Form of material and dates: 1872-1893. Papers of S. Bassett French (1820-1898), judge of Manchester Court, Va. Includes mostly letters to French from fellow Virginians contributing biographical sketches to French’s proposed book, to be entitled The Annals of Prominent Virginians of the XIXth Century. Also includes speeches, legal documents, and letters recommending French to various positions, including Clerk in the House of Representatives and District Attorney of the Eastern District of Virginia.

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S. BASSETT FRENCH PAPERS II

Folder 1. 6 May 1879-30 May 1879. Letters to Hon. S. Randall, Speaker of the House of Representatives, recommending S. Bassett French for a clerical position in the House of Representatives. Includes letters of support addressed to S. B. French from his friends and colleagues, as well as an abstract of the recommendations of S. B. French. (22 items)

Folder 2. 18 March 1879-13 June 1879. Letters to Hon. S. Randall, Speaker of the House of Representatives, recommending S. Bassett French for a clerical position in the House of Representatives. Also includes letters of support addressed to S. Bassett French from his friends and colleagues. (27 items)

Folder 3. 1 Dec[ember] 1883-22 M[arch] 1889. Letters of support to S. Bassett French, as well as recommendations of S. B. French for a judgeship in Manchester, Va. in 1885. Also, letters recommending S. B. French for the position of District Attorney for the Eastern District of Va. in 1889. Includes two letters addressed to President of the U.S., Benjamin Harrison. (15 items)

Folder 4. 18 Jan[uary] 1872-5 [December] 1877. Letters to S. Bassett French, from his colleagues, pertaining to law. (22 items)

Folder 5. 12 Nov[ember] 1880-24 May [18]93. Documents pertaining to law, including letters to S. Bassett French, and an address to the grand jury. (8 items)


Folder 8. Biographical Sketches (French). Coleman-Cummings. (13 items)

Folder 9. Biographical Sketches (French). Dallam-Dunn. (19 items)


Folder 11. Biographical Sketches (French). Foushee-Glass. (12 items)


Folder 15. Biographical Sketches (French). Nash-Portloch. (30 items)


Folder 17. Biographical Sketches (French). Royall-Travers. (26 items)


Folder 20. Biographical Sketches (French). Wise-Young. (11 items)

Folder 21. Miscellaneous. Documents pertaining to biographical and autobiographical sketches. Includes multiple short sketches, letters to S. Bassett French from contributors to his annals, as well as notes by S. Bassett French. Also includes a 50-page document on the history of America written by S.B. French. (37 items)

Folder 22. n.d. Documents pertaining to law, including letters to S. Bassett French from colleagues, a request to the General Assembly of Va. from the officers of the Court of Manchester, Va. that S.B. French be re-elected as judge of their court, as well as letters of recommendation, and an abstract of testimonials of citizens of Va. on behalf of S.B. French for an appointment to clerical service in Congress. (20 items)

Folder 23. Treasurer's Yearly report of the City Central Democratic Committee at Manchester, Va., August 18, 1892. (Medium oversize file)
Biographical Sketches

Arbucle, J.W.
Augustine, Clairborne H.
Blackford, B.
(1767-1863)
Blackwell, John D.,
(June 17, 1822-June 26, 1887)
Calvert, Bassett M.
(April 26, 1794-May 20, 1835)
Cameron, Duncan
(1777-1849)
Campbell, Alexander Spotswood
(March 10, 1818-September 10, 1890)
Carr, F.
The Carrington Family
Carrington, Alexander B.
(b August 23, 1834)
Carrington, A.B.
(b 1862)
Carrington, G.C.
(b. 1868)
Carrington, A.C.
(October 15, 1831-June 30, 1862)
Carrington, C.S.
(August 26, 1820-December 24, 1891)
Carrington, C.V.
(b. 1866)
Carrington, Edgar W.
(October 12, 1835-May 31, 1862)
Carrington, Clement
(1762-1847)
Carrington, Henry
(September 17, 1793-December 5, 1867)
Carrington, Henry A.
(b. September 13, 1832)
Carrington, Paul
(1765-1816)
Carrington, Paul S.
(May 19, 1798-July 9, 1866)
Carrington, Tucker
(1800-1875)

