

William Richard Waring papers

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
Creator:	Waring, William R., (William Richard), 1787-1843.
Title:	William Richard Waring papers
Dates:	1822-1832
Extent:	0.05 cubic feet (1 folder)
Identification:	MS 0838

Biographical/Historical Note

William Richard Waring (1787-1842) was born in South Carolina. He graduated from South Carolina College in 1808 and studied medicine in Charleston. He pursued his studies at the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania. During the War of 1812 he was Surgeon of the 8th Regiment Infantry, stationed in Savannah, Georgia. He remained in Savannah after the war and spent the rest of his life there, where he maintained a very active practice. He wrote *Report to the City Council of Savannah on the Epidemic Disease of 1820* (Savannah, 1821).

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of a journal, diary, letters, and two manuscript papers by William Richard Waring. The journal gives an account of Waring's visit to Italy in 1822; it is a typed copy of the original owned by Eleanor Waring Burnham, Dr. Waring's granddaughter, at the time of the collection's accession. The diary of a visit to Europe belongs to either William Price or a Mr. Crane, 1822. A note inserted in the diary contains notes and comments on the diary made by J. Frederick Waring, the donor. One letter written to William R. Waring, 1822, gives information on places to visit in Europe. The second letter from William Price to William R. Waring, 1823, gives reasons for his removal to England, comments on situations in Spain, and American politics. He also mentions the recently discovered remains of a mammoth near Savannah. Also included in the collection is a paper on temperance, written around 1832 with the likely purpose being publication by the Georgia Medical Society. Pages 1-7 and 9-15 are missing. In addition, the collection contains a description of the illness of an African American girl named Nelly; this document is undated.

Index Terms

Diaries.
Europe--Description and travel.
Georgia Medical Society.
Italy--Description and travel.
Journals (accounts)
Letters (correspondence)
Manuscripts (document genre)
Spain--Politics and government--1813-1833.
Temperance.
Waring, William R., (William Richard), 1787-1843.

Location of Originals

Original diary in the possession of Eleanor Waring Burnham, Dr. Waring's granddaughter, Los Angeles, California, during the 1950s.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Material was acquired from descendent of creator.

Preferred Citation

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Acquisition Information

Gift of J. Frederick Waring, 1950, 1952, 1955. Deposited by J. Frederick Waring, 1950 (Item 4).

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Container List

Item 1: Journal of a visit to Italy by W.R. Waring (31.0 p.) (Typed copy of original.)
Summer 1822?

Item 2: Diary of a visit to Europe, probably written by William Price or a Mr. Crane, 1822
May 3-1822 September

In the back are some expense accounts. Inserted in the diary is a typed sheet with notes and comments on the diary by J. Fred. Waring.

Item 3: Unknown sender to William R. Waring?, 1882? (8.0 p.)

Information on places to visit in Europe. Last part with name of writer missing.

Item 4: William Price to William R. Waring. Liverpool, 1823 July 24 (3.0 p.)

Gives reasons for his removal to England; comments on situation in Spain, American politics, the recently discovered remains of a mammoth near Savannah.

Item 5: Paper on Temperance. Ca., 1832 (27.0 p.)

Probably written for the Georgia Medical Society. Pages 1-7, 9-15 missing.

Item 6: Description of the illness of an African American girl, Nelly