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Physical Description: c. 775 items; correspondence, commission, deed, receipts, promissory notes, returns, lists, summons, bills of sale, accounts, invitations.

Acquisition: From Biennial Reports; 1912-1914; "from Mr. Jeffreys of Wake County, 39 letters of his father, the late Dr. Jeffreys."

These materials were picked up by E. Vernon Howell and Dr. J.G.DeR. Hamilton from Mrs. R. Walter Jeffreys (Alvarado Ovando Jeffreys Jeffreys) in 1913, and were brought to the Archives by E. V. Howell on July 23, 1913. Receipt noted in the Record of Daily Events that the volume of papers was "a large box of papers", not 39 letters.

Description: William Andrew Jeffreys, born 1817, son of William ("Billy") Jeffreys and Elizabeth Hartsfield of Franklin County; studied law with William H. Haywood of Raleigh; appointed magistrates' county attorney, Franklin County; married Martha Hart Jeffreys, his first cousin, 1840; elected state senator, Franklin County, 1844-1845 session. Died October 3, 1845, at age 28; buried in rock tomb, Franklin County [Historical Marker, E-33]. Three sons were R. Walter, Edward L., and William A.

In addition to the papers of William A. Jeffreys there are items concerning his father, wife, and sons; as well as those of his uncle, Robert N. Jeffreys of Wake County and his children. Other material concerns the Raleigh Academy and the Hunter family of Wake County.

William Andrew Jeffreys, 40 items (1837-1845); militia commission; court papers; statements referring to disposition of public lands, protective tariff, national bank; state election returns, Franklin County, 1844; circular to constituents of David S. Reid, 1845; minutes on election of speaker of house, General Assembly, 1844; resolutions concerning delegates to National Democratic Convention, Baltimore, 1844, in handwriting of Romulus M. Saunders. Of special interest are two letters from William W. Holden: (1) April, 1843, letter states the 25-year old Holden needs 100 acres to meet qualifications for [Democratic] candidate for House of Commons, "I am thoroughly democratic in my sentiments; and have been for some time," and cites objections to the possibility of Perrin Busbee's becoming the next editor of The Standard [Holden was named editor the next month]; and (2) March, 1844, concerns political plans of James Biddle Shepard [Wake County legislator, 1842-1846; and Democratic candidate for governor, 1846]. Other political letters are those of Perrin Busbee, John R. J. Daniels, Romulus M. Saunders, James B. Shepard, and Carter Braxton Harrison.

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Papers of immediate family: William ("Billy") Jeffreys, 7 items (1822-1861), notes and receipts; Martha Hart Jeffreys, 21 items (1835-1863), invitations (Governor's tea, cotillion, etc.), dressmaker's receipt, proposal, family letters, receipts, and notes; R[obert] Walter Jeffreys, 29 items (1860-1874), receipts and notes; Edward Livingston Jeffreys, student at Chapel Hill, 3 items (1860-1861), letter of recommendation and family letters; William A. ("Polk") Jeffreys, student Hillsboro Military Academy and soldier 41st Regiment, N.C.T., 8 items (1863-1883), family correspondence and merchants' accounts.

Papers of the Robert N. Jeffreys family of Wake County include the following: Robert N. Jeffreys, Sr., 191 items (1803-1838), consisting almost exclusively of promissory notes and receipts for such items as taxes, clothes, land surveys, French brandy, groceries, saddlebags, military feather, lute string, Negro hire, pork, chimney and oven, Morocco slippers, etc. There are references to the division of the estate of Jacob Hunter, expenses to Fayetteville, doctor's visits, newspaper subscriptions, tuition for children, horse breeding, cotton crops, salt, and weeding hoes. These notes and receipts include the names of many of the business and professional men in the early days of Raleigh; such as, John S. Raboteau, William Peck, James Coman, William Glendenning, William Peace, Isaac Hunter, John Rex, Fabius J. Haywood, Calvin Jones, and William White.

