Gunby Family papers
10.25 linear feet;
9 half-manuscript boxes, 1 quarter manuscript box, 1 clamshell box,
3 oversize boxes

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Separated Materials: Oversize materials have been separated and housed with larger materials in the bulk of the collection.

The Clara Gunby Journal has been housed in a fireproof cabinet due to its fragile condition.
Biographical History: The Francis Gunby family originally settled in 1678 on the Eastern Shore of Maryland in what was then Somerset County. Over time and several generations later the family spread northward into what is known today as Wicomico and Worcester Counties. Clara Gunby (1839-1890), daughter of Col. John Gunby and Charlotte Somers Gunby, was an outspoken southern sympathizer who was jailed during the Civil War for defiance and disrespect toward Union troops. She was held prisoner at Fortress Monroe, located in Hampton Roads, Virginia. Post-Civil War, Ms. Gunby married Mr. William M. Huffington and resided on a farm in the vicinity of Allen, Maryland.

Mr. George W. Hann, Jr. (1932-2007), born in Baltimore, Maryland, was married to Eva Gunby Hann and was employed by the Wicomico County Board of Education where he served as an electrician. Mr. Hann was an avid genealogist who researched the extensive Gunby family lineage.

Scope and Content Note: The Gunby Family papers document the Gunby family lineage which began in Somerset County, Maryland in the late 17th century. Also documented are the activities of southern sympathizer Clara Gunby which occurred in Maryland and Virginia. The materials date from 1854 with the bulk of the materials dating from 1971 to 1994 when Mr. George Hann began to conduct research on the lineage of the Gunby family and associated family lines. Earlier records are included; however, they are photocopies of originals. Documenting records include Clara Gunby’s journal, family history lineage, and correspondence from George Hann to Gunby family members in the United States, Canada, England, and the South Pacific.
**Arrangement Statement:** The Gunby Family papers have been arranged into five series, CLARA GUNBY PAPERS, GUNBY FAMILY HISTORY, GEORGE HANN’S GUNBY FAMILY RESEARCH & FAMILIAL CONNECTIONS, AUDIO/VISUAL MATERIALS, and OVERSIZE MATERIALS.

Clara Gunby papers document through journal transcription, biographical information, and correspondence her time spent in Fortress Monroe prison and post-Civil War influences and ideals.

Gunby Family History documents the Gunby family lineage and is further sub-divided into two subseries, Gunby Family Names and Associated Family Data, which first list the first names via alpha order and their geographic location where applicable and second lists associated family data which include African American, English, Canadian, and associated North American Gunby lines, as well as pedigree charts and commentary on Gunby, England.

George Hann’s Gunby Family Research and Familial Connections documents Mr. Hann’s extensive genealogical research and is further sub-divided into four subseries, Immediate Gunby Family Research, Research of Familial Connections, Hann Research Correspondence, and George Hann Personal Materials. Immediate Gunby Family Research documents Mr. Hann’s collected research produced from records on Maryland’s Eastern Shore, specifically documenting the Gunby family of the Eastern Shore of Maryland. The second subseries Research of Familial Connections, documents Mr. Hann’s research into associating family lines which include the Brittingham, Hann, Jones, Roach, and Wells families. The third subseries, Hann Research Correspondence, includes correspondence to Mr. George Hann from people whom he had previously contacted with the Gunby family name. The fourth subseries, George Hann Personal Materials, includes varying types of records including the genealogical bulletin Norma’s Coweta Chatter; records from the fire at the Hann home, brochures from Salisbury, Maryland; programs, news clippings regarding family reunions, and ephemera from Washington College and Pittsville High School.

Audio/Visual Materials include one audio cassette tape of an unknown oral history conducted by Mr. Hann, as well as photographs of events around Salisbury, Maryland, and various members of the Gunby Family.

Oversize materials include two scrapbooks of the Gunby Family History and also once created by a Clara Gunby in 1954. Also included are newspapers from the Delmarva region including the Crisfield News and Times, the Marylander and Herald, and the Worcester Democrat. The newspapers are not complete; they are only samples of the varying publications. Two small paintings are also included and are a portrait of Clara Gunby and of Fortress Monroe.
Folders are listed by their location in each box; any given subject may be dispersed throughout the entirety of the collection.

