Three-Phased Implementation at UNC-Chapel Hill

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About Us

- Five different collecting units,
 - North Carolina Collection
 - Southern Historical Collection
 - Southern Folklife Collection
 - Rare Book Collection
 - University Archives & Records Management Services
- ~50 FTE
- 10,000+ accession records
- 7,000+ archives/manuscript collections
- 1 ArchivesSpace repository
- 3 IT staff members working on implementation



Collection Management History

• Accessions

- Launched ArchivesSpace on 2 October 2019
- Archivists' Toolkit: 2011-October 2019
- Microsoft Access: pre-2011
- Locations
 - In ArchivesSpace as of 14 April 2020
 - Excel spreadsheet, Microsoft Access: circa 2004 April 2020
- Finding aids
 - Created stub resource records in Archivists' Toolkit
 - Finding aids created using NoteTab and Oxygen
 - Version control managed via GitLab



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- Phase 2: Locations (completed April 2020)
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- Phase 1: Accessions
 - Migrated from Archivists' Toolkit October 2019
 - Relatively painless
 - Worked with Software Development staff based on received feedback
 - Created a plug-in for local customizations, including display of "Processing Status" and "Extent" fields on the browse screen
 - Added plug-in for enhanced search options (Built off Hudson Molonglo's Extended Advanced Search plugin)
 - Create a drop down for the first component of the unique identifier; autogenerate second and third components of the unique identifier
 - Exploring the best way to use Events and Agent records
 - Stub resource records and agent records also migrated.

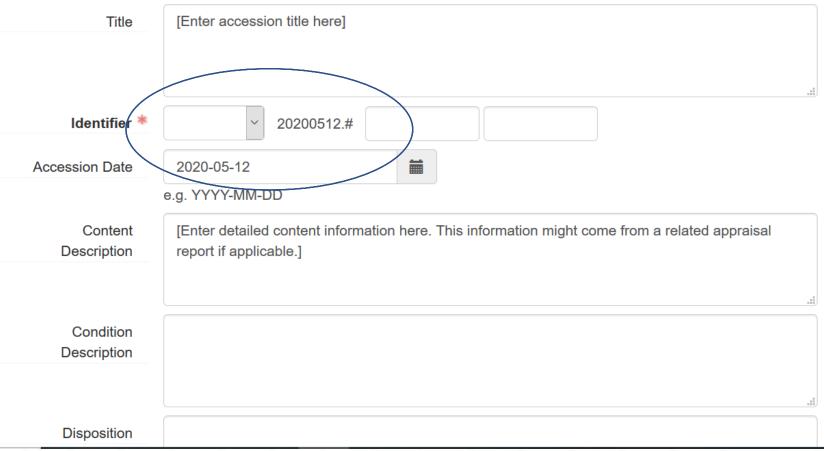


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- Phase 2: Collection Locations
 - Collection location information has been stored in a Microsoft Access database
 - No one* liked this database
 - Added top containers to stub resource records
 - Added barcodes for materials in remote storage
 - Research room staff have read-only access
 - Band-Aid measure until we migrate the finding aids

*One person told me they don't mind it too much.



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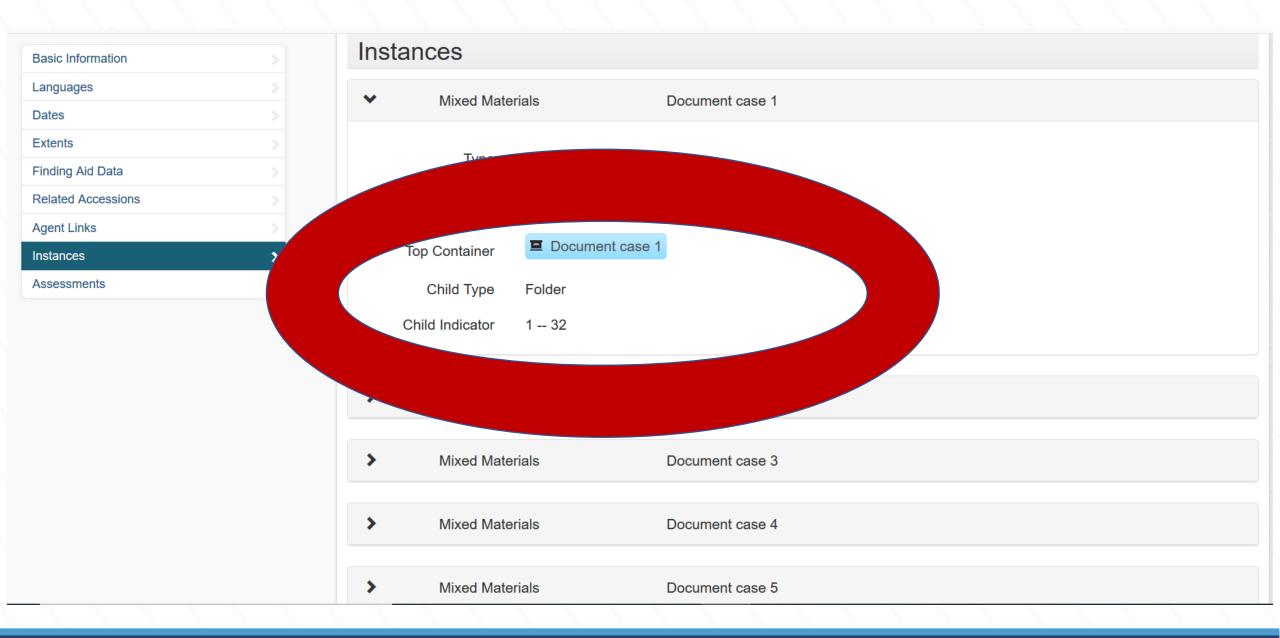
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- Phase 3: Finding aids/PUI
 - We have been hand-coding finding aids using EAD since the 1990s!
 - This will be hard for many reasons
 - Major workflow shift
 - Anticipate lots of legacy data clean-up
 - Need to determine the best way to display our digital content
 - Aeon plug-in/integration
 - ArchivesSpace PUI or ArcLight?



