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Charles Lewis Cocke Papers

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Collection Overview

Title	Charles Lewis Cocke papers
Date Range:	1839-1901
Abstract:	Personal and professional papers of Charles Lewis Cocke, educator, founder of Hollins University, and ardent Baptist layman.
Creator	Cocke, Charles Lewis, 1820-1901.
Extent:	4.88 cubic ft. (12 boxes)
Donor:	Martha L. Cocke ; (Acc# 8-1/2010)
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Related Collections or Record Groups:	<p>University Archives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joseph A. Turner, II—Personal Papers • Cocke, Martha L. —papers • Photographs—Administration & Founders—Cocke & early admin • Scrapbooks (of family members who were alumnae, administrators, or faculty) • Charles L. Cocke Corporation Papers • Cocke Family Papers • Board of Trustee records • Artifacts • William H. Pleasants--Faculty file • Articles published in student and college publications.

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BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

Charles Lewis Cocke (1820-1901) was one of seven children born to Elizabeth Fox Cocke and James Cocke (1783-1856) at Edgehill in King William County, Virginia. He attended Virginia Baptist Seminary (now University of Richmond, from 1836 to 1839) and Columbian College in Washington, D.C. (now George Washington University from, 1840-1844). From Columbian, he earned both his A.B. in 1840 and his A.M. in 1844.

After he completed his education, Cocke returned to Richmond College to teach mathematics, as tutor and then as the seminary's first full time mathematics professor. He also managed the student dining hall. In 1840, he married Susanna Virginia Pleasants (1820-1906). They had nine children: Joseph James Cocke, Leila Virginia Cocke, Sallie Lewis Cocke, Mary Susan Cocke, Rosa P. Cocke, Charles Henry Cocke, Martha Louisa Cocke, Lucian Howard Cocke, and Elizabeth N. Cocke.

While at the Virginia Baptist Seminary, Cocke was asked by the Board of Trustees of Valley Union Seminary (now Hollins University) to head the school, which had been established in 1842. He assumed the position of superintendent in 1846 and remained in there for the rest of his life. Although Hollins was established in 1842 by Joshua Bradley, Cocke is considered the founder because he stabilized the financial condition of Hollins and developed it into a successful school. Cocke also was professor of mathematics from 1846-1891.

Cocke was active in the Valley Baptist and Virginia Baptist Associations and was a frequent lecturer and guest minister. He was also an advocate for local African American congregations within the Baptist denomination. In addition to founding Hollins, Cocke also helped establish Alleghany College in Blue Sulpher Springs, Virginia and Allegheny Institute in Roanoke, both short lived institutions. In 1883 Carson College (now Carson-Newman University) awarded Cocke with an honorary doctorate (L.L.D.).

In 1900, he became ill and moved to his youngest son's (Lucien) home in nearby Roanoke, Virginia. On May 4, 1901, he passed away and was buried in the Cocke family cemetery, located on the Hollins campus.

SCOPE & CONTENT

This collection highlights the life and career of Charles Lewis Cocke as an educator, Hollins founder and president, and Baptist layman. The papers are divided into five series of records: correspondence, business, writings, Baptist association records, and personal materials.

The correspondence includes both incoming and outgoing letters regarding personal, business, and parent, alumnae and campus matters. Correspondence about general business matters of Hollins includes orders for supplies and the construction of Main Building. Matters relating to unpaid tuition bills, selection of coursework, and living accommodations are found in the “Parents, Alumnae, and Campus” series.

The second series, business consists primarily of reports to the board but also include an interesting collection of receipts for various goods and services. The largest series, writings, is divided into six sub-series: faculty, speeches to students, religion (general), religion (Baptist denomination), education, miscellaneous, and published works. With the exception of speeches, the purpose of the remaining writings is not always indicated on the document. The fourth series, Baptist associations, includes minutes, reports, and other documents from valley, state, and other Baptist associations.

