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# THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FINDING AID

**Title:** MS 609 Bates Warren Legal Records, ca. 1894-1926

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**Date:** December 2002

**Bates Warren (1870-1940)** was born on July 16, 1870 in Clayton, Alabama to Monroe and Mary Frances Warren. After graduating from the University of Alabama, Bates Warren came to the District of Columbia in 1892 to study law at Georgetown University. He obtained employment in the law offices of Joseph J. Darlington in 1894, where he worked for John J. Darlington. After striking out on his own, Warren located his practice in a series of downtown Washington office buildings. From 1897 to 1900 he worked in the Equity Building at 317 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Street, NW. In 1901 he moved to the Columbian Building at 416 5<sup>th</sup> Street, NW. His brother, John L. Warren, joined him around the turn of the century and the two men practiced in the same office for about ten years. In 1913 Bates Warren moved to the Southern Building at 1421 H Street, NW and in 1930 relocated to the Tower Building at 1401 K Street, NW.

Bates Warren and his wife, Lisette Belle Warren, lived on Keneshaw Avenue and later settled in the District's Cleveland Park neighborhood. Warren belonged to numerous social and fraternal organizations including the University Club, Cosmos Club, the Knights of Pythias and the Masons. His professional affiliations included the American Bar Association and the District Bar Association. He also served on the Board of Trade and as vice president of Continental Trust Company. At the time of his death in 1940, Warren resided at 2029 Connecticut Avenue. His wife and their two children, Earle L. Warren and Dorothy Warren Littlehales, survived him.

**Scope and Content:** The Bates Warren Legal Records, ca. 1894-1926 consist of court documents, correspondence, financial papers, title abstracts, wills, agreements, and other papers connected with Bates Warren's law practice. Most of the documents range from the late 1880s to about 1905. Bates Warren's cases often involved matters that predated his practice and some documents contain information dating as far back as the late eighteenth century. Many cases deal with real estate matters and building construction. Architects mentioned in the documents include Hugh A. Campbell, James F. Denison, N.T. Haller, Marsh and Peter, William J. Palmer, and B. Stanley Simmons. Other cases relate to small claims by grocers and merchants, and there is one divorce case (Folder 139, Sheetz vs. Sheetz). The Bates Warren Legal Records follow real estate development in the District of Columbia from the Gilded Age to the period just before World War I. The documents address a variety of issues that surrounded the growth of neighborhoods. In addition to settling construction disputes, Bates Warren handled inheritance cases, bill collection, and other business and personal concerns.

**Processor's Note:** The Tower Building, where Bates Warren's last office was located, was designed by Robert F. Beresford and built in 1929. The building later fell into disrepair and Bates Warren's legal records were discovered in a cabinet during renovations in 2000. The documents in

the Bates Warren Legal Records were originally folded and placed in small, hand-labeled envelopes. The envelopes were numbered, but most of those numbers were lost when the paper became brittle with age. Some documents became separated from their envelopes. Although it was not possible to determine Bates Warren's original order, a partial list of his case file numbers is available. Most court documents are not original, but the copies were probably created at the same time as the originals. Pages are missing from some documents. The most fragile items have been photocopied.

The collection is arranged in two series:

**SERIES I, CASE FILE GROUPS**, consists of twenty-six sets of case files grouped under a common client, plaintiff, or defendant name. Each group, comprised of two or more folders, constitutes a subseries. The groups were created by the HSWDC processor and are arranged alphabetically by surname or company name to facilitate researcher access. Individual folder titles are original unless shown in brackets [], in which case the title is taken from the documents in the folder. Date ranges are approximate. Law and/or equity numbers and square and lot numbers listed generally refer to the District of Columbia court system and real estate records, respectively. Documents in the case files may contain additional legal or property reference numbers not shown in the finding aid.

Subseries A, Allender Case File Group consists of documents relating to cases involving Charles H. Allender.

Subseries B, Barber and Ross Case File Group is the largest set of cases, ranging from the late eighteenth century to the 1920s, with the bulk of the material from about 1897 to 1901. Most of the case files in this group concern disputes between the millwork and hardware company and its customers over delivery or payment. Some cases pertain to Samuel Ross's investments in coal and timber reserves in Virginia and West Virginia.

Subseries C, Boswell Case File Group consists of documents pertaining to a contested inheritance case involving the descendants of Patsy Bell, a free black property owner in Washington.

Subseries D, Campbell Case File Group consists of documents pertaining to a loan.

Subseries E, Cook Case File Group consists of documents concerning an insurance claim for a deceased horse.

Subseries F, Ergood Case File Group consists of documents concerning a grocery bill and property in Columbia Heights.

Subseries G, Feddon Case File Group consists of court documents pertaining to property in Oxon Hill Manor and Upper Marlborough, Prince George's County, Maryland and a loan to Anacostia resident Fannie A. Feddon.

Subseries H, Frazier Case File Group consists of documents relating to settlement of a large grocery bill.

Subseries I, Kengla Case File Group consists of documents concerning the sale, transfer, and development of properties in the Kengla family in northeast and northwest Washington, including a tract at the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and Massachusetts Avenue.

Subseries J, Kirby Case File Group is comprised of documents relating to the disposition of various goods and properties among the heirs of Michael H. French.

Subseries K, Lukei Case File Group is comprised of documents relating to loans for housing construction in Lawson Riggs Executor's Subdivision in northwest Washington.

Subseries L, Melton Case File Group consists of documents relating to housing in the Bloomingdale section of Washington to be built by Thomas H. Melton.

Subseries M, Mitchell Case File Group consists of documents relating to loans and housing construction in Eckington, Washington Heights, and other Washington neighborhoods.