**Subject Terms:**

**General Terms**
- Brittingham Family
- Civil War
- Family History
- Fork Town, Md.
- Genealogy
- Hampton Roads, Va.
- Roach Family
- Somerset County, Md.
- Wells Family

**Corporate Names**
- Fortress Monroe

**Personal Names**
- Gunby, Clara L.
- Gunby, Louis W.
- Hann, Eva Parker Gunby
- Hann, George W.
- Huffington, Clara Gunby
Series I: Clara Gunby papers

Box 1

1. Photocopy, Clara L. Gunby Journal, undated
2. Transcription, Clara L. Gunby Journal, undated
3. Biographical Information, Clara L. Gunby, undated
4. Token Book, Clara L. Gunby, 1854
5. Correspondence, To Major Frank White, ie: Clara Gunby Jail Pass, 1864 July 18
6. Appointment to Clerkship, Clara L. Gunby, 1864 November 4
7. Correspondence, To Clara Gunby in Exile, 1864
8. Confederate Beliefs, Clara L. Gunby, undated
10. Correspondence, Regarding Clara Gunby Journal, 1993
11. Artwork Inventory, Clara Gunby, undated
12. List of Written Works, Clara Gunby and Gunby family, undated
13. Bibliography, Civil War, undated

Series II: Gunby Family History

Sub-series A: Gunby Family Names

15. Al Gunby Family Line [California / Georgia line]
16. Alice Gunby Family
17. Andrew Augustus Gunby (A.A. Gunby) Family [Georgia]
18. Anthony Gunby [English line]
19. Burdge Gunby Family [Canadian line]
20. Charles Edgar Gunby; Harry Cornelius Gunby [Maryland line]
21. Clara Charlotte Gunby [Maryland line]
22. Clara Gunby Huffman [Maryland line]
23. Dean Perdue Gunby [Maryland line]
24. Edwin N. Gunby
25. Elisha Gunby [Maryland line]
26. Elizabeth Lee Gunby [Maryland line]
27. Elton Gunby [New York line]
28. Emily Gunby
29. Francis & Sarah Gunby [Maryland line]

Box 2

1. Frank M. Gunby [Maryland line]
2. Fred W. Gunby [Kansas line]
3. George Gunby [Louisiana line]
4. George Myrick Gunby [Georgia line]
5. Grover Gunby [Kanas / Montana line]
6. Gussie V. Gunby Bennett [Arkansas line]
7. Harold L. and Helen Mills Gunby [Maryland line]
8. Henry L. Gunby [Mississippi line]
9. Henry Milton Gunby [Maryland line]
10. Henry Yukon Gunby [Maryland line]
11. Hiram Gunby, M.D. [Maryland line]
12. James Thomas Gunby [Texas line]
14. John Gunby, M.D. [Maryland line]
16. John Walter Gunby [Maryland line]
17. Joseph A. Gunby [Missouri line]
18. Joseph H. Gunby [Missouri line]
19. Joseph Young Gunby [Maryland line]
20. Levin Kirk Gunby Philips [Maryland line]
21. Louis W. Gunby [Maryland line]
22. Mark Cobb Gunby, M.D. [Illinois line]
23. Mary Ann Gunby [Maryland line]
24. Paul Clark Gunby, M.D. [Texas line]
25. Philip E. Gunby [Canadian line]
26. Honorable Pierce Eugene Gunby [Georgia line]
27. Priscilla Gunby [Maryland line]
28. Richard J. Gunby [Texas line]
29. Robert Mills Gunby [English line]
30. Robert T. Gunby Jr., M.D. [Texas line]
31. Stephen P. Gunby [Delaware line]
32. Col. Thomas S. Gunby [Louisiana line]
33. William Gunby [English line]
34. William Richardson Gunby, Jr. [Florida line]

Box 3

Subseries B: Associated Family Data
1. African American Gunby Lines, undated
2. Cemetery Records, Gunby Family, Hilton Head, South Carolina
3. Cemetery Records, Gunby Family, Maryland & Delaware
4. Canadian Lines, Gunby Family
5. Delaware Lines, Gunby Family
6. Gunby and Allied Families of the World
7. Gunby Family Genealogy, undated
8. Gunby Family Coat of Arms
9. Gunby Family Pedigree Charts
10. Gunby Family Vital Records [English line]
11. Gunby Fore-bearers [English line]
12. Gunby History, 1833-1975
14. Hawaii lines, Gunby Family
15. Illinois lines, Gunby Family
16. Southern Virginia lines, Gunby Family
17. Texas lines, Gunby Family
19. Washington lines, Gunby family
20. World Book of Gumbys, undated