Gilly Hunter Jeffreys (Mrs. Robert N.), 14 items (1826-1868), receipts, agreement; Robert N. Jeffreys, Jr., 1 item (1848), notice of sale of 962 acres in Wake County (prior to moving to Texas); James Grey Jeffreys, 5 items (1835-1847), note for \$10,000 to Bank of North Carolina at Raleigh (1836), letters regarding mysterious death of one of his slaves in Alabama (1835); John Osborne Jeffreys, 3 items (1850-1852), description of trip from New York to Memphis enroute to Arkansas.

William David Jeffreys, 10 items (1831-1855), receipts and correspondence referring to cock fighting in Wake County (1833) and farming in Alabama (1836). The 1850 letters describe crossing the isthmus of Panama by mule and canoe, clerking in an exchange house in San Francisco, and prospecting for gold near Shasta. There is also a letter from William H. High, Saltillo, Mexico (1848) referring to the court of inquiry for General John E. Wool and Colonel Robert T. Paine and noting that the "prevailing opinion here that the opposition to the administration has and will prolong the war."

Dr. Jacob Hunter Jeffreys, 73 items (1829-1845), tuition receipts, Hillsboro Academy (1830-1831); expenses and letter from Chapel Hill (1831-1833); medical book list and hotel bill, Philadelphia (1834); accounts with Raleigh merchants (S. M. Barbee & Co., W. H. Holloman, William White, S. L. Tucker, T. R. Fentress, E. Hall & Co.); rent receipt for office near governor's mansion (1841-\$52.50), receipt, 5,000 shingles

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Dr. Jacob Hunter Jeffreys (Con't)

(May, 1842), terms for renting his home on Fayetteville Street (November, 1842 - \$125.00), board bills with Hannah [Casso] Stuart (1839-1842), memorial resolutions of Raleigh Guards and City Council on Dr. Jeffrey's death, 1845.

Hunter Family, 64 items (1786-1832), deed (1786) for 401 acres, Wake County, Isaac to Jacob Hunter; bills of sale for slaves in North Carolina and Virginia (1821-1827), promissory notes and receipts, court orders, appointments.

Raleigh Academy, 51 items (1804-1821), relative to financial matters handled by William Peace, treasurer of board of trustees; subscribers' lists and tuition lists, bank bonds, fire insurance, correspondence from parents and guardians concerning tuition. Most items have been published in Charles L. Coon's N. C. Schools and Academies, 1790-1840, where they are attributed to the Pittman Papers.

Miscellaneous items include a few High family papers, two notes to Simeon G. Jeffreys, an account of Clarke & Jeffreys, Raleigh cotton brokers (1843), a chattel mortgage in Franklin County (1874), and several fragments.

Arrangement of Papers:

- P.C. 66.1 Robert N. Jeffreys, Sr. and Gilly Hunter Jeffreys
- 66.2 William A. Jeffreys and Martha Hart Jeffreys, sons and first cousins.
- 66.3 Hunter Family
- Raleigh Academy
- Miscellaneous

Copybook of Wm. A. Jeffreys, Franklin Academy (incl. return of the Academy, 1830-1831) 13 June 1899

Finding Aids:

- Main Entry Card
- Date Cards
 - 1803-1809
 - 1810-1819
 - 1820-1829
 - 1830-1839
 - 1840-1849
 - 1850-1855
- Geographic Cards
 - Franklin County
 - Wake County
 - Alabama
 - California
 - Mexico

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Autograph Cards

Busbee, Perrin
Daniel, J[ohn] R. J.
Gilliam, Rob[ert] B.
Harris, James
Harrison, Carter B[raxton]
Haywood, F[abius] J[ulius]
Haywood, Sam R.
Henry, L[ouis] D.
High, W[illiam] H.
Holden, W[illiam] W[oods]
Hubbard, F[ordyce] M.
Hunt, J. W.
Jones, C[alvin]
Jones, Seth
Joyner, W. H.
Peace, W[illiam]
Rogers, Sion H[art]
Roles, Robert R.
Saunders, R[omulus] M[itchell]
Shepard, James B.
Turner, Simon
Ward, Edw[ar]d