Subseries N, Parker Case File Group consists of documents pertaining to the settlement of the estate of Elias E. White.

Subseries O, Perna Case File Group consists of documents relating to Louis Perna, a District of Columbia stonemason. Issues addressed include stonework measuring standards, legal precedents for custom and tender, and the quality of stone used in a construction project on the former Linthicum Estate.

Subseries P, Plager Lampton Case File Group consists of documents relating to construction projects in Washington's Columbia Heights neighborhood.

Subseries Q, Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation Case File Group consists of documents pertaining to construction of the Hearst School in northwest Washington.

Subseries R, Ratcliffe, Darr Case File Group consists of documents pertaining to the sale of properties in Washington's Burrville neighborhood. Ratcliffe, Darr and Company was the auction house handling the sale.

Subseries S, Riley Case File Group consists of documents relating to construction projects in Washington's Petworth and Meridian Hill neighborhoods and Fort Myer, Virginia.

Subseries T, Somerville Case File Group consists of account statements and correspondence pertaining to past due bills. The balances range from five dollars to close to a thousand dollars. Thomas Somerville & Sons manufactured and sold plumbing and engineering supplies as well as brass and terracotta.

Subseries U, Sothoron Case File Group consists of papers pertaining to the settlement of Sothoron family estates. Some of Dr. James T. Sothoron's patient bills have notes on the back that may have been added by Bates Warren when he tried to collect fees for the physician's widow.

Subseries V, Standard Brick Case File Group consists of documents pertaining to cases involving housing construction, repairs, and government buildings.

Subseries W, Walker Case File Group consists of documents connected with George E. Walker, a lumber dealer in southwest Washington.

Subseries X, Warren Case File Group consists of documents pertaining to Bates Warren's financial and real estate transactions. Includes documents mentioning his brother, John L. Warren.

Subseries Y, Warren Brothers Case File Group consists of documents pertaining to Charles W. Warren and Edward Warren, partners in Warren Brothers (no apparent relation to Bates Warren). Warren Brothers supplied bricks and construction materials to the building trades.

Subseries Z, Washington Brick Case File Group consists of documents relating to past due bills for building materials.

SERIES II, INDIVIDUAL CASE FILES, consists of thirty-nine individual case files in the Bates Warren Legal Records that have no apparent, direct connection to any other case files in the collection. Most of the folders in Series II only contain a few documents; some have a single account statement. Each case file is listed separately with a brief summary of its contents. Individual case files are arranged alphabetically by the first surname that occurs in the title. The folders are numbered continuously from Series I.

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**Size:** 2.7 cubic ft. (6 containers)

**Restrictions:** None

## Container List

### SERIES I: CASE FILE GROUPS

#### SUBSERIES A: ALLENDER CASE FILE GROUP, 1888-1895 and undated

##### Container 1

**Folder 1:** Capital Trust Co. Letters & c., Waldrige note. 1894-1895 and undated. Correspondence, court document, account statements, and notes. Original Bates Warren envelope labeled "Capital Trust Co. Letters & c." contained records relating to Washington Hydraulic Press Brick vs. James W. Martin (Folder 144). Capital Trust records were found behind the envelope.

**Folder 2:** The Title and Trust Co. vs. Allender, et al. 1888 and undated. Court document and notes relating to Law No. 42815.

**Folder 3:** U.S. of America vs. Charles H. Allender, Indictment. 1888 and undated. Court documents relating to properties in Chichester, King's subdivision, and Gee's subdivision. Square 2, lots 3,7,8; square 4, lot 36; square 389, lot 48; square 766, lot 19; square 859, lot 80.

#### SUBSERIES B: BARBER AND ROSS CASE FILE GROUP, 1798-1926 and undated

**Folder 4:** M.K. Arnn vs. Samuel Ross. 1901-1903 and undated. Court documents, correspondence, and account statement relating to Lake View Copper Mines, Carroll County, Virginia.

**Folder 5:** Barber & Ross in re Electric Motor. 1898-1901 and undated. Tax documents and notes relating to property in square 744; correspondence re sale of Wagner motor. Square 744, lots 155-158, 160-161.

**Folder 6:** Barber & Ross vs. Mary J. McKimmie. 1900-1901 and undated. Court documents and account statements relating to house at 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Des Moines Avenue in Brightwood Park. Square 25, lot 16.

**Folder 7:** [Barber & Ross vs. James Robbins] undated. Court document regarding debt of James H. Meriwether. Law No. 44337. Document found in loose papers between an empty envelope labeled "F. Mertens" and "Frank Libbey, et al. vs. Metcalf and Lewis." ( Folder 96).

**Folder 8:** Godwin & Phelps vs. Wm. S. Jones. 1900. Agreement and correspondence pertaining to stonework on houses in Washington Heights. Found in loose papers between an empty envelope labeled "F. Mertens" and "Frank Libbey, et al. vs. Metcalf and Lewis." (Folder 96).

**Folder 9:** [Meriwether vs. Barbour, et al.] 1898. Court documents relating to land in Heckman's Subdivision. Square 736, lots 38-64.

**Folder 10:** F. Mertens. . . Agreement dated Oct. 31, 1916. Agreement, financial papers and envelope pertaining to converting F. Mertens' Sons assets to pay creditors. Bates Warren and Lyman M. Bass are named as trustees. Original Bates Warren envelope was empty, contents found in Samuel Ross vs. Ulman & Jaeger, et al (Folders 18 and 19). Part of title on original envelope not legible.

**Folder 11:** Samuel Ross in re Telegraph Co. Undated letter.

**Folder 12:** Samuel Ross, et al. vs. David B. Gottwals, et al. [a] 1898-1899 and undated. Court documents relating to properties in Trinidad neighborhood. Square 14, lots 13-17; Equity No. 20030.