Documents in the personal series include a will, mementos of his 50th wedding anniversary, news clippings, and publications about Cocke. In addition, there are also materials that may be of interest to researchers, such as photographs, artifacts, and the Cocke Family papers, not shelved with the Charles Lewis Cocke Papers.

ARRANGEMENT:

Correspondence within each sub-series is organized by date, with undated materials at the back of the file. There is no formal arrangement of the receipts and they were retained as they were found by the archivist. Reports to the board are also arranged by date. The writings, within each sub-series, are not in any particular order as most of them were not dated and many lacked formal titles. A list of the essays, giving titles or first few words of the document, within each folder, has been provided. The miscellaneous writings were grouped by subject or physical format (i.e. ledger books). The Valley Baptist Association records were grouped general documents of the association (minutes, reports, etc.) with the reports and resolutions from individual churches in separate folders. As with the writings series, most of the Baptist association records were undated. In addition, records often lack a distinctive title or heading. As a result, these were not formally arranged within individual file folders. The personal series materials were grouped together by topic. The publications within the personal series are grouped by date but the remaining file folders did not need formal organization as there were only a few documents within each file.

SERIES LIST

Series I. Correspondence

- Personal
- Parents, school officials, and others
- Business (Hollins-related)
- Other

Series II. Business files

- Financial documents, 1846-1900
- Subscriber list, c1860
- Reports to Board of Trustees, 1851-1900

Series III. Writings

- Faculty (lecture notes, Bible classes)
- Speeches to students
- Religion, General
- Religion, Baptist denomination
- Education
- Miscellaneous
- Published works

Series IV. Baptist Associations

- Valley Association
 - Communications & minutes
 - Reports from specific congregations
- Virginia State Baptist Association (The General Association)
- Other Baptist organizations

Series V. Personal

- Legal papers
- Obituaries, clippings, and resolutions written after his death
- Golden Wedding (50th) anniversary Publications about Charles Lewis Cocke (monographs, pamphlets, articles).
- Alleghany College catalog (Blue Sulpher Springs, Va.)
- Publications and other biographical information about Charles Lewis Cocke

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I. Correspondence (Outgoing and Incoming) 1839-1901

The correspondence series of approximately 120 pieces is divided into three sub-series: personal letters to or from family and friends (1839-1855), letters to or from parents, alumnae, and campus (1853-1901), letters relating to business matters, and other correspondence (1854-1900).

The personal correspondence series is divided up into two sub-series: letters to his father, James Cocke, and others. While of a personal nature, the letters in this first sub-series often contain matters relating to Hollins and are useful for learning about his personal life as well as Hollins history. Correspondents include Charles Lewis Cocke, James Cocke (father of C.L. Cocke, A. B. Nichols, Augustus B. Clarke, C. W. Stewart, E.D. Wilsburn, E. L. Thompkins, J. R. Abile, and others.

The second sub-series is a small group of letters related to general business matters of Hollins. These include orders for supplies, legal issues over the building of Main, letters relating to employees (recommendations, offers of employment, etc.). Matters relating to unpaid tuition bills are not included in this series (see sub-series “parents, alumnae, and campus”).

The largest sub-series, correspondence to/from parents and alumni include general inquiries about Hollins, grades, bills for tuition and supplies, living accommodations, health and course of study for their daughters. The most common theme among letters from or alumnae is outstanding debts to Hollins. Letters regarding debts often contained information about individual families and personal circumstances such as the family farm or business. Additionally, circulars, intended for the entire campus as well as parents and board members, are included in this sub-series.

Series II. Business files, 1846-1900

This small series consists of miscellaneous financial documents (1846-1872), a list of subscribers (c.1860), and board reports (1851-1900). The financial documents are primarily receipts for items such as Confederate bonds, payment of tax for running a boarding house, payments to the *Richmond Whig* for placing Hollins advertisements, fabric, and food. The list of subscribers is a list of those who had donated “to the fund of \$15,000 to be raised or the benefit of Hollins Institute.” The original reports are mostly handwritten with some type-script or printed in the form of a “circular.” Twenty-seven reports are missing (1858-1875; 1883-1885, and 1887-1893). For a fuller picture of business matters, board minutes, which may contain copies of his reports, and the records of the Charles Lewis Cocke Corporation (1902-1969) should be consulted.

