ROBB-BERNARD FAMILY PAPERS

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Form of material and dates: Dated 1800-1901. Letters, account books, and legal papers of John Hipkins Bernard (1792-1854) and of his paternal grandfather, John Hipkins, from whom he inherited "Rose Hill," renamed "Gay Mont" after his wife, Jane Gay Robertson Bernard.

Number of items; Date received; Source

* ms. boxes; August 31, 1940; Deposited by Miss Fannie B. Robb,
1/4 February 23, 1950; Caroline County, Virginia

*1993.65; 1 notebook; 20 October 1993; Gift of Frances Robb, Chandler Court, Williamsburg, Va.

*1999.34; 55 items; 23 August 1999; Gift of Eugenia Robb.

*1999.43; 8 items; 13 Sept. 1999; Gift of Eugenia Robb.

*1999.56 A; 14 items; 17 Nov. 1999; Gift of Eugenia Robb.

*2000.47; 55 items; 17 August 2000; Gift of Eugenia Robb.

*2000.61; 5 items; 13 October 2000; Gift of Eugenia Robb.

*2002.32; 6 items

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*See end of inventory for additions to collection.
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Contents

John Hipkins Bernard, born 1792, was the son of William Bernard and Fannie Hipkins. He inherited "Rose Hill" from his maternal grandfather John Hipkins and changed the name to "Gay Mont" in honor of his wife Jane Gay Robertson, sister of governor Wyndham Robertson, whom he married in 1816. Six of their children reached maturity. Gay Robertson married Charles Tierman of Baltimore in 1836; Lelia married her cousin Powhatan Robertson; Mary married George Guest of Baltimore; Pocahontas married Dr. Martin Pickett Scott of Warrenton, Virginia; William never married; Helen Struan married Philip Lightfoot Robb in 1864. Helen bought out the interest of her brother and sisters in 1863 and became owner of Gay Mont.

Letters of Philip Lightfoot Robb, of the sons of John Hipkins Bernard, of his daughter Helen Struan Bernard, and of her children and her brother and sisters.

BOX I

Folder 1.

Acknowledgement of receipt of manuscripts loaned by Fannie B. Robb, signed R.H. Land.

Other information re: the Robb-Bernard Family Papers.

The Family of William & Elizabeth Bolling Robertson by James Samuel Patton - printed.

"The Family of William Robertson and his wife Elizabeth Bolling" - mimeographed.

 Copies of Bible records:
  1. William & Elizabeth Bolling Robertson
  2. Philip & Mary Warner Lewis Lightfoot
  3. James & Lucy Waring Robb

John H. Bernard's Commission as Captain in the Virginia militia, May 20, 1815.

Prayer by [John H. Bernard], [c. 1855]; copied by [Helen S. Bernard].

"John Hipkins, Merchant, Of Port Royal, Virginia" - typed.

Folder 2.

Folder 3.
Detailed inventories, accounts, and legacies of Elizabeth Hipkins' estate. March 13, 1804 - Nov. 23, 1829. (13 items).


John H. Bernard and others indentures, lands in Caroline Co. Nov. 14, 1816; May 2, 1817 "Westerton"; May 26, 1819 Port Royal; and June 15, 1831 Port Royal. (4 items).

Folder 4.

Folder 5.
Ledger - accounts. First half of 1800's. (1 item).

BOX II

Folder 1.


Folder 2.
John H. Bernard notes, bill and receipts, etc. 1818. (50 items).

Folder 3.
John H. Bernard notes, bills and receipts, etc. 1819. (86 items).

Folder 4.
John H. Bernard notes, bills and receipts, etc.
1820. (44 items).
1821. (17 items).
1822. (8 items).
1823. (15 items).
1824. (58 items).
1825. (52 items).

Folder 5.
John H. Bernard notes, bills and receipts, etc.
1826. (39 items).
1827. (24 items).
1828. (34 items).
1829. (48 items).
1830. (88 items).

BOX III

Folder 1.
John H. Bernard notes, bills and receipts, etc.
1831. (72 items).
1832. (83 items). And Gay Bernard accounts. 1832 - 1836. (5 items).
1833. (81 items).

