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Title Pollard Family Papers.

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Description

Richard Pollard, 1829-1908, of Lynchburg, Virginia, was an insurance agent and a trader, during the 1850s, in the Chinese import/export business. He was born in Lynchburg, graduated from the Virginia Military Institute in 1849, then spent a short period in New York working in a bank. In 1851 Pollard left for China, where he appears to have based his business at Canton, Hong Kong, and Macao, also returning for periods of time to San Francisco and possibly elsewhere. In 1860 Pollard returned to the United States to stay, landing first in Newburgh, New York, then returning to Lynchburg to marry his cousin Nannie Saunders. Nannie Saunders Pollard died in 1861 leaving a daughter (Ellen? Nannie?). During the Civil War Pollard fought in the Confederate Army as did other family members. In 1866 Pollard married his first wife's sister, Elizabeth Saunders Dudley, a widow with two sons: William H. and James Dudley.

In Lynchburg, where Pollard and his family remained, Pollard served as the

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Date July 7, 1988

Lynchburg, or the Virginia, representative for a number of different insurance companies, particularly: Globe Mutual Life Insurance Company, New York, and the Maryland Life Insurance Company, Baltimore. His daughter, Bettie Pollard Glass, in partnership with Miss Anna L. Jones, founded the Pollard and Glass insurance agency in Lynchburg in 1908. Pollard was active in the Court St. Methodist Episcopal Church, Lynchburg, serving on its board for many years. He was also president of the Mutual Home Association of Lynchburg, Virginia, an organization set up to purchase land for its members.

DESCRIPTION

The Pollard Family papers consist of the business papers of Richard Pollard, 1840s-1909, and correspondence of his family and related families in Lynchburg, Virginia, 1840s-1917.

Pollard's business correspondence chiefly documents his career as an insurance agent in Lynchburg, 1860s-1880s. Also documented are his brief New York banking career, 1849-1850, and his years in the China trade, 1850s. Additional business papers include: insurance policy renewal receipts, 1872-1879; insurance rate books, lists of policy holders, notes, printed material, and other documents relating to Pollard's insurance career; constitution and by-laws, letters, and accounts, 1876-1877, of the Mutual Home Association of Lynchburg, Virginia; notes and accounts, 1850s, concerning the China trade. A two part volume contains a "commercial journal," January - July, 1856, recording business conditions in San Francisco, and carbon copies of business letters written by Pollard from Macao, Hong Kong, Newburgh, N.Y., and Lynchburg, 1858-1867. Four diaries, ca.1848-1878, chiefly concern Pollard's spiritual development and activities at the Court St. Methodist Episcopal Church. Certificates of appreciation awarded by the church to Pollard, 1895-1908, are also included.

The family correspondence is chiefly that of Richard Pollard and members of his immediate and extended family, particularly his second wife Elizabeth Saunders Dudley Pollard, and his daughter Bettie Pollard Glass. Correspondence with and among the related Dudley, Glass, Rives, and Saunders families, mainly of Lynchburg, is included. The correspondence contains family and personal news, and includes letters from family members serving in the Confederate Army during the Civil War (including Richard Pollard and Charles Saunders), and

from children attending various Virginia schools and colleges. Of note are letters to Richard Pollard from his brother the author and journalist Edward A. Pollard (1831-1872) and a manuscript of his essay "The Problem of the Negro," 1872. In this essay, written six months before the 1872 presidential election, Edward Pollard proposes a political party, "The Order of Black Diamonds" for southern freedmen. While the proposed party would ostensibly have as its program the economic interests of the freedmen, it is also clear that Pollard intended it to be at least indirectly led by southern white Democrats and to be a competitor of the ^{Republican} Black political leagues.

Photographs, clippings, printed material, household bills, and diaries of Nannie Saunders, 1857 (box 13) and Elizabeth Saunders Dudley Pollard, 1865 (box 14), are included.