Series III. Writings.

This series contains a wide range of materials of writing divided among four sub-series: faculty, speeches to students, general religious topics, Baptist issues, and miscellaneous writings. With the exception of “speeches to students,” most are undated and the purpose of the documents is

not indicated. A few items are known to have been published while others remain yet to be identified. The largest amount of material falls under the religion and education sub-series.

The first sub-series, Faculty, includes lecture notes for his mathematics and Bible classes. The Bible classes (“Sabbath-school exercises”) were not credit courses. According to the 1882-83 catalog “the school is also divided into classes, each of which recites on the Sabbath day a Bible lesson to some one of the officers or to more advanced pupils.”

The second sub-series “speeches to students” were primarily for commencement and other academic occasions. Most of the speeches are dated 1846-1889 and are loose-leaf manuscripts. Others are recorded in ledger books.

The third and fourth sub-series are writings on religious subjects: “religion, general” and “religion, Baptist denomination.” The general writings do not appear to be specific to the Baptist denomination and range from theological to everyday living topics. The Baptist sub-series covers subject such as evangelism, missions, Baptist publications, and the establishment of schools by Baptists.

The fourth sub-series “education” includes several speeches and drafts for articles as well as essays of unknown purpose. Topics include education for both boys and girls, sectarianism in literary institutions, and business aspects of running a school.

The fifth sub-series includes writings that fall into the “miscellaneous” category. Examples from this small series include a policy about students not fraternizing with the local residents of Roanoke, reconstruction in Virginia, and an essay on games.

The final sub-series, “publications,” is a short list of speeches that were published as well as articles published in *The Religious Herald*. This is not a complete list of Cocke’s articles as his biographer, Smith, notes that he also published articles in *The Educational Journal of Virginia*, *The Nation*, *Appleton’s Journal*, *the Atlantic Monthly* which are not in the collection at present.

Series IV. Baptist Associations & Organizations. 1853-1877

This series consists of communications from the Valley Baptist Association, including individual church reports as well as the state association. The individual church reports include statistics from congregations such as members (separate by white and colored), number of baptisms, deaths, and dismissals. One example includes those from Enon Colored Church and resolution of Enon African Baptist Church to withdraw from the Association. Additional materials include materials from other related Baptist organizations such as the Virginia Baptist Orphanage in Salem, Virginia. The range of dates from these materials is approximately 1853-1877, though many are undated.

Series V. Personal (1892-)

This collection includes Cocke's will and other papers related to legal matters, a catalog of the Alleghany Institute that Cocke helped to established, materials from his golden wedding anniversary party and resolutions written by various local churches when Cocke first became ill in 1897. There are also obituaries and resolutions written upon his death, newspaper clippings, biographical notes, and publications about Cocke. A closing date for this series is not provided as articles about Cocke are added as they become available. There is also an incomplete bibliography of articles by or about Cocke in *The Religious Herald*.

CORRESPONDENCE (SERIES I), BOX LIST

- Personal
 - James Cocke, Sr., 1843?-1855 (17 letters)
 - Others. 1839-1849 (18 letters)
- Letters to parents, alumnae, and school officials, 1853-1901 (44 letters)
- Business (Hollins-related), 1855-1901 (22 letters)
- Other, 1854-1900 (28 letters)

BUSINESS FILES, 1846-1900 (SERIES II), BOX LIST

- Financial documents (bills, receipts, chits, 1846-1872)—2 files
- List of subscribers to fund for Hollins, c. 1860 – 1 file
- Reports to the Board of Trustees (1851-1900)
 - Reports, 1851-1900 (originals and drafts)
 - Reports, 1851-1900 (transcriptions)