**Folder 13:** Samuel Ross, et al. vs. David B. Gottwals, et al. [b] 1897-1926. Court documents, correspondence, and account statements relating to Trinidad properties. Square 14, lots 13-17; Equity No. 20030.

**Folder 14:** Samuel Ross, et al. vs. James H. Meriwether, et al. [a] 1897-1906. Court documents, account statements, and notes relating to construction dispute in Heckman's Subdivision. Square 736, lots 38-64; Equity Nos. 18892, 19318.

**Folder 15:** Samuel Ross, et al. vs. James H. Meriwether, et al. [b] 1897-1898 and undated. Court documents regarding dispute over payment for construction project. Equity No. 19318.

**Folder 16:** Samuel Ross-trading as Barber-Ross vs. James H. Meriwether, et al., James Robbins. 1897-1906. Court documents, account statements and notes relating to construction dispute in Heckman's Subdivision. Square 736, lots 38-64.

**Folder 17:** Samuel Ross vs. Thomas H. Pickford. 1899-1901. Court documents and account statements pertaining to goods delivered to E. Capitol Street, Bancroft Place, and New York Avenue.

**Folder 18:** Samuel Ross vs. Ulman & Jaeger, et al. [a] 1795-1901. Court documents, title abstract, correspondence and financial papers relating to property in Virginia and West Virginia containing coal and timber. Companies listed include Pocahontas Coal and Coke and Bouvier-Jaeger Coal and Coke. Title abstract lists property transfers from March 1794 to December 1795. West Virginia Law No. 215. Documents pertaining to this case filled two envelopes in Bates Warren's files.

**Folder 19:** Samuel Ross vs. Ulman & Jaeger, et al. [b] Correspondence and notes relating to land dispute in West Virginia. Continuation of Folder 18.

**Folder 20:** Union Surety Company vs. Noble H. Thomas, et al. Undated, ca. 1900-1902. Court documents and account statement relating to construction of outbuildings for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

**SUBSERIES C: BOSWELL CASE FILE GROUP, 1871-1896 and undated**

**Container 2**

**Folder 21:** Jane Hill, et al. vs. Allan T. Boswell [a] 1871-1895 and undated. Title abstract, deeds, court document, and notes relating to property in northeast Washington. Title abstract traces ownership from July 1798 to November 1895. Includes a letter confirming that Patsy Bell owned property under her own name and pointing out that her husband, an enslaved man, could not. Other names mentioned include Jane Hill, William Prout, and Jonathan Slater. Square 825; Law No. 36197.

**Folder 22:** Jane Hill, et al. vs. Allan T. Boswell [b] 1896 and undated. Court document and correspondence relating to contested inheritance case involving African American families. Letters from former District of Columbia resident Maria Reed explain relationships and slave or free status of pre-Abolition Bell family members. One letter is on letterhead of Nebraska's Afro-American League. Law No. 36197.

**Folder 23:** [Henrietta Van Riswick, et al. to Allan T. Boswell] 1878. Deed to land near 4<sup>th</sup> and K Streets in northeast Washington. Names mentioned include Julian Boisseau, Allan T. Boswell, and Henrietta Van Riswick. Square 825. Deed found in loose papers in front of Frank Libbey, et al. vs. Metcalf and Lewis (Folder 96).

**SUBSERIES D: CAMPBELL CASE FILE GROUP, 1871-1896 and undated**

**Folder 24:** The First National Bank of Virginia vs. William D. Campbell and John W. Brown 1897 and undated. Notes regarding contested loan. Law No. 41690.

**Folder 25:** [John A. Hamilton, et al. vs. Brooks Cason, et al.] [a] 1895-1897 and undated. Agreement and court documents, mostly regarding dispute over construction of ten houses in Heckman's Subdivision designed by architect B. Stanley Simmons. Square 736, lots 128-137; Equity No. 17558; Law No. 41690. Original Bates Warren envelope missing title.

**Folder 26:** [John A. Hamilton, et al. vs. Brooks Cason, et al.] [b] 1896. Court document relating to construction dispute. Architect: B. Stanley Simmons; Equity No. 17558. Found in loose papers in front of Frank Libbey, et al. vs. Metcalf and Lewis (Folder 96).

**SUBSERIES E: COOK CASE FILE GROUP, 1893-1895 and undated**

**Folder 27:** William J. Cook vs. The People's Life [sic] Stock Ins. Co. 1895. Notes and witness fee record regarding insurance claim. Law No. 37724. Found in loose papers in front of Frank Libbey, et al. vs. Metcalf and Lewis (Folder 96).

**Folder 28:** [Mr. J. Cook vs. The People's Mutual Live Stock Ins. Co. and misc.] 1884-1895 and undated. Notes, agreement, correspondence, and witnesses' fee records relating to a contested

insurance claim on a horse owned by William J. Cook, a carpenter residing on F Street in northwest Washington. Law No. 37724.

### **SUBSERIES F: ERGOOD CASE FILE GROUP, 1892-1898**

**Folder 29:** Jesse L. Ergood & Co. vs. Howard M. De Atley Declaration: notice to plead affidavit & c. 1896-1898. Correspondence and receipt relating to Columbia Heights property. Square 33, lot 34.

**Folder 30:** Jesse L. Ergood Statement re lot 34 Bl. 33 Col. Hts. 1892-1895. Account statements and court documents regarding Howard De Atley's grocery bill from J.C. Ergood and Company.