Folder 2.
John H. Bernard notes, bills and receipts, etc.
1834. (62 items).
1835. (32 items).
1836. (39 items).
1837. (52 items).
1838. (74 items).
1839. (36 items).

Folder 3.
John H. Bernard notes, bills and receipts, etc.
1840. (9 items).
1841. (42 items).
1842. (53 items).
1843. (16 items).
1844. (14 items).
1845. (50 items).

Folder 4.
John H. Bernard notes, bills and receipts, etc.
1846. (45 items).
1847. (43 items).
1848. (29 items).
1849. (40 items).

BOX IV

Folder 1.
John H. Bernard notes, bills and receipts, etc.
1850. (27 items).
1851. (54 items).
1852. Including Arkansas land taxes. (55 items).
1853. (59 items).
1854. (48 items).
1855. (22 items).

Folder 2.
John H. Bernard and Wm. R. Bernard bills, receipts and notes, etc.
1855 - 1860.
Folder 3.
John H. Bernard accounts with William S. Quisenberry. 1831 - 1835.

Folder 4.
John H. Bernard accounts with James Jackson. 1854 & 1857.

Folder 5.
John H. Bernard accounts with William Farinholt. 1836 - 1839.

Folder 6.
John H. Bernard accounts with William R. Care. 1834 - 1840.

Folder 7.

BOX V

Folder 1.

Folder 2.
John H. Bernard notes, bills and receipts, etc. Dates unknown. (121 items).

Folder 3.
John H. Bernard's receipt of the return of a runaway slave. March 15, 1834. (1 item).

Folder 4.
John H. Bernard bank books. 1839 - 1845. (2 items).

John H. Bernard's will. 1841.

Jane Gay Bernard legacies. Unsigned, undated. [She died July 1852].

Copy of Robert G. Robb's will, Dec. 13, 1852 and a statement to its validity.

Document of Helen S. Robb, Oct. 5, 1881, directing that her husband, Philip L. Robb, shall manage her property.

Folder 5.
Miscellaneous papers. 1800 - 1830.

Folder 6.

Folder 7.
John H. Bernard and Family - scraps, visiting cards, envelopes.
Folder 8.
Helen S. Robb (Mrs. P.L. Robb) Confederate bonds. (3 items).

Helen S. Robb (Mrs. P.L. Robb) settlements, accounts, bills and envelopes. 1859 - 1898. (10 items).

Pencil sketch. Dated May 18th [?]. (1 item).

BOX VI

Folder 1.
Helen S. Robb notebook containing accounts, receipes, poetry, etc. Late 19th century.

Unbound diary of Helen Struan Bernard [Mrs. P.L. Robb], 1848 - 1862.

Folder 2.
Extracts from papers & magazines.


Waldie's Select Circulating Library, including Part I, no. 1, Jan. 1, 1835. 8 different issues, 1835 and 1836.

Godey's Lady's Book and Magazine, Vol. XCVIII, No. 586, Philadelphia, April 1879. 1 copy.

A Glance At Current American History by an Ex-Confederate, 1897.


Report card from B.B. Minor's school for young ladies for Helen S. Bernard dated for Quarter ending October 31st 1850. School regulations and costs are on the reverse side dated September 23rd, 1850.

Broadsides, "Fenton's Patent Flint Enamel Ware," Patent secured November 27, 1849. 2 copies. Also, "Prospect House and Terrace Garden, Table Rock, Canada West." n.d.

Pamphlet, "Parcel Post Information." n.d.

Advertisements for carriages sent to Helen S. Robb, Port Royal, Va., May 25, 1899, from George Gravatt, Carriage Manufacturer, Fredericksburg, Va.

Illustrative materials. (4 items).

Magazine photograph of Gay Mount, about 1920.

Photograph of tombstone of Jno. Bolling of Cobbs, great grandson of John Rolfe and Pocahontas. Among other names on the tombstone is that of Wyndham Robertson, Gov. of Virginia. (Photograph is mounted and is torn in half).

Folder 3.
Manuscript poems. This group of papers consist of original poems ["poetical, political prophetical effusions"] by Jane Gay Bernard. Some responses from her friends are also included. Predominantly undated.

