

# Whitton Collection Finding Aid MS027

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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

MS027

### Unit Date

1843-1989

### Language

English .

### source

Whitton, Robert Goodacre, 1906-1986

### Extent

.65 Cubic Feet 2 boxes

### Repository

Local History and Special Collections Branch, Alexandria Library

## Administrative Information

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# Biographical / Historical

Robert Whitton, a native of Alexandria, was involved in many organizations in the city. After graduating from the American Institute of Banking and the Rutgers Graduate School of Banking, he went to work for the First National Bank of Alexandria in 1922. In 1949, he opened the Alexandria branch of the Johnston, Lemon, and Co., a stock brokerage firm, retiring in 1979 as senior Vice President. As a Rotarian, he was named a Paul Harris Fellow and the Rotarian of the Year in 1985. He also helped found clubs in Mount Vernon, Annandale, Springfield, Purcellville, and elsewhere. He was a director of local chapters of the Davis Memorial Goodwill Industries, the United Negro College Fund, and the National Conference of Christians and Jews, served on the board of the Alexandria Library, and was a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church. He died on April 17, 1986.

## Scope and Contents

This collection contains printed matter such as brochures of George Washington's birthday, the Washington Board of Trade, the Suburban Spectator and others. Additionally, there are limited correspondence, reports of the Historic Alexandria Foundation, annual reports of the Alexandria Library, several booklets, photographs, and postcards.

## Keywords

Alexandria (Va.) -- History

Photographs.

Letters.

Alexandria (Va.). Library

Whitton, Robert Goodacre, 1906-1986

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Series I: Printed Matter

#### George Washington Birthday Brochures

**Unit Date** 1933-1951

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

#### Scope and Contents

This folder contains 3 booklets from the 1933, 1950, and 1951 celebrations of Washington's birthday by the Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, along with a photocopy of Washington's stock held in the Bank of Alexandria.

#### Keywords

Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22 (Alexandria, Va.)

Washington, George, 1732-1799.

#### Washington Board of Trade

**Unit Date** 1956

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

#### Scope and Contents

This folder contains materials prepared by the Washington Board of Trade Economic Development Committee and shows population, employment, retail, and new construction statistics.

#### Suburban Spectator Brochures

**Unit Date** November 1951-March 1953

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

## **Scope and Contents**

This folder contains several newsletters called the Suburban Spectator, published by Woodward and Lothrop, featuring articles and photos of happenings in Alexandria.

## **Miscellaneous Brochures**

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

## **Scope and Contents**

This folder contains several brochures including a pamphlet on Maryland, a tour guide of historic Richmond, a program for a performance of The Confederacy and selections from The Republic at Francis C. Hammond High School in 1960, the story of The Jefferson Davis Funeral Train, a program for The Civil War Round Table's Gold Medal Award Dinner in 1957 (in which Virgil Carrington Jones was awarded), a program for the Northern Virginia State Fair at the Hybla Valley Airport in 1953, a program for a performance of The Confederacy at George Washington High School in 1955, a program for the George Mason Festival, and a souvenir program of the Virginia Aviation Jubilee in 1953.

## **Series II: Correspondence**

### **Correspondence**

**Unit Date** 1933-1989

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Creator** Whitton, Robert Goodacre, 1906-1986

**Creator** Whitton, Margaret (Monroe), 1915-1992

**Creator** Duncan, James M., Jr. (James Morton), 1897-1967

**Creator** Duncan, Ruth Birch (Deahl), 1899-1985

### **Scope and Contents**

This folder contains a handful of letters written to or by Robert Whitton, his wife, and friends James and Ruth Duncan, among others.

### **Keywords**

Alexandria (Va.). Library

Lloyd House

Letters.

## **Series III: Alexandria**

### **Alexandria Brochures**

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

Brochures include: Alexandria, the Place to Locate, Rambling Through Alexandria Virginia (1965 and 1979), The Alexandria Community Y's Scottish Christmas Walk (1979), The Alexandria Association Directory (1978-1979), Dedication of Academic Building and Gymnasium at St. Stephen's School (1957), Art Fair Program (1957), a reference book list for the history of Alexandria, Historic Alexandria: A Growing City, a booklet honoring Harry Flood Byrd, Alexandria: Gateway to the South, and the 1981-82 Alexandria Chamber of Commerce Annual Report among others.

### **Historic Alexandria Foundation**

**Unit Date** 1964-1965

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Creator** Cox, Ethelyn, 1908-1988

**Creator** Van Swearingen, Eleanor Maria, 1904-1966

### **Scope and Contents**

This folder includes materials regarding the Historic Alexandria Foundation including a letter from Ethelyn Cox, and the Alexandria Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission.

