Charles Robert Virgil Hall collection
2.5 linear feet; 1 manuscript box, 1 oversize box
1789-1987, bulk 1880-1920

Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture, Salisbury University,
Salisbury, Maryland


Accession Number: 1998.142
Creator: Charles Robert Virgil Hall

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Bibles have been incorporated into the Nabb Research Center’s Bible collection, 2006.200.

Artifacts have been transferred to object storage at Blackwell Library.
**Bibliographic History:** Charles Robert Virgil Hall, better known as Rob Hall is the past President of the Lower Delmarva Genealogical Society, an active volunteer of the Snow Hill Public Library and a collector of Delmarva history. Mr. Hall has given many of his personal acquisitions to the Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture; he lives in Snow Hill, Maryland.

**Scope and Content Note:** The Charles Robert Virgil Hall collection documents various Eastern Shore families and their activities from 1789-1987, with the bulk of the records dating from 1885-1920. Eastern Shore communities are documented via land records, fraternal organizations, church materials including programs and the Journal of the Diocese of Easton, printed advertisements, family histories, and photographic prints.

**Arrangement Statement:** The Charles Robert Virgil Hall collection has been arranged into six series, CHURCH RECORDS, FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION RECORDS, LEGAL RECORDS, FAMILY HISTORIES, PRINTED MATERIALS, and VISUAL MATERIALS. The materials within each of the series have been arranged chronologically. Church records document varying Eastern Shore religious affiliations and their activities including regional meetings and individual church services. Fraternal organizations document the bylaws and membership application process of the Knights of Pythias, and other fraternal organizations from Crisfield, Maryland. Family histories individually document the genealogies of select local Eastern Shore families. Printed materials include advertisements and programs from Eastern Shore businesses and local organization activities. Visual materials include photographic portraits and streetscapes of people and locations throughout the Eastern Shore primarily documenting Pokomoke City, Salisbury and Crisfield, Maryland. A scrapbook documents the activities in Hallwood, Virginia in the 1950s; significant national events are also noted.

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

Accomack County
Baltimore Hundred
Baptist
Churches
Crisfield, Md.
Episcopal
Family History
Fraternal Organizations
Hallwood, Va.
Sussex County

Corporate Names

Diocese of Easton
Knights of Pythias

Personal Names

Adams, Thomas
Burton, Mary Hargadine
Costen, William Matthias
Dryden, Joshua Mills
Gillis, Allison A.
Handy, Samuel
Lankford, Isaac
Series I: Church Records

Box 1
1. Correspondence, To Bishop Wittingham From Samuel K. Stewart, 1847 July 31
2. Journal, Diocese of Easton, Special Convention, 1885
3-4. Journal, Diocese of Easton, 1901-1904
5. Journal, Diocese of Easton, 1909
6. Eastern District Baptist Association, Meeting Minutes, 1957 October 17 & 18
7. Eastern District Baptist Association, Meeting Minutes, 1961 October 19 & 20
10. Date Book, Historic Churches, 1987

Series II: Fraternal Organization Records
11. Knights of Pythias, No. 32 Crisfield, Md., Membership Applications, 1927
12. Knights of Pythias, Annamessex Lodge No. 32, Crisfield, Md., By Laws, 1940-1949
15. Order of Owls, Crisfield Nest, No. 1743, Constitution & By Laws, undated

Series III: Legal Records
16. Land Agreement, Isaac Lankford & Thomas Williams, Somerset County, 1789 January 1
17. Poll Tax Records, Baltimore Hundred, Sussex County, 1808 March 1
19. Marriage Certificate, John Williams & Ann Marvel, Kent County, De. 1838 July 25
20. Affidavit, Noah Howard & John Bradley, Somerset County, 1846 October 9
21. Statement of Administration, Bond of Matthew Todd, Somerset County, 1854 January 10
22. Statement of Administration, Estate of Elisha W. Cannon, Broad Creek, Sussex County, 1877 September 15
23. Land Deed, To George Bradley From Matthias & Mary Bailey, Sharptown District, Riverton, Md., 1897 June 14
24. Land Payment, Wicomico County Court District, Handy W. Bailey, 1897
25. Correspondence, To Clarence E. Robertson From Governor J. Millard Tawes, 1961 October 31