Box 4
Series III: George Hann’s Gunby Family Genealogical Research and Familial Connections
Subseries A: Immediate Gunby Family Research
1. Genealogy Research, Gunby & Kindert lines [Somerset County, Md.]
2-3. Genealogy Research, Gunby & Wells lines [Delaware]
4. Genealogy Research, Wills & Marriages [Delmarva Peninsula]
5. Genealogy Research, Gunby-Morris Family Line, 1977
6. Research Data, Barnaby Jackson & Constant Gunby
7. Research Data, Birth & Baptismal Records, Gunby Family
9. Research Data, Coulborn Family
10. Research Data, Coventry Parish Registry Records, Gunby, 1703-1765
11. Research Data, Death Records, Gunby Family, 1822-1932
13. Research Data, Gunby Family Census Records
14. Research Data, Gunby & Huffington Families
15. Research Data, Land Records, Gunby Family, 1666-1810
16. Research Data, Marriage Records, Gunby Family, 1870s-1900s
17. Research Data, Marshall, Adams, Taylor, Potter, Wilson family lines
18. Research Data, Orphan Court Records, Gunby Family, Sussex County
Box 5
1. Research Data, Tull, Gunby, Blueford, Moore, Whittington, Armor, Nordstrom family lines
2. Research Data, Wills & Deeds, Gunby Family, 1700s-1800s
3. Research Data, Wills & Deeds, Gunby Family, 1900s

Subseries B: Research of Familial Connections
4. Bounds Family, James & Sarah
5-7. Brittingham Family Lines
8-9. Chamberlain Family Lines
10. Dashiel, Gray, King, Gunby & Short Family Lines
11. Dennis Family Line
12. Diagrammatic History of the Beall, Gunby, Marshall, and Mitchell Families
13. Digby Family Line
14. Hann, Eva Catherine Parker Gunby Family History
15. Hann Family Album & Complete Registry

Box 6
4. Law Families of Virginia, 1976
5. List of Names to be Researched
6. Marshalls & Allied Families of the Eastern Shore
7. Parker, John Willis & Marian Smith Davis Parker Family History, 1910s-1970s
8. Powell Family of the Eastern Shore
9. Roach Family, Name and Family of
11. Somers Family Line
12. Thornton Family Line
13-16. Wells Family Line

Box 7
1-2. Wells Family Line

Subseries C: Hann Research Correspondence
3. From Arnold & Laura Gunby [English line], 1971-1979
5. From David Hann [English line], 1989
6. From G.D. Bark [English Gunby line], 1972-1973
7. From Elizabeth Gunby [California line], 1983-1991
8-10. General Correspondence, 1976-1997
11. From Eugene Gunby, [Georgia line], 1970s
13. From William Pitcher, re: Gunby Farm, 1978

Box 8
3. From Gussie Gunby Bennett [Arkansas line], 1986
4. From Jim Gunby, 1997
5. From James Edwin & Bernice Gunby [Georgia line], 1978-1992
7. From Kathy & Tony Gunby [New Zealand & Australia line], 1985-1991
8. From Raymond & Barbara Gunby [English line], 1979-1980
10. From William Gunby [English/Scottish line], 1988
11. From William Henry Wells / Pernetta Gunby Family, 1994

Subseries D: George Hann Personal Materials

16. Ephemera, Horticulture of Salisbury, undated
17. Ephemera, Pittsville High School, 1930s
18. Ephemera, Program, Induction Ceremony, Maryland Women’s Hall of Fame, 1992
19. Ephemera, Program, Special Service at Old Rehoboth Episcopal Church, 1929 June 23
21. Ephemera, World War I, American Doughboy

Box 9
2. News Clippings, Gunby Family, 1950s-1990s
3. News Clippings, Gunby Family Reunions, 1980s-1990s
6. Article, Quantico the Beginning of Methodism, undated
7. The Jun-Sen Gazette ’09-'10, 1909 April 23
9. Publication, Digest of Opinions, Court of Appeals of Maryland, 1925-1926
11. Stock Certificates, Gunby & Graham Families, 1934

**Series IV: Audio/Visual Materials**
12. Audio Cassette Tape, George Hann Oral Interview, undated
13. Photograph, Beginning the New Salisbury Plaza, 1969
14. Photograph, Houses Demolished, Peninsula General Hospital Expansion, undated
15. Photograph, Gunby Family, ca. 1900
16. Photographs, Gunby Family, 1934-1970s
17. Photographs, Gunby Family [English line], undated
18. Photographs, Arnold Gunby Family [English line], 1970s & 1980s
19. Photograph, Gunby Field Farm, undated