Also of note is a diary: "The cruise of the U.S. Monitor Miantonomoh to and from Europe during 1866-1867...being a diary of events kept by an officer attached to her during the cruise." The diary documents the ship's journey from Washington D.C. up the coast of the United States and Canada and then to Europe, passing or stopping at: New York; Boston; Halifax, Nova Scotia; St. John's Newfoundland; Ireland; England; Cherbourg, France; and Copenhagen, Denmark. The officer describes life aboard ship, travels and social life on shore, visitors to the ship, and other ships encountered. The identity of the writer - who calls himself "Emory" and is from Baltimore - and his relation to the Pollard family, if any, is unknown.

Pollard - Container List

Container

I. Richard Pollard Business Papers, 1840s-1909

a. Letters sent

- 1 ca.1850 - 1876
- 2 1877
- 3 1878 - 1879
- 4 1880 - 1881
- 5 1882; n.d.

b. Letters received

- 5 1849 - 1866
- 6 1872 - 1878
- 7 1878 - 1879
- 8 1880 - 1881
- 9 1882; 1896; 1908; 1909

10 c. Insurance policy renewal receipts, 1872-1879

d. Additional documents

- 11 Insurance documents; notes; Mutual Home Association of Lynchburg, Virginia, 1876-1877; China trade, 1850s; passport, 1860; letterbook/journal, 1856-1867.
- 12 Bills, receipts, cancelled checks, ca. 1850s-1880s; Court St. M.E. Church, 1895-1908; diaries, ca.1848-1878.

II. Family Papers, 1840s-1917

- 13 Pollard, 1847 - 1906; n.d.
- 14 Pollard, Rives, Saunders, 1840s - 1908; n.d.
- 15 Pollard, Dudley, 1847 - 1906; n.d.
- 16 Glass, 1879 - 1917; n.d.
- 17 Photographs; printed material; clippings; unidentified or incomplete letters and documents; Miantonomoh diary, 1866-1867

Pollard - Added entries

Pollard, Richard, 1829-1908

Pollard, Edward A., 1831-1872

Dudley family

Glass family

Pollard family

Rives family

Saunders family

Mutual Home Association of Lynchburg, Virginia

Court St. Methodist Episcopal Church, Lynchburg, Virginia

U.S. Monitor Miantonomoh

Insurance-Agents-Virginia-Lynchburg

Virginia-Social life and customs

Friendly Societies-Virginia-Lynchburg

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Businessmen-China

Businessmen-California-San Francisco

Methodist Episcopal Church-Virginia-Lynchburg

Southern States-History-Civil War, 1861-1865

Afro-Americans-Politics and government

Government vessels

Diaries

Major Richard Pollard m. Pauline Cabell Rives
(Chapé d'affaires to
Chile, 1834-1841)

Virginia m. — Porter

James B.
(doctor)

Edward A.
1831 - 1872
(author)

Lucy m. S.E. Haversham

Henry R.
1833 - 1868

Richard
1829 - 1908

m. first Nannie Saunders
d. 1861

a daughter
Ellen? Nannie?

m. second Elizabeth Saunders Dudley

William H. Dudley
(lawyer)
1856 - 1886

James Dudley
1854 - 1894

Bettie m. John Sanford Glass
(insurance agent)

Richard

Elizabeth [m. Edward Barlow - donor?]

Dr. James Saunders m. Ann Maria Rives
1791-1864 1805-1887

Charles
d. in childhood

Fannie m. James Chalmers

Charles
(Confed. Soldier)
d. 1863

James m. Carrie Ludlum (later m. - McDonald)
d. 1852 in
a duel

Nannie m. Richard Pollard
d. 1861 1829-1908

a daughter
Ellen? Nannie?

Elizabeth m. first Peter Dudley m. second Richard Pollard
1829-1908

William H.
(lawyer)
1856-1886

James
1854-1894

Bettie m. John Sanford Glass
(insurance agent)

Richard

Elizabeth