Carrington, William A.
(April 12, 1830-July 17, 1866)
Carrington, William Cabell
(August 27, 1821-December 29, 1857)
Carter, C.S.
(d. 1883)
Carter, William R.
(1833-1864)
Carter, Thomas H.
(b. June 13, 1831)
Chalmers, James R.
Chambers, Edward R.
(23 May 1795-20 March 1879)
Chancellor, Charles W.
(b. 19 February 1833)
Chancellor, Sanford
(8 January 1791-26 February 1860)
Chapman, Augustus A.
(b. 4 March 1805)
Chilton, Robert H.
(d. 1879)
Chinn, J.W., Jr.
(13 February 1836)
Christian, Edmund
(1781-1853)
Claiborn, John
(10 March 1828-1911)
Clark, Abram Irvine
(b. 20 January 1819)
Clarke, George T.
(b. 30 November 1834)
Clullin Samuel
(1804-1867)
Cochrane, James
(27 December 1828-17 August 1883)
Cocke, Cary Charles
(1 January 1814-16 August 1888)
Cocke, Charles Hartwell
Cocke, Philip St. George
(17 April 1809-26 December 1861)
Coke, John
(1789-1865)
Coke, Richard (d. 1854)
Coke, Richard (b. 13 March 1829)
Coke, ? (1818-1860)
Cole, Walter
Coleman, Daniel (7 June 1768-8 April 1860)
Coleman, Richard H. (1823-1870)
The Conrad Family
Conrad, Robert S. (5 December 1805-5 August 1875)
Conway, Eustace (19 September 1820-20 May 1859)
Cooke, John R. (b. 8 June 1833)
Cooke, P. St. George (b. 13 June 1809)
Cooke, John Esten (b. 3 November 1830)
Corse, Montgomery D. (b. 14 March 1816)
Craighill, Edward A. (b. 2 November 1840)
Cummings Arthur (b. 1 October 1822)
Dallam, Walter (b. 13 November 1854)
Daniel, Raleigh T. (13 October 1805-16 August 1877)
Daniel, Thomas H. (16 April 1809-30 December 1874)
Davis, Eugene
Davis, Richard B. (b. 5 February 1845)
Dearing, James (b. 25 April 1846)
Dickinson, Asa D. (31 March 1816-19 July 1884)
Dillard, Hughes
Dillard, John
Doswell, ? (1824-1870)
Downman, John Y. (b. 23 May 1858)
Drewry (?), A.H. (7 November 1817)
Drongoole (?), Edward (1751-1835)
Dugger, Daniel (15 May 1789-24 November 1837)
Duke, Richard T.W. (b. 6 June 1822)
Dunaway, Thomas S. (b. 5 November 1829)
Duncan, Armstrong (b. 14 April 1830)
Dunlap, William (b. 5 June 1847)
Dunn, Samuel (1805-1889)
Echola, Edward (b. 2 September 1854)
The Eggleston Family
Ellis, Thomas H. (b. 6 September 1814)
Etheredge, William H. (b. 27 July 1820)
Evans, Charles A. (b. 20 October 1850)
Farr, Richard R. (30 November 1845-10 October 1892)
Farrar, F.R. (b. 7 January 1828)
Finney, Benjamin W. (d. 29 September 1869)
Fleming, William (d. 1767)
Fleming, Robert H
Fletcher, Patterson (19 March 1816-8 January 1892)
Floumoy (?), William C.  
(31 December 1809-31 March 1861)  
Floyd, Ben Rush  
(1811-1860)  
Forbes, Murray  
Forbes, William A.  
(31 May 1824-30 August 1862)  
Forbes, W W.  
Foushee, William  
(d. 1824)  
Fowler, T M.  
(b. 3 January 1841)  
Fowler, William S.  
(b. 12 December 1810)  
Fulkerson, Abram  
Fulkerson, Abram  
(b. 13 May 1834)  
Fulkerson, Samuel V.  
(31 October 1822-27 June 1862)  
Funsten, David  
Funsten, Oliver R.  
(d. 15 July 1871)  
Galt, William R.  
(1818-1892)  
Garland, Jason  
(b. 6 June 1792)  
Gilmer, Peacly R.  
(25 November 1779-1836)  
Glass, R H.  
(b. 27 December 1822)  
Gordon, James L.  
(b. 9 January 1860)  
Gordon, William F.  
(b. 13 January 1787)  
Gore, Joshua W.  
(b. 10 January 1852)  
Grammar, John  
(b. 3 December 1796)  
Graves, William D.  
Graves, William S.  
(b. 15 December 1848)  
Gray, Alphonc A.  
(b. 22 May 1835)  
Green, John S.  
(19 August 1817-3 January 1891)  
Gregory, John M.  
(8 July 1804-1884)  
Gresham, R S.  
(b. 23 January 1825)  
Gresham, W A.  
(b. 4 July 1838)  
Griffin, Kenneth R.  
(b. 27 June 1884)  
Gunne, William P.  
(b. 10 December 1860)  
Hubard, James L.  
(b. 27 February 1835)  
Irving, Charles R.  
(b. 25 February 1835)  
Jackson, Samuel K.  
(b. 7 April 1817)  
James, Benjamin O.  
(b. 4 June 1852)  
James, John  
(b. 31 December 1805)  
Jefferson, Peter  
(29 February 1707-17 August 1757)  
Johnson, John L.  
Johnson, Marmaduke  
Johnston, Robert  
(14 October 1818-6 November 1885)  
Jones, Hamilton C.  
(b. 1798)  
Jones, Hilary P.  
(b. 13 July 1833)  
Jones, Thomas T.  
(b. 23 August 1836)  
Jordan, Samuel F.  
Joy, Crawford H.  
(b. 23 March 1836)  
Kean, Robert G H.  
(b. 7 October 1828)  
Kello, Samuel B.  
(2 December 1822-8 July 1888)
Kelly, John A  
(b. 23 June 1821)
Kemper, Delaware  
(b. 1833)
Kemper, James L.  
(b. 11 June 1823)
Kilby, William J.  
(b. 18 April 1850)
Langhorne, Maurice  
(1787-1865)
Langhorne, Maurice S.  
(b. 27 March 1823)
Laughton, J.E.  
(b. 1844)
Lay, Henry C.  
(6 December 1823-17 September 1885)
Leigh, William  
(1783-1871)
Lenoir, William  
(20 May 1751-6 May 1839)
Lewis, J.
Lewis, Samuel  
(30 April 1794-9 August 1869)
Lindsay, John  
(b. 19 March 1842)
Little, J. Payton  
(b. 1775)
Locke, John Hartwell  
(19 September 1780-? June 1866)
Logan, Lloyd  
(1808-1893)
Louthan, Carter  
(11 May 1838)
Louthan, William  
(16 November 1836-22 August 1861)
Lynch, Anselm
Lyons, James  
(12 October 1801-18 December 1882)
Lyons, James  
(1762-1830)
Lyons, William H.  
(29 May 1831-19 June 1867)