See also two reports in ledger book 1 (series III: Writings—Speeches to Students)

WRITINGS (SERIES III) –FACULTY, BOX LIST

Lecture Notes

- Bible Class (*taught on Sundays by faculty*)
 - Questions on Luke
 - Untitled. First line: The Gospel of our Lord by Luke; Birth of John; Gospel of John; Acts.
 - Notes relating to study by C. H. M. on the five books of Moses
 - Elijah
 - Hebrews
 - Elijah and 5 books of Moses
- Mathematics lecture notes (*loose leaf*)
- Mathematics notebook (*with class rolls for composition class*)

WRITINGS (SERIES III) – SPEECHES TO STUDENTS, BOX LIST

Speeches, 1846-1869

Speeches, 1870-1889

Speeches, Undated

Ledger book 1 (*mostly commencement speeches, 1867-71, 1874*)

Ledger book 2 (*mostly commencement speeches; 1860-1863, 1866*)

WRITINGS (SERIES III) – RELIGION, GENERAL, BOX LIST

listed by heading or first line of text

Folder 1

- Is the Christian church a continuation of the Jewish commonwealth?
- An address before the Petersburg Bible Society.

Folder 2

- But why such illusion? (*in Eclipse tablet; mentions women's sphere, p. 5*)
- Can Christians read novels and the light literature of the day without injury to themselves and the cause of Christ?
- Peter's denial of Christ before his crucifixion and his subsequent confession.

Folder 3

- You take Christ... (*poem*)
- The life of Christ is a mystery (*24 p. document: missing last or final pages*)
- To be a Christian school (*13 p. document, p. 1 missing*)

Folder 4

- The subject of this address is the divine element in Christian missions (*manuscript, and typescript*)
- The Sabbath question
- The first day of the week
- The Sabbath

Folder 5

- The priesthood of Christ (*in Windsor cream tablet*)
- Educational qualifications for the Christian ministry
- Evidences of Christianity
- Family worship
- Hold the people to the Bible.

Folder 6

- Rural churches
- Christ crucified

Folder 7

- Notes on denominations (*1 p. of notes*)
- Is it obligatory for all professing Christians to unite themselves with visible churches?
- What a preacher should be, by a layman, Prof. C. L. Cocke.
- What influence led to the establishment of the papacy?

Folder 8

- Does Christian obligation transcend secular obligations?
- On what day of the week was Christ buried or how long did he remain in the tomb?
- Do the Scriptures teach infant baptism?

Folder 9

- Christian graces and virtues (*in Eclipse tablet*)
- Solitude
- He lays down this principle (*first line on p. 2, missing p 1; pauline theology*)

Folder 10

- Methods of evangelistic work – new and old (*ms. and transcript*)
- Design of the Lord's supper
- On the subject now before us...Why should Christian people establish schools at all? (*typescript*)

Folder 11

- The return of the Jews (*typescript only*)
- The killing process
- The decline of reverence in this age – its cause and cure (*in Eclipse tablet*)

Folder 12. Fragments

- Baptism & pardon. 5 Sun Oct 1870 at Chill Creek. (*p. 1-3 missing*)
- Dogmas (*first word of article—missing pages*)
- Empowered (*first word of article—missing pages*)
- Fundamental religious truths
- Evangelists and their work (*1 p.*)
- And they brought young children to him/And the incident here records [occurred?] a certain occasion where our savior was surrounded by the populous (*14 p.*)
- Church edifices (*with letter to editor ; one long document with various drafts of some pages and many pages missing? Or, more than one document? —fragment in Empire bond tablet.*)

Folder 13. Fragments.

