

Collection: GRAHAM, WILLIAM ALEXANDER, PAPERS
 North Carolina (Hillsborough, Raleigh)
 Washington, D.C.
 Virginia (Richmond)
 1776-1789, 1820-1918

Physical Description: ca. 1600 items. Correspondence, speeches, essays, reports, notes, newspaper clippings, journal, biographical material, pamphlets, envelopes.

Acquisition: Biennial Reports: 1910-1912, Major William A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture and son of Governor Graham donated 496 letters; 1922-1923, Major Graham donated 471 items. Smaller gifts made in 1912-1914 (43 items); 1916-1918 (2 items); 1922-1924 (type-scripts of two letters from Graham to W. L. Herndon, February 15, 1851; papers of Graham as legislator and governor, n.d., of which twenty pieces concern the charter of the N. C. Railroad Company and related legislation, 1848-1849; letter from George W. Graham, April 27, 1906).

Description: William Alexander Graham (1804-1875) was the son of Isabella Davidson and General Joseph Graham of Lincoln County. He graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1824, studied law with Judge Thomas Ruffin in Hillsborough where he settled and opened his law practice in 1828. He married Susannah Sara Washington of New Bern in 1836. He served as state representative, 1833-1840; U. S. senator, 1840-1843; governor, 1845-1849; secretary of the navy, 1850-1852; was Whig candidate for vice-president on the Winfield Scott ticket of 1852; state senator, 1854-1856; delegate to the Secession Convention, 1861; state senator again, 1861-1863; senator in Confederate Congress, 1864-1865; elected U. S. senator, 1866 (not seated); trustee of Peabody Educational Fund, 1867-1875; member of Conservative-Democratic Convention, 1868; leading counsel for managers of impeachment trial of Governor William W. Holden, 1871; one of arbitrators in boundary dispute between Maryland and Virginia, 1874-1875. His seven sons were Joseph, physician, Charlotte; John W., lawyer, Hillsborough; William A., farmer and commissioner of agriculture; James A., lawyer, Washington, D. C.; Robert D., lawyer, Washington, D.C.; George W., physician, Charlotte; Augustus W., lawyer, Oxford. His daughter Susan W. married Walter Clark, chief justice of the N. C. Supreme Court. For additional biographical information see Vol. 1, Papers of William A. Graham, (ed.) J. G. deRoulhac Hamilton, 1957, and General Joseph Graham and His Papers on North Carolina Revolutionary History, William A. Graham (Jr.), 1904, pp. 182-184. See also genealogical chart at end of this description.

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Most of the 320 letters written by Graham himself are to his wife Susan (197 letters, 1836-1875), to his son William A. (38 letters, 1866-1875), and to David L. Swain (18 letters, concentrated in the 1864-1866 years). Ten letters were written by Mrs. Graham. Of special interest are letters from Whig party associates, close friends and relatives; such as, George E. Badger, Charles L. Hinton, Augustine H. Sheppard, Samuel F. Phillips, Augustus S. Merrimon, Daniel Webster, Robert C. Winthrop, John D. Graham, Robert B. Gilliam, William Gaston, Thomas P. Devereux, Kemp P. Battle, and the Rev. Robert Hall Morrison (the first president of Davidson College and the brother-in-law of Graham and the father-in-law of "Stonewall" Jackson). Outstanding correspondence is between Graham and David L. Swain, his mentor, and those governors for whom Graham himself became a confidant--Zebulon B. Vance and Jonathan Worth. Of special interest are Governor Vance's letters of August 13, August 19, August 24, 1863, and January 1, 1864, [not published] which deal specifically with his attitude toward the "peace movement." Several of the notes from President Millard Fillmore are merely invitations. Much of the correspondence deals with antebellum Whig politics, secession, the war, and reconstruction problems. Some of the initiating letters or replies for the correspondence of 1845-1848 in this collection are in Graham's official papers, both in the governors letter books (GLB 36-38) and in the incoming papers (GP 109-122). See Calendar of Governors Papers (indexed) in Search Room.

Autograph cards have been made for every letter in this collection; however, the listing in this description under Finding Aids, "Autograph Cards" gives only correspondents who wrote at least two letters, with some exceptions; for example, an 1845 letter from Brigham Young in which he seeks asylum for his persecuted followers is included.