Mahone, William
Mallory, James Baugh  
(16 August 1789-28 November 1879)
Massie, James
Massie, Nathaniel
Massie, Robert
Massie, J. Livingston
Massie, Edwin
Massie, Rodes
Massie, Thomas
McLaughlin, ?
Millson, John Singleton  
(1 October 1808-1 March 1874)
Nash, John W.
Nash, Thomas  
(12 May 1805-16 August 1855)
Nelson, Cleland K.  
(b. 1852)
Nelson, Kinloch  
(b. 2 November 1839)
Nelson, Robert  
(30 November 1819-15 July 1886)
Newton, Willoughby  
(4 December 1802-1872)
Old, Charles  
(17 January 1793-1887)
Otey, John  
(1792-1859)
Otey, Isaac  
(1765-1839)
Otey, Kirkwood  
(b. 1829)
Otey, George G.  
(1834-1862)
Owen, George W.  
(1778-1839)
Owens, Thomas H.  
(b. 11 June 1833)
Page, Archibald  
(22 April 1824-27 September 1879)
The Pannill Family
Patrick, William
(2 December 1822-6 September 1862)
Paul, John
Paxton, Elisha F.
   (4 March 1828-3 May 1863)
Payne, Alexander D.
   (30 September 1837-7 March 1893)
Pegran, ?
Pendleton, Alexander S.
   (28 September 1840-23 September 1864)
Pennybacker, Isaac S.
   (3 September 1805-1846)
Peters, William E.
   (b. 18 August 1829)
Philips, J.C.
   (b. 30 September 1821)
Plummer, Kemp
   (b. 1769)
Poague, William T.
   (b. 20 December 1835)
Poindexter, Parke, Jr.
   (b. 1826-1863)
Poindexter, Parke, Sr.
   (b. 1779)
Porterfield, Charles
Porterfield, George A.
Porterfield, Robert
Portloch, Edward E.
   (b. 1804)
The Powell Family
Powell, Levin M.
Prentis, James
   (1794-1874)
Preston, James P.
   (1774-1843)
Preston, Thomas
   (1812-1872)
Preston, William B.
   (1805-1862)
Pretlow, Jorden D.
   (b. 1832)
Pretlow, Thomas J.
   (b. 1839)
Price, Joseph
   (b. 1853)
Price, Samuel
   (28 July 1805-25 February 1874)
Pulliam, Samuel T.
   (26 July 1802-19 July 1868)
Puryear, B.
Randolph, Buckner M.
   (b. 8 July 1842)
Randolph, Charles C.
   (18 April 1846-12 May 1864)
Randolph, N.V.
Reid, Andrew
   (b. 2 February 1751)
Reily, John W.
   (b. 26 February 1839)
Ridley, ?
Rives, ?
Roiner, Abraham
   (b. 5 August 1824)
Ross, George
   (b. 22 October 1838)
Ross, John D.
Royall, John J.
   (2 December 1805-17 February 1856)
Samuel, Green B.
   (1806-1859)
Scott, John
   (3 February 1781-17 January 1850)
Scott, Joseph V.
   (14 August 1822-30 June 1862)
Scott, Robert G.
   (b. 4 January 1820)
Sener, James
   (b. 18 May 1837)
Selle, John E.
   (25 December 1800-26 January 1865)
The Sherrard Family
Smith, Arthur R.
   (b. 8 November 1805-14 September 1865)
Smith, B.H.
(b. 17 November 1836)  
Smith, John A.  
(29 November 1802-1 March 1870)  
Smith, John A.  
(1782-1865)  
Smith, Larkin  
Somerville, Henderson M.  
(b. 23 March 1837)  
Southall, Valentine W.  
(1793-1861)  
Stanard, Robert  
(17 August 1781-14 May 1840)  
Stanard, Robert  
Starke, Ashton  
(b. 19 October 1849)  
Stemp, C.  
(b. 2 December 1839)  
Steptoe, James  
(16 July 1750-1826)  
Steptoe, James C.  
(1785-1827)  
Stevens, Samuel  
(1820-1892)  
Stewart, William H.  
Stokes, Colin  
(1797-1865)  
Stringfellow, Charles F.  
(b. 3 March 1837)  
Tabb, William  
Travers, William F.  
(b. 29 September 1832)  
The Vance Family  
Vaughan, Cecil C.  
(b. 19 April 1839)  
Venable, Charles S.  
(b. 19 April 1827)  
Venable, E.  
Venable, Francis P.  
(b. 17 November 1856)  
Waddell, James  
Wade, John J.  
(b. 13 September 1824)  

