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Guide to the

**Joseph family (St. Croix, Virgin Islands) documents**

1835-1862

Sc MG 242

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## Summary

**Creator:** Joseph family

**Title:** Joseph family (St. Croix, Virgin Islands) documents

**Date:** 1835-1862

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**Abstract:** The Joseph family was the maternal family of Arturo Alfonso Schomburg, a renowned bibliophile and collector of books on the Black experience worldwide. Schomburg's mother, Mary Joseph, was born in St. Croix, Virgin Islands, in 1837. She migrated to Puerto Rico before his birth and worked as a midwife or laundress. Schomburg and his sister Dolores Diaz spent most of their childhood in St. Croix. Their maternal grandfather and great-grandfather, Nicholas and Nathaniel Joseph, lived in St. Croix in the town of Christianted where they owned a house and lot. The collection includes a certificate of baptism for Mary Joseph, Arthuro Alfonso Schomburg's mother; deeds of a house and lot purchased by Nicholas Joseph in 1835 and bequeathed to his son Nathaniel in 1860; and a contract for repairs to be performed to the family home.

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## **Key Terms**

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Deeds

### **Subjects**

Families -- Virgin Islands -- Saint Croix

### **Geographic Names**

Saint Croix (United States Virgin Islands)

### **Names**

Joseph, Marie

Joseph, Nathaniel

Joseph, Nicholas

Schomburg, Arthur Alfonso, 1874-1938

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