- When a high spirited...people. (*fragment—p. 16-24*)
- Christ spoke to the whole world (*fragment, with draft of a letter; in Cable tablet*)

WRITINGS (SERIES III) – RELIGION, BAPTIST DENOMINATION, BOX LIST

Folder 1

- The Baptist denomination of this country
- The Baptists of Virginia and Schools (*ca. 1876*)
- Our duties to the Colored Baptists – is it obligatory upon us to give to the colored people religious instruction? (*ms. & typescript*)
- The wider circulation of our Baptist newspapers & the better support of our missionary work
- Principles of church government
- Principles and prerogatives of church officials
- Fundamental religious truths

Folder 2:

- From city and country
- The Baptists of the vast territory known as the Southern States...
- Mission work among the colored race in the days of slavery
- The slight and remote bond (*between Southern Baptist Seminary & Southern Baptist Convention*)
- You see, Professor Cocke.
- Responsibilities of a Layman
- The duties and responsibilities of young Baptist laymen (*ms.*¹)
- What should a preacher be? by a layman
- Church discipline

Folder 3:

- How it began (*sectional controversy over slavery*)
- Missions
- What relation, if any, does baptism bear to the [remission?] of lives?
- Should church members who refuse to contribute to the support of the church be subjected to church discipline?
- Cardinal principles (*re: church governance*)
- Minister's relief fund
- Is war consistent with the spirit and principles of Christianity? (*written for the meeting at Buchanan March 28, 1872*)
- The Baptists denomination embraced a multitude of people
- Baptists and schools (*2 drafts*)

Folder 4: Fragments

- The Remidy [*i.e. remedy*] (*on ministerial destitution; missing p. 2-4 and final page*)
- Proper and their own cause?...our system of evangelism (*drafts of one or more documents.*)
- As evidence of his wonderful power over a congregation
- It was...best to leave a secular church organization (*missing p. 1-17 of 23+ page document.*)

¹ Published version in series 3—Writings—Published works

- This change was not inaugurated abruptly all over the state (*missing p. 1-13 of 19+ page document*)
- The Christian churches of this [continent?] are being filled with (*missing p. 1- 5 of 15 page document*)
- The Baptists of Virginia have for generations borne the reputation

Folder 5: Other Fragments

Folder 6: Other Fragments

WRITINGS (SERIES III) – EDUCATION, BOX LIST

Folder 1

- Echoes from the Valley
- Sixteenth annual session of the Association (*Virginia Education Assoc.?*)
- Address to the Association at Norfolk
- The duty of parents with regard to the higher education of their children
- The object of scholastic study
- A people of high and noble endowment
- Notes on education

Folder 2

- What is the best method of educating the very ignorant? (*1870?*)
- Education Girls
- Education of Girls
- Our boys and girls! Where shall they stand in coming generations?
- Girls...that would be an enormous cost (*n.d., fragment*)

Folder 3

- The business features of educational establishments
- Legislation and school economy
- Numerous individual wealth. Hence it was under the favorable...the new South rises as a giant... (*p. 1 missing; not in C. L. Cocke's hand*)
- That fearful tribunal which awaits men of every race and time (*fragment, p. 1-8 missing.*)

Folder 4

- Sectarianism in literary institutions under denominational auspices
- In distinction from many high schools and colleges
- South – In the South especially was it considered unsuitable for ladies to [learn?] the elaborate scholastic [teaching] to which some sow advice and for which ...but still there has been a general awakening to the importance of education all over this country to both sexes. (*p. 1 missing*).

Folder 5: Fragments. Unlisted.

Note: Additional educational writings in Ledger book 2 in sub-series Writings--Speeches to students. Normal Instruction for young ladies; Young ladies! In Virginia society, every lady is a teacher, Civilization, philosophers say, is the progress of society...with the definition before me, who of my fair young readers would not contribute all of energy and influence [that] she may command...; Young Ladies, I would not [incure?] in your [esteem?] the guilt of...

Ledger book no. 2 in sub-series Writings—Miscellaneous: True Ideal of a Female School, Gentlemen...teachers associations...,” Virginia upon whose soil...”.

