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## **Peyton family papers MSS.115**

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### **Scope and Contents**

The Peyton family papers contain letters written by Thomas Jefferson, various legal documents, and miscellaneous correspondence. Included are the signatures of John Hancock and Dan'l Webster. Much of the collection concerns the Craven Peyton family of Albermarle County, Virginia. Several family members moved from Virginia to Shongalo, Mississippi, in the 1830's. Other families mentioned are those of Charles Lewis, James Southgate, and James Brewster. The collection has been xeroxed and microfilmed, with the originals in private possession. There are 39 items in the collection.

The collection is divided into three series: Thomas Jefferson papers, documents, and miscellaneous correspondence. Each series is arranged chronologically.

Series 1, covering the years 1768-1818, consists of a list of accounts and eleven letters written by Thomas Jefferson, most of which are addressed to Craven Peyton and concern business and legal affairs. Several envelopes bear the frank due the presidency. The letters were written in, Washington, Monticello, and Poplar Forest.

Series 2 consists of eighteen items covering the years 1791-1916. Included are a will, power of attorney, deeds, appointment to office, and pensions. The papers mostly concern the Peyton family of Albermarle County, Virginia. Among the papers are a document signed by John Hancock and an envelope with the signature of Dan'l Webster.

Series 3, 1820-1896, contains nine items, including miscellaneous family correspondence and a program of the Lewisburg [Virginia] Presbyterian Church Centennial Celebration in 1896.

## Calendar

### Series 1. Thomas Jefferson papers, 1768-1818. 13 items

1768	Nov. 6-May 11, 1787	List of accounts
Correspondence:		
1795	Sept. 11	Thomas Jefferson, Monticello, to Col. Charles Lilburn Lewis, Monteagle, Albermarle Co., Va.
1803	Sept. 20	Same, Monticello, to Craven Peyton, Stump-Island
1804	May 8	Same to same
1806	Aug. 6	Same to same
1807	Oct. 23	Same, Washington, D.C., to same, Shadwell. Envelope marked "FREE"
1809	Jan. 24	Same, Washington, D.C. to same (original and copy).
1814	Sept. 6	Same, Monticello, to same, Monteagle
1817	May 23	Same to same. Invitation to "a pea-dinner"
1817	July 8	Same, Poplar Forest, Bedford Co., Va., to [Peyton?]. Legal opinion on Peyton-Lewis land ownership dispute. 8 pages. Photocopy of entire document; original of last four pages.
1817	July 17	Same, to [Craven] Peyton, Monteagle
1818	Nov. 27	Same, Monticello, to Craven Peyton, Monteagle. Offer to sell slave.
?	Nov. 4?	Envelope; to Charles S. Peyton, near Lewisburg, Va. from ?

### Series 2. Documents, 1791-1916. 18 items

n.d.		Envelope signed by Daniel Webster.
1791	Feb. 17	Deed transfer, Nathaniel Cobb to James Southgate, Bridgewater, Vermont.

1793	Feb. 8	Appointment of Justice of the Peace. Signed by John Hancock.
1796	May 6	Power of attorney, John Peyton to Craven Peyton.
1806	April 4	Military order to Charles Lewis.
1809	May 3	[Suit?] Peyton vs. Quarles.
1836	Sept. 23	Will of Craven Peyton.
1837	Dec. 19	[Suit?].
1838	June 23	[Suit?].
1838	July 20	[Suit?].
1843	Sept. 4	H.H. Stuart, legal opinion on the dispute over settlement of the Craven Peyton estate.
1846	Aug. 21	Estate settlement.
1855	May 9	Quit claim.
1863	June 18	Army discharge, James B. Brewster.
1864	March 4	Quit claim.
1869	May 11	Contract for cross ties.
1913	April 10	Pension, James B. Brewster.
1916	Oct. 27	Pension, Martha S. Brewster, widow of James.

**Series 3. Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1820-1896.** 9 items

1820 [?]	Nov. 1	A.B. Kaufman, Lancaster, Pa., to Dr. Charles L. Peyton, Charlottesville, Va.
1837	May 6	[Scott Eskridge?], Shongalo, Miss., to Uncle Robert Peyton, Monteagle, Va. Also Sister L. Eskridge, Shongalo, to Mary [Peyton], Monteagle. [Same letter].
1843	Nov. 14	Richard P. [Sa?], Savannah, Andrew Co., to Charles

Peyton, Lewisburg, Virginia. Example of crisscross letter.

1845	Aug. 5	Amelia L. [?], Fitchburg, to “Brother [in-law] Major” [Lyman Southgate], Bridgewater, Vermont.
1863	May 7	Wm. Carr, Co. K., 4 <sup>th</sup> Batt., Mass. Volunteers, Berwick City, to Walter [?].
1865	Aug. 16	Walter [?], Bridgewater, to Father.
1866	Oct. 11	C.R. Mason, Richmond, Va., to Rashe [?].
[1863]		Wm. Carr to ?.
1896	Sept. 24	Program of Lewisburg Presbyterian Church [Va.] Centennial Celebration.