Subject Cards

ALABAMA--Montgomery, 1837
BUSEEE, PERRIN--opinion of W. W. Holden, 1843
CALIFORNIA--Gold Rush--1850
CARTERET COUNTY--Wreck Master, 1844
CLAY, HENRY--references to, 1844
CLOTHING AND DRESS--suit, Chapel Hill, 1831
EDUCATION--Private Schools--Tutor, 1826
--Raleigh Academy (1804-1821)
--N. C. Literary, Scientific & Military
Academy, 1844
ELECTIONS--U. S. Senate, 1842
--Democratic Party, 1838
--Franklin County, 1844
FRANKLIN COUNTY--Democratic Association, Constitution, 1844
HAWKINS, PHILEMON--Disturbing the peace, 1836
HOLDEN, WILLIAM WOODS--Political opinions, 1843
HOME ECONOMICS--Recipes for biscuits etc., c. 1837
IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION--Texas, 1848
--California, 1850, 1855
--Alabama, 1835-1837
JONES, KIMBROUGH--reference to, 1836
LAW AND LAWYERS--Witnessing--doctors' travel, 1844
--Gambling--trial, Franklin County, 1839
N. C.--General Assembly--Speaker of House, selection, 1844
POLITICS--Democratic Party--Franklin and Wake counties, 1843
--Campaign, 1843-1844
--Circular, 1844
--Satire of a victory, 1838
--Annexation of Texas, importance
to cotton, 1844
--National, 1845

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PEACE, WILLIAM--Treasurer--Raleigh Academy, 1804-1821

