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Cox, Ethelyn, 1908-1988

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Joynt, John Howard

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Norris, Hannon E. (Hannon Edwards), 1898-1962

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2.13 Cubic Feet 6 boxes

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## Biographical / Historical

The Historic Alexandria Foundation (HAF) is an organization of volunteers dedicated to preserving Alexandria's historic architecture. Initiated by members of the Alexandria Association, HAF obtained a charter from the State of Virginia in 1954.

Most of the earliest records originally belonged to Delos H. Smith, a charter member of HAF and its Board of Trustees. He also served on the Alexandria Board of Architectural Review from 1946 to 1953 and on the Old Town Civic Association Survey Committee.

Other early papers were collected by Magnum Weeks, a founding member, early president, and continuing director of HAF. Weeks also was a charter member of the Alexandria Association and a life member of the Alexandria Library Company.

Later papers in this collection relate to William Francis Smith's tenure as secretary and president of HAF. W. F. Smith is a retired banker who currently serves the community on the Alexandria Library Board, in the Alexandria Library Company, and as a local historian.

## Content Description

Reports, minutes, correspondence, and surveys documenting HAF's formation, relationships to other volunteer organizations, and more than three decades of HAF's preservation projects and concerns. HAF also plaqued historic properties, sponsored the Alexandria Antique Show, and funded preservation grants. In addition, files of correspondence, programs, and publications from other historic preservation projects provide evidence for the history of preservation not only in Alexandria, but as a national movement during the late 1950's and early 1960's. Leaders in Alexandria's preservation movement appear in these records: Ethelyn Cox, Dorothy Kabler, William Kabler, J. C. Herbert Bryant, Howard Joynt, Hannon E. Norris, and Arthur J. Mourot. Among the historic sites documented are Lloyd House, Ramsey House, the McGuire House/Lyceum, Gadsby's Tavern, Carlyle House, the Alexandria Academy, and the 500 block of King Street. Other organizations mentioned include the Alexandria Association, the Gadsby's Tavern Society, the American Legion, the Alexandria Tourist Council, the Board of Architectural Review, the Alexandria Heritage Foundation, the Alexandria Historic Restoration and Preservation Commission, the Building Code Board of Appeals, and the Old Town Civic Association.

## Related Materials

[Ethelyn Cox Collection \(MS287\)](#)

Publications: Cox's 1976 book, *Historic Alexandria, Virginia, Street by Street*, also resulted from HAF's survey projects. Catalogs from the Alexandria Antique Shows (1984 to the present) document HAF's relationship with that event. Alexandria Academy Building research.

Vertical Files: Clippings and articles related to HAF as well as the HAF periodical, *The Plaque*, published since 1984.

## Keywords

Alexandria Academy  
The Alexandria Association  
Carlyle House (Alexandria, Va.)  
Gadsby's Tavern Museum  
Historic buildings -- Virginia -- Alexandria -- Conservation and restoration.  
Lloyd House  
Lyceum (Alexandria, Va.)  
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## Existence and Location of Originals

These records are often copies. The Historic Alexandria Foundation has working files of its own which may include the originals.

## Arrangement

By function and subject, thereunder chronologically.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Series I: Reports and By-Laws

#### **HAF Annual Reports**

**Unit Date** 1968-1981

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

#### **HAF Bylaws**

**Unit Date** 1950-1987

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

#### **HAF Certificate of Incorporation**

**Unit Date** 1950-1987

**Text** 1 (box)

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#### **HAF Committee Reports - Committee on Defining Structures**

**Unit Date** 1955

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

#### **HAF Committee Reports - Membership Committee**

**Unit Date** 1958

**Text** 1 (box)

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**HAF Committee Reports - Planning Committee**

**Unit Date** 1988

**Text** 1 (box)

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**HAF Committee Reports - Preservation Committee**

**Unit Date** 1954

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**HAF Committee Reports - Research Committee**

**Unit Date** 195?

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**Container** 8 (folder)

**HAF Committee Reports - Survey Committee**

**Unit Date** 1955-1961

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Series II: Correspondence**

**HAF Correspondence**

**Unit Date** 1951-1955

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**Unit Date** 1957

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**Unit Date** 1958

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**Unit Date** 1960

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**HAF Treasurer's Reports**

**Unit Date** 1982-1991

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**Series IV: Miscellaneous****Historic Alexandria Antiques Show**

**Unit Date** 1988-1989

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**HAF on Gadsby Renewal**

**Unit Date** 1961-1962

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**Urban Renewal**

**Unit Date** 1962-1965

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**Urban Renewal - High Rise Apartments**