Folder 4.
Unbound manuscript diary. This group of papers consist of sporadic entries in a diary of Jane Gay Robertson [wife of John Hipkins Bernard] through the years 1825 - 1849.

BOX VII

Folder 1.
Indentures, deeds, etc. Caroline Co., Va. 1665 - 1814.

Folder 2.
Indentures, deeds, etc. Caroline Co., Va. 1736 - 1805.

Folder 3.
Bills of sale of slaves. 1816 - 1849.
Documents and letters re: land. 1715 - 1819.
Bond. 1826.
Unidentified manuscript.

Folder 4.
Indentures. 1787 & 1801.
Note. 1792.

Folder 5.
Indentures. 1756 - 1810.
Certificates. 1804.
Deeds. 1743 - 1805.
Terms of agreement. 1810.
Surveys. 1741 - 1796.
Folder 6.

Folder 7.
Philip Lightfoot notes, accounts and receipts, etc. 1810 - 1837. (19 items).

Folder 8.
Robert G. Robb notes and receipts. 1841 - 1842. (5 items).
Repayment in 1924 of Commander Robb's salary confiscated by the U.S. Navy in 1861. (2 items).

Folder 9.
Boundary line agreement between John Taylor and James Miller. Sept. 2, 1806. (1 item).
Confederate secret signals along the Rappahannock River. [1863?]. (2 items).

Folder 10.
Miscellaneous accounts and receipts. 1835 - 1854. (9 items).

Folder 11.
Record Book of the Trustees of Rappahannock Academy. 1810 - 1822.

BOX VIII

Folder 1.
Correspondence. Mar. 5, 1791 - Aug. 3, 1836. Including:

Folder 2.
Correspondence. Jan. 17, 1837 - Nov. 10, 1841. Including:
John Bradshaw, Middlebury College graduate, letter applying for teaching position in John H. Bernard's academy, May 13, 1841. Letters to and from John H. Bernard, his agents, lawyers, overseers, primarily relating to his Alabama, Arkansas, and Texas lands, 1837 - 1841.

Folder 3.
Correspondence. Mar. 1, 1842 - Nov. 20, 1843. Including:
Folder 4.
Correspondence. Mar. 9, 1844 - Dec. 28, 1849. Including:
Inventory of slaves, stock, tools, and acres planted on
Bernard's Greene County, Alabama plantation, Mar. 18, 1844.
Letter commenting on migration from Arkansas to Texas, Cali-
ifornia, and Mexico, Jan. 17, 1845. Letter from General Leslie
Combs of Kentucky, Nov. 12, 1845. J.H. Bernard's letter of
advice to his son in college, Feb. 15, 1846. Letter on
religion and the way to salvation, Sept. 27, 1846. Letter
on social life, theatre, balls, weddings in Richmond, Mar.
29, 1847. Broadside of Fredericksburg Female Seminary, Aug.
6, 1849.

BOX IX

Folder 1.
Correspondence. 1850 - Oct. 20, 1861. Including:
Letter Jan. 22, 1851 regarding burning of St. Charles Hotel,
New Orleans at time of Jenny Lind's visit. Trip to Vicksburg
and up the Yazoo River to new plantation, reception, and life
on the plantation from G.F.W., Dec. 13, 1860. Letter from
G.F.W.' on national crisis, secession, and plantation plans,
Jan. 21, 1861.

Folder 2.
Correspondence. June 18, 1862 - Dec. 2, 1870. Including:
Family letters to and from the Robbs at Gay Mont and their
relatives and friends, Jan. 1863.

Folder 3.
Correspondence. Feb. 9, 1871 - Mar. 29, 1887.

BOX X

Folder 1.
Correspondence. Apr. 4, 1887 - Dec. 22, 1889. Including:
Family letters to and from friends in Washington, Baltimore,
Los Angeles, New York, and Chicago, Apr. 1887.