See Ledger book lists in Speeches and Miscellaneous writings sub-series for more detail

WRITINGS (SERIES III) – MISCELLANEOUS, BOX LIST

Folder: Catalog, promotional, and miscellaneous information about Hollins.

- Hollins Institute. It was announced in our last register that certain additions to our accommodations would be made. (“X” on the first page—most likely a draft for the catalog)
- The salubrity of this climate and the advantages of mineral waters as afforded have induced many parents to send their daughters to us when in delicate health.
- *List of officers, n.d.*
- Hollins Institute (1887)
- Just 33 years ago this institute... (1885)
- Often in the history of this institute (1884)

Folder: Historical and autobiographical notes of Charles Lewis Cocke

- Richmond and Richmond College
- Incidences in Early Life
- Reminiscences
- Our little sulphur spring
- Responses to individuals requesting biographical information
- Old bell (*poem, tribute, and history of*)
- Quotations of Charles Lewis Cocke
- Fragments

Folder: Other

- Notes about money being stolen by a student
- Lillian Clarke Jewett (*CLC establishes the facts about her association with Hollins.*)
- Roanoke is a city of recent origin (*Policy about students associating with locals.*)
- Games
- Washington. The 22nd day of February from the earliest ages of our republic has been justly upended as an occasion of national joy and festivity. At this very hour...
- Notes about Mrs. Kapp (*parent of student*)
- Building concerns (*fragment, possibly about Alleghany College or the Baptist Orphanage*)
- Reconstruction in Virginia
- Fragments

Ledger 1

- Strawberry Association Minutes, August 1853 (*local Baptist organization*)
- Valedictory, July 4, 1854
- An Address on the Subject of Enlarging V. U. Seminary
- Remarks on the close of the half session for 1857-58
- An Address to Young Ladies, March 28, 1855. It is so unusual for me to...
- Valedictory, July 4, 1855 (*note at bottom :This speech was never made*)
- Young Ladies of the Euzelian Society. 1855. It is a matter of regret...

- Elijah. (*Note opposite first page: In preparing for the evening's address, I have been aided by reference to a composition written when in College after reading a life of Elijah by some distinguished minister.*)
- Peter's denial of Christ before his crucifixion and his subsequent confession.
- July 3, 1856. We have assembled this morning... (*followed by a list of degree recipients*)
- *Several pages of note, listing courses, teachers, etc.*
- Gentlemen, having been closely and constantly engaged...

Ledger 2

- True Ideal of a Female School
- Gentlemen...teachers associations..." (*note at top: duplicate*)
- Virginia upon whose soil..."
- Report on the officers of the Christian Church
- Lists of names and dollar amounts (*p. 118*)
- Catalogues (*followed by a list of names*)
- Themes for essays by Deacons (*and*) Ministers.
- Note

WRITINGS (SERIES III) – PUBLISHED WORKS, BOX LIST

- *Valedictory. Closing Remarks of the Superintendent to the Young Ladies of Hollins Institute, June 26th, 1872.* (Lynchburg, VA: Bryant & Browne, Printers, 1872.²
- *Mr. Cocke's Address to the Graduates. Hollins Institute, Virginia. 1899.* (Roanoke, Va.: Stone Printing and Manufacturing Company. see folder 3 for original and typescript.
- *On the Character of John Albert Broaddus* (Baptist General Association of Virginia, 1895.
- *Christian Evangelism by the Baptists of Virginia.* (Baptist General Association of Virginia, 1891.
- *Duties and Responsibilities of Young Baptist Laymen.* (Baptist Laymen's Union, 1888 *Religious Herald* articles.³
- "To Baptist Laymen." *Religious Herald* (v. 63 n. 12), March 20, 1890.
- "Where I stand," *Religious Herald* (v. 63 n. 27), July 3, 1890.
- "Prof. C. L. Cocke, L.L. D., Discusses Hollins Institute and Higher Education of Woman." *Religious Herald* (v. 63 n. 32), August 7, 1890.
- "Incidences in early life" by Charles Lewis Cocke. *Richmond College Messenger* (March 1900). (*Manuscript copy in file "Historical & Autobiographical Notes" in Writings—Miscellaneous sub-series.*)

² Note on index card found with document: Given by Lora Crump Daniel '08 to Mary Masters Turner '03, and by the latter to the College Archives September 1960.

