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SOUTHERN HISTORICAL COLLECTION  
University of North Carolina N.C.

COLLECTION RECORD

~~1799-1917~~ 1787-1949.

625 items, plus 37 vols.  
+ film (vol. 38)

Name of Collection HOBBS MENDENHALL PAPERS  
Given A.W. Hobbs,  
by Glandon Drive,  
Chapel Hill, N.C.  
Date Jan. 5, 1943 Agreement filed none  
Number of copies none To be sent to: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTENTS (estimated)

Manuscripts Box of manuscripts  
Books 37 38  
Ca - 29 books, 32 books (1799-1917)

LOCATION IN LIBRARY

Temporary-- Manuscripts Put in storeroom inbox, 1/13/43 STW  
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Books R-5-3 11-19-43 02, Oct. 1949

SURVEYED

Manuscripts P(36 folders) 3 o.d. boxes By \_\_\_\_\_  
Books, \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTERED IN GUIDE

Manuscripts \_\_\_\_\_ Books \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS

Papers arranged and surveyed by Mrs. Cotten, Feb. 1949, and filed in <sup>3</sup> o.d. boxes in regular series in vault, Feb. 22, 1949. (5 more vols. filed at this time, making a total of 37. --all in R-5-d in 02).

*Haverford College memorial pamphlet*

Approved:

Papers (3 o.d. boxes) filed in vault in order, March 49  
Transferred to Rare Book Room, Sept. 1957: Mary Pegg's copy of History of Charlotte Temple,  
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envelopes, worthless, discarded 3-28-50 by JWP.



MEMORANDUM

March 23, 1950

The torn copy of LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, 1816, with missing pages filled in by photostats, was returned to Dr. Hobbs, at Phillips Hall, as per agreement with him by Dr. Hamilton,



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= Vol. #38

HOBBS--MENDENHALL PAPERS

Pages from a Commonplace Book,  
including Mendenhall Genealogy,

Microfilmed from the original in the  
possession of A.W.Hobbs,

Chapel Hill, N.C

(January 1943)

Parts of this microfilmed,:

ON THE POWER OF THE MIND, A Poem, James R.Mendenhall

~~xxxRuffin~~

An Acrostic-- by Richard Mendenhall, 1851

Genealogy of the Ancestors of James Ruffin Mendenhall

(Note in back of book: Mary Mendenhall was 72 years old  
25th of 1st mo. 1860)

Mendenhall family



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Guide \_\_\_\_\_

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Inclusive dates: ..... 1787-1949 .....

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Schools + Colleges



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
Chapel Hill, N. C.

January 5th, 19 43

Received of A.W. Hobbs,

Glandon Drive,

Chapel Hill, N.C.

for the Southern Historical Collection, the following:

Box of letters and about 29 mss. books

Information:

To be known as the  
HOBBS- MENDENHALL PAPERS

Remarks:

For permanent preservation

*J. de R. Hamilton*  
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Dates 1842

Date August 1955

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Deposited	) by	Tatum's Antiques
Lent for filming	)	1008 Brookstown Ave.
Lent for copying	)	Winston-Salem, N. C.
June 22, 1955.		

Other terms:

PRELIMINARY DESCRIPTION: 1 letter.

April 9, 1842, Miamisport, near Peru, Indiana, Ira Mendenhall to Mr. Jesse G. Hinshaw, New Salem, N. C., telling of school affairs, civic matters and commenting on the times; an account of the school commissioner's fleeing with the township treasury, mention of sister Elvira's marriage to Hiram Moore and other family news. Mendenhall was a school teacher.

SUBSEQUENT HISTORY:

[I do not know what, if any, connections exists between Ira Mendenhall and the North Carolina Mendenhalls in the HOBBS-MENDENHALL Group. A.B.Allan. Aug. 1955.]