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Information for Users

subseries contain undated letters, subseries 1.7 contains undated letters written by members of the cameron family, subseries 1.6 contains letters written by non-family members.

V Subseries 1.1. Correspondence of Richard Bennehan and his family, 1757-1796 and undated.

About 1288 items.

Business and personal correspondence of Richard Bennehan, his son Thomas Bennehan, his daughter Rebecca Bennehan, and his wife Mary Amis Bennehan. During the years covered by this subseries, Richard Bennehan was in business with William Johnston, and then in business for himself. The material in this subseries predates the arrival of Duncan Cameron in North Carolina.

The bulk of this material consists of business letters to Richard Bennehan from his partner William Johnston of Hillsborough, N.C., with whom Bennehan owned the Little River Store, and from Bennehan's factor and former employer Edward Stabler of Petersburg, Va. Among Bennehan's other business correspondents are merchants David Buchanan of Petersburg, Va., John Alston of Glasgow, Scotland, James Gibson of Suffolk, Va., and Andrew Miller of Halifax, N.C.

Letters chiefly focus on various aspects of the mercantile business, particularly on market conditions, transportation problems, counterfeit money, and prices for tobacco, sugar, rum, and salt. In these letters, there are some passing references made to the War of Regulation, the American Revolution, the Constitution, and the economy. A letter, dated 9 June 1771, from William Johnston anticipates Governor Tryon's arrival in Hillsborough after the Battle of Alamance. In a letter, dated 15 February 1776, Bennehan's participation in the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge is alluded to. William Johnston's death in 1785 is documented, as is Bennehan's subsequent purchase of the Stagville property and building of the Stagville Store in 1787.

Business letters to Richard Bennehan written after 1789 chiefly consist of letters from Ebenezer Stott of Petersburg, Va., who was Bennehan's primary factor during the 1790s. These letters frequently include statements of account, in addition to the usual discussions of market conditions and news.

Among Bennehan's other correspondents during this period are Jesse Benton, William Richardson Davie, Thomas Hart, Allen Jones, Nathaniel Rochester, and Samuel Ashe. A letter, dated 13 July 1796, from Ashe documents Bennehan's gift of books to the library at the University of North Carolina.

Thomas Bennehan's correspondence with his parents Richard and Mary Amis Bennehan and his sister Rebecca date from 1795, when Thomas left for Chapel Hill, N.C., to attend the preparatory school at the University, to 1801, when he graduated from UNC.

The letters between Thomas and Rebecca are particularly numerous. There is only one letter written by Mary Amis Bennehan to Thomas, but there are frequent exchanges between father and son. There are also several letters to Thomas from his classmates, including his cousin Thomas Gale Amis.

There are few letters written to Bennehan in Virginia before he moved to North Carolina in 1768. There are no letters from Bennehan's relatives except for letters from his wife's brother Thomas Amis of Halifax County, N.C.

For financial material pertaining to the Little River Store and the Stagville Store, see Subseries 2.1.1., 6.1., and 6.3. 6.7. For other documentation of Richard Bennehan's contributions to the University of North Carolina, see Subseries 2.1.1.

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Thanks!