Walker, B.J.  
(b. 28 June 1844)  
Walker, Cornelius  
(b. 1819)  
Walker, John S.  
(1827-1862)  
Walker, Richard F.  
(b. 15 August 1831)  
Wallace, A.W.  
Ward, Daniel  
(1785-1867)  
Ward, George W.  
Ward, R.H.  
(b. 1834)  
Warwick, Bradfute  
(1839-1862)  
The Washington Family  
Watkins, Francis  
Watson, E.R.  
(4 March 1810-6 September 1887)  
Wellford, Armistead N.  
(30 August 1826-30 June 1884)  
Wellford, R. Carter  
(b. 27 August 1853)  
West, Jesse Felix  
(b. 16 July 1862)  
Whitehead, Thomas  
(b. 27 December 1825)  
Whittle, William C.  
(b. 1840)  
Wickham, J.T.  
(b. 17 December 1849)  
Williams, Charles B.  
(1797-1872)  
Winston, John H.  
(b. 1824)  
Winston, Joseph E.  
Winston, Peter  
(b. 5 June 1836)  
Witcher, Vincent  
(b. 16 February 1837)  
Witcher, W.A.
Wise, James M.
   (1834-1890)
Wise, John
Wise, Tully R.
   (1797-1844)
Woodhouse, H.B.
   (9 June 1793-31 January 1879)
The Woodhouse Family
Woods, John R.
   (15 January 1815-9 July 1885)
Woods, Micajah
   (1776-1837)
Woods, William
   (1748-1820)
Woolfolk, P.
   (9 September 1810-29 April 1890)
Worsham, Brand J.
   (18 December 1788-26 May 1872)
Worsham, H.C.
   (b. 4 February 1801)
Yerby, George Y.
   (3 March 1802-15 February 1865)
Young, Wesley
   (b. 1832)
Writers of Letters in Support of S.B. French

