

# **Wormley Family Genealogical Research Collection**

## **An inventory of Wormley Family Genealogical Research at DC Public Library**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	DCPL Special Collections - MLK Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Wormley family
<b>Title:</b>	Wormley Family Genealogical Research Collection
<b>ID:</b>	065
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1784-1984
<b>Physical Description:</b>	4.5 Linear feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
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## Biographical / Historical

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The Wormley family of Washington, D.C. is one of the most notable African American families in the history of the District of Columbia. Most notable among the family members are, James Wormley, proprietor of the Wormley Hotel, and Stanton L. Wormley, Sr., former interim President of Howard University. James Wormley was born free in 1819 in Washington, D.C. His parents, Lynch and Mary Wormley, came to the District from Virginia in 1814 and established a carriage business. In 1871, James Wormley established the Wormley Hotel on the corner of 15th and H Streets, NW. This was the site of the "Wormley Agreement," the name given to the Compromise of 1877 that ended the presidential disputed election of 1876 and, with the selection of Rutherford B. Hayes as President, also ended Reconstruction in the South. Wormley was also instrumental in making sure that Congress provided appropriate funding to the D.C. public schools. Stanton L. Wormley, Sr. was born in Washington, D.C. in 1909. He attended Howard University and was a member of the ROTC and the Glee Club. Stanton, Sr. also studied in Germany and was the leader of the Virginia State Glee Club. He then became a member of the faculty at Howard University and, in 1965, was eventually named interim President after University President James M. Nabrit, Jr. was appointed U.S. Representative to the United Nations by President Lyndon B. Johnson. There are many members of note in the Wormley family, as well as those who married into the family. Among these are Francis L. Cardozo, former Secretary of State and state treasurer of South Carolina, and a leader in the public schools of Washington, D.C., including principal of present-day Paul Laurence Dunbar High School.

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## Scope and Contents

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The collection was organized by the Wormley family before it was transferred to the Library. An index was published and included in the collection. Therefore, it was decided that the collection maintain its original order. However, there are volumes listed in the index that are not present in the collection. Included with the collection are three CD-ROM discs that contain scanned images of the volumes. However, these discs are not complete. Several items are missing from the files of various volumes. The collection consists of genealogical and historical materials on the Wormley family. Materials include slave data, census records, wills, deeds, interviews, articles, and photographs.

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## Arrangement

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Series 1: Miscellaneous Information Series 2: Individuals and Family Groups Series 3: Genealogical Information and Charts Series 4: Photographs Series 5: Supplemental Volumes

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## Administrative Information

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### Revision Description

Finding aid revised to be more evergreen. 2020-07-15

## **Custodial History**

Members of the Wormley family compiled this collection including: Stanton L. Wormley, Sr., Stanton L. Wormley, Jr. and Paul E. Sluby, Sr. Each volume was originally housed in a photo album or binder. The items were transferred to the Library in April 2006.

## **Processing Information**

Basic archival processing procedures were applied to the collection when it was processed.

## **Conditions Governing Use**

No known restrictions.

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## **Related Materials**

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Copies of the materials in this collection can be found at the Virginia State Library Library of Virginia in Richmond, Virginia and with the Stanton L. Wormley, Jr. family. Cleveland ( Ohio) Public Library, African-American Family Photograph Collection: The Wormley/Graves Photograph Collection, 1930-1979.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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- Genealogy
- African American families
- Photographs
- African Americans

