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**RUTH HAIRSTON EARLY (1849-1928) PAPERS**

The collection includes three scrapbooks kept by Ruth Hairston EARLY of Lynchburg, Virginia, one covering her 1896 trip to Europe. Also included are a scrapbook with letters and clippings about her publications, a letter listing Lynch Station (Campbell County, Virginia) soldiers killed during World War I, miscellaneous post cards, and copper engraving plates and galley proofs from her publication, *Campbell Chronicles and Family Sketches*.

- BOX 1**        1-1 Campbell Chronicles & Family Sketches  
                      (Revision 3)  
                      1-2 "Colonial Arts and Crafts" (1909)  
                      1-3 Correspondence Concerning Publications  
                      1-4 EARLY to LEWIS (1902)  
                      1-5 GINTHER to EARLY (Lynch Station Soldiers in  
                              World War I)  
                      1-6 Miscellaneous Notes  
                      1-7 Miscellaneous Post Cards  
                      1-8 Petitions (Bedford County 1774-1782;  
                              Campbell County 1782-1862)  
                      1-9 Scrapbook  
                      1-10 Scrapbook - European Travel
- BOX 2**        Scrapbook - Lt. Gen. Jubal A. EARLY - Reviews;  
                      Thirteen (13) Copper Plates for Illustrations in  
                      Campbell Chronicles & Family Sketches
- [BOX 3]**        Genealogy Notebook - SAUNDERS, HAIRSTON, CLAYTON,  
                              EARLY, DAVIES, STITH
- [BOX 4]**        Campbell Chronicles & Family Sketches - Galley  
                              Proofs, Revision 1 and Revision 2

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Ruth Hairston EARLY, daughter of Samuel Henry EARLY and Henrienne CABELL, was born 5 November 1849 in Charleston, West Virginia. At an early age, she moved with her family to Lynchburg, Virginia, where she was educated at Mrs. BROWN's School. She later attended Patapsco Institute in Ellicott City, Maryland.

In October 1893, Ruth H. EARLY became a charter member of the Blue Ridge Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Lynchburg, and served several terms as regent of the Chapter.

In 1896, Ruth EARLY became the founder of the Old Dominion Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC), also in Lynchburg. She served six terms as president of the Chapter. She was also a charter member of the Virginia Division, UDC, serving terms as historian, corresponding secretary, and vice-president. In 1927, she was elected honorary president of the Virginia Division.

Widely known as a writer on various subjects in history, Ruth EARLY published her first volume, *Byways of Virginia History*, in 1907. She later published a volume of family history, *The Family of Early*, in 1920, and published *Campbell Chronicles and Family Sketches* in 1927.

The niece of Lt. Gen. Jubal Anderson EARLY, Ruth EARLY edited the wartime manuscripts of her uncle in the volume *General Jubal A. Early* in 1912. She also edited his volume on slavery, *The Heritage of the South*, in 1915. Through her efforts, a monument to General EARLY was erected in Lynchburg in 1919 near the fort which also bears his name.

Miss EARLY also wrote articles on historical subjects, such as "Dress in Colonial Times" and "Colonial Arts and Crafts," for publication in the local newspaper.

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Ruth Hairston EARLY died 12 January 1928 in Lynchburg and was buried in the Spring Hill Cemetery. In honor of Miss EARLY, flags of the city were flown at half-mast on the day of the funeral, the first time in the history of the city to honor a woman.

[Ruth Hairston Early, *The Family of Early Which Settled Upon the Eastern Shore of Virginia and its Connections with Other Families* (Lynchburg: Brown-Morrison, 1920), p. 111; Obituary, *Lynchburg News*, 13 January 1928, p. 8 col. 2; Welford Dunaway Taylor, Maurice Duke, eds., *Virginia Authors: Past and Present* (Richmond: William Byrd Press, 1972), p. 43; "History of Blue Ridge Chapter, NSDAR, 1893-1954," Mss., MS1147, Daughters of the American Revolution, Blue Ridge Chapter, Papers, Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, VA; "Memorial Exercises for Miss Early," *Lynchburg News*, 25 June 1929, p. 8 col. 4; "Monument to [Jubal A.] Early," *Lynchburg News*, 16 September 1919, p. 16 col. 4; Ruth Early, "Dress in Colonial Times," *Lynchburg News*, 30 January 1921, p. 13 col. 1; Ruth Early, "Colonial Arts and Crafts," Ruth Hairston Early Papers, Mss., MS1882, Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, VA; Don P. Halsey, "Miss Ruth Hairston Early: Address at the Unveiling of a Tablet," *Historic and Heroic Lynchburg* (Lynchburg: J. P. Bell, 1935), pp. 73-75.]