**Unit Date** 1960

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**HAF Chart**

**Unit Date** 1961-1962

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**HAF Plaques**

**Unit Date** 1982-1995

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**HAF Preservation Fund and Grants**

**Unit Date** 198?

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**HAF Printed Material**

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**HAF Petitions & Resolutions**

**Unit Date** 1956-1961

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**Container** 15 (folder)

**HAF Statement**

**Unit Date** 1954?

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**HAF Statement on Generalized Land Use & Thoroughfare Plan**

**Unit Date** 1962

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 17 (folder)

**HAF Clippings**

**Unit Date** 1954-1977

**Text** 2 (box)

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**Historic Building Inventories**

**Unit Date** 1949-1952

**Text** 2 (box)

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**HAF Architectural Survey of North Washington Street**

**Unit Date** 1956

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 20 (folder)

**HAF Historic Building Census**

**Unit Date** 1958-1959

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 21 (folder)

**HAF Historic Building Inventory/Survey**

**Unit Date** 1959-1960

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 22 (folder)

**HAF Historic Building Survey**

**Unit Date** 1962

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 23 (folder)

**HAF Historic Buildings, King Street, 205-207, McGuire House, Christmas Tour**

**Text** 2 (box)

**Container** 24 (folder)

**Notes**

**Unit Date** 1949-1960

**Text** 3 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**HAF Contacts and References**

**Unit Date** 1951-1962

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**Container** 2 (folder)

**Scribners Magazines - Model Towns**

**Unit Date** 1912

**Text** 3 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Flyers and Clippings - Preservation**

**Unit Date** 1950-1962

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**Container** 4 (folder)

**National Trust Bylaws**

**Unit Date** 1956-1961

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**National Trust Annual Reports**

**Unit Date** 1957-1961

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**National Trust Meetings**

**Unit Date** 1957-1962

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**National Trust Press Releases**

**Unit Date** 1953-1958

**Text** 3 (box)

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**National Trust Publications**

**Unit Date** 1958-1962

**Text** 3 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Preservation News**

**Unit Date** 1961-1962

**Text** 3 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Alexandria Academy Project**

**Unit Date** 1987-1988

**Text** 3 (box)

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**Alexandria Association Records**

**Unit Date** 1954-1962

**Text** 3 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Alexandria City Council - Ordinances & Resolutions**

**Unit Date** 1957-1961

**Text** 3 (box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**Alexandria Heritage Foundation Bylaws & Certificate of Incorporation**

**Text** 3 (box)

**Container** 14 (folder)

**Alexandria Historical Restoration & Preservation Commission Records**

**Unit Date** 1962-1965

**Text** 3 (box)

**Container** 15 (folder)

**Alexandria Tourist Council**

**Unit Date** 1961-1964

**Text** 3 (box)

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**Board of Architectural Review Minutes**

**Unit Date** 1946-1962

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**Building Code Board of Appeals**

**Text** 3 (box)

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**Carlyle House**

**Text** 3 (box)

**Container** 19 (folder)

**Gadsby's Tavern Society**

**Unit Date** 1952

**Text** 3 (box)

**Container** 20 (folder)

**Old Town Civic Association**

**Unit Date** 1953-1957

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**HAF Records: Architecture Survey of Washington Street**

**Mixed Materials** 4 (Oversize Box)

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**Maps related to Gadsby's Urban Development Project**

**Mixed Materials** 4 (Oversize Box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**St. Augustine, Florida, Newspaper**

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**HAF membership file**

**Unit Date** 1963-1970

**Text** 5 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Series V: Antique Show Catalogs**

**Historic Alexandria Antiques Show Catalogue**

**Unit Date** 1988

**Text** 6 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Historic Alexandria Antiques Show Catalogue**

**Unit Date** 1989

**Text** 6 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Historic Alexandria Antiques Show Catalogue**

**Unit Date** 1990

**Text** 6 (box)

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**Historic Alexandria Antiques Show Catalogue**

**Unit Date** 1991

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**Historic Alexandria Antiques Show Catalogue**

**Unit Date** 1992

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**Historic Alexandria Antiques Show Catalogue**

**Unit Date** 1993

**Text** 6 (box)

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**Historic Alexandria Antiques Show Catalogue**

**Unit Date** 1994

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**Container** 7 (folder)

**Historic Alexandria Antiques Show Catalogue**

**Unit Date** 1995

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