## Collection Inventory

### Series 1: Miscellaneous Information

Title/Description	Instances	
Index to the Wormley Family Papers [bound volume], Undated	Box 1	Folder 1
Wormley and Shadd City Directory Information - Wormley Birth and Death Certificates, Undated	Box 1	Folder 2
Wormley and Shadd City Directory Information - Wormley Birth and Death Certificates, Undated	Box 1	Folder 3
Wormley and Burruss Personal Interviews, Undated	Box 1	Folder 4
Wormley and Shadd Marriage - Wills, 1828-1965	Box 1	Folder 5
Wormley and Shadd Marriage - Wills/Estates, 1828-1965	Box 1	Folder 6
Wormley Property Transfers, Undated	Box 1	Folder 7
Members of the Wormley Family mentioned in the Minutes of the Berean Baptist Church and the 15th Street Presbyterian Church, 1878-1898	Box 1	Folder 8
Wormley Miscellaneous, Undated	Box 1	Folder 9
Wormley Source Materials, Undated	Box 1	Folder 10
Wormley Family Genealogy Volumes 001-073, Undated	Box 1	Folder 11

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### Series 2: Individuals and Family Groups

Title/Description	Instances	
Wormley Beginnings and Rosegill - Charts 1312-1726, 1812-1852	Box 2	Folder 1
Wormley Beginnings and Rosegill Volume 1, 1850	Box 2	Folder 2
Wormley Beginnings and Rosegill Volume 2, 1850	Box 2	Folder 3
Wormley Beginnings and Rosegill Volume 3, 1850-1853	Box 2	Folder 4
Wormley Beginnings and Rosegill Volume 4, Undated	Box 2	Folder 5
Wormley Beginnings and Rosegill Volume 5, Undated	Box 2	Folder 6
Wormley Family of Virginia - 17th and 18th Centuries Volume 1, Undated	Box 2	Folder 7
Wormley Family of Virginia - 17th and 18th Centuries Volume 2, Undated	Box 2	Folder 8

Wormley Family of Virginia - 17th and 18th Centuries Volume 3, Undated	Box 2	Folder 9
Wormley Family of Virginia - 17th and 18th Centuries Volume 4, Undated	Box 2	Folder 10
Wormley Family of Virginia - 17th and 18th Centuries Volume 5, Undated	Box 2	Folder 11
Wormley General Information Volume 1, Undated	Box 2	Folder 12
Wormley General Information Volume 2, Undated	Box 2	Folder 13
Lynch Wormley, 1784-1850	Box 2	Folder 14
Family of Lynch Wormley, 1830-1882	Box 2	Folder 15
James Wormley, Volume 1, Undated	Box 2	folder 16
James Wormley, Volume 2, Undated	Box 2	Folder 17
James Wormley, Volume 3, Undated	Box 2	folder 18
Mary M. Wormley, Undated	Box 2	Folder 19
William H. A. Wormley, 1875-1977	Box 2	Folder 20
Letters of William H. A. Wormley, 1860-1967	Box 2	Folder 21
Family of William H. A. Wormley, 1897-1962	Box 2	Folder 22
Miriam Wormley Lewis, 1910-1980	Box 2	Folder 23
Family of James Thompson Wormley, Undated	Box 3	Folder 1
Family of Garrett Smith Wormley, 1885-1981	Box 3	Folder 2
Lawrence R. Wormley Volume 1, 1904-1951	Box 3	Folder 3
Lawrence R. Wormley Volume 2, 1952-1962	Box 3	Folder 4
Mary E. (Burruss) Wormley, 1885-1938	Box 3	Folder 5
Burruss Family - Family of Mary E. (Burruss) Wormley, 1840-1980	Box 3	Folder 6
Stanton L. Wormley, Sr. Volume 1, 1909-1932	Box 3	Folder 7
Stanton L. Wormley, Sr. Volume 2, 1933-1954	Box 3	Folder 8
Stanton L. Wormley, Sr. Volume 3, 1954-1966	Box 3	Folder 9
Stanton L. Wormley, Sr. Volume 4, 1966-1967	Box 3	Folder 10
Stanton L. Wormley, Sr. Volume 5, 1967-1979	Box 3	Folder 11
Stanton L. Wormley, Sr. - Miscellaneous Volume 6, 1964-1981	Box 3	Folder 12
Howard Glee Club Volume 1 (also includes photograph), 1929-1931	Box 3	Folder 13
Howard Glee Club Volume 2, 1931	Box 3	Folder 14