Allen, Henry C.
Anderson, Joseph R.
Ayers, R A.
Ball, Charles B.
Baskerville, W.
Bernard, George S.
Betts, J.
Bigges, John B.
Bland, B.F.
Bogart, J H.
Buckner, C.C.
Burke, W.A.
Cameron, William B.
Carrington, W C.
Chandler, W.T.
Christian, Frank W
Clarke, W.J.
Clopton, Wm. J.
Coghill, R A.
Crutcher, John
Dance, Willis J.
Daniel, John W.
Davis, ?
Dooley, T.H.
Douglas, H.T.
Echols, John
Edmunds, Henry
Field, Joseph G.
Figgat, J H.H.
Flourney, Thomas
Friend, ?
Gourdon, William
Groner, V.D.
Hammiton, Alexander
Harsie, L.E.
Hartsook, ?
Henry, W W.
Hoge, Moses D.
Holladay, J.G.
James, R A.
Jones, J A.
Jones, Thomas
Keiley, A M.
Kemper, K.
Lacy, B W.
Lafferty, John L.
Letcher, John
Lopton, William
Lovell, John T.
Mahone, William
Marshall, H H.
Marshall, Joseph W.
Marye, John L.
Maure, Edwin M.
Mayo, R M.
McDonald, Joseph
McMullen, F.M.
Meade, N.B.
Munford, George W.
Mullins, Samuel J.
Neale, Hamilton S.
O’Ferral, C.T.
Ould, ?
Palmer, ?
Parish, Henry T.
Paul, John
Payne, A.D.
Pendleton, Edmund
Robertson, William
Robertson, Wyndham
Shepperd, H.
Sherman, John
Sherrard, J.H.
Smith, Francis L.
Smith, William
Staples, S.G.
Staples, W R.
Stevens, George
Stewart, William H.
Stuart, Charles E.
Stuart, James E.
Taylor, James C.
Thom, William A.
Thomas, H.W.
Walker, George
Walker, Joseph A.
Wallace, Thomas P.
Ward, George W.
Watkins, F.R.
Watts, S.R.
Wright, John W.
Young, Casey