

Taliaferro Family Papers, 1788-1965

Physical Description:

.6 linear feet, including

Correspondence, deeds, plats, receipts, photographs

Dates:

1788-1965

Provenance:

The majority of the collection was donated in 1984 by Mrs. Ben Morton, Sr. with an accrual in 1989. These files are marked SC1984.1 Mr. Ben Morton Jr. donated several items in 2001 which were added to the collection. These files are marked SC2001.2.

Biographical Sketch:

Zachariah Taliaferro (1759-1831) moved to the Pendleton area from Virginia in the late 1700s. In 1802 he returned to Virginia and married Margaret Chew Carter. Taliaferro practiced law in the Pendleton District until 1826. They had four daughters, Sarah, Lucy, Margaret and Caroline. Their daughter Caroline Virginia Taliaferro (1811-1877) married Dr. Henry C. Miller in 1844 and lived at Vallambrosa, a home northeast of Pendleton. They had four children: Henry C. Miller Jr., Ressie E. Miller, Caroline Virginia Miller and George W. Miller.

Scope and Content:

The bulk of this collection consists of Caroline Taliaferro's correspondence, especially from her numerous suitors, as well as correspondence, land records and receipts from various generations of the Taliaferro/Miller family. The four series are arranged by subject and are organized chronologically within the series. Items with no date were placed at the end of each series. The folders also have a previous numbering system in brackets, which relate to summaries of the correspondence completed by Donna Roper, former PDC Curator. These summaries are located on pages following this finding aid. Ms. Roper also completed transcriptions of the correspondence, which are located in the folder with the original item.

Related Materials:

See Taliaferro Family Vertical File in the PDC Research Room, as well as R.F. Simpson's *History of Pendleton*, also located in the PDC Research Room.

Series Description:

Series 1: Family Correspondence ranges from 1788-1917 and includes letters to Zachariah Taliaferro, Dr. Henry C. Miller, and two Civil War letters from Harry C. Miller (the son of Caroline Taliaferro and Henry C. Miller).

Series 2: Caroline Taliaferro Correspondence contains correspondence to Caroline Virginia Taliaferro and ranges from 1830-1844. The correspondence is primarily from suitors, but also contains letters from friends and family. There are also several letters from Caroline Taliaferro.

Series 3: Land and Financial Records is organized by date and contains deeds, plats, receipts from local stores and a deed of sale for a slave, dated 1826. This group ranges from 1796-1925.

Series 4: Miscellaneous Material contains various materials relating to the Taliaferro/Miller families, including several newspaper articles, a typed version of an obituary for Harry Miller, killed during the Civil War, several photographs and information on the Taliaferro coat of arms.

Box and Folder List:

Box 1

Family Correspondence

1. [A1] Edmond Pendleton to Judge Henry Pendleton (Re: Z. Taliaferro), July 17, 1788
2. [C28] Mary Beverly Stevens to (Brother), Zachariah Taliaferro, September 8, 1817
3. [C29] Za. Drummond to (uncle) Z. Taliaferro, August 29, 1822
4. [A24] Hicks M. Taliaferro to Richard Taliaferro, May 20, 1826
5. [B3] Benjamin Alsop to Zachariah Taliaferro, March 4, 1827
6. [A23] Hicks M. Taliaferro to Richard Taliaferro, May 25, 1827
7. [A22] Benjamin Alsop to Zachariah Taliaferro, October 16, 1827
8. [C30] Zachariah Taliaferro to Sidney Druse, March 24, 1829
9. [B1] Benjamin Alsop to Zachariah Taliaferro, Nov. 20, 1829
10. [A25] Henley Drummond to (Uncle) Zacharias Taliaferro, May 21, 1830
11. [A12] Za. Drummond to (Uncle) Zacharias Taliaferro, April 7, 1831
12. [C32] Letter, Dr. A.B. Arnold to Dr. Henry C. Miller, March 27, 1842
13. [A5a] Harry Miller to Ressie Miller, April 4, 1863,
14. [A5b] Harry Miller to Ressie Miller, July 26, 1863
15. [A27] John S. Henderson, Treasurer of the Dialectic Society, Chapel Hill, NC to Dr. H.C. Miller, August 21, 1863
16. [A6] Postcard, Peter Miller (former slave to Henry C. Miller) July 4, 1881 and Agreement between executors of the estate of G.A. Miller and H.C. Miller to hire Peter Miller, February 21, 1865
17. [A27] Postcard of Anderson Co. Courthouse, to Mrs. W.W. Simons ("Aunt Carrie") from Mary, August 6, 1917
18. [C31] Letter, Zacharias Taliaferro to (daughter) Margaret Taliaferro, n.d.