### **SUBSERIES G: FEDDON CASE FILE GROUP, 1889-1901 and undated**

**Folder 31:** Fannie A. Feddon in re loans 1899. 1889-1898 and undated. Title abstracts, court document, loan documents, notes, and account statements relating to acreage in Oxon Hill Manor, Maryland. Chains of title trace ownership from 1881-1889 and 1877-1898. Lot 26 (Oxon Hill, Prince George's County, MD). Includes a document referring to Thomas Berry's descendants.

**Folder 32:** Fanny A. Feddon vs. Republic Sav. & Loan Ass. 1900-1901. Correspondence about loan to Anacostia resident.

### **SUBSERIES H: FRAZIER CASE FILE GROUP, 1893-1896 and undated**

**Folder 33:** Allan T. Curran lot 10, sq. 72. 1896. Agreements and account statements regarding construction of four houses. Square 72, lot 10.

**Folder 34:** S.M. Frazier Misc. papers No. 3. 1893-1896 and undated. Correspondence, agreement, list of debts, minutes of creditors' meeting, account statements, and notes relating to settlement of Samuel Frazier's debts. Creditors include George Mason of Potomac Terra Cotta; also contains letters re Martha Rivenbark vs. W.W. Railroad Co.

### **SUBSERIES I: KENGLA CASE FILE GROUP, 1894-1907**

**Folder 35:** Jacob H. Kengla. 1891-1907. Deeds, real estate documents, draft of will, probate documents, correspondence, and notes pertaining to Jacob Kengla's properties in northeast and northwest Washington. Extension of Massachusetts Avenue to Nebraska Avenue is discussed. Includes a letter from Will Kengla to his mother that mentions scarlet fever. Bates Warren named trustee. Square 726; square 728, lots 27-28 and 31-35; square 912, lots 31-32.

**Folder 36:** B. Stanley Simmons vs. Jacob H. Kengla. 1895. Agreement, court documents, and notes regarding construction of houses at A Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, NE. Square 126, lot 280.

**SUBSERIES J: KIRBY CASE FILE GROUP, 1899-1900 and undated**

**Folder 37:** Michael A. French, deceased Estate of. 1899-1901 and undated. Correspondence, court documents, agreement, account statements, and notes relating to inheritance dispute among heirs of Michael A. French. Includes sale prices of properties in northeast Washington, including 711 Massachusetts Avenue, NE. Names mentioned include Elizabeth V. Haskins and Fannie M. Kirby. Square 857, lot 32, lot 81; square 896, lot 30.

**Folder 38:** [Fannie M. Kirby, et al. vs. Elizabeth Haskins, et al.] 1897-1900. Title abstract, correspondence, and court document relating to disputed properties in Allen C. Clark's Subdivision and Moses Kelly's Subdivision of northeast Washington. Square 857, lot 32, lots 81-82; square 896, lot 30. Loose papers found in front of Lukei and Duval Papers (Folder 41).

**SUBSERIES K: LUKEI CASE FILE GROUP, 1895-1898 and undated**

**Folder 39:** Rufus H. Darby vs. Reese F. Lukei, et al. Court document relating to construction loan. Square 178, lots 6-10; Equity No. 16916; Law No. 37842.

**Folder 40:** Robt. Low and Co. vs. Reese F. Lukei, et al. 1895 and undated. Court documents relating to construction loans. Square 178, lots 6-10; Equity No. 16799.

**Folder 41:** Lukei and Duval Papers. 1895 and undated. Agreements and financial papers relating to loan for housing construction. Names mentioned include William D. Campbell, Samuel M. Frazier, and Reese F. Lukei. Square 178, lots 6-10; L 33648.

**SUBSERIES L: MELTON CASE FILE GROUP, 1900-1904 and undated**

**Folder 42:** Freas and Hornung Matter. 1900. Account statement for Mrs. Clara Freas.

**Folder 43:** Charles C. Hornung vs. A.D. Christiani. 1900. Correspondence and agreement relating to construction of building at 7<sup>th</sup> and M Streets, NW. Full name of defendant is Antoinette De Silver Christiani. Square 425, lot 20.

**Folder 44:** Thomas H. Melton vs. Edward G. Niles [a] 1903. Court document about agreement.

**Folder 45:** Thomas H. Melton vs. Edward G. Niles [b] 1902-1904 and undated. Agreement, title abstract, account statement, and notes relating to housing construction in Bloomingdale neighborhood of Washington. Architect: William J. Palmer; square 7, lots 76-84; Law No. 45948.

**SUBSERIES M: MITCHELL CASE FILE GROUP, 1888-1902 and undated**

### Container 3

**Folder 46:** Mitchell and Reed vs. Estate of Wm. Whelan/ Bill of \$137.69. 1888-1899. Account statement and note.

**Folder 47:** John Mitchell, Jr. vs. Robert M. Boyle, et al. [a] 1897-1899. Court documents relating to construction loan. Equity No. 18203; square 72, lot 10.

**Folder 48:** [John Mitchell, Jr. vs. Robert M. Boyle, et al.] [b] 1897-1898. Court documents relating construction dispute. Equity No. 18203; square 72, lot 10.

**Folder 49:** John Mitchell, Jr. vs. Robert M. Boyle, et al. [c] 1896-1900. Court documents and correspondence relating to Grove Lime and Coal Company. Equity No. 18203.

**Folder 50:** [John Mitchell, Jr. vs. Robert M. Boyle, et al.] [d] 1896-1902 and undated. Financial papers, liens, correspondence, court documents, and notes pertaining to construction dispute. Equity No. 18203; square 72, lot 10.

**Folder 51:** John Mitchell, Jr. vs. Isaac B. Bursey, et al. 1899-1900. Court document, notes, and notice of lien pertaining to loan. Square 553, lots 110-17, 26-27.

