Humphreys Family papers
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1867-1963, bulk 1890-1933

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Creator: Eugene W. Humphreys, M. Josephine Humphreys, their descendants and boarders at their home including Mary Gordon Toadvine.

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**Biographical History:** Dr. Eugene W. Humphreys (1848-1907) and his wife, M. Josephine Humphreys Tarr (1851-1939) residents of Salisbury, Maryland were married in October of 1869. Dr. Humphreys was educated at Princeton University where he received his medical degree in 1869, he returned to Salisbury where he practiced medicine and served as the medical examiner. The Humphreys lived at 105 Broad Street in Salisbury; there they had five children, Lucy Eugenie (1870-1898), R. Parsons (1874-1898), E. Dudley (1878-1928), Mary Elizabeth (1881-1975), Nelly Rock (1884-1953), and M. Josephine (1889-1889). Lucy would go on to marry Richard Steuart of Baltimore who was a columnist for the Baltimore Sun and wrote under the alias Carroll Dulaney. Over the course of several years the Humphreys family hosted many boarders in their home including Mary Gordon Toadvine. The family participated in many local activities and social clubs.

**Scope and Content Note:** The Humphreys family papers document the educational and social activities of Dr. Eugene and Josephine Humphreys and their children who lived at 105 Broad Street, Salisbury, Maryland. Materials date from 1867-1963 with the bulk of the material dating from 1890-1933 including correspondence, educational, economic and photographic materials of the family. Also documented through correspondence, legal records, and photographs are boarders who resided with the Humphreys and associated families including Mary Gordon Toadvine, Joseph and Mary Graham and John D. Williams.

**Arrangement Statement:** The Humphreys Family papers have been arranged into four series, FAMILY FILES, ASSOCIATED FAMILIES, ASSOCIATED BUSINESSES and VISUAL MATERIALS. Family Files document the activities of the immediate Humphreys family who lived at 105 Broad Street, Salisbury, Maryland. Associated Families documents those who boarded at the Humphreys home but were also associated with the family including the Joseph and Mary Graham as well as Mary Gordon Toadvine. Associated Businesses documents religious and retail establishments located in and around Salisbury, Maryland. Visual Materials features a series of portraits in various photograph types taken in differing geographic locations; all of the photographs in this series are unidentified. Boxes 4 and 5 were an addition donated in 2015 and 2016 and have not been part of the initial arrangement of materials. These boxes include correspondence, photographs and

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**

Broad Street  
Graham Family  
Health Care  
Humphreys Family  
Medicine  
Photographs

**Corporate Names**

American Red Cross  
Army Nurse Corps  
Knights of Pythias, No. 56  
L.E. Williams and Company  
Old Glory Council No. 10  
Parsons Cemetery  
Princeton University  
St. Peter’s Episcopal Church  
St. Peter’s Presbyterian Church  
Salisbury High School  
Society of Colonial Wars  
Tilghman Farm  
United States Army

**Personal Names**

Bennett, L. Atwood  
Cannon, Robert Ennalls Powell  
Dillridge, Sally  
Graham, Harriet  
Graham, Joseph Armstrong  
Graham, Mary W.  
Gunby, Frank  
Gunby, Ruth  
Humphreys, E. Dudley  
Humphreys, Dr. Eugene W.  
Humphreys, M. Elizabeth  
Humphreys, M. Josephine  
Humphreys, Nelly Rock  
Humphreys, Theodore
Jones, Purnell E.
Lowe, Hollis J.
Roben, Thomas H.
Rock, Mary E.
Ryall, Henry W.
Shears, Edith
Smith, Emma L.
Steuart, Lucy Humphreys
Steuart, Richard
Toadvine, Mary Gordon
Todd, Isaac N.
Williams, Amanda Florence
Williams, John Dashiell
Williams, Mamie V.
Series I: Family Files