Caroline Taliaferro Correspondence

19. [A15] J.D. Wright to CVT, September 30, 1830
20. [A13] Gabriel L. Penn to CVT, November 29, 1830
21. [A14] Gabriel L. Penn to CVT, May 3, 1831
22. [C1] Gabriel L. Penn to CVT July 25, 1831
23. [C2] Turner Bynum to CVT, February 18, 1832
24. [C3] Turner Bynum to CVT, February 20, 1832

25. [C4] John McColl to CVT August 15, 1834
26. [A20] Sarah Groves to Caroline V. Taliaferro, March 4, 1835
27. [C5] Emma Broyles to CVT, March 15, 1835
28. [A19] Th. Wayland to Caroline V. Taliaferro, December 31, 1836
29. [C6] Joshua Whitmore to CVT, January 3, 1837
30. [D2] J. Whitmore to R.F. Simpson, January 4, 1837
31. [A16] Paul H. Earle to CVT, n.d. (1837)
32. [C8] "E" (Paul H. Earle) to CVT June 2, 1837
33. [C9] M.A.A. Barrett to CVT, June 12, 1837
34. [A17] Paul H. Earle to CVT, June 21, 1837
35. [A18] Paul H. Earle to CVT, August 25, 1837
36. [C11] Sarah Groves to CVT, April 15, 1838
37. [C14] R.S. Wright to CVT, October 24, 1838
38. [C15] R.S. Wight to CVT, March 19, 1839
39. [C16] R.S. Wright to CVT, June 17, 1839
40. [C17] R.S. Wright to CVT, August 21, 1839
41. [C12] Sarah Groves to CVT, December 3, 1839
42. [C18] R.S. Wright to CVT, April 1, 1840
43. [C19] Lydia A.M. Van Wyck to CVT, May 1841
44. [C13] Sarah Groves to CVT, June 5, 1841
45. [C20] CVT to James A. Groves, July 12, 1841
46. [C21] Thomas W. Williams to CVT, July 28, 1841
47. [C22] William C. Richardson to CVT, October 19, 1842
48. [C23] Thomas Stringfield to CVT, June 15, 1843
49. [D1] Thomas Stringfield to R.F. Simpson re: CVT, June 15, 1843
50. [B2] Thomas Stringfield to Caroline Taliaferro, July 3, 1843
51. [C24] "Constancy" to CVT, August 4, 1843
52. [C25] "A Friend" to CVT, October 1, 1843
53. [C26] Wm. Jas. Lomax (Lomas?) to CVT, October 23, 1843
54. [C27] Wm. Jas. Lomax (Lomas?) to CVT, December 3, 1843
55. [A10a] Henry C. Miller to CVT, November 18, 1843
56. [A9a] CVT to Dr. Henry C. Miller, February 2, 1844
57. [A9b] CVT to Dr. Henry C. Miller, March 14, 1844
58. [A10b] Henry C. Miller to CVT, March 18, 1844
59. [A8] J.B. Earle to CVT, n.d. (written on back: list of people from Pendleton under headings, "Married" "Single" and "Ladies")
60. [C10] Sarah Groves to CVT, July 18, n.d.
61. [C7] CVT to Paul H. Earle (draft?) n.d.
62. [A21] Letter, Sarah Groves to Caroline V. Taliaferro, February 9, n.d.

Land and Financial Records

63. [B21] Shipping order, 1796
64. [B10] Deed, John P. Benson to David H. Hopkins, January 31, 1825
65. [A3] Bill of sale for slave (Lucy) Frances Penn to Richard Taliaferro, January 23, 1826
66. [A11] Will, Zacharias Taliaferro, January 13, 1831, (1854 Copy)

67. [A4] Deed, Equity Title to John B. Ferrill, March 6, 1833
68. [A7] Caroline Taliaferro's accounts with local merchants, 1838-1840s
69. [B5] Plat, Dr. J.B. Adger's Land (75 Acres), May 10, 1856
70. [B7] Deeds and Plats (2 copies of each), W.F. Cox, Probate Judge to Jake Towns, March 27, 1889
71. [B11] Deed, Ben Keels to Mrs. Corrie James Moore, April 25, 1894
72. [A2] Receipt from Hunter's Store signed by H.C. Miller, March 9, 1896

Box 2

Land and Financial Records

1. [B12] Title, Dennis R. Keese to Julia Crooks, Feb. 5, 1912
2. [B14] Deed, Julia Crooks to Nellie B. Towns, August 19, 1912
3. [B13] Power of attorney, Julia Crooks to Nellie B. Towns, August 19, 1912
4. [B8] Abstract of Deed, G.B. Green, (Trustee of estate of J.R. Vandiver, bankrupt) to C.C. Jordan, May 12, 1924
5. [B9] Deed, C.C. Jordan to Eugene R. Pendleton, August 5, 1925
6. [B6] Plat of land on Five Mile Creek, n.d.

Miscellaneous Material

7. [B4] "In Memoriam," Harry C. Miller, Handwritten on back is a genealogy of the Wormley family
8. [B15] Card listing pupils of Hattie McWhorter (Mrs. Prue Fant), ca. 1897
9. [B19-20] 2 Images: 1910 Postcard—Pendleton High School, Gov. Ansel on Village Green
10. [B17] 1914 yearbook, published by Morris Fertilizer Co.
11. [B18] Photograph, Music Class in Pendleton, May 1945, teacher Miss Ida McCrary
12. [A28] Typed copy of article on Taliaferro Family by Alice Watson, for Anderson Independent, December 12, 1965
13. [B16] News clippings, "The Old Stone Church" by Edward A. Trescott, in the State, n.d.
14. [SC2001.2] Photograph, "Mount Jolly" n.d.
15. [SC2001.2] Taliaferro/Miller Family Information
16. Donna Roper's Collection Notes