**Folder 52:** Papers of John T. Mitchell. 1900. Title abstract, agreements, and account statements re housing construction in Eckington and Washington Heights neighborhoods. Square 669, lots 7-18, 59-62, 95-99.

**Folder 53:** John T. Mitchell, Jr. vs. Isaac B. Bursey, et al. 1900. Court document relating to construction dispute in William B. Todd's Subdivision. Square 669, lots 7-18, 59-62

### **SUBSERIES N: PARKER CASE FILE GROUP, 1898-1900 and undated**

**Folder 54:** [Francis D. Parker, et al. vs. Sarah C. Mitchell, et al.] [a] 1898 and undated. Court documents and letter of consent pertaining to estate of Elias E. White. Square 458, lot 1, lot 5.

**Folder 55:** Francis D. Parker, et al. vs. Sarah C. Mitchell, et al. [b] 1898-1900. Court documents, estate documents, and notes concerning settlement of estate of Elias E. White. Equity No. 19957; square 458, lot 1, lot 5.

**Folder 56:** E.E. White-Estate, James A. Parker vs. Sarah C. Mitchell. 1898-1900 and undated. Lease, court documents, financial papers, correspondence, and notes pertaining to disposition of properties from Elias White estate. Equity No. 19957; square 4, lots 4-6; square 458, lot 1, lot 5.

**Folder 57:** White Estate, Louisiana Ave. 1899-1909 and undated. Announcement, correspondence, and notes pertaining to estate of Elias E. White. Square 458, lot 1, lot 5.

**SUBSERIES O: PERNA CASE FILE GROUP, 1900-1903 and undated**

**Folder 58:** Frank Perna vs. Wm. E. Speir. 1900-1902. Court documents and notes pertaining to measuring standards for rubble stonework. Refers to construction standards established for the District of Columbia in 1842 and legal concept of custom and tender. Equity No. 21346.

**Folder 59:** Louis Perna vs. Henry B. Hedrick. 1902-1903 and undated. Agreements, correspondence, account statements, and notes concerning stonework on a house designed by Marsh and Peter in Linthicum Place, a subdivision of The Oaks.

**SUBSERIES P: PLAGER, LAMPTON CASE FILE GROUP, 1893-1899 and undated**

**Folder 60:** Campbell & Co. vs. J.C. Hurst. 1893-1899. Agreements, account statements, correspondence, and notes relating to construction projects in Washington neighborhoods White Haven, Harlem, and Columbia Heights (Mount Pleasant and Pleasant Plain). Architect: James F. Denison; square 2, lots 1-3, 28-31; square 25, lot 15; square 693, lot 27; square 859, lots 148-157.

**Folder 61:** Plager Lampton-Campbell and Chapman. 1896 and undated. Agreement and account statements pertaining to construction in Columbia Heights. Square 25, lot 15.

**SUBSERIES Q: PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL FOUNDATION CASE FILE GROUP, 1899-1901 and undated**

**Folder 62:** Galliher & Bro. et al. vs. Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation. 1899. Estimate of expenses for lumber to be used in construction project at unnamed university.

**Folder 63:** Wells Newton & Co. vs. Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation. 1899-1901 and undated. Agreements, correspondence, account statements, and court documents relating to construction of Hearst School on southeast corner of Woodley Road and Wisconsin Avenue. Architect: R.W. Gibson.

**SUBSERIES R: RATCLIFFE, DARR CASE FILE GROUP, 1894-1896 and undated**

**Folder 64:** Ratcliffe, Darr & Co. Misc. 1894-1895 and undated. Court document and account statements in Ratcliffe, Darr vs. Mary A. Hayes, et al. pertaining to auction of lots on 20<sup>th</sup> Street and in Washington's Burrville neighborhood. Square 6, lot 39; square 7, lot 7, lots 18-22, lot 27.

**Folder 65:** Ratcliffe, Darr & Co. vs. Mary A. Hayes, et al. 1894-1896. Account statements and correspondence pertaining to sale of 1243 20<sup>th</sup> Street. Square 116, lot 12.

**SUBSERIES S: RILEY CASE FILE GROUP, 1901-1907 and undated**

**Container 4**

**Folder 66:** John F. Lynch and Thomas R. Riley--Agreement. 1901. Agreement with B.H. Warner Company regarding completing housing construction in Meridian Hill neighborhood. Architects: Nicholas T. Haller, William J. Palmer; square 11, lots 54-59, 62-67.

**Folder 67:** Thomas R. Riley in re Quincy St. house. 1901. Estimates of cost to complete housing construction on Quincy Street. Contractors include J. Francis Lynch and Harry Wardman.

**Folder 68:** Thomas R. Riley vs. Adam McCandlish, et al. [a] Undated, ca. 1900. Court documents containing lengthy testimony regarding construction delays and payment for materials in construction of houses in Washington's Petworth neighborhood. Architect: Melville D. Hensey; Equity No. 21515; square 25; square 26.

**Folder 69:** Thomas R. Riley vs. Adam McCandlish, et al. [b] 1900 and undated. Correspondence, court documents, and property list relating to housing construction in Petworth neighborhood. Architect: Melville D. Hensey; Equity No. 21515; square 25, lots 17-26; square 26, lots 17-36.

**Folder 70:** Thomas R. Riley vs. Adam McCandlish, et al. [c] 1900-1903 and undated. Correspondence, court documents, and notes regarding completion of houses under construction in Petworth. Architect: Melville D. Hensey; Equity No. 21515; square 25, lot 17, lots 21-26; square 26, lots 27-30, 33-36.

