

## Jones Memorial Library

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### Finding Aid to the Charles Minor Blackford Business Correspondence 1859-1865

**Collection Number:** MS2150

**Creator:** Historic Sandusky Foundation

**Title:** Charles Minor Blackford Business Correspondence

**Dates:** 1859-1865

**Volume of collection:** 1 cubic ft

**Language of materials:** English

**Collection summary:** 378 letters, business correspondence of Charles Minor Blackford.

**Organizational history:**

Historic Sandusky, in partnership with the University of Lynchburg, is dedicated to providing educational opportunities and career development for students and the public by preserving and interpreting the history of the Civil War, slavery, and 19th-century American life. Historic Sandusky is a Registered Virginia Historic Landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Sandusky is recognized as a 501C3 non-profit entity.

**Collection description:**

Physical letters and digital scans of Charles Minor Blackford's business correspondence from before and after the American Civil War. Letters came from the Blackford family to Alvin Gerhardt, Jr. to the Historic Sandusky Foundation. (See also JML.MS1793 Blackford Family Collection.)

**Arrangement:**

Original order of the letters as they were organized by the Historic Sandusky Foundation has been maintained. Each letter is encapsulated and numbered 1-378.

**Alternative formats:**

Digital scans of these letters have been placed on a usb drive which is in box one of the collection. They also can be accessed online at

<https://digital.jmlibrary.org/s/collections/item/77808#lg=1&slide=0>

**Digitized Copies:**

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**Preferred Citation:**

George M. Jones Library Association (Lynchburg, Va.), Finding aid to the Charles Minor Blackford Business Correspondence.

**Works used in preparation of inventory:**

Information provided by the Historic Sandusky Foundation was used to prepare biographical information about this accrual to the collection.

**Custodial history:**

This collection of correspondence was gifted September 27, 2025 to Jones Memorial Library from the Historic Sandusky foundation which acquired the materials from Alvin Gerrhardt, Jr.

**Related materials:** MS1793, Blackford Family Collection.

**Acquisition note:**

This collection was presented to the Jones Memorial Library by Greg Starbuck, Director, and on behalf of the Sandusky Foundation, with a deed of gift signed by Greg Starbuck on September 27, 2025.

**Processing information:**

This collection was described by JML archivist Gwen Wells in October of 2025. Before the collection was donated to Jones Memorial Library, Michaela White and Maya Taylor of Historic Sandusky Foundation scanned, encapsulated, and numbered each letter. These encapsulated letters were bound in 4 3-ring binders. Gwen removed the encapsulated materials- maintaining the Sandusky- imposed order- and rehoused them in packs of 50 per folder, into Hollinger boxes.

**Container list:**

A complete container list for the collection is kept in the first box of the collection, and is attached separately with the finding aid in the JML Digital Finding Aid collection.