Virginia State Glee Club Volume 1 (also includes photograph), 1933-1934	Box 3	Folder 15
Virginia State Glee Club Volume 2 (also includes photograph), 1934-1937	Box 3	Folder 16
Stanton L. Wormley - Sr. Publications, 1937-1969	Box 3	Folder 17
Shadd Family Volume 1, Undated	Box 4	Folder 1
Shadd Family Volume 2, Undated	Box 4	Folder 2
Shadd Family Volume 3, 1855-1960	Box 4	Folder 3
Shadd Family Volume 4, Undated	Box 4	Folder 4
Shadd Family Volume 5, Undated	Box 4	Folder 5
Shadd Family (Bearden and Butler), 1975-1978	Box 4	Folder 6
Shadd Family - Miscellaneous, Undated	Box 4	Folder 7
Members of the Shadd Family mentioned in the Minutes of the Berean, Undated	Box 4	Folder 8

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### Series 3: Lineal Information and Charts

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Baptist Church and the 15th Street Presbyterian Church, Undated	Box 4	Folder 9
Wormley Lineage, 1980	Box 4	Folder 10

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### Series 4: Photos

Title/Description	Instances	
Shadd Lineage, Undated	Box 4	Folder 11
Photo - Re: James Wormley, Undated	Box 4	Folder 12
Photo - William H. A. Wormley Family, Undated	Box 4	Folder 13
Photo - William H. A. Wormley Family, Undated	Box 4	Folder 14
Photo - Stanton L. Wormley - Jr. Direct Ancestors, Undated	Box 4	Folder 15

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### Series 5: Supplemental Volumes



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Photo - Burruss Family, Undated	Box 4	Folder 16
Wormley Beginnings - Supplement 1, 1192-1843	Box 4	Folder 17
Wormley Beginnings - Supplement 2, 1312-1892	Box 4	Folder 18
James Wormley Volume 4, Undated	Box 4	Folder 19
Wormley Family Information Appendix 1, Undated	Box 5	Folder 1
Wormley Family Information Appendix 2, Undated	Box 5	Folder 2
Wormley Family Information Appendix 3, Undated	Box 5	Folder 3
Wormley Family Information Appendix 3, Undated	Box 5	Folder 4
Wormley Family Information Appendix 4, Undated	Box 5	Folder 5
Wormley Family Information Appendix 5, Undated	Box 5	Folder 6
Wormley Property Transactions, 1796-1984	Box 5	Folder 7
Lawrence Wormley Property Deeds, 1925-1959	Box 5	Folder 8
Wormley Photos Appendix 1, Undated	Box 5	Folder 9
Military Record of James T. Wormley, Undated	Box 5	Folder 10
Gerri Major's Black Society with Doris E. Saunders, 1976	Box 5	Folder 11
"Legacy to Buxton", Undated	Box 5	Folder 12
Supplemental Census Information - Wormley Family, 1830-1900	Box 5	Folder 13
Index to the Francis L. Cardozo Volumes, Undated	Box 5	Folder 14
Francis L. Cardozo Volume 1, 1837-1903	Box 5	Folder 15
Francis L. Cardozo Volume 2, 1837-1903	Box 5	Folder 16
Francis L. Cardozo Volume 3, 1837-1903	Box 5	Folder 17
Francis L. Cardozo Volume 4, 1837-1903	Box 5	Folder 18
Francis L. Cardozo Volume 5, 1837-1903	Box 5	Folder 19
Francis L. Cardozo Volume 6, 1837-1903	Box 5	Folder 20
Large Documents Volume 1, Undated	Box 6	Folder 1
Large Documents Volume 2, Undated	Box 6	Folder 2
Stanton L. Wormley, Sr. Awards, 1922-1979	Box 6	Folder 3

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