Cato Family papers

3.75 linear feet; 1 half-manuscript box, 1 quarter manuscript box, 1 oversize box
1782-1980, bulk 1873-1913

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Creator: Joanna Hauk Cato

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Truitt Family papers, 2008.109

Separated Materials: Artifacts have been transferred to object storage at Blackwell Library.
Biographical History: The Cato family came to Salisbury, Maryland by way of Texas and Norfolk, Virginia. Joanna Hauk Cato (1916-2008) was born to Una Belle Isbill and Willie Carlisle Hauk. She married Mr. Elliot Temple Cato in Norfolk, Virginia in 1937 and had two daughters Joanna C. Abercrombie and Mary Ellen C. Stark Hanson. Mrs. Cato was interested in local history as well as family history documenting her own family lineage which includes the Cato, Hall and Wyche lines. Mrs. Cato was also an avid gardener who belonged to several clubs including the Town and Country Garden Club of Salisbury and the Federated Garden Club of Maryland.

Citation: Joanna Cato Obituary, http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/baltimoresun/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=114637303

Scope and Content Note: Cato Family papers document the family activities and lineage of the Cato and Wyche families of Greensville County, Virginia and Salisbury, Maryland spanning two centuries. Hand-drawn lineage charts as well as land deeds, account bills, correspondence, and photographs are included and document the extensive family ancestry.

Arrangement Statement: Materials are arranged chronologically with the exception of the photographs and artifacts which are listed at the end of the inventory. 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
   Family History
   Greensville County, Va.
   Land Deeds

Personal Names
   Cato Family
   Hall, Robert Westbrook
   Taylor, Harry Lee
   Wyche, John
   Wyche Family
Box 1
1. Estate Inventory, George Wyche, 1782
2. Recollection on Black Worker Robert, 1800s
3. Account Register, John Wyche, 1802, 1811
4. Last Will and Testament, Peter Wyche, 1804
5. Certificate, Practice of Corrections & Cures, John Wyche, 1826 December 25
6. Correspondence, To John Wyche, 1838-1845
7. Account Bill, Philadelphia, 1840
8. Land Tax Bill, John Wyche, Sheriff, 1842
9. Land Deed, Greensville County, Va., 1846
10. Bill of Sale, Powder Shot, 1847
11. Plank Road Proposal, 1853
12. Account Bill, R.W. Rop, 1858
13. Land Purchase, 1859
14. Accounts, Hall Family 1861, 1873
15. Land Transfer, Greensville County, Va., Cato House, 1876
16. Scrapbook, Poetry Clippings, ca. 1885
17. Correspondence, Painting, ‘Emptying de bag’ 1896
18. Civil War Recollection, Robert W. Hall, 1907
19. Correspondence, Wyche Family, 1911, 1915-1916
21. Land Deed, Greensville County, Va., 1913
22. Greensville County High School, 1927
23. Land Deed, Greensville County, Va., 1929
25-27. Family History, Cato Families, undated
28. Family History, Robinson & Cato Families, undated
29. Family History, Robert Westbrook Hall Family, undated
30. Family History, Taylor Family, undated
31-32. Family History, Wyche Family undated
33. Research, D.A.R. Patriot Index, undated
34. Correspondence, Lawrenceville, Va., undated
35. News Clippings, Greensville, Va., undated
36. Pamphlet, Round Hill United Methodist Church History, Greensville County, Va., undated

Box 2
1. Lineage Chart, William Rufus Cato Branch
2. Lineage Chart, Hall & Cato Branch
3. Lineage Chart, Cato & Maddux Branch
4. Lineage Chart, Marshall Branch
5. Lineage Chart, Wyche Branch
6. Lineage Chart, Ross, Hall & Wyche Branch
7. Lineage Chart, Wyche & Cato Branch
8. Photographs, Hall & Cato families, 1860s-1950s
9. Photographs, Cato Family, 1940s-1950s
10. Photographs, Wyche & Cato Families, 1900s

Artifacts
1. Coverlet, 2013.070.001
3. Comb, Peineta, 2013.070.003
4. Mantilla, 2013.070.004
5. Fichu, 2013.070.005