³ See folder 2, subseries IV Baptist Associations for manuscript and typescript.

WRITINGS (SERIES IV) – BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS, BOX LIST

Valley Association

- Minutes & Communications
 - Minutes of the Association meetings...
 - Session of 1865 (*published*)
 - Session of 1873. 32nd meeting...
 - Session of 1889. 48th meeting
 - Executive Meeting, n.d.

 - The condition, prospects, and needs of our association (*fragment?*)
 - To the ladies of the Valley Association
 - Valley Association. I have...from the office...
 - Baptists of Roanoke City
 - Ministers and Laymen
 - To the churches of the Valley Association (Aug 14, 1873)
 - To the moderator and delegates of the Valley Association. Aug 11, 1877
 - The Association met—moderator in the chair. Saturday, 9 o' clock
 - The wants of the Valley Association
 - To the pastors and churches of the Valley Association.
 - Valley Association. I once reminded the late [Jno?] Poindexter...
 - The committee appointed to recommend an order of business...
 - Report of the presbytery on ordination.
 - To the Valley Association when concerned the Jennings Creek Baptist Church. (1863 or 1868)
 - Letter from Christiansburg Methodist Church asking for a Baptist minister. 1867
 - Alleghany Meeting House, July 16th 1867. The Valley Association met with the church worshipping at this place...
 - Resolutions
 - Fragment

- Reports and resolutions from Baptist Churches within the Valley Association, 1866-67 (2 *files*)

Virginia State Baptist Association (The General Association)

- To the Baptists of Virginia (*draft*)
- At your last annual meeting...
- State missions
- The General Association. We meet in Richmond...
- The General Association. Of course this body...
- Notes. The last meeting of the General Association at Roanoke
- To Baptist laymen (*draft ms. ; see also publications*)
- Botetourt Springs, May 26, 1880. To the General Association of Baptists of Virginia. (*Letter from the Trustees of Hollins to the General Association of Baptists in Virginia.*)
- Fragments:
 - It is simply the organ of such Baptists...(*p. 1 missing of 9 p. document*)
 - The action of the General Association supplemented by that of the Board... (*p. 1-3 missing of 11 p. document*)
 - Be appointed to address the Baptists of the State... (*p. 1-3 missing of 11 p. document*)
 - We, therefore, recommend that the closing year of the 19th century made ... (*includes only p. 12-15, 20-21*)
 - Have or may apply for them, for the purpose of becoming members of the new association proposed to be formed in the Valley... (*one page of text followed by 2 p. list of names*)
 - Federal Relations (*denominationally*) 1st Our federal relations having been inharmonious for the period of a half-century, are now happily and, I would [fain?] hope, permanently adjusted
 - ...with the 480 delegates in addition to those who were present. These delegates would have been from all parts of the states...

Other Baptist Organizations ⁴

- Virginia Baptist Orphanage (Salem, Va.)
- New Lebanon Association
- District Association
- Baptist Brotherhood of Virginia

Series V: Personal

- Legal papers
- Resolutions from churches, 1897-1900
- Obituaries, clippings, and resolutions written after his death
- Catalog of Alleghany College, Blue Sulpher Springs, Virginia, for session 1858-60.
- Golden Wedding (50th) anniversary (invitation, letters received, etc. in 1890)
- Publications about Charles Lewis Cocke (monographs, pamphlets, articles).
- Biographical information (*not written by Cocke*), including a compilation of articles published in the *Religious Herald*.

⁴ See also Strawberry Association Minutes, August 1853 (writings—miscellaneous—Ledger 1)