PUBLICATIONS--The Democratic Signal, 1843

The Standard, 1843

RALEIGH--Receipts--Merchants, artisans, etc., 1804-1845

--Raleigh Academy--Subscription lists, 1804-1818

REID, DAVID S.--Political circular, 1845

SHEPARD, JAMES B.--Political plans, 1844

SLAVERY--Mysterious death of slave in Alabama, 1835

--Letter from slave--hire of, 1853

--Slave trader, 1821-1827, 1836

--Essay on slavery, UNC, c. 1831

--Unlawful sale of liquor to slave, 1840

SPORTS--Gamecock fighting, 1833

--Horse racing--breeding, 1845

TRAVEL--Panama, 1850

--North Carolina to Alabama, 1837

TRANSPORTATION--Roads--Louisburg--Raleigh, 1843

WAKE COUNTY--Deed, 1786--Isaac Hunter to Jacob Hunter

--Receipts--Raleigh merchants and professional men,
1804-1883

WAR--CREEK INDIANS, 1836

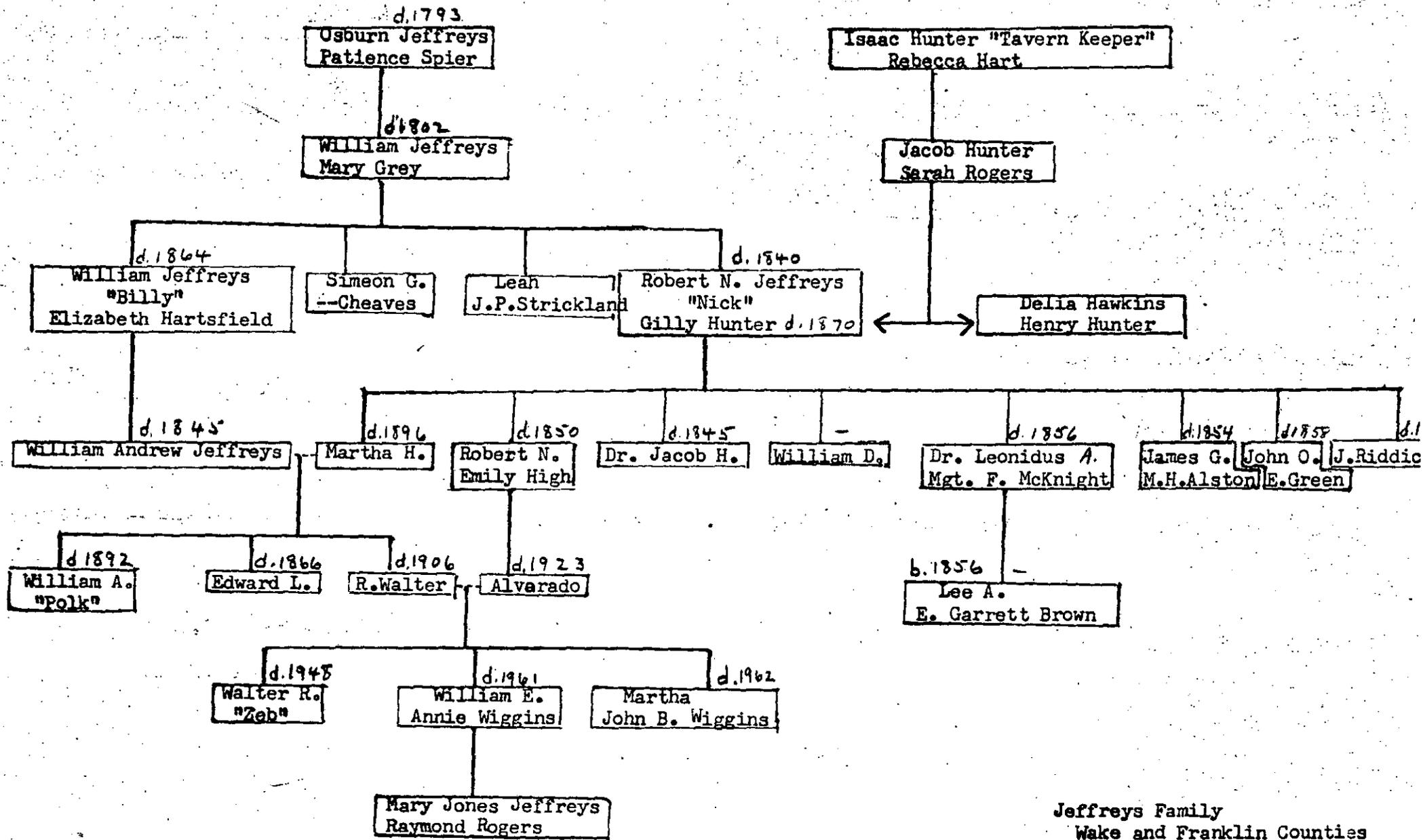
--MEXICAN, 1848

WILLIAMS, ALFRED--Reference to, 1836

See also

P.C. 1232 Mary Jeffreys Rogers Collection

Finding Aid completed by Ellen Z. McGrew, 15 November 1967.



Jeffreys Family
Wake and Franklin Counties

PRIVATE COLLECTIONS WORK SHEET

NUMBER: PC.66.3

NAME OF COLLECTION: William Andrew JEFFREYS and Family Papers

DATES: 1828

ACQUISITION INFORMATION: Gift, Mary Jeffreys Rogers, August 16, 1993

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Leatherbound, duodecimo volume; of 286 pages

HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION:

The American Chesterfield, or Way to Wealth, Honour, and Distinction; being selections from the Letters of Lord Chesterfield to his Son ... with alterations and additions suited to the youth of the United States, by a Member of the Philadelphia Bar. Philadelphia: John Grigg, 1828. 286p.

Autographed on flyleaf, W. A. Jeffreys' Book this 15 June 1831 A.D.

WORK SHEET

NUMBER: PC.66.2

NAME OF COLLECTION: William Andrew JEFFREYS and Family Papers - ADDITION

DATES: 1834

ACQUISITION INFORMATION: Received, probably on Feb. 7, 1931, and long stored with the Weldon Nathaniel Edwards Papers (PC.43) but now transferred to the Jeffreys Papers (PC.66).

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: One volume, disbound, formerly of 46 numbered pages of which pages 3-4 and 43-44 are now lacking.

HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION: James Grey Jeffreys (1814-1854), son of Robert Nicholas Jeffreys and his wife Gillie Hunter, lived at Vine Hill about seven miles north of Raleigh in St. Matthews District, Wake County. Here he kept a blacksmith's shop, shoeing horses and attending to the blacksmithing needs of his neighbors--sharpening and repointing farm tools, mending hames, tiring and re-tiring the wheels of farm vehicles, and so forth. These pages are from a small ledger of accounts that ran from the beginning of the year until harvest time in 1834 (generally from January to late August, though a few accounts ran until November). The accounts are not alphabetically arranged, nor is there an index to them. There is a single sheet reporting Jeffreys's expenses in late October and November, 1835, and, on the reverse, his cotton crop in 1835 and 1836.