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Leslie Dryden papers

2.25 linear feet; 2 manuscript boxes, 1 quarter manuscript box
1931-1992, bulk 1932-1945

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

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- Creator:** Leslie Dryden and Henry Francis Dryden
- Acquisition:** The Leslie Dryden papers were donated to the Nabb Research Center by Leslie Dryden in 1989 with subsequent deposits in 1992 and 2005 by Leona Dryden.
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Sharon Jones Revell collection, 1984.010
Truitt Family collection, 1987.026
- Separated Materials:** Oversize materials have been placed in the Nabb Research Center's flat file system.
- Library materials and 445 binders of genealogical research have been cataloged and added to the Nabb Research Center's non-circulating collection.

Biographical History: Leslie P. Dryden (1914-1992) was born in West Post Office, Somerset County, Maryland to Samuel and Nova Dryden. He married Leona A. Endlich (1918-2005) in Baltimore, Maryland in 1934 and received his education at George Washington and American Universities graduating in 1947 and 1961. Dryden went on to work for the United States Department of Agriculture as a biochemist. In his spare time, Mr. Dryden transcribed summaries of public records, correspondence and newspaper information of families on Maryland's Eastern Shore into a 1,800 surname-based set of handwritten records.

Scope and Content Note: The papers of Leslie Dryden document his and Henry Francis Dryden's extensive genealogical research on the Dryden, Adkins, and Fleming families from 1931-1992, with the bulk of the materials from 1932-1945. Materials include correspondence from Henry Francis and Leslie to relatives to glean family history as well as corresponding genealogical research, Eastern Shore newsletters, and Henry Francis' manuscript of his family genealogy.

Arrangement Statement: The Leslie Dryden papers have been arranged into two series, CORRESPONDENCE and GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH. Correspondence documents the relaying of genealogical history between Henry Francis Dryden and his distant relatives in his effort to write a family history. This was also continued by Leslie Dryden in Maryland. Both Henry Francis and Leslie corresponded with various people from 1932-1985. Genealogical research documents the compiled information by Henry Francis and Leslie Dryden on their family's history.

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

Adams Family
Akers Family
Dryden Family
Fleming Family
Genealogy
Powell Family

Personal Names

Dryden, Henry Francis
Dryden, Isaac
Dryden, Leslie Powell
Dryden, Thomas
Wise, Matthew

Series I: Correspondence

Box 1

1. From Thomas D. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937-1938
2. From Thomas D. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937 March 3
3. From Thomas D. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1938 February 11
4. From Thomas Elliot Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1932-1945
5. From Thomas James Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937 September 24
6. From Thomas Price Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937-1938
7. From Thomas W. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937 November 10
8. From Tommy Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937 May 20
9. From Dr. Urbane C. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937-1940
10. From Vance W. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937-1940
11. From Victor Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, undated
12. From W. Duff Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937 December 28
13. From Virginia Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1938 June 15
14. From W. H. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1938 January- February
15. From W. L. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937 December 20
16. From Walter F. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937 September 8
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18. From Wesley Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1938 January 7
19. from Will A. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937 July-August
20. From William Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937 September 26
21. From J. L. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937 April-May
22. From J. O. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, undated
23. From J. W. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937 March 5
24. from Elizabeth and Jack Spencer Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1947 October-December
25. From W. H. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1939 June 15
26. From Mrs. James Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1938 January 4
27. From James Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1938-1939
28. From James Francis Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1938 April 6
29. From Henrietta Mitchell Gillespie Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1938 February 10
30. From James R. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1938 March 6
31. From Jesse Curtis Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937 April 15
32. From Joan A. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1938 February 12
33. From John Bart Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1938 February 18
34. From John C. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1938 June-July
35. From John Douglas Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1938-1940
36. From John F. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1936-1939

37. From John L. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1945 January
38. From John Martin Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937 February-April
39. From John T. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1938 January 7 and 27
40. From John Willard Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1938 July 4
41. From Joseph Burton Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937-1943
42. From Judson Abraham Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937 April 25
43. From Katherine M. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1938 January 29
44. From Kelsey Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937 July 2
45. From Kenneth H. Dryden to Leslie and Henry Francis Dryden, 1937-1972
46. From Leander Constantine Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, undated
47. From Lee Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937 February 20
48. From Lemuel Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1932 February 3
49. From Lena M. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937 June 9
50. From Leslie Norton Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937 November 15
51. From Lily E. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1938-1939
52. From Lindsay D. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937 April-May
53. From Littleton Porter Dryden, Jr. to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937 February-November
54. From Lora Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1938 December 12
55. From Lucretia Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937-1940
56. From Wella Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1938 January 27
57. From Lulu M. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937-1939
58. From Dale M. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937-1938
59. From Margery Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1938 April-August
60. From Mary E. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1939
61. From May Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1938 July 2-29
62. From W. E. Bard to Henry Francis Dryden, 1938-1943
63. From Herbert Douglas Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1939 February 13
64. From Horace H. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1939-1940
65. From Horace W. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1936-1937
66. From Howard S. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937-1939
67. From Hugh Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1952 February-November
68. From Ian G. C. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1938 June 15
69. From Ida E. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937 December 29
70. From J. H. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937 February 20-27
71. From J. Howard Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937-1940
72. From Merrill Monroe Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937 March-April
73. From Miles F. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, undated
74. From Milton Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937 March 5
75. From N. D. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937 December 10
76. From Nettie B. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1938 February 12