There are a number of speeches as well as drafts and notes for speeches, letters to the editor, etc., both in Graham's handwriting and in typescripts copied from newspapers and other sources. Many of these are specifically listed under Arrangement of Papers.

Graham's father Joseph wrote several narratives of Revolutionary war battles based on his own service in the war and on accounts culled from other veterans. A few items probably belonging to Joseph Graham are in this collection: a narrative of the Battle of Kings Mountain (published in General Joseph Graham and His Papers on North Carolina Revolutionary History), a copy of the N. C. Constitution of 1776, and the journals of the Conventions of 1788 and 1789, to which Joseph Graham was a delegate. His son William A. continued the family interest in the history of the Revolution in North Carolina--writing and speaking on the subject, even as far away as the New York Historical Society meeting in 1853. William A. Graham, Jr. was more interested in compiling the history of the Graham family. He and his brothers researched their father's role as secretary of the navy in federal records and as governor and legislator in state records. [Note: Graham's name was omitted in Francis Hawks' account of Perry's expedition to Japan.] A body of

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research notes, both manuscript and typescript, has survived. Much of this material has been incorporated in the biographical sketch of William A. Graham by Frederic Nash in Vol. I of the published papers. From federal records there are a few copies of correspondence concerning the orders for Commodore Matthew C. Perry's expedition to Japan and Lt. William L. Herndon's exploration of the valley of the Amazon River. For the variety of topics in the collection see contents of boxes 10-14 listed under Arrangement of Papers and "Subject Cards" listed under Finding Aids in this description, as well as the prefatory material and indexes to the published volumes.

To date, six volumes of The Papers of William A. Graham, 1825-1865, have been published, utilizing primarily Graham's private papers from the collections in the State Archives and in the Southern Historical Collection at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. This collection (P.C. 61) has a total of 1090 letters, of which 773 are from the 1825-1865 period. Of these 773 letters, 474 are in the published volumes.

Arrangement of Papers:

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| PC 61.1 | Correspondence, 1824-1839 |
| 61.2 | Correspondence, 1840-1841 |
| 61.3 | Correspondence, 1842-1849 |
| 61.4 | Correspondence, 1850-1851 |
| 61.5 | Correspondence, 1852-1859 |
| 61.6 | Correspondence, 1860-1864 |
| 61.7 | Correspondence, 1865-1866 |
| 61.8 | Correspondence, 1867-1872 |
| 61.9 | Correspondence, 1873-1875, 1884-1885, 1898, 1901-1918, n.d. |
| *61.10 | Speeches, reports, essays, letters-to-editor, notes, etc., 1820-1856, by William A. Graham. |
| *61.11 | Speeches, reports, essays, letters-to-editor, notes, etc., 1860-1875, n.d., by William A. Graham. |

*Occasionally a typescript copy (in addition to the manuscript) has been left in the papers to assist the researcher in deciphering Graham's handwriting.

Arrangement of Papers: (PC 61.10-61.14) (continued)

- PC 61.10
(cont'd) Graham's speeches, reports, letters-to-editor, notes, etc., 1820-1856 (cont'd)
N. C. House of Commons, 1833-1840:
- (fdr. 3) [1833] Eulogy, Henry S. Ellenwood, 2pp., n.d. Ellenwood was an essayist, poet, and editor of the Wilmington Advertiser who died April 2, 1833.
- (fdr. 4) [1833] Report re Romulus M. Saunders holding two offices (state & federal--attorney general of North Carolina and member of committee on French Spoliations), typescript, 2pp.
- (fdr. 5) 1835 Speech: "Mr. Graham's Speech on the Resolutions to Instruct [U.S. Senator] Mr. Mangum," typescript, 39pp.
- (fdr. 6) 1836 Report of Judiciary Committee re public and private acts of General Assembly, typescript, 6pp.
- [1836] Speech and notes re credit and banks, ref. Charles Fisher's bill, autograph, 17pp. [some typescript copies]*
- (fdr. 7) 1837 Report re surplus revenues [federal], typescript, 10pp.
- (fdr. 8) [1839] Resolutions: N. C. Whigs supporting Henry Clay as candidate for president, National Convention, Harrisburg, December, 1839.
- (fdr. 9) 1841 Eulogy, death of President William H. Harrison, April 4, 1841, manuscript, 4pp.
- (fdr. 10) 1842 Speech in U. S. Senate on Loan Bill, printed, 12pp.
- 1842 Speech in U. S. Senate on Districting Clause of Apportionment Bill, printed, 12pp.