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2. Will and Testament, Josephine Humphreys, 1922 May 9
3. Obituaries, Humphreys Family, 1872, 1951
4. Burial Records, Parsons Cemetery, undated
5. Correspondence, From Friends and Family to Humphreys Family, 1898-1961
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7. Correspondence, From Family Members to Josephine Humphreys, 1922-1937
8. Correspondence, From Friends and Family to Nelly Humphreys, 1901-1915
9. Correspondence, From Edith Shears to Elizabeth Humphreys, 1907 February
10. Correspondence, From Family Members to Elizabeth Humphreys, 1955-1959
11. Correspondence, From Business Associates to Richard Steuart, 1940s
12. Correspondence, From Your Devoted Old Man to My Darling, Baltimore, Md., circa 1922
13. Bank Account, Josephine Humphreys, 1907-1909, 1924-1925
14. Cancelled Checks, Eugene and Josephine Humphreys, 1888-1891
15. Cancelled Checks, Eugene and Josephine Humphreys, 1923-1935
16. Mortgage, Estate of Theodore Humphreys, 1892 February 6
18. Lease Termination, Tilghman Farm, Eugene Humphreys vs. Henry W. Ryall, 1907 March 17
19. Property Tax Assessment, 105 Broad Street, 1908-1933
20. Tax Assessment, 1927-1933
22. Insurance Policies, Eugene Humphreys, 105 Broad Street, 1900-1908
23. Receipt, Goods Purchased, Theodore Humphreys, 1898
24. Receipts, Goods and Services Purchased, Eugene and Josephine Humphreys, 1890-1934
25. Receipts, Goods and Services Purchased, Eugene and Josephine Humphreys, 1899-1933
26. Ledger, Eugene Humphreys, Patient Arrival and Departure, 1887
27. Ledger, Eugene Humphreys, Patient Accounts, 1899
28. Certificate, Medical Examiner, Eugene Humphreys, 1881 February 1
29. EpheImera, Medical Treatments, 1890-1903
30. Medical Insurance, 1903
31. Ephemera, Princeton University Memorial Volume Class of 1869, 1899
32. Reunion, Princeton University Class of 1869, 1904 June 13
33. Education Materials, 1895-1910
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35. Report Cards, Salisbury High School, 1880-1898
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38. Certificates, Red Cross Blood Donor, Nelly Humphreys, 1944
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6. Photographs, Army Nurse Corps, Nelly Humphreys, 1917-1920
7. Photographs, Richard and Lucy Humphreys Steuart, 1920s -1930s
8. Photographs, Richard and Lucy Humphreys Steuart, 1920s-1930s

