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Descriptive Summary

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English

Collector

Danville (Va.) Circuit Court.

Physical Characteristics

.75 cu. ft. (1 box)

Location

State Records Center - Archives Annex, Library of Virginia

Repository

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Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

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There are no restrictions.

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Related Material

Additional Danville Road and Bridge Records can be found on microfilm at The Library of Virginia's web site. Consult ["A Guide to Virginia County and City Records on Microfilm."](#)

Historical Information

In 1802, Thomas Worsham, a leading citizen of Danville, constructed a toll bridge over the Dan River. Known as the Worsham Street Bridge, it was rebuilt in 1928 by the Atlantic Bridge Company as a way to funnel traffic into Danville's tobacco warehouse district. In 2004, the bridge was closed to traffic and was demolished in 2009.

Danville, in Pittsylvania County, was named for the Dan River on which the city is located. Danville was established in 1793; it was incorporated as a town in 1830 and as a city in 1890.

Scope and Content

Danville (Va.) Worsham Street Bridge Records, 1927-2009, consist of blueprints, photographs, and a historical report that describe one of the largest open-spandrel reinforced concrete arch bridges designed by Indiana-based engineer Daniel B. Luten, the most prolific designer and builder of concrete bridges in America during the first three decades of the twentieth century. With 10 spans and a total length of 1,151 feet, the bridge represents the later part of the evolution of design for large-scale, multiple-span, open-spandrel reinforced concrete arch bridges that occurred in the United States between circa 1910 and 1930. As reflected in its scale, economy, and the speed at which it was constructed, it stands as an important example of that bridge type and period.

Index Terms

Corporate Names:

Danville (Va.) Circuit Court.

Subjects:

Bridges -- Design and construction.
Bridges -- Maintenance and repair.
Bridges -- Virginia -- Danville.
Causeways -- Virginia -- Danville.

Geographical Names:

Danville (Va.) -- History.

Genre and Form Terms:

Local government records -- Virginia -- Danville.
Plats (maps) -- Virginia -- Danville.
Reports -- Virginia -- Danville.
Road and Bridge Records -- Virginia -- Danville.

Added Entry - Personal Name:

Luten, Daniel B. (1869-1945)

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