Folder 2.
Correspondence. Jan. 4, 1890 - June 30, 1893. Including:
Letter from A.H.A. Bernard on family genealogy, dining with
Thomas Jefferson, and tutoring James Monroe, Jan. 1891.
Letter on exams at [Virginia Polytechnic Institute], Feb.
1, 1891. Letters from "Robin" Robert G. Robb at William
and Mary, Dec. 3, 1891; Jan. 8, 1892; Apr. 17, 1892; Nov. 20,
1892; Dec. 11, 1892; Mar. 20, 1893; Mar. 26, 1893; May 10,
1893; May 28, 1893; and June 4, 1893. Letter to Mrs. Flora
Adams Darling, Jan. 9, 1892. Letter on commencement at Brown
University and travel in New England, June 30, 1893.
BOX XI

Folder 1.
Correspondence. July 10, 1893 - Feb. 1897. Including:
Robert G. Robb letters from the University of Virginia,
Sept. 19, 1893; Feb. 14, 1894; Apr. 15, 1894; Apr. 22, 1894;
May 6, 1894; Oct. 3, 1894; Oct. 7, 1894; Oct. 28, 1894; Nov. 4, 1894;
Nov. 18, 1894; Nov. 25, 1894; Jan. 13, 1895; Feb. 10, 1895;

Folder 2.
Correspondence. July 1897 - Sept. 11, 1901. Including:
Letters regarding Robert G. Robb's appointment to the chair
of Mathematics in the Marion Military Institute, Marion,
 Ala., July & Aug. 1897. Letter of R. G. Robb at the University
of Virginia, July 22, 1900.

Folder 3.
Correspondence, publications, bills, receipts, etc. Sept. 17, 1907 -
May 18, 1936, n.d.

BOX XII

Loose envelopes and cards.

2 empty portfolios.
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Form of material and dates: Additional Robb-Bernard Papers - account books, diaries, accounts, farm books, etc. of John H. Bernard, Philip L. and Helen S. Bernard, Powhatan Robertson and others, chiefly nineteenth century.

Number of items; Date received; Source
1 carton; August 1974; Deposited by James S. Patton, Gay Mont, Port Royal, Virginia

Acc. no. 76-2
1 item; Jan. 1976; Deposited by James S. Patton, Gay Mont, Port Royal, Virginia
(diary of William Robb Bernard, 1874-1875)

Acc. no. 79-18
1 item; 21 June 1979; Courtesy of James Patton, Rappahannock Academy, Virginia

Remarks: To be kept separate from remainder of Robb-Bernard Papers. See correspondence file, Curator of Manuscripts office. Located in safe.
*1993.65

Notebook of reminiscences of Robert Gilchrist Robb, former professor of chemistry and father of Frances Robb, concerning Williamsburg, Va. and the College of William and Mary.
*1999.34

Folders 1-3. Diary of Eugenia van Dyke Robb describing her work with the American Red Cross during her stay in the Philippines and Japan while under the occupation of the Allied Occupation Forces, 1945-1947. Ts of Ms.

Folder 4. Letters written home by Eugenia van Dyke Robb defining her work with the American Red Cross during her stay in the Philippines and Japan with the Allied Occupation Forces, 1945-1947. Ts of ALS. (Originals of 36 letters from *2000.47 added to folder 4.)

Folder 5. Three letters written by Eugenia van Dyke Robb when she was working for the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome, 1951-1953. Ts of ALS.

Folder 6. 21 photographs taken by and of Eugenia van Dyke Robb in the Philippines, Japan, and Egypt. Phs.
*1999.43

Five poems by Helen Struan Robb, aunt of Eugenia Robb. The poems are entitled "Beyond", "Absence", "To the Wood Robin", "Night Song", and "Love's Dawn".

Two poems by Philip Lightfoot Robb, one entitled "Sunbeam" written to his daughter Eugenia Robb and the other entitled "A Memory, the Homeward Path" written about his beloved home "Gaymont."

"Moonlight," a poem by Eugenia Robb was written in Sendai, Japan in July, 1946.
*1999.56A

Typescripts of diary and 5 letters of Eugenia Robb, 1947, during her assignment with the American Red Cross in Stuttgart, Germany. Also, 8 photographs of scenes in Germany.

(Originals of six letters from *2000.47 added to folder 2.)
*2000 61

Five items relating to Eugenia Robb's stay in Japan including a map tracing her sea voyage from Washington, D.C. to the Philippine Islands in December, 1945, her article about a well known Japanese flower arranger, the first Japanese brochure published after the war, two poems written by her father, Philip Lightfoot Robb, Jr.; and one poem written by herself.