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13. Dictionary, Harriet Graham, 1900
14. Photographs, Tin Types, Graham Family, circa 1885-1895
15. Photographs, Prints, Graham Family, circa 1890-1900
16. Photographs, Prints, Graham Family, circa 1890-1900
17. Correspondence, From Friends and Family to Mary Gordon Toadvine, 1881-1920
18. Commencement Exercises, Mary Gordon Toadvine, 1901
19. Cancelled Checks, Mary Gordon Toadvine, 1908-1910
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22. Discharge, United States Army, Isaac N. Todd, 1918 October 24
23. Membership Card, Old Glory Council No. 10, Isaac N. Todd, 1925-1928
24. Autograph Book, Mamie V. Williams, 1878-1881
25. Divorce Court Documents, Amanda Florence Williams vs. John Dashiell Williams, 1911
26. Membership Card, Young Men’s Christian Association, John D. Williams, 1922
27. Death Notice, John D. Williams, 1925
28. Death Notice, Purnell E. Jones, 1875 December 3
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4. Program, Salisbury Times Better Homes Exhibition Electric Cooking School, 1920s
5. Recipes, 1900-1950
6. Report on Audi, L.E. Williams and Company, 1921
8. Program, Ulman’s Theatre, 1938
9. Results, Primary Democratic Election, 1930s
10. Ephemera, Jamestown Ter-Centennial Exposition, 1907
11. Ephemera, Confederate Veteran, 1924 May
12. List, Baseball Club, Salisbury, Md., 1876
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4. Correspondence, From Family, Writings and Receipts, R. Parsons Humphreys, 1898
5. Correspondence From Friends and Family to Mary Elizabeth Humphreys, 1880-1950
6. Correspondence, From Friends and Family to Nelly R. and Betty Humphreys, 1941-1952
7. Correspondence, From Billy and Helen Steuart to Nelly R. Humphreys, 1944-1952
8. Correspondence, From Various Persons to Nelly R. Humphreys, 1926-1952
9. Correspondence, From Friends and Family to Betty, Nelly Humphreys and Mary G. Toadvine, 1947-1952
10. Correspondence, From Nelly R. Humphreys to Various Persons, 1916-1951
11. Correspondence, From Richard D. Steuart to Nelly Humphreys, undated
12. Correspondence, From Various Persons to Richard D. Steuart, 1944-1951
13. Correspondence, From Various Persons to Mary G. Toadvine, 1911-1948
14. Correspondence, From Various Persons to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Graham, 1900-1930
15. Caledonian Society, Joseph Armstrong Graham, 1900 December 13
16. Photograph, Joseph A. Graham, undated
17. Correspondence, From Various Persons to John D. Williams, 1907-1911
18. Correspondence, From John D. Williams to P. Leonard Wailes, 1911 April 14
19. Will and Testament, Elizabeth Humphreys, 1908
20. Death Cards, “Miss Mary Elizabeth Humphreys”, undated
21. Will and Testament, Mary Gordon Toadvine, 1947 December 26
22. Obituary, Mary Reigart Toadvin, undated
23. Agreement, M. Josephine Humphreys, 1924 April 20
24. Settlement, Between Mrs. E.W. Humphreys and Miss Tarr, 1920 January 26
25. Estate Inventory, Humphreys Family, 1882 March 20
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28. Statements and Receipts, Josephine Humphreys, 1916-1926
30. Statement, State of Maryland Comptroller’s Office, Annapolis Maryland, 1876 June 16
31. Photograph, Humphreys Family and Friends, 1897-1898
32. Photographs, Humphreys Family and Friends, undated
33. Tintype Photograph, Family, and Girl, circa 1870-1885
34. Photographs, Girl, undated
35. Research Notes, Humphreys Family, “Walter C. and Thomas Humphreys”, 1825, 1868
36. Roll of Women’s Guild, Names and Street Addresses, undated
37. Picture, “ON TO VICTORY, Fitzburgh Lee, Major General of Volunteer U.S.”, circa 1863
38. Newspaper Article, The Baltimore Sun “One Choice- We Have Made It-President Wilson”, 1917
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40. Ticket stub, Claiborne-Annapolis Ferry Co., 1937 August 22
41. Card, From Friend to Miss Minnie V. Tarr, 1929 September 12
42. Signed Card and Postcards, undated
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1. Recipe and School Notebook, M. Josephine and Eugene W. Humphreys, 1866
2. Recipes, From Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Humphreys’ Recipe Book, 1866
3. Recipes, Lucy E. Humphreys’ Recipe Book, undated
4. Recipes, Humphreys Family Recipes, undated
5. Recipes, From E. Hanley Toadvine Charles F. Sweet, Gordon H. Toadvine, undated
7. Cookbook, “Metropolitan Cookbook”, 1922
9. Booklets, Jams and Jellies, 1919
10. Booklets and Brochures, “KNOX GELATINE”, 1910-1934
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1. Diploma, Salisbury High School, Elizabeth Humphreys, 1899
2. Diploma, Salisbury Normal School, Elizabeth Humphreys, 1904
Library Materials
8. *Direction to Inquiring Souls*, Robert Carter and Brothers, 1866
10. *It Is I or the Voice of Jesus in The Storm*, Newman Hall, B.A., undated
12. *H. More’s Private Devotion*, Hannah Moore, 1850
16. *Questions on the Collects; With Scripture Proofs and Illustrations; For the Use of Protestant Episcopal Sunday Schools*, The Gen. Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, undated
17. *Common Prayer, The Order For Daily Evening Prayer Also the Hymn Called Benedictus*, The New York Bible and Common, undated