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Arrangement of Papers: (PC 61.10-61.14) (continued)

- PC 61.10
(cont'd) Graham's speeches, reports, letters-to-editor, notes, etc.,
1820-1856 (cont'd)
Governor of N. C., 1845-1849
- (fdr. 11) 1845 Inaugural Address, typescript, 14pp.
1845 Letter-to-editor re pardoning power, typescript, 2pp.
- (fdr. 12) 1846 Message to General Assembly, 1846-1847, printed, 32pp.
[1846] Editorial, Campaign of 1846, typescript, 1p.
- (fdr. 13) 1847 Inaugural Address, typescript, 1pp.
1847 Message to General Assembly with correspondence between governor and War Department re Mexican War, November-December, 1846, printed, 26pp.
- (fdr. 14) 1848 Message to N. C. Senate re state's railroad liabilities, printed, 11pp.
[1848] Response to newspaper article, Raleigh Register, May 6, 1848, defending choice of officers for state's regiment in War with Mexico, manuscript, 12pp.
- (fdr. 15) 1849 Speech: Acknowledgment for reception of Graham's return to Hillsborough after term as governor, manuscript, 6pp. (and typescript).
1849 Speech to the two literary societies, University of North Carolina, printed, 16pp.

Secretary of the Navy, 1850-1852

- (fdr. 16) 1850 Opinion on power of president with respect to New Mexico, manuscript, 9pp. (and typescript).
1850 Annual report of secretary of the navy to the president, printed, 8pp.
- (fdr. 17) 1851 Report of secretary of the navy to the president of the senate recommending transfer of coastal survey from Treasury to Navy Department, typescript, 14pp.
1851 Annual Report of secretary of the navy to the president, typescript, 18pp.

Arrangement of Papers: (PC 61.10-61.14) (continued)

- PC 61.10
(cont'd) Graham's speeches, reports, letters-to-editor, notes, etc., 1820-1856 (cont'd)
Secretary of the Navy, 1850-1852 (cont'd)
- (fdr.' 18) [ca.1851] Notes re claims for losses in War of 1812 by Florida residents; list of claimants; list of cases in Florida Court under treaty of 1819; "Report of Solicitor of the Treasury on the Case of Reddin Blunt for Losses of Property in East Florida in 1812 and 1813," Treasury Dept., Solicitor's Office, March 7, 1851, 34pp. [Graham, interim acting secretary of treasury, March 15, 1851. See letters from D. L. Yulee]
- (fdr. 19) 1852 Report of the Secretary of the Navy to the president of the senate re routes (sea lanes) esp. China and Japan Seas with additional material copied from letter book in Navy Department (re Hungarian exile General Kossuth; a fugitive slave in Boston; John Howard Payne, U. S. Consul at Tunis, etc.), typescript, 6pp. See also correspondence copied from Navy Department records in PC 61.4 (folder 7) and 61.5 (folder 9).
- N. C. Senate, 1854-1856, 1862-1863
- (fdr. 20) 1854 Speech in N. C. senate re ammendment to N. C. constitution to revoke the freehold requirement to vote for senators, printed, 29pp.
- (fdr. 21) 1856 Notes for speech, presidential campaign, supporting Fillmore, the candidate of the American Party [Know-Nothings].
- PC 60.11 Graham's Speeches, reports, letters-to-editor, notes, etc., 1860-1875, n.d.
- (fdr. 1) 1860 Notes for political canvass, May 11, 1861, manuscript, 2pp. (also typescript); manuscript, 1pp.
- (fdr. 2) 1860 Summary [from newspaper?], mass meeting, Hillsborough, December 26, 1869.
- (fdr. 3) 1861 Letter-to-editor, February 5, 1861, broadside, 1p.

