

Collection: WADDELL PAPERS
Orange and Brunswick Counties, North Carolina
Annapolis, Maryland

P.C. 87.1

[see also OS-Ms box
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1755-1919

Physical Description: 103 items; letters, deeds, wills, mortgages, surveys, plats, speech (fragment), notes, receipts, letter book fragment, poems, recipe, confirmation certificate, envelopes, newspaper clippings, textbook, book of poetry.

Acquisition: From Biennial Reports: 1914-1916, 10 items received from Mrs. A. M. Waddell, Wilmington, North Carolina; 1916-1918, 9 letters of Captain James Iredell Waddell presented by Guion Waddell, Mooresfield [sic], North Carolina; 1918-1920, 43 pieces relating to the Moore and Waddell families presented by O. C. Irwin of Morganton, North Carolina; 1928-1930, copy of report from James I. Waddell to Secretary of the Treasury Thomas Corwin, 1851, presented by Mrs. Mary Parker Battle, Wilson, North Carolina.

Description: Correspondence of James Iredell Waddell, commanding officer of the Confederate steamer "Shenandoah," (1824-1886; for biographical sketch see Dictionary of American Biography, Vol. 19, pp. 302-303) includes a commendation from the captain of the USS "Release," 1857; a synopsis by James I. Waddell of the cruise of the "Shenandoah"; and a copy of the letter of surrender to the British government, 1865. A letter to Waddell's father, Francis Nash Waddell, from another son, Charles, describes a reunion between the brothers in Annapolis, July, 1867, and refers to the need for employment, President Johnson's amnesty proclamation, the log book of the "Shenandoah," and a history of her cruise in 500 manuscript pages. Letters from James to his father refer to his interest in the presidency of the University of North Carolina, 1873; to the death and funeral of Charles Waddell in Petersburg, Virginia, 1874; to his public relations tour for the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, written from the home of Alexander Hamilton Stephens in Crawfordsville, Georgia, 1877; to his letter of resignation (1861) and a document (1862) from the Navy Department proposing to give him monies due, providing he does not join the Confederacy. A letter to his brother Guion describes personal sentiments, 1885; and three items from his wife's family (Inglehart) describe his death, funeral, and tomb in Annapolis, 1886.

Estates papers relative to Moorefields plantation in Orange County include a deed, 1780, from Thomas Hart to Peter Mallett for land granted to John Gray by the Earl of Granville, 1752; deed, 1785, Peter Mallett to Judge Alfred Moore; plat of Moorefields (1262 acres, n.d.); [cf. will, 1810, Judge Alfred Moore to son Alfred]; and will of Alfred Moore, 1837, Francis Nash Waddell, executor.

Papers referring to Brunswick County include a promissory note, 1762, from John Burgwin to Richard Eagles for 100 acres on Eagles Island; survey, 1765, Richard Eagles' land in Brunswick County and on Eagles Island; will, 1810,

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Judge Alfred Moore, Moorefields and Buchoi plantations to his son Alfred, Springfield to son Maurice, land on Eagles Island to daughter Anne and Hugh Waddell, land on Eagles Island and Ballhead [sic] to daughter Elizabeth and Francis Nash Waddell; bill of sale, 1831, slaves; mortgage on Buchoi, 1832-1839; deed, 1833, John Waddell, Belleville plantation.

Property cited in New Hanover County belonged to Dr. Samuel Green [Greenhalls], 1771, 1782; Henry Halsey, 1805; and Thomas Jennings, 1810. Other land papers include tax receipts and correspondence concerning property of Alfred Moore in Tennessee, 1831-1835 and lands of John Moore in Louisiana, 1837, 1846.