Series IV: Family Histories
26. Descendants of Thomas Adams, 1761-1879
27. Descendants of William Matthias Costen, 1832-1867
28. Descendants of Henry Coleman, 1842
29. Descendants of Joshua Mills Dryden, 1870-1939
30. Descendants of Samuel Handy, Somerset County, 1875
31. Descendants of Allison A. Gillis, 1880
32. Correspondence, Boston Family, 1985-1986

Series V: Printed Materials
33. Program, Memorial Thomas Sherwood Hodson, 1920
34. Publication, Conservation Bulletin No. 4, The Oyster and the Oyster Industry of Maryland, 1931 April
35. Pamphlet, Garden Days, Eastern Shore of Maryland, 1936 May 1-4
37. Dedication Envelope, Sussex County Airport, Georgetown, De., 1947 May 31
38. Article, Music to go to War By, 1st Maryland Infantry by Harold R. Manakee, 1958 June 1
39. Letterhead, Snow Hill Inn, Snow Hill, Md., 1950s
40. Program, Queen Anne’s Days, 1976 April 24-25
41. Advertisement, Home Insurance Company of New York, Pokomoke City, Md., undated
42. Advertisement, Horsey Bros. & Co., Crisfield, Md., undated

Series VI: Visual Materials
43. Photographs, Costen Family, 1880s
44. Photographs, Adams & Tull Families, 1890s
45. Photographs, Dryden Family, 1890s
46. Photographs, Gillis Family, Salisbury, 1890s
47. Photographs, J. Bibb Mills, Westminster, Md., 1890s
48. Photographs, Marie & Carrie Veasey, Pokomoke City, Md., 1890s
49. Photographs, Unknown Portraits, Baltimore, Md., 1890s
50. Photographs, Unknown Portraits, Hornellsville, Ny., 1890s
51. Photographs, Unknown Portraits, Philadelphia, Pa., 1890s
52. Photographs, Unknown Portraits, Pokomoke City, Md., 1890s
53. Photographs, Unknown Portraits, Washington, D.C., 1890s
54. Photographs, P.M. Tilghman Studio Portraits, Crisfield, Md., 1890s – 1900s
55. Photographs, Helen Shockley, Salisbury, ca. 1905
56. Photographs, Street Scene, Berlin, Md., 1910s
57. Photographs, Ralph Potter Smith & Children, 1920
58. Photograph, Street Scene, Salisbury, Md., 1923
59. Photograph, Wicomico Hotel, Salisbury, Md., 1920s
60. Photograph, Crisfield Covered in Snow, undated
61. Photograph, Lyric Theatre, Crisfield, Md., undated
62. Photograph, Schooner on Pokomoke River, undated
63. Photograph, Steamer Pokomoke, Pokomoke River, undated
64. Post Cards, Crisfield, Md., 1913
65. Post Cards, Mr. & Mrs. William Tyndal, 1910s
66. Post Cards, Pokomoke City, Md., 1910s
67. Post Cards, Port Deposit, Md., 1910s
68. Post Cards, Salisbury, Md., 1910s
69. Post Cards, Princess Anne, Md., 1920s
70. Post Cards, Rehoboth Beach, De., 1920s
71. Post Cards, Snow Hill, Md., 1920s-1940s
72. Post Cards, Eastern United States Region, 1920s-1970s
73. Post Cards, Tylerton, Smith Island, Md., 1972
74. Post Cards, Leonardton, Md., undated

**Oversize Box 93**
1. Scrapbook, Hallwood, Va., ca. 1957

**Bibles**
1. Bible, Eugene Ryland Meiles & Emma R. Meiles, Baltimore, Md., 1846
2. Bible, Miss Martha E. Streeter from Mrs. Fox, 1855 June 30
3. Bible, Johnson and Cook family records, 1868
4. Bible (no cover), 1898

**Library Materials**
1. Harrison Phoeus, A Memorial
2. Tragic Scenes in the History of Maryland, Joseph Banvard, 1856
3. The Delaware Cincinnati, 1783-1986, Steven Hill, 1988
5. Oak, Oakes, Oakes, Family Register Nathaniel Oak, Henry Lebbeus Oak, 1906
9. History of John Barr, John Barr, 1833
10. Lives of Caroline County, Maryland Physicians, 1774-1984, Christine Jensen, 1986
11. A History of Seventh Baptist Church, R.W. Hays, 1960
12. Tred Avon: Talbot County, Lila Gossage Trader

Artifacts
2. Portrait, Charcoal, Mary Hargadine Burton, 1998.142.021