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Inventory

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England--Description and travel--1801-1900.  
Guilford College--History.  
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Hobbs family.  
Hobbs, Lewis Lyndon, 1849-1932.  
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Hobbs, Richard.  
Mendenhall family.  
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New Garden School (Greensboro, N.C.)--History.  
Psychiatric hospitals--February 1996--History.  
Quakers--North Carolina--History.  
Quakers--United States--Political activity.  
Women, Quaker--United States--Political activity.  
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Compiled by

Suzanne Ruffing

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Mary Mendenhall Hobbs (1852-1930), daughter of Nereus and Oriana Mendenhall, was also a member of the Society of Friends. She married Lewis Lyndon Hobbs and with him dedicated her life to education in North Carolina, especially that of women. She held no official position at Guilford College, but was the third woman to receive a degree from the University of North Carolina. She wrote on many subjects and was prominent in aiding all efforts for peace. She and Lyndon Hobbs had five children: Lewis Lyndon, Richard Julius Mendenhall, Allen Wilson, Walter, and Gertrude. Richard served with a Quaker relief organization in France during the First World War.

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SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series 1. Correspondence and Related Material

1787-1932. 450 items.

Arrangement: chronological.

Primarily correspondence of both families, mainly concerning theological issues. Also included are a few deeds, plats, and indentures.

Folder 1	1787-1799
2	1804-1842
Folder 3	1849-1868
4	1870-1881
5	1883-1889
Folder 6	1890-1899
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13	1922-1926
14	1927-1929
15	1930-1932
16	Undated letters and other material

Series 2. Articles and other writings

Date span. 200 items.

Religious sermons, educational articles, newspaper clippings, and some genealogical information collected by Mary and Lyndon Hobbs.

Folder 17	Articles of Mary Mendenhall Hobbs
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Series 3. Volumes

1797-1923. 39 items.

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- Folder 37      Volume 1: 1797, 5 pp. Daybook containing accounts with barbers and other trades people; also chronological record of business transacted and letters received.
- Folder 38      Volume 2: 1798-1802, 40 pp. Arithmetic book of Stephen Mendenhall.
- Folder 39      Volume 3: 1807-1808, 50 pp. Penmanship exercises and poems of Mary Pegg.
- Folder 40      Volume 4: 1822, 16 pp. Daybook and ledger with barber and cash accounts.
- Folder 41      Volume 5: 1832, 1837-1844, 1852, 300 pp. Accounts of the estate of Judith Mendenhall; records of Quakers in Charleston, S.C.; description of Montgomery County (N.C.) lands; accounts of George C. Clark; register book for lands of George Mendenhall; accounts of James R., George C., and other Mendenhalls.
- Folder 42      Volume 6: 1833-1848, 60 pp. Album of Minerva T. Mendenhall titled "Young Lady's Remembrancer."
- Folder 43      Volume 7: 19 February 1851-29 November 1851, 100 pp. Diary of Nereus Mendenhall.
- Folder 44      Volume 8: 1854, 60 pp. Scrapbook of miscellaneous clippings of James R. Guilford, attorney, Guilford County, N.C.
- Folder 45      Volume 9: 1862, 61 pp. Autograph album of Charlie M. Crump.
- Folder 46      Volume 10: 1867-1868, 452 pp. Letterpress copybook of Brenizer, Kellog and Co., Greensboro, N.C.
- Folder 47      Volume 11: 1869-1870, 400 pp. "Index Rerum" of Nereus Mendenhall.
- Folder 48      Volume 12: 1870-1883, 383 pp. Accounts of the estate of Richard Mendenhall and other accounts.
- Folder 49      Volume 13: 1871-1877, 80 pp. Secretary's record book of the "Temperance Society" of New Garden District, N.C.



