

# The John K. Pickens Papers Finding Aid MS057

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## Descriptive Summary

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Pickens, John K., 1918-1976

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# Biographical / Historical

John K. Pickens, Alexandria lawyer and city councilman, was instrumental in beginning formal archaeological studies in Alexandria. The studies began in the mid-1960s, under Richard (Dick) Muzzrole of the Smithsonian Institution. In 1975, the Alexandria Archaeology Commission (the AAC) was formed with John Pickens as chairman. Following Muzzrole's resignation as City Archaeologist in December 1975, the AAC began a search for his replacement.

## Content Description

The collection contains organizational records of the Alexandria Archaeological Commission as well as correspondence with the Smithsonian Institution prior to the 1975 formation of the Alexandria Archaeological Commission. Clippings, research notes and archaeology notes are included as well. Topics include: formation of the Alexandria Archaeology Commission, archaeological digs along King Street, research on the Henry Piercy family, and area merchants.

## Related Materials

Restricted subseries of correspondence.

## Keywords

Alexandria Archaeology  
Archaeology -- Virginia -- Alexandria.  
Muzzrole, Richard  
Piercy family  
Virginia -- Genealogy.

## Existence and Location of Copies

Alexandria Archaeology has photocopies of this collection.

## Bibliography

Voges, Nettie Allen. "Alexandria Digs up its Past, Part 4." Old Alexandria: Where America's Past is Present, McLean, VA: EPM Publications, 1975.

## Arrangement

The collection is divided into the following series: Series I: Organizational Records (1964-1976) - Chronological by year Series II: Clippings (1958-1976) - Chronological by year Series III: Archaeology notes - Alphabetical by topic Series IV: Research - Alphabetical by topic Series V: Subject File - Alphabetical by topic Series VI: Correspondence - Alphabetical by writer and then chronologically within each Series VII: Printed Matter - Chronological by year Series VIII: Miscellaneous Series IX: Photographs

## Description of Subordinate Components

### **Series I: Organizational Records**

**Unit Date** 1964-1976

### **Arrangement**

Chronological by year.

**Organizational Records**

**Unit Date** 1964-1974

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Organizational Records**

**Unit Date** 1971

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Organizational Records**

**Unit Date** 1974

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Organizational Records**

**Unit Date** 1975

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Organizational Records**

**Unit Date** 1975

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Organizational Records**

**Unit Date** 1976

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Committee of One Hundred**

**Unit Date** 1972

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Committee of One Hundred**

**Unit Date** 1973

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Council of Virginia Archaeology**

**Unit Date** 1975

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Council of Virginia Archaeology**

**Unit Date** 1976

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Series II: Clippings****Unit Date** 1958-1976**Arrangement**

Chronological by year.

**Gaithersburg Gazette****Unit Date** 1965-06-03**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 11 (folder)**Clippings****Unit Date** 1966**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 12 (folder)**Clippings****Unit Date** 1967**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 13 (folder)**Clippings****Unit Date** 1968**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 14 (folder)**Clippings****Unit Date** 1969**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 15 (folder)**Clippings****Unit Date** 1970**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 16 (folder)**Clippings****Unit Date** 1971**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 17 (folder)**Clippings****Unit Date** 1972**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 18 (folder)**Clippings****Unit Date** 1973**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 19 (folder)

**Clippings****Unit Date** 1974**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 20 (folder)**Clippings****Unit Date** 1975**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 21 (folder)**Clippings****Unit Date** 1976**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 22 (folder)**The Virginia Gazette, "Visitor's Guide to Williamsburg,"****Unit Date** 1976**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 23 (folder)**Richard Muzzrole****Unit Date** 1958**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 24 (folder)**John K. Pickens****Unit Date** 1976**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 25 (folder)**Clippings****Text** 1 (box)**Container** 26 (folder)**Series III: Archaeology notes****Arrangement**

Alphabetical by topic

**Carlyle House****Unit Date** 1973-1976**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Fairfax Street****Text** 2 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**300 Block King Street****Unit Date** 1971-1974**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)

**300 Block King Street, Preliminary Working Drawings**

**Unit Date** 1971-1972

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**400 Block King Street**

**Unit Date** 1975

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**300 and 400 Blocks King Street**

**Unit Date** 1974

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Series IV: Research**

**Arrangement**

Alphabetical by topic

**Notes and Papers on Apprenticeships**

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Notes and Papers on Fires**

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Notes on Merchants**

**Unit Date** 1800-1850

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Notes on Merchants**

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Notes on Merchants**

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

**Notes on Pages from Early (1806) Merchant's Ledger**

**Unit Date** 1806

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Notes on Old Dominion Glass Works.**

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**Notes on Piercy and Potters.**