**Folder 71:** Thomas R. Riley vs. McGee & O'Day. 1901-1907. Account statements, court documents, correspondence, and notes relating to Fort Myer, Virginia balloon house construction dispute. Law Nos. 44924, 44925.

**Folder 72:** [Thomas R. Riley vs. James O'Day and Edward McGee]. 1901-1907. Correspondence and account statement relating to payment for lumber furnished by Thomas R. Riley for construction of a balloon house and a storehouse at Fort Myer.

**Folder 73:** [Richard Rothwell, et al. vs. Thomas R. Riley, et al.] Undated. Court document (partial) relating to construction of a school at 24<sup>th</sup> and F Streets, NW. Equity No. 20027.

**Folder 74:** The U.S. to use of Thomas R. Riley vs. James O'Day and John J. Day. 1903. Court documents and note relating to construction dispute at Fort Myer, Virginia. Law No. 44924.

**SUBSERIES T: SOMERVILLE CASE FILE GROUP, 1902-1904**

**Folder 75:** Thos. Somerville and Sons vs. Mrs. Mary M. Bradley. 1904. Account statement.

**Folder 76:** Thos. Somerville and Sons vs. Mr. M. Browning. 1904. Account statement and correspondence.

**Folder 77:** Thos. Somerville and Sons vs. V & B Clay. 1904. Account statement and correspondence.

**Folder 78:** Thos. Somerville and Sons vs. Coleman and Coon. 1904. Account statement and correspondence pertaining to bill for plumbing supplies delivered to construction site in Holmead Manor. Square 45, lots 85-86, 92.

**Folder 79:** Thos. Somerville and Sons vs. Mr. W.B. Douglass. 1904. Account statement.

**Folder 80:** Thos. Somerville and Sons vs. W.H. Larman. 1904. Account statements and correspondence regarding unpaid bills.

**Folder 81:** Thos. Somerville and Sons vs. Jas. M. McGill. 1904. Account statements and correspondence.

**Folder 82:** Thos. Somerville and Sons vs. Northern Liberty Market. 1904. Account statement.

**Folder 83:** Thos. Somerville and Sons vs. Mrs. J.F. Tilley. 1904. Account statement and correspondence.

**Folder 84:** Thos. Somerville and Sons vs. Hugh Waters. 1904. Account statement.

**Folder 85:** Thos. Somerville and Sons vs. Willard Automobile Stables. 1904. Account statement.

**Folder 86:** Thos. Somerville Inc. vs. F.H. Knight / Note \$275 Aug. 15, 1904. 1904. Court document, correspondence, and account statement. Court document refers to John Pattersall vs. James G. Patterson.

**Folder 87:** Thos. Somerville Sons List of Notes d&d. 1902. List of accounts, 1884-1902.

#### **SUBSERIES U: SOTHORON CASE FILE GROUP, 1875-1904 and undated**

**Folder 88:** [Estate of Alexander C. Jones] 1897. Cancelled check signed by James T. Sothoron. Found among loose papers behind J.T. Moxley vs. Mrs. L.H. Earle (Folder 132).

**Folder 89:** Elizabeth C. Sothoron, Claims of / 1898. 1889-1898. Account statements and correspondence. Includes Dr. James T. Sothoron's patients' bills, which his widow apparently turned over to Bates Warren for collection. Bill for M.N. Hyland is marked, "colored" on reverse.

**Folder 90:** In re Elizabeth C. Sothoron, Deceased. 1900-1903 and undated. Court document, correspondence, and account statements pertaining to settlement of the estate of Elizabeth C. Sothoron. Includes list of rent payments for properties at 1919 L Street and 1420 Pierce Place.

**Folder 91:** Estate of Elizabeth C. Sothoron [a] 1897-1903 and undated. Correspondence, court documents, account statements, and agreement pertaining to settlement of the estate of Elizabeth C. Sothoron, who died in 1900 leaving three children as heirs. The estate includes properties in the District of Columbia. Includes financial papers removed from loose papers found behind J.T. vs. Mrs. L.H. Earle (Folder 132). Square 86, lots 4, 29.

**Folder 92:** [Estate of Elizabeth C. Sothoron] [b] 1900-1904. Will, probate documents, insurance policy, tax bills and account statements pertaining to Elizabeth C. Sothoron's estate. All documents found among loose papers in front of Frank Libbey, et al. vs. Metcalf and Lewis (Folder 96).

**Folder 93** Elizabeth C. Sothoron, Executrix vs. Catharine M.S. Nauck, et al. 1875-1898. Title abstract, will, court documents, and notes relating to dispute involving the Sothoron and Nauck families and a property on Wiltberger Street. Equity Nos. 16948, 19126; square 441, lots 16, 53.

**Folder 94:** James T. Sothoron vs. Thos. Lucas, Estate of. 1897-1898. Correspondence, deed extract, and account statements relating to settlement of account owed to Dr. Sothoron by Lucas family. Square 74, lots 9, 23, 37.

#### **SUBSERIES V: STANDARD BRICK CASE FILE GROUP, 1899-1907 and undated**

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**Folder 95:** John Jacoby vs. Standard Brick. 1901 and undated. Account statement, court documents, and notes relating to dispute over payment of a bill. Law No. 44828.

**Folder 96:** Frank Libbey, et al. vs. Metcalf and Lewis. 1901-1907. Court documents, correspondence, and note relating to housing construction in Washington's Bloomingdale neighborhood. Equity No. 22447; square 11, lots 5-6, 63-67; square 12, lots 9, 27-29.

**Folder 97:** Standard Brick Co. vs. Henry F. Getz. 1902. Court documents relating to disputed bill.

**Folder 98:** Standard Brick Co. vs. Laura E. Merriam. 1899. Court document relating to bill for repairs to porch on house at 1414 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW.