Arrangement of Papers: (PC 61.10-61.14) (continued)

- PC 61.11
(cont'd) Graham's Speeches, reports, letters-to-editor, notes, etc., 1860-1875, n.d. (cont'd)
- (fdr. 4) 1861 Political speech, and notes re election as delegate to secession convention, ca. February 28, 1861.
- (fdr. 5) 1861 Speech to citizens of Hillsborough, typescript, (Raleigh) Standard, May 11, 1861.
- (fdr. 6) 1861 Ordinance to provide for disposition of state troops and volunteers raised under Act of May 10, 1861, introduced by W. A. Graham at convention of June, 1861, printed, 3pp.
- Resolution to refer part of constitution to committees, presented by Graham in state convention, November, 1861, 2pp.
- (fdr. 7) 1861 Speech on ordinance concerning test oaths and sedition, convention, December, 1861, printed, 31pp.
- (fdr. 8) 1862 Ordinance to call convention to revise and amend state constitution, May, 1862, printed, 1p.
- (fdr. 9) 1863 Notes for bill re funding Confederate currency, ca. July, 1863, manuscript, 2pp. (and typescript).

Confederate Senate in Richmond, 1864-1865

- (fdr. 10) 1864 Newspaper account of Graham's speech on the suspension of habeas corpus, May, 1864, (Richmond Whig and Examiner), typescript, 2pp.
- Newspaper editorial re Graham's attitude toward peace resolutions in N. C. legislature, November, 1864.
- (fdr. 11) 1865 Resolution [Confederate] senate for negotiated peace [ca. March, 1865?] (3 versions in Graham's hand). See footnote 83, The Papers of William A. Graham, Vol. VI. See also correspondence between Graham and Jefferson Davis through Professor W. P. Johnston, 1874.

Arrangement of Papers: (PC 61.10-61.14) (continued)

- PC 61.11
(cont'd) Graham's Speeches, reports, letters-to-editor, notes, etc., 1860-1875, n.d. (cont'd)
U. S. Senate (not seated), Conservative Convention, Impeachment Trial, etc.
- (fdr. 12) 1865 Notes for anti-Holden speech in gubernatorial campaign of November-December, 1865 (Holden vs. Worth), manuscript, 2pp. (and typescript).
- (fdr. 13) 1866 Excerpts from National Intelligencer: correspondence William A. Graham and Senator William P. Fessenden of Maine, "Reconstruction Committee in Congress," re seating of southern congressmen, letters from January-March, 1866, typescript, 12pp. Also letter from Maj. Henry C. Lawrence, agent of Freedman's Bureau in Fayetteville, February 18, 1866.
- (fdr. 14) 1867 Legal opinion re mortgage of North Carolina Railroad Company, December 31, 1867, manuscript, 11pp.
[Newspaper] account of speech, February 6, 1867, typescript.
- (fdr. 15) 1868 Speech re being called to preside over Conservative Convention, Tucker Hall, Raleigh, February 5, 1868, printed, 19pp. Also editorial comment on speech.
- (fdr. 16) 1868 Closing remarks of Graham at adjournment of Conservative Convention, February 6, 1868, typescript, 2pp.
- (fdr. 17) [1868] Memorial to U. S. Senate, claiming seat to which he was elected for term March 4, 1865-March 4, 1871, manuscript fragment, 4pp. [Note: Republican Senators John Pool and Joseph C. Abbot were seated July 17, 1868]
- (fdr. 18) 1871 Impeachment trial of Governor William W. Holden, Graham's argument against admission of proof of existence of KKK, 9th day of trial, February 6, 1871, typescript, 14pp.
- (fdr. 19) 1871 Impeachment trial, argument, 11th day of trial, February 8, 1871, typescript, 43pp.
- (fdr. 20) 1871 Impeachment trial, final argument, 38th day, March 15, 1871, typescript, 63pp. and manuscript notes, 9pp.
- (fdr. 21) 1874 Letter-to-editor, Sentinel, December 15, 1874, typescript, 12pp., favoring a constitutional convention.

Arrangement of Papers: (PC 61.10-61.14) (continued)