Miscellaneous items include a memorandum, 1755, from Hugh Waddell, clerk of Governor Dobbs' council, concerning bill for funds to pay salaries of chief justice, etc.; statement and correspondence relative to estate of Alexander Hatridge, 1819, with William C. Lord, attorney; election returns, 1836, Orange County [Hugh Waddell, state senator]; account of Miss Sarah Moore, 1837-1839; fragment of speech to North Carolina House of Commons [anon., c. 1831] relative to need for spirit of nationalism; a few poems, including "About a Slanderer of Jefferson Davis" and "Tippecanoe"; newspaper clippings with reference to Judge Alfred Moore, Alfred Moore Waddell, General Francis Nash, and Captain Francis Nash Waddell; Greek text of Herodotus used by James Flemming Waddell in 1826; Alfred Moore's book of John Gay's poems; and 6 pages from the letter book (1782-1783) of John Burgwin with references to his school-boy nephews, Hugh and Haynes, and to Archibald MacLaine, Mrs. John Burgwin [Eliza Bush of Bristol, England], the signing of the preliminary articles of the Peace of Paris, 1782, shipping interests in Bruges, Ostend, Rotterdam, and Nantes, and to possible loss of property in North Carolina [Hermitage plantation]. Burgwin was uncle and guardian to three orphan sons of General Hugh Waddell who died in 1773.

Arrangement of Papers:

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- folder 1 James Iredell Waddell Papers
- 2 Moorefields, Orange county (deeds, wills)
- 3 Brunswick County; Eagles Island (land)
- 4 New Hanover and Green counties (land)
- 5 Tennessee and Louisiana (land)
- 6 Miscellaneous items
 - Greek text (Herodotus's History)
 - Poetry book (John Gay)

Finding Aids:

- Main Entry Card
- Autograph Cards
 - Turner, Josiah, 1867
 - Waddell, Hu[gh], 1755
 - Worth, Jonathan, 1867

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Finding Aids (Cont'd.)

Date Cards

1873-1877
1881-1886

Geographic Cards

Louisiana, 1837, 1846
Maryland, 1857-1886
North Carolina, Brunswick County, 1762-1839
North Carolina, Orange County, 1780-1837
Tennessee, 1832-1835

Subject Cards

Buchoi plantation, 1810-1839
Burgwin, John, 1762, 1782-1783
Corwin, Thomas, 1851
Eagles Island, 1762-1839
Moore, [Judge] Alfred, Brunswick County, 1785, 1810
Moore, Alfred, Orange County, 1810, 1839
Moorefields plantation, 1780-1837
[C.S.S.] "Shenandoah," 1865, 1867
[C.S.S.] "Shenandoah" Log Book (2 vols.), (October 20, 1864 -
November 5, 1865)
Stephens, Alexander Hamilton, 1877
Waddell, James Iredell, 1851-1886

See also:

Also on Mfm. — Original log of the "Shenandoah," in two volumes, presented by Edmund B. Inglehart, Lt. USA (ret.), Annapolis, Maryland, nephew of James Iredell Waddell. MILITARY COLLECTION, Civil War Collection, 67-68.
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Ashe, Samuel A., "Captain James Iredell Waddell," The North Carolina Booklet, Vol. 8, October, 1913, pp. 126-142.
Alfred Moore Papers, P.C. 774, Entry Book, Supreme Court, Edenton and Halifax Districts, 1782-1802.

Finding Aid completed by Ellen Z. McGrew, 9 June 1966.

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Note: See map box (located at end of P.C.'s - 8/30/68) - 2 items in folder labeled PC 87: Deed (1810) from Dr. Armond J. DeRosset, Wilmington, to Thomas Cowan and John McCaune, Wilmington, for 100 acres in New Hanover County. Muster list (June-September, 1870) of Company E, 2nd Regiment, North Carolina Troops, Colonel G. W. Kirk, commanding.

See also: James D. Horan (ed.), C.S.S. Shenandoah; the Memoirs of Lieutenant Commanding James I. Waddell, (New York: Crown Publishers, 1960, 97 pp.)

Douglas Southall Freeman, "Journal of Chas. E. Lining, C.S.S. Shenandoah," A Calendar of Confederate Papers (Richmond: Confederate Museum, 1908 .)

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