**Box 10**
1. Photographs, Robert & Frances Gunby Getman, undated
2. Photographs, Kathryn Lee Gunby, 1943
3. Photographs, Eva Parker Gunby Hann, 1920s-1980s
4. Photograph, Old Asbury Church Choir, Salisbury, undated

**Series V: Oversize Materials**

**Box 11**
1. Clara Gunby Diary, 1864

**Box 12**
1. Scrapbook, Gunby Family History, undated
2. Scrapbook, Through the Years, Clara Gunby, 1954

**Box 13**
1. Newspaper, Chestertown Transcript, 1945 September 21
2. Newspaper, Christian Advocate, 1877
3. Newspaper, Christian Advocate, 1886 February 6
4. Newspaper, Christian Advocate, 1893
5. Newspaper, Christian Advocate, 1894 November 15
6. Newspaper, Christian Advocate, 1894 December 13
7. Newspaper, Christian Advocate, 1895
8. Newspaper, Crisfield News, 1915 August 21
10. Newspaper, Crisfield News, 1918 April 20
11. Newspaper, Crisfield Post, 1936 February 13
12. Newspaper, Crisfield Post, 1945 June 1
13. Newspaper, Crisfield Post, 1946 May 10
14. Newspaper, Crisfield Times, 1936 June 26
15. Newspaper, Crisfield Times, 1942 January 9
16. Newspaper, Crisfield Times, 1946 May 10
17. Newspaper, Crisfield Times, 1947 October 3
18. Newspaper, Crisfield Times, 1948 January 30
19. Newspaper, Crisfield Times, 1948 February 6
20. Newspaper, Crisfield Times, 1948 February 13
21. Newspaper, Crisfield Times, 1948 February 20
22. Newspaper, Crisfield Times, 1948 February 27
23. Newspaper, Crisfield Times, 1948 March 12
24. Newspaper, Crisfield Times, 1948 April 16
25. Newspaper, Crisfield Times, 1948 April 28
26. Newspaper, Crisfield Times, 1948 April 30
27. Newspaper, Crisfield Times, 1948 May 21
28. Newspaper, Crisfield Times, 1948 June 18
29. Newspaper, Crisfield Times, 1952 September 26
30. Newspaper, Crisfield Times, 1952 September 28
31. Newspaper, Crisfield Times, 1952 October 10
32. Newspaper, Crisfield Times, 1955 November 11
33. Newspaper, Crisfield Times, 1956 September 7
34. Newspaper, Crisfield Times, 1961 September 8
35. Newspaper, Crisfield Times, 1962 November 2
36. Newspaper, Crisfield Times, 1970 February 27
37. Newspaper, Crisfield Times, 1973 January 5
38. Newspaper, Crisfield Times, 1976 July 2
39. Newspaper, Crisfield Times, 1985 August 28
40. Newspaper, Eastern Shore Methodist, 1894 December
41. Newspaper, Eastern Shore Methodist, 1895 January
42. Newspaper, Eastern Shore Times, 1952 July 24
43. Newspaper, Marylander and Herald, undated
44. Newspaper, Marylander and Herald, 1899 April 4
45. Newspaper, Marylander and Herald, 1899 June 13
46. Newspaper, Marylander and Herald, 1899 July 11
47. Newspaper, Marylander and Herald, 1899 October 10
48. Newspaper, Marylander and Herald, 1899 October 24
49. Newspaper, Marylander and Herald, 1899 November 21
50. Newspaper, Marylander and Herald, 1899 December 19
51. Newspaper, Marylander and Herald, 1900 February 6
52. Newspaper, Marylander and Herald, 1900 February 13
53. Newspaper, Marylander and Herald, 1900 February 27
54. Newspaper, Marylander and Herald, 1901 February 19
55. Newspaper, Marylander and Herald, 1903 August 25
56. Newspaper, Marylander and Herald, 1903 October 20
57. Newspaper, Marylander and Herald, 1960 July 22
58. Newspaper, Marylander and Herald, 1969 October 16
59. Newspaper, Marylander and Herald, 1973 December 12
60. Newspaper, Marylander and Herald, 1973 December 20
61. Newspaper, Wicomico News, 1923 November 29
63. Newspaper, Worcester Democrat, 1958 June 26

**Box 14**

1. Painting, Clara Gunby, 1860s
2. Painting, Fortress Monroe, 1870s