**Folder 99:** Standard Brick Co. vs. H.M. Schreiner, \$73.10. 1904. Account statements pertaining to bricks purchased by H.M. Schreiner. Original Bates Warren case file envelope was empty; papers found loose at bottom of carton.

**Folder 100:** Standard Brick Co. vs. Noble H. Thomas, et al. 1901. Court documents relating to dispute over materials used in construction of outbuildings for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Treasury Secretary Lyman J. Gage is listed among the defendants.

**SUBSERIES W: WALKER CASE FILE GROUP, 1893-1902**

**Folder 101:** George E. Walker vs. Dr. R.S. Hill. 1902. Account statement.

**Folder 102:** George E. Walker vs. Sullivan & Young. 1893-1903. Agreement and account statements relating to payment for lumber goods sold to William J. Sullivan and Thomas R. Young.

**SUBSERIES X: WARREN CASE FILE GROUP, 1891-1911 and undated**

**Folder 103:** William H. Campbell Loan of \$600. 1891-1898. Title abstract and deeds of trust relating to property in southeast Washington, DC. Includes loan by Bates Warren to William H. Campbell. Title abstract concerns lots in P.C. Palmer's Subdivision. Square 945, lots 30-31, 34.

**Folder 104:** Dartmouth Property. 1900-1910 and undated. Construction specifications, account statements, correspondence, and real estate papers pertaining to properties on Dartmouth Street in Washington's Columbia Heights neighborhood. Includes sale of one lot to Bates Warren and two houses to George G. Brown. Architect: M.D. Hensey; square 20, lot 2.

**Folder 105:** John J. Kleiner Loan of \$400. 1893-1895. Financial papers pertaining to loan made by John J. Kleiner to Bates Warren. Includes receipt indicating loan was repaid ahead of schedule.

**Folder 106:** Samuel Sherwood vs. Bates Warren, et al. 1896. Court documents relating to dispute over housing construction on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, SE, involving Bates Warren, Frederick L. Siddons, Robert M. Boyle, and Brooks Cason. Equity No. 17675.

**Folder 107:** [Warren family deeds] 1910-1911. Deeds transferring properties in Lanier Heights neighborhood to Bates Warren and his wife, Lisette B. Warren, and to John L. Warren and his wife, Annie K. Warren. Square 339, lot 38; Perkins & McLaughlin's Subdivision, lot 103; Lester A. Barr's Subdivision, lots 304-306; Thomas A. Evans's Subdivision, lots 371-372. Found among loose papers following [Estate of Alexander C. Jones] (Folder 88).

**SUBSERIES Y: WARREN BROTHERS CASE FILE GROUP, 1891-1895 and undated**

**Folder 108:** Warren Bros. vs. James D. Burn, et al. also George R. Herbert vs. William Pabst, et al. 1891-1895. Court documents and account statements relating to construction disputes. Square 778, lots 84-89.

**Folder 109:** Chas. H. Warren and Edward Warren vs. J.D. Burns. Undated, ca. 1895. Court documents relating to construction dispute. Law No. 37676; square 778, lots 84-89.

**SUBSERIES Z: WASHINGTON BRICK CASE FILE GROUP, 1896-1900 and undated**

**Folder 110:** Washington Brick Co. vs. Richard E. Cozzens. 1896-1898. Financial papers and court documents relating to bill for plumbing supplies. Equity No. 18841; square 736, lots 117-126.

**Folder 111:** Washington Brick Co. vs. Richard E. Cozzens, et al. 1897-1898 and undated. Title abstract, court documents, and note relating to bill for bricks purchased for housing construction in Archimedes Heckman's Subdivision. Equity No. 18841; square 736, lots 117-126.

**Folder 112:** The Washington Brick Company vs. Martin L. Gottwals. 1900. Court document relating to overdue bill.

## SERIES II: INDIVIDUAL CASE FILES

**Folder 113:** M. Ament, et al. vs. Eckington and Soldiers Home Railway Co. Petition of John King to intervene. 1897-1898. Court documents and correspondence relating to payments owed to supplier of leather goods.

**Folder 114:** [Jas. R.B. Barbour, papers] 1919. Account statement pertaining to house at 3751 Northampton Street, NW. Removed from loose papers in front of Frank Libbey et al. vs. Metcalf and Lewis (Folder 96).

**Folder 115:** Geo. M. Barker vs. Jas. Grant. 1901. Agreement between James H. Grant and creditors concerning payment for materials used to construct an addition to the Baptist Home of the District of Columbia in Beatty and Hawkins' addition to Georgetown. Square 1218, lots 81-82.

**Folder 116:** John S. Burdette, complainant vs. Samuel C. Scott, et al. defendants. 1901 and undated. Court documents, account statements, and notes relating to dispute over construction of Post Hospital Arsenal at DC General Hospital. Contains reference to English precedent for rule prohibiting attorneys of record from taking affidavits.

**Folder 117:** John T. Campbell vs. Luther M. Chilton, et al. 1895-1896 and undated. Court documents and account statements pertaining to construction dispute. Square 926, lot 17.

**Folder 118:** William H. Campbell vs. Edward Gorman, et al. Court document regarding alleged debt.

**Folder 119:** H.H. Casler, Claims of. 1897. Correspondence and account statements relating to past due grocery bill. Names mentioned include Mrs. George Rollings.

**Folder 120:** Cheney Notes & Checks O.J. Staples. 1914-1917. correspondence and account statements relating to possible sale of Thousand Island Hotel in upstate New York.

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**Folder 121:** The Contractor's Bonding Co. 1900 and undated. Agreements and notes relating to establishment of The Contractor's Bonding Company. Bates Warren is listed as a partner.