- Folder 50      Volume 14: November 1872, 80 pp. Pocket notebook of G. L. Hobbs, New Garden, N.C.
- Folder 51      Volume 15: 1875, 38 pp. Lewis Lyndon Hobbs, Haverford College, notes on lectures and accounts of college store.
- Folder 52      Volume 16: 1875, 38 pp. Lewis Lyndon Hobbs, Haverford College, notes on mathematics, logic and lectures.
- Folder 53      Volume 17: 1876, 46 pp. Commonplace book of Lewis Lyndon Hobbs.
- Folder 54      Volume 18: 1881-1883, 41 pp. Accounts of personal expenses; list of subscribers; and roll of a primary Latin class.
- Folder 55      Volume 19: 1890-1891, 175 pp. Diary of tour of England.
- Folder 56      Volume 20: 1891, 1897, 1902-1904, 140 pp. Lewis Lyndon Hobbs notebook containing subscription list, addresses, expenses on trip to Philadelphia in 1897; notes about a trip to England; subscriptions to Guilford College endowment and to Harriet Green Memorial fund.
- Folder 57      Volume 21: 1903-1905, 120 pp. Notebook of Lewis Lyndon Hobbs.
- Folder 58      Volume 22: 1906-1907, 1915-1916, 92 pp. Notebook of Lewis Lyndon Hobbs.
- Folder 59      Volume 23: 1907, 16 pp. Notebook containing material on the Susanna Cocroft System of exercises and physical culture.
- Folder 60      Volume 24: 1909-1912, 120 pp. Notebook of Lewis Lyndon Hobbs.
- Folder 61      Volume 25: 1911, 140 pp. Notebook on peace, Friends' educational work, etc.
- Folder 62      Volume 26: 1914, 120 pp. Minutes and notes on the Annual Meeting of Friends, Guilford College.
- Folder 63      Volume 27: 1915, 70 pp. Notebook of Lewis Lyndon Hobbs with list of delegates.
- Folder 64      Volume 28: 1917, 80 pp. Notes on annual general Meeting of Friends at Guilford College, afternoon session on "Present Peace Problems."



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- Folder 65      Volume 29: 1919-1923, 120 pp. Notebook of Lewis Lyndon Hobbs.
- Folder 66      Volume 30: 1920, 150 pp. Sunday school class list and notes on Christ, apostles, Luther, and history of the Friends.
- Folder 67      Volume 31: Undated, 70 pp. Notebook.
- Folder 68      Volume 32: Undated, 58 pp. Notebook with religious and ethical questions and answers, accounts, and subscriber list.
- Folder 69      Volume 33: Undated, 120 pp. Pocket notebook, with notes and quotations inscribed Mendenhall, "Howland."
- Folder 70      Volume 34: Undated, 29 pp. Bible quotations and notes.
- Folder 71      Volume 35: Undated, 28 pp. Notes on Guilford College history, Quaker education, etc.
- Folder 72      Volume 36: Undated, 200 pp. History and hygiene notebook of Mary Mendenhall.
- Folder 73      Volume 37: Undated, 140 pp. Notebook on education and right living.
- Folder 74      Volume 38: Undated. Microfilmed volume of a commonplace book, which includes genealogy of James Ruffin Mendenhall, a poem by James R. Mendenhall "On the Power of the Mind," and an acrostic by Richard Mendenhall.
- Folder 75      Volume 39: 1849-1851, 43 pp. Original and microfilm copy of "Sketches on tanning" by Richard Mendenhall.



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Mary Mendenhall Hobbs (d. 1930), daughter of Nereus and Oriana Mendenhall, influential adherent of the Society of Friends, married Lewis Lyndon Hobbs, and with him gave her life to education in North Carolina, especially the education of women. She held no official position in Guilford College, but her influence was strongly and widely felt. She was the third woman to receive a degree from the University of North Carolina. She wrote on many subjects, was prominent in ~~and~~ aiding all efforts for peace.

Lewis Lyndon Hobbs (1849-1932), son of Lewis and Phoebe Cook Hobbs, member of the Society of Friends, graduated from Haverford College 1876; accepted appointment to teach in New Garden Boarding School, 1876-84; was elected President of Guilford College (as New Garden had now become), and held the office from 1888 to 1915. Held every office in the gift of his church, was of value to the state educationally, largely through his efforts the first rural graded school was established. His writings and addresses are generally in reference to College and religious subjects.

The papers were given to the Southern Historical Collection in 1943 by A. W. Hobbs of Chapel Hill.

#### Description:

The period covered by these papers is 142 years of the life of N.C. It touches the Federal period and the successive wars in which the nation has been involved, the politics and educational life of the state, especially the beliefs and aspirations of the Society of Friends, their efforts for Peace. There are many family letters and a large collection of the writings, addresses, and articles written by the outstanding members of the Hobbs-Mendenhall family; also numerous newspaper clippings.

(A more detailed survey of these papers will be written later).

The 37 vols. are listed in Room 02, Sou.Hist.Coll.



