Stone family papers

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Biographical Note
Martha (“Mattie”) Dandridge Welch Stone (1844-1943), a long time resident of Los Angeles, was born in Talladega County, Ala. Her father was J. Mallory (John Mallory) Welch (d. 1847), a Talladega county lawyer and son of Rev. Oliver Welch (1791-1874), the founder of the Alpine Baptist Church. Mattie's mother, Frances Ann Gibson Welch (1818-1901) hailed from an old Virginia family. She was daughter of Jonathan Catlett Gibson (1793-1849), a Culpeper County, Va. lawyer and legislator, and his first wife Martha Dandridge Ball (1799-1822), daughter of Col. Burgess Ball and Frances Ann Washington, George Washington's niece. In 1849, Mattie's widowed mother married James Creth Burt (1809-1896), an affluent tanner of Mardisville, Talladega County, Ala. In 1860, Burt legally adopted Mattie. On June 1873, she married Isaac Jordan Stone (1846-1891), son of a Talladega County farmer. The Stones soon moved to North Carolina where Jordan Stone worked as a newspaper publisher; he was the proprietor and editor of The Raleigh Standard and The Asheville Citizen. Their children - Frances Jordan (1874-1943), Jordan Mallory (1883-1918), and William Welch (1886-1978) were born in North Carolina. In 1888, Stone sold his interest in The Asheville Citizen, and the family moved to Los Angeles. Stone became an importer and dealer in lime and cement. Mattie's mother came to live with them; she died in 1901 at her daughter's Los Angeles home. Jordan Mallory Stone came to Pasadena in April 1917 to take the position of assistant cashier of the Security National Bank. In July 1917, he married Evelyn H. Williams, but two months later succumbed to pneumonia. Frances Jordan (Fannie) Stone worked as a stenographer; she died in 1943. William Welch Stone, a bank executive, married Rebecca McMillan (1891-1981); the Stones lived in San Diego. In 1908, Martha D. Stone was involved in an attempt to receive reimbursement for the estate of George Washington lost by conflicting grants of the United States government. The effort was spearheaded by Robert E. Lee, Jr., the administrator of the Washington estates, and Grenlee Davidson Letcher (1867-1954) of Lexington, Va., the legal counsel. In 1909, the respective bills were introduced in the House (No. 5489) and Senate (No. 1238).
Arrangement
The collection is arranged chronologically. It is housed in one box.
Scope and Content
Correspondence of Martha D. Stone and her extended family. Martha D. Stone's correspondence contains letters and documents on family history, including those collected in 1908-1909. Besides the family members, the correspondents include Greenlee D. Letcher, Lawrence Washington (1836-1926); and Frank P. Flint. Also included are four letters (1916-1918) from Jordan M. Stone describing his life in Banning and Pasadena, Calif. and photographs of Jordan M. and William Welch Stone at Hollister Ranch, Calif.

Jonathan C. Gibson's correspondence includes two letters to his wife written while away from home; the letter of Oct. 18, 1817, contains a vivid description of the flood of emigrants headed to "Mizura;" the letters to his daughter written between 1840 and 1846 discuss family and local news of Culpeper county and details of some cases that he argued. Also included is the letter (1821, Jan.) from his kinsman and a member of the Virginia House of Delegates, Fayette Ball (1791-1836), describing bills under consideration.

Letters that Frances Ann Gibson Welch Burt and J. Mallory Welch exchanged in the summer 1844, during her visit to Virginia. In the letter of Aug. 10, 1844, written on pro-Clay pictorial stationery, she described a "Whig festival" in Dandridge, attended by some "thousand persons;" and on Aug. 26, 1844, she gives an account of a Methodist camp meeting in "Prince William Springs." Also included are the letters from her friends and relatives. The letter (Jan. 1, 1847) of her friend Mary V. Moore describes her stay at the Olympian Springs, Ky., her wedding to a young man she met there, and the busy social life of a newlywed in Mount Sterling, Ky.

There are also the journal and letters of Mary Emma (Mamie) Cathell Grace (1861-1937), a native of Philadelphia who attended New Orleans High School. The first portion of the diary covers the school year of 1878, the entries describe school studies, including lessons taught by Susan Blanchard Elder (1835-1923) and Mary Humphrey Stamps (b. 1835); the Mardi Gras festivities, particularly the parade staged by the Knights of Momus, the outbreak of yellow fever, etc. The second portion of the diary gives an account of her trip to Philadelphia to meet her father and siblings. 1885, Mamie married Dr. Jesse Edward Grace (1852-1895) and moved to Weimar, Tex.