**Folder 122:** Mrs. M.C. Gebhard. 1901-1902. Agreement, account statements, and cancelled checks relating to construction of a house in Washington designed by Hugh A. Campbell. Square 480, lot 28.

**Folder 123:** Peter F. Gloss vs. George F. Reed. 1896-1897 and undated. Court documents, account statements, and notes relating to payment of debt.

**Folder 124:** E.N. Gray and Co. vs. C.N. Beaton E.N. Gray & Co. vs. Geo. E. Haar. 1894. Court documents relating to loan.

**Folder 125:** [Patrick H. Heffernan, et al. vs. Alonzo M. Lawson, et al.] ca. 1893. Court document re plaster work on seven houses on Euclid Avenue and University Place. Equity No. 15681. Title lost from original Bates Warren envelope.

**Folder 126:** Theodore L. Holbrook vs. Frances W. Baker, et al. 1898. Court documents relating to payment of loan.

**Folder 127:** John E. Hurley vs. Ellery C. Benson. 1898-1904. Court documents and account statements relating to repairs at Colonial Hotel. Law No. 46854.

**Folder 128:** Jouvenal and Smith Dissolution of partnership. 1900. Agreements and correspondence relating to contracting and stonemasonry firm.

**Folder 129:** John F. Lynch vs. Home Missionary Society, Rust Hall. 1901-1902 and undated. Agreement, account statements, correspondence, and note relating to construction of mission home of Methodist Episcopal Church on North Capitol Street at M Street designed by William J. Palmer.

**Folder 130:** John T. Meaney and Richard H. Bailey Agreement. 1894-1902 and undated. Agreement, certificates of title, and property diagram relating to construction of ten buildings on 18<sup>th</sup> Street in Washington Heights.

**Folder 131:** S.H. Moore Co. vs. National Furniture Association. 1894. Correspondence between Bates Warren and attorneys Charles F. and Thomas Darlington of New York, among others, relating to furniture dispute. Bates Warren was in the employ of J.J. Darlington of Washington, DC at the time.

**Folder 132:** J.T. Moxley vs. Mrs. L.H. Earle. 1899-1901. Title abstract tracing ownership of property in John Frank Ellis Subdivision of Montgomery County, Maryland from 1776 to 1899, business cards, and receipt. Montgomery County Square 15, block 1.

**Folder 133:** The National Capital Brewery vs. Edward Ennis, et al. 1897. Court documents relating to settlement of debt via property transfer. Square 353, lot 4.

**Folder 134:** Ortlip and Leach vs. James D. Burn, et al. 1892-1895. Court documents relating to property lien. Square 778, lots 1-2, 24, 84-89.

**Folder 135:** Philip R. Pulliam vs. Edward T. Benton, Jr. 1893-1894. Court documents relating to construction dispute in Washington's Burrville neighborhood. Square 4, lots 7-13; square 6, lot 1.

**Folder 136:** B. Francis Saul vs. Percival M. Brown. 1904. Court documents relating to construction dispute in Moore and Barbour's addition to the City of Washington, DC. Equity No. 24510. Square 13, Bloomingdale; square 956.

**Folder 137:** E.G. Schaefer & Company vs. Foster and Foster. 1894-1895. Agreement, deed of trust, and court document relating to construction of houses designed by N.T. Haller in Avalon Heights and West Eckington neighborhoods. Square 3, lots 59-68; square 6, lot 18.

**Folder 138:** [G.C. Shaw vs. J.A. Butler, et al.] 1896. Court document. Equity No. 17579. Removed from [John A. Hamilton, et al. vs. Brooks Cason, et al.] (Folder 25).

**Folder 139:** Fanny Sheetz vs. Lemuel Sheetz. 1895. Court documents concerning a divorce case based on a dispute over the husband's care for his wife while she had typhoid fever. Equity 16573.

**Folder 140:** Sothoron K. Spalding vs. J.B. Babbitt. 1895. Agreements, deeds in trust, and correspondence pertaining to sale of household goods in Eckington neighborhood. 201 S Street, NE; 312 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, NE.

**Folder 141:** John F. Vinal vs. Frederick H. Gehman et ux. 1895-1899 and undated. Receipts, account statements, will, correspondence, court documents, and notes pertaining to Edward Roache estate. Equity No.17008. Square 559, lot 10.

**Folder 142:** Re: Carl L. Wagner vs. Ida V. Campbell. 1901-1904. Court documents relating to seizure of property to pay grocery bill. Law No. 46857; Square 732, lots 41-44, 59.

**Folder 143:** Warren & Dyer vs. J.J. Deiter. 1903. Account statement from supplier of paints, oils, and glass.

**Folder 144:** Wash. Hyd. Press Brick vs. James W. Martin 720 Md. Ave. NE. 1904-1905. Account statement and correspondence relating to unpaid bill.

**Folder 145:** W.L. Wilkerson vs. Simon D. Bronson. 1902. Correspondence, account statement, and envelope relating to painting of house at 1915 11<sup>th</sup> Street, NW. envelope addressed to S.D. Bronson, Horse Shoer.

**Folder 146:** Helen G. Wilson vs. Estate of Andrew Green. 1900. Account statement and note relating to fee for nursing services. Square 11, lot 580.

**Folder 147:** John C. Wineman and George E. Hebbard. 1902. Agreement to dissolve partnership in tailoring business.

**Folder 148:** Wrightsville Lime Co. vs. G.C. Meads and E.C. Catts, W.H. Cissel, et al. 1893-1895.  
Court documents and account statements pertaining to construction of house in Hopkin's  
Subdivision. Law No. 35816; square 110, lot 23.