- PC 61.11
(cont'd) Graham's Speeches, reports, letters-to-editor, notes, etc. 1860-1875, n.d. (cont'd)
U. S. Senate (not seated), Conservative Convention, Impeachment Trial, etc.
- (fdr. 21) 1875 Acceptance of nomination to constitutional convention, addressed to people of Orange County, broadside printed by Daily News Print, Raleigh, July 17, 1875 [Graham died at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., August 11, 1875.]
(cont'd)
- (PC 61.12) Documents, miscellaneous, 1776-1861
- (fdr. 1) Broadside, "Conservative Mass Meeting, in Statesville, Tuesday, 7th April [1868]" Thomas S. Ashe, conservative candidate for Governor.
- (fdr. 2) Programs, commencement, University of North Carolina, June 10, 1824, and June 3, 1847.
- (fdr. 3) The Constitution or Form of Government, Agreed to and Resolved upon by the Representatives of the Freemen of the State of North-Carolina, Halifax, December 18, 1776. (Philadelphia: F. Bailey in Market-Street, 1779), 16pp., silked.
- (fdr. 4) The Journal of the Convention of North-Carolina, Hillsborough, July 21 - August 2, 1788, [To ratify U. S. Constitution], no publication information, last four pages (pp. 13-16) are xerox copies, mounted in gray binder.
- (fdr. 5) Journal of the Convention of the State of North-Carolina Fayetteville, November 16-23, 1789, (Edenton: Hodge & Wills, printers to the state, n.d.), 16pp., laminated.
- (fdr. 6) Ordinances: A resolution of separation based on revolution presented by George E. Badger at Seccession Convention, May 20, 1861, typescript, 3pp. Ordinances and Resolutions passed by State Convention, June, 1861, printed, 48pp.; ordinance to define and punish sedition presented by Kenneth Rayner, State Convention, November, 1861, printed, 1p.

Arrangement of Papers: (PC 61.10-61.14). (continued)

- PC 61.12
(cont'd)
- Graham's Speeches, reports, letters-to-editor, notes, etc., 1860-1875, n.d. (cont'd)
Documents, miscellaneous, 1776-1861
- (fdr. 7)
- Journal of [Dr.] John Graham, 1776-1786 (passim), 4½" x
(1) Militia duty with 19 other students from Queen's Museum, Charlotte, to quell Highlanders at Cross Creek, February 17-March 12, 1776, 5pp. (2) "Journal of an Expedition," with Captain Carter's Company, Colonel Singleton's Regiment which joined General Williamson near Augusta, Georgia, for action against the British [and Indians], mostly in South Carolina, February 21-July 4, 1779, 33pp. with drawings. [Note: these portions were published in The Southern Home, Charlotte, 1874]. (3) Itinerary of trip from Charlotte to Rappahanock Court House, Virginia, September 21-25, 1780. (4) Itinerary of journey from Blanford, Virginia, to Philadelphia, April 22-May 18, 1784, 4pp. (5) Accounts of expenses in Philadelphia where Graham studied medicine and tutored children, 1784-1786, 8pp. and account of income, 1785-1786, 4pp. (6) Itinerary of trip from head of Elk to Charleston, Maryland, September, 1786; and (7) Vital Statistics, 1763-1779, 1p.
- (fdr. 8)
- Protest against bill in General Assembly [1816]
"declaring valid the proceedings of the subscribers for improving the Navigation of the River Roanoke & its Waters," signed "Geo. Badger and others," manuscript copy (?), 3pp. [George Badger served one term from borough of New Bern in 1816]
- PC 61.13
- Pamphlets and Newspaper Clippings, 1823-1895, n.d.
- 1823 Catalog of the Faculty and Students of the University of North Carolina, September 1, 1823 (Raleigh: J. Gales & Son, 1823), 15pp.
- 1833 A Sermon delivered at the University of North Carolina by Rev. William Hooper (Wilmington: Messenger Steam Job Presses, 1890), 16pp.
- 1833 Journal of the Internal Improvement Convention, Raleigh, July, 1833, together with the Address of the Committee of that Body to the Citizens of North Carolina (Raleigh: Joseph Gales & Son, 1833), 24pp.

Arrangement of Papers: (PC 61.10-61.14) (continued)

