

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**Naudin-Dibble Heritage Foundation, 1877-2021**

The Naudin-Dibble Heritage Foundation series documents the organization founded by Taylor-Goins and her sister, Catherine Taylor-McConnell, to celebrate the descendants of Andrew Henry Dibble Sr. and Ellie Naomi Naudin Dibble. The bulk of the material is related to family reunions held since 1979. Of note are reproductions and original family images reproduced in the volume *Reflections: A Pictorial History of Certain People of South Carolina, 1840s-1940s* by E. Louise (Taylor-Goins's pen name).

Material types include correspondence, photographs, meeting minutes, brochures, pamphlets, and programs.

Arranged alphabetically by topic.

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**Oversize, 1789-2017**

Material types include photographs, property records, legal records, diplomas and certificates, a family Bible, and a family tree.

Listed and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the material was separated. The items are physically grouped and housed by size.

# Container List

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