**Text** 3 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Correspondence on Piercy.**

**Text** 3 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Notes and Correspondence on Christian Piercy.**

**Text** 3 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Papers on Henry Piercy**

**Unit Date** 1976

**Text** 3 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Notes on Piercy family**

**Text** 3 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Notes on Piercy family.**

**Text** 3 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Notes on paper, the press, and printing in Alexandria.**

**Text** 3 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Series V: Subject File**

**Arrangement**

Alphabetical by topic

**Alexandria Gazette.**

**Text** 3 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Alexandria map, negative copy.**

**Text** 3 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**100 Block North Alfred Street**

**Unit Date** 1973

**Text** 3 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Annexation of a Portion of Arlington County**

**Unit Date** 1915

**Text** 3 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

**Archaeology, Canal and Lyceum**

**Unit Date** 1969, 1974

**Text** 3 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Richard Arell and Arell's Tavern.**

**Text** 3 (box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**"Art and Antiques Newsletter" by Bettie Wysor, Town and Country**

**Unit Date** 1972

**Text** 3 (box)

**Container** 14 (folder)

**Assurance Forms, Royal, King, Fairfax, Prince Streets**

**Unit Date** 1797-1827

**Text** 3 (box)

**Container** 15 (folder)

**Banking in Alexandria.**

**Text** 3 (box)

**Container** 16 (folder)

**Cabinet Makers**

**Unit Date** 1972

**Text** 3 (box)

**Container** 17 (folder)

**"The City of Alexandria--One Time Capital of Virginia," by Robert Nelson Anderson.**

**Text** 3 (box)

**Container** 18 (folder)

**Deed Books.**

**Text** 3 (box)

**Container** 19 (folder)

**Disposition Maps.**

**Text** 3 (box)

**Container** 20 (folder)

**Early New England Pottery by Laura Woodside Watkins**

**Unit Date** 1966

**Text** 3 (box)

**Container** 21 (folder)

**Gadsby's Tavern**

**Unit Date** 1975-1976

**Text** 3 (box)

**Container** 22 (folder)

**Gunston Hall, Docents' Study Papers.**

**Text** 4 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Gunston Hall, report by J. Everette Fauber, Jr., AIA.**

**Text** 4 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Gunston Hall, report by Grigg, Wood & Browne, AIA.**

**Text** 4 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Gunston Hall, report by Richard Muzzrole.**

**Text** 4 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Gunston hall, report by Alain C. Outlaw**

**Unit Date** 1973

**Text** 4 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Robert H. McNulty reports**

**Unit Date** 1970

**Text** 4 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**"Pearlware: forgotten milestone of English ceramic history" by Ivor Noel-Hume**

**Unit Date** 1969

**Text** 4 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Potters.**

**Text** 4 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Privies and Wells.**

**Text** 4 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**112 South Royal Street.**

**Text** 4 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Sailing Ships.**

**Text** 4 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

**Sennewald Biography Material.**

**Text** 4 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Silversmiths.**

**Text** 4 (box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**Series VI: Correspondence**

**Arrangement**

Alphabetical by writer and then chronologically within each

**Ivor and Audrey Noel-Hume**

**Unit Date** 1962-1976

**Text** 4 (box)

**Container** 14 (folder)

**Smithsonian Institution**

**Unit Date** 1965-1976

**Text** 4 (box)

**Container** 15 (folder)

**Series VII: Printed Matter**

**Arrangement**

Chronological by year

**The Government of the District of Columbia, two issues of Virginia Magazine of History and Biography**

**Unit Date** 1938-1966

**Text** 4 (box)

**Container** 16 (folder)

**The Alexandrian Magazine**

**Unit Date** Sept, 1976

**Text** 4 (box)

**Container** 17 (folder)

**Series VIII: Miscellaneous**

**Miscellaneous**

**Text** 4 (box)

**Container** 18 (folder)

**Series IX: Photographs**

**Unit Date** 1970-1976

**Bowls - 3" Britannia**

**Graphic Materials** 5 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Extent** 1 photograph

**Carlyle House**

**Graphic Materials** 5 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

7 photographs

**Ceramic Bowl**

**Graphic Materials** 5 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

1 photograph

**Digging Ceremony and Portrait of Pickens**

**Graphic Materials** 5 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

2 photographs

**Exhibit at City Hall**

**Graphic Materials** 5 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

6 photographs

**French Faience Plate**

**Graphic Materials** 5 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

1 photograph

**400 Block of King Street South**

**Graphic Materials** 5 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

30 photographs

**Dick Muzzrole at Pottery Site**

**Graphic Materials** 5 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

1 photograph

**Miscellaneous**

**Graphic Materials** 5 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

14 photographs

**Dick Muzzrole - skull**

**Graphic Materials** 5 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

1 photograph

**Old Dominion Glass Factory****Graphic Materials** 5 (box)**Container** 11 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

39 photographs

**Old Dominion Glass Display****Graphic Materials** 5 (box)**Container** 12 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

1 photograph

**Miscellaneous with People****Graphic Materials** 5 (box)**Container** 13 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

6 photographs

**Piercy's Pottery Site****Graphic Materials** 5 (box)**Container** 14 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

7 photographs

**SI Exhibit Case****Graphic Materials** 5 (box)**Container** 15 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

1 photograph

**Waterfront****Graphic Materials** 5 (box)**Container** 16 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

12 photographs