**Personal Names**
- Ball, Fayette, 1791-1836
- Burt, Frances Ann Gibson Welch, 1818-1901
- Elder, Susan Blanchard, 1835-1923
- Flint, Frank P. (Frank Putnam), 1862-1929
- Gibson, Jonathan Catlett, 1793-1849
- Grace, Mary Emma Cathell, 1861-1937
- Letcher, Greenlee D. (Greenlee Davidson), 1867- -- Correspondence
- Stamps, Mary Humphreys, -1835
- Stone (Family) -- Archives
- Stone, Jordan M. (Jordan Mallory), 1883-1918
- Stone, Martha Dandridge Welch, 1843-1944
- Washington, George, 1732-1799 -- Estate
- Washington, Lawrence, 1836-1926
- Welch, J. Mallory (John Mallory), -1847
- Welch, Oliver, 1791-1874 -- Family -- Archives

**Corporate Names**
- United States.President -- Elections, 1844
- Whig Party (Va.)

**Subjects**
- Camp meetings -- Virginia -- Personal narratives
- Girls' schools -- Louisiana -- New Orleans
- Lawyers -- Virginia -- Correspondence
- Methodism -- Virginia -- History -- Sources
- Migration, Internal -- Virginia -- History -- 19th century -- Sources
- Revivals -- Virginia -- History -- 19th century -- Sources
- Women -- California -- Los Angeles -- Correspondence
- Women -- Southern States -- Correspondence
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Rockingham County (Va.) -- History -- Sources
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**HM 74659** Gibson, Jonathan Catlett, 1793-1849. Letter to Martha Dandridge Ball Gibson (1817, Oct. 8)
Rockingham, Va.

**HM 74660** Gibson, Jonathan Catlett, 1793-1849. Letter to Martha Dandridge Ball Gibson (1819, June)
Culpepper Court House, Va. Fragile condition.

**HM 74648** Ball, Fayette, 1791-1836. Letter to Jonathan Catlett Gibson, 1793-1849 (1821, Jan.)
Richmond, Va. Fragile condition.

**HM 74661** Gibson, Jonathan Catlett, 1793-1849. Letter to Frances Ann Gibson Welch Burt, 1818-1901 (1840, Mar. 31)
**HM 74686** Terrill, Elizabeth E. Letter to Frances Ann Gibson Welch Burt, 1818-1901 (1843, Feb. 27)
**HM 74662** Gibson, Jonathan Catlett, 1793-1849. Letter to Frances Ann Gibson Welch Burt, 1818-1901 (1843, Aug. 8)
Culpepper Court House, Va.

**HM 74651** Burt, Frances Ann Gibson Welch, 1818-1901. Letter to J. Mallory (John Mallory) Welch, -1847 (1844, Apr. 18)
Dandridge, Va.

**HM 74688** Welch, J. Mallory (John Mallory), -1847. Letter to Frances Ann Gibson Welch Burt, 1818-1901 (1844, May 2)
Kingston, Talladega County, Ala.
Welch, J. Mallory (John Mallory), -1847. Letter to Frances Ann Gibson Welch Burt, 1818-1901 (1844, June 6)
   Kingston, Talladega County, Ala.


   Dandridge, Va.

Welch, J. Mallory (John Mallory), -1847. Letter to Frances Ann Gibson Welch Burt, 1818-1901 (1844)

Gibson, Jonathan Catlett, 1793-1849. Letter to Frances Ann Gibson Welch Burt, 1818-1901 (1845, Nov. 31)
   Fragile condition.

Gibson, Jonathan Catlett, 1793-1849. Letter to Frances Ann Gibson Welch Burt, 1818-1901 (1846, July 4)

Gibson, Jonathan Catlett, 1793-1849. Letter to Frances Ann Gibson Welch Burt, 1818-1901 (1846, Dec. 5)
   Culpepper, Va.

Moore, Mary V. Letter to Frances Ann Gibson Welch Burt, 1818-1901 (1847, Jan. 1)
   Mount Sterling, Montgomery County, Ky.

Cathell, Emma R. Letter to "My Dear Brother" (1865, Sep. 3)

Grace, Mary Emma Cathell, 1861-1937. Journal (1878-1880)

Parish of Orleans. Office of Recorder of Births, Marriages, and Deaths. Receipt to J. A. Muir (1885, Mar. 12)
   New Orleans, La.

