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There are no restrictions.

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Gift of Mrs. Templeman.

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Related Material

[PG 900, Eleanor Lee Templeman Photograph Collection](#), consists of Virginia photographs taken or collected by Mrs. Templeman, many of which appear in her books. Similar broad Arlington research collections are [RG 76, Personal Papers of Nan Netherton](#), [RG 91, Personal Papers of Dorothea Abbott](#), and [RG 354, C. B. Rose Papers](#).

Biographical Information

Eleanor Lee Templeman (b.1907-d.1990) grew up in California and lived in Arlington from 1935 until she died. She served as historian of the Society of the Lees of Virginia, and was an active local historian, publishing *Arlington Heritage: Vignettes of a Virginia County* (1959) and (with Nan Netherton) *Northern Virginia Heritage* (1966). She contributed many articles to Virginia historical publications, and received awards for her research achievements, including one from Marymount University (1975), and from the American Association for State and Local History (1983).

Scope and Content

RG 23 are papers collected and generated by Eleanor Lee Templeman. The collection measures approximately 3.5 linear feet, and dates from 1928 to 1990, with the bulk of the material falling between 1955 and 1980.

Much of the material in this collection was generated or collected during research for her books, *Arlington Heritage* and *Northern Virginia Heritage*. Included are correspondence, notes, clippings and pamphlets. The collection also contains papers reflecting Mrs. Templeman's involvement in civic organizations such as the Arlington Cultural Heritage Commission (1962-1968), the Arlington Historical Commission (1967-1975) and the Arlington Historical Society (1976-1981). There are also copies of some of her articles. A scrapbook of clippings of her newspaper series, "Arlington Heritage," a predecessor of her book, has been copied and can be found in *Series 3*.

Index Terms

Subjects:

Arlington Historical Society
Citizens' associations
Women in community organization
Community organization.
Arlington (Va.)
Arlington County (Va.)
Arlington Heritage: Vignettes of a Virginia County
Northern Virginia Heritage

Arrangement

Record Group 23 is arranged in three series. *Series 1, Templeman Book Files*, comprises research materials for Mrs. Templeman's two books. It is divided into two subseries, *Arlington* and *Other Virginia Locations*, each arranged alphabetically by subject. *Series 2, Additional Research*, the same two subseries and is arranged alphabetically by subject. *Series 3, Activities, Events, and Publications*, focuses on Templeman's research and work with local historical groups, and is generally arranged alphabetically. Files in *Series 3* that contain material about Arlington are marked with (^). Folders containing photographs have an asterisk [*] after the file name. Folders with oversized materials have a double asterisk [**] to denote where material was removed and separation sheets added.

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