77. From Mrs. Norman Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1938-1939
78. From Mrs. O. B. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1938 January 15
79. From R. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1944 February 7
80. From R. G. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937 November 5
81. From R. Norman Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937 June 12-17
82. From Ralph Waldo Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937 February 12
83. From Ray N. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937 August 25
84. From Raymond Curtis Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1935-1939
85. From Reuben P. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1938 February 5
86. From Robert Clark Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1940 February 26
87. From Robert H. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1938 March 1
88. From Robert J. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937
89. From Russell Thomas Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937 December 3
90. From S. P. Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1939 December 19
91. From Samuel Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1937 May 19-22
92. From Samuel Moody Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1938-1940
93. From Henry Francis Dryden to T. A. Dryden, 1937 June 27
94. From Thelma Lee Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1938-1939
95. From Thomas Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1938-1941
96. From Thomas Dryden to Henry Francis Dryden, 1965 January 29
97. From Henry F. Dryden to Harry Benson, 1936-1952
98. From C. P. Dryden to Leslie Dryden, 1965-1974
99. From Leslie Dryden to Woodrow T. Wilson, 1974-1985
100. From Leslie Dryden to Dr. Wise, 1975-1979
101. From John Fox Dryden to Leslie Dryden, 1964-1965
102. From Mary Elizabeth Dryden to Leslie Dryden, 1937 February 11-14
103. From Patricia Dryden to Leslie Dryden, 1938-1987
104. From Mathilda Dryden to Leslie Dryden, 1944-1955
105. From Minnie K. Dryden to Leslie Dryden, 1938-1939
106. From Minnie K. Dryden to Leslie Dryden, 1936 March 16
107. From Patience C. Dryden to Leslie Dryden, 1947-1948
108. From Ruth Dryden to Leslie Dryden, 1970-1992
109. From Daisy Dean Dryden to Leslie Dryden, 1947-1952
110. From Harry F. Dryden to Various People, 1931-1940
111. From Leslie Dryden to Henry F. Dryden, 1935 June 13
112. From Leslie Dryden to Henry F. Dryden, 1936
113. From Leslie Dryden to Henry F. Dryden, 1937 January – December
114. From Leslie Dryden to Henry F. Dryden, 1938-1942
115. From Charles C. Dryden to Henry F. and Leslie Dryden, 1937-1985
116. From Henry F. Dryden to Leslie Dryden, 1935 May 4

Box 2

1. From Littleton Porter Dryden Sr. to Henry F. and Leslie Dryden, 1937-1959
2. From Matthew Wise to Katharine Adams, Re: Adams Family, 1938-1956
3. From Katherine Adams to Leslie Dryden, 1948-1962
4. From Katherine Palmer to Leslie Dryden, 1966
5. From Matthew M. Wise to Leslie Dryden, 1968
6. From Lycia Lankford to Leslie Dryden, 1956-1973

Series II: Genealogical Research

7. Norvell Family, 1934
8. Akers, Mundy, and Chapman Families, 1932-1939
9. Dryden Family, 1937-1976
10. Fleming Family, undated
11. Willis-Dryden, undated
12. Hill Family, undated
13. Houston Family, undated
14. Lane Family, undated
15. Dryden Family, Completed by Leslie Dryden, undated
- 16-17. Dryden Family, 1935-1945
- 18-19. Dryden Family, undated
20. Bennett-Dryden Family, undated
21. Manuscript, "A Brief Review of the Eastern Shore Dryden's," Leslie Dryden, 1932
- 22-23. Manuscript, "An Account of the Genealogy of Henry Francis Dryden," Henry Francis Dryden, 1941
24. Microfilm List, Dryden Genealogy Collection, undated

Box 3

1. Probate Record Transcription, Isaac Dryden, undated
2. Transcription, Diary of Isaac Sullivan, undated
3. Transcription, Washington Hotel and Tavern Ledger, 1789-1793, undated
4. Newsletter, "Old Somerset", Vol 1. Issues 1-4, 1985 January-October
5. Brochures, Pemberton Colonial Fair, September 24
6. School Notebook, Leslie Dryden, undated

Oversize

1. Plat, Land Tracts of Somerset and Worcester Counties, Maryland, 1938 January 21
2. Family Lineage, Henry Francis Dryden, 1937

Library Materials

1. *Some Notes on Dryden*, C.E. Ward, 1937
2. "Topographical Quarterly," 1936 August
3. 445 Binders, Leslie Dryden Genealogy collection