- PC 61.13
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- Pamphlets and Newspaper Clippings, n.d. (cont'd)
- 1834 Message of the Governor [David L. Swain] to the General Assembly, at the Commencement of the Session, November 17, 1834. (Raleigh: Lawrence & Lemay, 1834), 14pp.
- [1835] Professor Hooper's Address delivered before The Literary Society of Pittsborough, (Hillsboro: Dennis Heartt, 1835), 24pp.
- 1839 Message of the President (M. Van Buren) of the United States to both Houses of Congress at the commencement of the First Session, The Twenty-Sixth Congress (Washington: Blair and Rives, 1839), 15pp.
- 1845 Address of the Delegates of the Native American National Convention, Philadelphia, July 4, 1845, to the Citizens of the United States, 12pp.
- 1847 The True Origin and Source of the Mecklenburg and National Declaration of Independence delivered by the Rev. Thomas Smyth to his congregation on July 4, 1847. (Columbia, S. C.: I. C. Morgan, 1847), 29pp.
- [ca. 1849] The Coalition of the Democracy and the Abolitionists in Opposition to the Administration of Gen. Taylor, n.p., n.d., 8pp.
- 1850 Report on Escheats to the Trustees of the University of North Carolina by B. F. Moore, chairman of a select committee. (Raleigh: Seaton Gales, 1851), 12pp.
- 1851 Eulogy on the Hon. Levi Woodbury, Portsmouth, N. H., October 16, 1851, by Hon. Robert Rantoul, Jr., (Portsmouth: C. W. Brewster & Son, 1852), 40pp.
- [1852] Circuit Court of the United States for the District of North Carolina: Gilbert Potter & Edward Kidder vs. Platt K. Dickinson, et al. Answer of Respondents for Defendants (P. K. Dickinson, Robert H. Cowan, Thomas O. D. Walker) by Wm. H. Haywood, Jr., Wm. A. Graham, and Wm. A. Wright. (Philadelphia: John C. Robb, 1850), 38pp.

Arrangement of Papers: (PC 61.10-61.14) (continued)PC 61.13
(cont'd)Pamphlets and Newspaper Clippings, 1823-1895, n.d.

- 1855 Celebration of the Battle of King's Mountain, [Yorkville, S. C.] October, 1855, and the Address of the Hon. John S. Preston. Together with the proceedings of the meetings and accompanying documents. (Yorkville, S. C.: Miller & Melton, 1855), 108pp.
- 1861 "Report of the Committee on the Ordinance Respecting Oaths," presented by Asa Biggs, State Convention--Ad. Ses., November, 1861, printed, 4pp.
- 1870 A Report of the Proceedings in the Habeas Corpus Cases, on the petitions of Adolphus G. Moore et al, Alamance County and of John Kerr et al, Caswell County, before the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina; and in the cases of the same petitioners before the District Judge of the United States, Salisbury and later Raleigh; and also in the case of Lieut. Colonel Burgen before the U. S. Circuit Judge, 4th Circuit, N. C. Prepared by William H. Battle, late judge of the Supreme Court of North Carolina (Raleigh: Nichols & Gorman, 1870), 142pp.
- 1875 "Lives and Characters of the Signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, May 20, 1775." Delivered by John Hill Wheeler, Charlotte, May 24, 1875. (Charlotte: Mecklenburg Historical Society, 1875), 16pp.
- 1875 Proceedings of the Trustees of the Peabody Education Fund, Annual meeting, New York, October 6, 1875. Also annual report of their general agent, Dr. Barnas Sears. (Cambridge: Peabody Education Fund, 1875), 55pp.
- 1889 In Memoriam. Wilmington's Tribute of Respect to Ex-President Jefferson Davis. Containing exercises of memorial services, December 11, 1889. Mr. Davis's letter to the Fayetteville Committee, and Mr. Davis's reply to General Wolseley. (Wilmington: Confederate Veteran Association, New Hanover County, 1890), 36pp.
- n.d. Pamphlet, Cyclorama of the Battle of Gettysburg by Paul Philippoteaux, Baltimore, n.d., 40pp. [1890s?]

Arrangement of Papers: (PC 61.10-61.14) (continued)PC 61.13
(cont'd)Pamphlets and Newspaper Clippings, 1823-1895, n.d.

- n.d. Supreme Court of the United States. In Equity, No. 119. Theodore Olcott against Charles Wilkes and others. Plaintiff's Brief. W. A. Graham, solicitor and counsel for plaintiff. (Washington, D. C.: Person Printer, n.d. [1868+?]) [re mortgage on property once belonging to "The High Schoal Manufacturing Company" and sold to Philip W. Groot of New York, 1854. Land in Lincoln, Gaston, and Cleveland counties on south fork of Catawba river. 43pp.
- n.d. Supreme Court of the United States, No. 408. Brief of Plaintiff in error. William A. Graham, attorney and counsel. Nathan B. Hill, administrator of Samuel Hill, Plaintiff in error vs. Cyrus Mendenhall, n.p., n.d.

