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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

MS318

### Unit Date

1856-1983

### Language

English .

### Creator

Davidson, Florence English, 1882-1942

### Extent

.21 Linear Feet 1 box

### Repository

Local History and Special Collections Branch, Alexandria Library

## Administrative Information

## Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Sherry Hulfish Browne, October 2013

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# Biographical / Historical

Florence English Davidson (1882-1942) was a prominent Alexandria resident and landlord. During the 1930s and early 1940s, she lived at 220 S. Royal street, but owned, renovated, and rented 218 S. Royal, 323 Duke, 325 Duke, 515 Duke, and 325 South Lee streets. Florence was the mother to Polly Hulfish, who also made a name for herself as a historic Alexandria home renovator.

## Keywords

Business -- Virginia -- Alexandria

Alexandria (Va.) -- History

# Description of Subordinate Components

## Series I: Ephemera

### Bills and Receipts

**Unit Date** 1938-1940

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

### Scope and Contents

This folder contains several bills and receipts sent to Florence Maigne from a variety of Alexandria businesses including E. Burnet Ale, Johnson Sea Horse Outboard Motors, Thomas J. Fannon and Sons, Walter C. Davis, Dr. Frank Michelbach Furniture, Southern Iron Works, W. A. Smoot, R. J. Dwyer, and more. Most represent items purchased for homes.

### Keywords

Business -- Virginia -- Alexandria

Receipts (Acknowledgments)

### Invites

**Unit Date** 1964-1973

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

### Scope and Contents

This folder contains 2 invitations. One is from the Alexandria Committee of The Friends of Stratford, and the other is for the Alexandria Association and includes a membership roster for 1964.

### Keywords

The Alexandria Association

### Menus

**Unit Date** 1891-1907

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

### Scope and Contents

This folder contains 3 old menus from different events. One is from the restaurant The Exchange in Alexandria, dated February 23, 1891. Another is from Hybla Valley Farm, and the third is from the 2nd biennial banquet of the Washington's Birthday Association, 1907.

### Keywords

Food -- History.

**Notecards****Graphic Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains 4 notecards that feature sketches of Alexandria homes.

**Pamphlets****Unit Date** 1900-1960**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains several pamphlets and booklets representing historic tours in Alexandria. One exception is the 1900 constitution of the Alexandria Golf Club. Others include a 1933 tour of historic gardens of Virginia in Alexandria, a 1936 tour of the interiors of historic Alexandria homes, and a 1949 booklet about the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

**Miscellaneous****Unit Date** 1856-1952**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains various business cards, a map of Alexandria, a playbill from an 1859 performance of The Russian War. Other notable objects include a catalog for an exhibit of the book collection of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Whitton held at their house on 602 Cameron street on January 20, 1952 and a program for the anniversary of the Belles Lettres Society held on Jun 27, 1856.

**Series II: Book****The Romance of Historic Alexandria****Unit Date** 1923**Books** 1 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains the book "The Romance of Historic Alexandria" by Rev. Eugene B. Jackson, published in 1923. The book is fragile.

**Series III: Photographs****Photos****Unit Date** 1939-1983**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 8 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains several pictures of Alexandria structures. One photo depicts the demolition of buildings on King street. Another depicts King street and Columbus street in 1939. Three photos were taken of the land that Ronald Reagan National Airport now sits on.

**Keywords**

Buildings -- Virginia -- Alexandria