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PAPERS

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1787-1949

STATES: North Carolina

PHYSICAL  
DESCRIPTION:

700 items (36 folders, 38 volumes, and microfilm)

ACQUISITION:

Gift of A. W. Hobbs, Chapel Hill, N. C., 1943

DESCRIPTION:

Lewis Lyndon Hobbs (1849-1932), North Carolina educator and writer, of the Society of Friends, was a graduate of Haverford College, teacher at New Garden School in Guilford County, North Carolina, and college president when New Garden became Guilford College. His wife, the former Mary Mendenhall (died 1930), took an active interest in the education of women, in efforts for peace, and wrote on many subjects. His father-in-law, Nereus Mendenhall (1819-1893), learned and devout member of the Society of Friends, was physician, civil engineer, railroad surveyor, state legislator, and teacher in the New Garden School and Penn Charter School, Philadelphia.

The papers include family correspondence, reflecting political and educational activities in in North Carolina in successive generations, especially the aspirations of the Society of Friends and their efforts for peace. There are also writings, addresses, and articles by members of the Hobbs and Mendenhall families, and newspaper clippings. The volumes include diaries, account books, personal, academic, and miscellaneous notebooks.

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11-9-59

By:

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Added entries: Mendenhall, Nereus (1819-1893). Hobbs, Mary Mendenhall (died 1930).

An unpublished analysis of the 38 volumes (2 pages) is on file in the Southern Historical Collection, where this group is listed as HOBBS-MENDENHALL PAPERS.

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Vol. 39. "Sketches on Teaching," by Richard Mendenhall, c. 1844-1851



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SOUTHERN HISTORICAL COLLECTION

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NAME: HOBBS-MENDENHALL PAPERS

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1787-1932

STATES: N.C.

PHYSICAL

DESCRIPTION: About 650 items plus 37 volumes in 5 boxes. The papers are arranged in boxes 1-3 and the volumes in boxes 4 and 5.

ACQUISITION:

Given in 1943 by A. W. Hobbs of Chapel Hill, son of Mary Mendenhall and Lewis Lyndon Hobbs.

DESCRIPTION:

The papers are those of the Mendenhall family of Guilford County, North Carolina, and of Lewis Lyndon Hobbs, who married Mary Mendenhall. Their letters indicate that they were a remarkably energetic, educated and devout people, active in their faith, and in community and state affairs. The central figures of the papers are Nereus Mendenhall (1819-1893), his daughter Mary (d. 1930), and her husband Lewis Lyndon Hobbs (1849-1932). [See biographical sketches on previous page.] Their children were Lewis Lyndon, Richard Julius Mendenhall, Allen Wilson, Walter, and Gertrude. In the papers there are letters, deeds, land grants, notebooks, etc. of other members of the Mendenhall family, and one item of the Hobbs family, prior to the papers of Lewis Lyndon Hobbs which begin in 1891. There are also sermons, notes, and public addresses of Nereus Mendenhall and Lewis Lyndon Hobbs. The papers reflect the Quaker, or Friends, view of life, with their emphasis on equality and education of women, emancipation and education for Negroes, and other doctrinal and theological points needless to mention here but which are evident in the letters and other papers. Present also is genealogical material on the Mendenhall, Pegg, Ballenger, Cook, Wright, and related families.

Material on Nereus Mendenhall's activities on behalf of the construction of an insane asylum at Morganton, and of his connection with the State Penitentiary are present in the 1870's. There is no material on his period of teaching at Haverford College except a few scattered college programs and an occasional uninformative letter from a former Haverford connection.

The papers of Mary Mendenhall Hobbs begin in 1891, two years before her father's death, although there are letters from her earlier in the papers.

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Jan. 29, 1960

By:

Jane Adkins



Many of Mary M. Hobbs' papers and those of her husband are concerned with Guilford College, of which Hobbs served as president, 1888-1915, and then as a very active President Emeritus. Letters of their son Richard are in the papers between 1914-1919 while he was in France serving with a Quaker relief organization.

see friends

There follows a general chronological description, with specific mention of items of special interest or information. The dated correspondence is in folders 1-15.

1787-1799: a group of seven deeds, plats, and land grants of George and Nathan Mendenhall of Guilford County, N.C.