**Keywords**

Letters.

Historic Alexandria Foundation

**Alexandria Library Annual Reports**

**Unit Date** 1951-1957

**Books** 1 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains 6 annual reports collected by Bob Whitton while he served on the Library Board at the Alexandria Library.

**Keywords**

Alexandria (Va.). Library

Public libraries.

**Miscellaneous**

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains various programs and brochures for organizations such as the Old Presbyterian Meeting House, the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, and St. Paul's in Alexandria.

**Series IV: Books**

**Rosenberger and Johston, Lemon, & Co.**

**Books** 1 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains 3 booklets. One is a list of published writings by Francis Coleman Rosenberger. The other two are booklets for the investment banking firm Johnston, Lemon, & Co. and feature photos of Robert Whitton, as he managed the office in Alexandria.

**Keywords**

Banks.

**Fanny Chatham Autograph Book**

**Unit Date** 1843-1847

**Books** 1 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

This file contains one book wherein friends and family of Fanny Chatham wrote poems to her. Some are signed with initials, however, the only name that can be gleaned is Edwin R. Violett.

**Keywords**

Poetry.

Dixon, Fanny (Chatham), 1826-1899

**Series V: Postcards**

**Alexandria Academy - Apothecary Shop**

**Graphic Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains postcards of the Alexandria Library and the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Shop.

**Keywords**

Alexandria (Va.). Library

Public libraries.

Apothecary shops

The Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Shop

**Cardinal Athletic Club - Carlyle House**

**Graphic Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains postcards of the Cardinal Athletic Club and Carlyle House in Alexandria, Virginia.

**Keywords**

Baseball.

Carlyle House (Alexandria, Va.)

**Christ Church - Female Stranger**

**Graphic Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains postcards of Christ Church, Fannon & Sons, and the story of the Female Stranger.

**Keywords**

Churches

**Fort Ward - Friendship Fire Station**

**Graphic Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains postcards of Fort Ward and the Friendship Fire Station in Alexandria, Virginia.

**Keywords**

Fire stations.

Fire departments -- Virginia -- Alexandria

**Gadsby's - Lee-Custis Portraits**

**Graphic Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains postcards of Gadsby's Tavern, Gentry Row, Gunston Hall, the George Mason Hotel, King Street, the Lee Boyhood Home, and portraits of Robert E. Lee and Mary Custis.

**Keywords**

Gadsby's Tavern

Gadsby's Tavern Museum

Robert E. Lee Boyhood Home

Lee, Robert E. (Robert Edward), 1807-1870.

**Marshall House - Potomac Park**

**Graphic Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains postcards of the Marshall House, George Washington National Masonic Memorial, the new Alexandria Post Office, and Potomac Park.

**Keywords**

George Washington Masonic National Memorial (Alexandria, Va.)

Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)

## **Virginia (Misc.) - Woodlawn**

**Graphic Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

This folder contains postcards of miscellaneous Virginia sites, the Anne Warren Gravestone, Washington Street, Washington's Grist Mill, and Woodlawn Plantation.

## **Series VI: Photos**

### **Parades and Firemen**

**Graphic Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

This folder contains four photos, 2 of a parade at the 500 block of King Street facing the Edgar Warfield Jr. building, one of the Columbia Engine Company standing in front of 109 S. St. Asaph Street around 1900, and another of the old hose wagon of the Columbia Engine Company.

### **Keywords**

Parades

Fire departments -- Virginia -- Alexandria

### **Old Post Office, Lee School, Alexandria Hospital, and 508 Cameron**

**Graphic Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

This folder contains 4 photos, one of the Alexandria Hospital at 420 Wolfe Street, one of the Lee School at King and Alfred (where White House|Black Market is, currently), the old post office at Prince and St. Asaph (now a parking lot), and a sketch of Washington's Townhouse at 508 Cameron Street in Alexandria.

### **Keywords**

Schools -- Virginia -- Alexandria.

### **An Old Pump**

**Graphic Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

This folder contains a single photo of a boy standing at a water pump with the title "An old pump, Alexandria, Va." The photo is glued to a note that says "To Bob Whitton, 9 July, 1958. Photographic copy of an undated post card printed in Germany, found in effects of Mr. John T. Boyd. By Virgil C. Davis.

### **Group Photo**

**Graphic Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

This folder contains a single 8x10 photo of a group of young men sitting in front of a building. We are to assume that Robert Whitton is one of them.

### **Access Copies**

**Graphic Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

This folder contains access copies of several photos and some postcards in the collection, created by Lloyd House, Alexandria Library.