Newspaper clippings, 1851-1865, 1895

Topics: U. S. Navy; politics; secession in Tennessee; trial of underage enlistee in New York; senate session, January 26, 1863; defense of the Reverend R. J. Graves in the N. C. Senate, 1863; candidates for governor, 1865; case re William Reynolds on habeas corpus in New York, 1867 (deserted from Union army); N. C. supreme court and politics, 1869; Confederate spy, Belle Boyd (Feb. 10, 1895); carrier's poem to the patrons of the Hillsboro Recorder, December 25, 1875; Jamie Land, a Scotsman of Wilmington who enlisted in N. C. Troops as bugler at age 51; Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence (1873).

PC 61.14

Biographical material and miscellaneous notes.

(fdr. 1-7)

William A. Graham: Compiled biographical material by William A. Graham, Jr. Memorial Oration, "Life and Character of the Hon. William A. Graham" delivered by Montford McGehee before the North Carolina Supreme Court, June 8, 1876 (Raleigh: News Job Office, 1877), 83pp. Also published in Volume I, The Papers of William A. Graham, 1825-1837. Eulogies, newspaper clippings (18) on the death of Graham, August 12, 1875. Many manuscript notes on Graham's activities as legislator, governor, U. S. senator, secretary of the navy, etc., written by Graham's sons.

Arrangement of Papers: (PC 61.10-61.14) (continued)

PC 61.14 Biographical material and miscellaneous notes (cont'd)
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(fdr. 8) Joseph Graham: Autobiographical sketch, manuscript, 2pp. List of slaves (18) with birth dates, 1787-1836. See also his narrative account of the Battle of Kings Mountain enclosed in letter from Robert H. Morrison, February 18, 1856.

(fdr. 9) George Graham: Biographical sketch, typescript, 8pp. Also biographical fragment by his brother Joseph, 1p.

(fdr. 10) Graham's notes on "Archibald Murphey's Historical Writings and Materials", believed to have been prepared in 1845 for Governor Swain's use, manuscript, 7pp. Published in The Papers of Archibald D. Murphey, edited by W. H. Hoyt (Raleigh: Historical Commission, 1914), Vol. II, pp. 413-418.

Catalog of Murphey's materials for "The History of North Carolina," manuscript, 3pp. Published in The Papers of Archibald D. Murphey, II, 419-420.

"Memoir of Archibald D. Murphey" by William A. Graham, n.d., typescript, 20pp. Published in North Carolina University Magazine, X (1860-1861), 1-12; reprinted in The Papers of Archibald D. Murphey, ed. W. H. Hoyt, 1914.

(fdr. 11-13) Miscellaneous: Typescripts of letters published in Cornelia P. Spencer's The Last Ninety Days of the War in North Carolina, 1866; typescripts of addresses at presentation of portraits of William A. Graham and John Washington Graham, 1967; prohibition laws, 1603-1879 [very few listed]; speech by William A. Graham, Jr., commissioner of agriculture, 1908-1937; receipt for assessment of W. A. Graham for \$50.00, April 1, 1860-July 1, 1861, for pastor's salary, Presbyterian Church; notes re Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

Finding Aids

Main Entry Card

Geographic Cards

Wake County, Raleigh
Orange County, Hillsborough
Richmond, Virginia
Washington, D. C.

Date Cards

1830-1839
1840-1849
1850-1859
1860-1869
1870-1875

AUTOGRAPH CARDS: [PC 61.1-61.9]

Note: The autograph file in the Search Room has a card for each of the 1090 letters in this collection. The following list cites persons who wrote more than one letter with the exception of a few single letters appropriate to this list.

Ashe, Thomas S. (2), 1851, 1866
Badger, George E. (21), 1825-1860
Barringer, Daniel M. (6), 1832-1865
Battle, Kemp P. (10), 1866-1870
Berrien, John M. (3), 1850-1851
Berry, John (4), 1864-1865
Blount, Frederic S. (3), 1831, 1834
Booth, Robert H. (2), 1824, 1834
Bryan, James W. (9), 1839-1842, 1851
Bryan, John H. (2), 1851-1852
Burgwyn, Henry K. (1), 1841
Canby, Edward R. S. (1), 1868
Carroll, Nicholas (2), 1841, 1844
Clay, Henry (3), 1850-1851
Clark, Henry Toole (1), 1862
Clark, Walter (1), 1901
Conrad, Charles M. (2), 1852

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AUTOGRAPH CARDS: [PC 61.1-61.9] (cont'd)

Corwin, Thomas (3), 1851
 Cowles, Andrew C. (1), 1868
 Crittenden, John J., (3), 1841, 1860
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