1804-1840: letters, deeds, indentures of members of the Mendenhall family; ~~two maps of Guilford and surrounding area.~~

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1832: Will of John McCain, June, 1832, Fayetteville, Randolph County.

1834: Aug. 5, statement of David Worth "To the Freeman of Guilford" declaring his candidacy for a seat in the House of Commons. (Printed)

Aug. 11, reply of Jonathan Parker, Worth's opponent, to same.

1840: Brief genealogy of the descendants of William Pegg who settled in Delaware, and of his son Martin. Correspondence about Pegg and related families also present during later periods in the papers.

1842: one item, purchased separately from a Winston-Salem dealer in 1955: letter, April 9, 1842, from Ira Mendenhall, Miamisport, Indiana, to his uncle Jesse G. Henshaw, New Salem, N.C. telling of local affairs, hard times, an account of the school commissioner fleeing with the township treasury, family news.

1850-1860: ten letters between Mendenhall relatives and friends, giving extensive information about their activities, travels, attending Quaker meetings. Also one ~~surveys map~~ map of area from Greensboro south to Cheraw, S.C. [see leather]

1850: Richard Mendenhall's notebook on tanning techniques. [filed as vol. 39]

1850: Feb. 10, Maria J. Hobbs, Guilford County, to her aunt and uncle Betsy and Jesse Hobbs of Louisville, Illinois, with much family information and news of the death of her father Lewis Hobbs, who was the father of Lewis Lyndon Hobbs.

1859: Jan. 10, Bery A. Sebohn, Bradford, about recent Quaker Society meeting in London, other religious matters.

1860: Mar. 16, Delphina E. Mendenhall to Hon. Wm. A. Graham concerning a published memorial for her late husband, George Mendenhall (typed copy).

1861-1870: 17 items, including scattered letters from Mendenhall relatives who had moved to Minnesota and other midwestern states, not desiring to live in a slave-holding state, and four letters from Alphonso W. Long written from Glasgow, Scotland and London, England, during the Civil War. Long was the brother of Delphina Mendenhall,

1864: Mar. 28, Delphina Mendenhall, Jamestown, N.C. to Judith A. Crenshaw, about assisting Negroes to leave North Carolina for Ohio and other states.

1870: Four letters from Mary Mendenhall to her parents in Jamestown, N.C. written while at boarding school in New York state.



1871-1879: Nereus Mendenhall letters to "Dear Friend" - these may be sermons, as they elucidate on Quaker doctrine; Mendenhall family letters, and business letters to Nereus Mendenhall, including his correspondence concerning the construction of an insane asylum at Morganton and letters related to the use of convicts by the W.N.C. Railroad Commission.

1876: Oct. 3, Dorothea Lynde Dix (1802-1887), Boston, Mass., to Nereus Mendenhall regarding the construction of an insane asylum at Morganton.

1880-1889: Correspondence between members of the Mendenhall family of Jamestown and Greensboro, N. C., Minneapolis, Minnesota, and elsewhere. Julius Mendenhall, brother of Nereus, settled in Minneapolis in the 1850's, taking his family with him. He became a banker there, and another member of the family became a florist. In 1886, Nereus and Julius Mendenhall travelled together in South America and Mexico, returning through Texas, Louisiana, and on to Washington, D.C. His letters of this period addressed to "Dear Friend" constitute a record of his experiences. He met many prominent people, including President Diaz of Mexico, the Archbishop of Mexico, and Varina Howell Davis.

Other letters of this period touch on the problems of the college at New Garden, now Guilford. Also Nereus Mendenhall's sermon notes, and Quaker theological material.

1887: May 24, W. M. Welch, apparently an official of the Chamber of Commerce of Atlanta, Ga. to Nereus Mendenhall (actually a carbon copy sent to Mendenhall of Welch's letter to another person), giving information on conditions in Atlanta and Fulton County concerning prohibition, growth of population, industry, urban & suburban development, utilities, and wealth.

1890-1899: Mendenhall family letters and correspondence with Quakers in other localities. Also

1891: Lewis Lyndon Hobbs to his wife and children in Jamestown, N.C. written from various cities in England and Scotland while travelling in the interest of Guilford College.