Ball, E. B. Letter to Frances Ann Gibson Welch Burt, 1818-1901 (1885, Mar. 14)
   Washington, D.C.

Stone, Martha Dandridge Welch, 1843-1944. Notes on Colonel Burgess Ball and the Ball family [1889?]
   3 items; in pencil. On "Jordan Stone" letterhead.

   Los Angeles, Calif.

Royal Arcanum. Southern California Council No. 728. Resolution on death of Jordan Stone (1892, Jan. 5)
   Los Angeles, Calif.
HM 74655  Burt, Frances Ann Gibson Welch, 1818-1901. Declaration regarding Santiago Canyon Silver Mining stock (1892, Nov. 11)
Los Angeles, Calif.

HM 74682  Stone, Martha Dandridge Welch, 1843-1944. Obituary of Frances Ann Gibson Welch Burt, 1818-1901 [after 1901, Sep. 14]
HM 74691  Weick, Edmund. Letter to Mary Emma Cathell Grace, 1861-1937 (1903, Dec. 18)
Columbus, Tex.

HM 74670  Letcher, Greenlee D. (Greenlee Davidson), 1867-. Letter to Delia F. Morse (1908, Oct. 22)
Lexington, Va. With an unsigned draft of a letter to Letcher.

Los Angeles, Calif. Typescript.

HM 74687  Washington, Lawrence, 1836-1926. Letter to Martha Dandridge Welch Stone, 1843-1944 (1909, Jan. 27)
Washington, D.C. With envelope.

HM 74658  Flint, Frank P. (Frank Putnam), 1862-1929. Letter to Martha Dandridge Welch Stone, 1843-1944 (1909, Feb. 4)
Washington, D.C. Typescript, with envelope.

HM 74649  Binns, C., Jr. Copies of the will of Burgess Ball [approximately 1909]
2 copies.

HM 74683  Stone, Martha Dandridge Welch, 1843-1944. Note re: the claim of the heirs of George Washington, 1732-1799 [approximately 1909]
HM 74695  [Unknown author]. Notes on the genealogies of the Ball family and George Washington, 1732-1799 [approximately 1909]

HM 74692  Weick, E. J. Letter to Mary Emma Cathell Grace, 1861-1937 (1911, Jan. 11)
Fragile condition.

HM 74676  Stone, John E. Last Will and Testament (1912, Mar. 5)
Forest City, Ark. Copy.

Banning, Calif. With envelope.

HM 74678  Stone, Jordan M. (Jordan Mallory), 1883-1918. Letter to Martha Dandridge Welch Stone, 1843-1944 (1918, July 11)
Indianapolis, Ind. Telegram.

HM 74679  Stone, Jordan M. (Jordan Mallory), 1883-1918. Letter to Martha Dandridge Welch Stone, 1843-1944 (1918, Aug. 1)
HM 74680  Stone, Jordan M. (Jordan Mallory), 1883-1918. Letter to Martha Dandridge Welch Stone, 1843-1944 (1918, Aug. 3)
Pasadena, Calif. With envelope.
HM 74693  Civile, -----, Mrs. To the Memory of Jordan M. Stone [1918]
          Typed copy.

HM 74694  -----, Maude. Letter to Martha Dandridge Welch Stone, 1843-1944 (1930, Nov. 14)
          Palmetto, Ga. Typescript.

HM 74672  Miller, Mary Madge Burt. Letter to William Welch and Rebecca McMillan Stone [approximately 1930]
          Monticello, Fla. Author's name could be "Muller."

          Los Angeles, Calif. Typescript, with 8 newspaper clippings.

HM 74657  Cathell, Laura A. Letter to A. D. Dyess (1937, June 7)
          Woodbury, N.J.

HM 74669  Lee, Mary Welch. Letter to Martha Dandridge Welch Stone, 1843-1944 (1939, Dec. 15)
          Typescript, with envelope.

HM 74685  Stone, Martha Dandridge Welch, 1843-1944. Letter to "My Dear Friends." [before 1943, May 23]

HM 74650  Buckner, Martha Ball. Letter to Mary Madge Burt? [before 1964, Aug. 20]
          Sperryville, Va.

          With envelope, also: souvenir of boxwood spray from home of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, Va.