1891: S. M. Finger, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Raleigh, to Nereus Mendenhall concerning the state appropriations for colored schools.

1892: Josiah Nicholson to Nereus Mendenhall, 9<sup>mo</sup>, 28th, on which the latter noted his views on the labor movement in America and elsewhere.

1896: David E. Pegg, Jefferson, Indiana, to Judith Mendenhall with genealogical information on the Pegg family.

1898: Obituary of Marmaduke W. Hobbs (1833-1898), brother of L. Lyndon Hobbs.

1900-1909: Correspondence of a general nature from a large and widespread number of relatives. Sermons by Lewis Lyndon Hobbs and theological material sent to him. Also

1900: Gertrude Mendenhall, Berlin, Germany, to her sister Mary M. Hobbs.

1902: Aug. 22, Allen M. Cook, Norfolk, Va. to Lewis Lyndon Hobbs with genealogical material on the Cook and Wright families. Hobbs' mother was Phoebe Cook.



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1908: Tributes to Mary Mendenhall Hobbs.

1908: Nov. 8, J. P. Caldwell, publisher of the Charlotte Observer, to Mary M. Hobbs about Republicanism and about what she feared to be the growing power of the Roman Catholic Church.

1910-1919:

About five letters to Mary M. Hobbs from Edith Sharpless, a Quaker missionary in Japan.

Letters to Mrs. Hobbs on problems of Quaker theology and terminology from Francis Grummere, Haverford, Pa.

1914-1919: letters from Richard J. M. Hobbs to his parents from France where he was serving with a Quaker relief organization.

1915: Mary Mendenhall Hobbs to her husband, Lewis Lyndon Hobbs, giving reasons why he should not accept the post of President Emeritus of Guilford College.

1918: Letters to Mary M. Hobbs from her nephew, Frank Moore, and other young Friends, written from Camp Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina, telling of their treatment as conscientious objectors.

1920-1932: Circulars and letters from prominent Quakers concerning church affairs. Family and genealogy correspondence. Also the following particular items:

1920: Jan. 19, remarks made at the funeral of Isaac Sharpless, Haverford Meeting House.

1920: two letters from Louis R. Wilson, U.N.C. Librarian, to his cousin Mary M. Hobbs.

1925: Sept. 20, also Jan. 16, 1926, letters to Mary M. Hobbs from Andrew Patterson, U.N.C. Professor of Physics, and other letters to Mrs. Hobbs in 1925 from persons congratulating her on her article on evolution in the Greensboro Daily News on a Sunday in September.

1929: Oct., Jno. B. Ballinger, Versailles, Ohio, to Mary M. Hobbs about Ballinger genealogy. Also two letters from Ballinger in 1930. 1929: Nov. 15, F. S. Blair, Mt. Holly, New Jersey, to Mary M. Hobbs about Braxton Craven and Nereus Mendenhall, and Quaker history in North Carolina.

1931: Letters from friends and relatives to Lewis Lyndon Hobbs after his wife's death, some concerning Guilford College.

Folder 16: Undated letters, papers, poems; articles by Mary Mendenhall Hobbs.

Folder 17: Articles illuminating the Quaker religion, written by Mary M. Hobbs.

Folder 18: Writings of Lewis Lyndon Hobbs concerning contemporary religious and political problems, formation of the League of Nations.

Folder 19: Biographical sketch of Nereus Mendenhall, and his funeral oration. Pegg genealogical notes. Mary Mendenhall Hobbs writings on Quaker history (ms. and typed copy). Mendenhall family history (typed copy).

Folders 20-32 contain material similar to that in folders 16-18. Each folder is marked on the flap as to contents.

Folder 33: Nereus Mendenhall's ms. volume with illustrations on pregnancy and childbirth. ] see medicine

For listing of volumes, see next two pages.

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Friends, Society of

Anti-Slavery Thought

Churches, Preachers,

Religion

Education, Schools

Teachers [also notebook]

Account Books

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Leather

Medicine

Transportation - Land

Railroads

Voyage & Travel

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also catalogued:

Mary Pegg

Ira Mendenhall

James Buffin Mendenhall

Judith Mendenhall

Stephen Mendenhall

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