

# Will, Erwin Hoge, Papers

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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

Ms.1974.004

### Unit Date

1918-1973

### Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

### Abstract

The collection consists of materials regarding the professional, civic, and personal activities of Erwin Hoge Will.

### Creator

Will, Erwin Hoge, 1900-1989

### Extent

1 Cubic Feet 1 box

### Repository

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## Processing Information

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## Biographical Note

Born in Richmond, Virginia, on January 8, 1900, Erwin Hoge Will graduated with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute (Virginia Tech) in 1922. Will went on to serve a president and chief executive of the El Paso Electric Company as well as president and chairman of the board of directors for the Virginia Electric and Power Company. In addition, Will also held leadership positions with several civic improvement groups such as the Red Cross, the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Masons. He died on Nov. 29, 1989, and is buried with his wife Virginia Simpson Will (1903-1998) in the Riverview Cemetery in Richmond.

External Source:

"Erwin Hoge Will", Findagrave.com, <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/170862203/erwin-hoge-will>, accessed March 20, 2024.

## Scope and Content

This collection contains materials concerning Erwin H. Will's professional achievements while working for the Virginia Electric and Power Company and the El Paso Electric Company; civic activities with groups such as the Red Cross, the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Masons; as well as Virginia Tech memorabilia including dance cards, sheet music to "Tech Triumph," and 1922 commencement information.

## Related Archival Materials

Several photographs from Erwin Hoge Will are in the Historical Photograph Collection in the folders for FOOTBALL - 1910-20 and BUGLE - 1922 COLLECTION.

## Keywords

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

Science and Technology

Students and alumni

University History

Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute (1896-1944)

Virginia Polytechnic Institute (1944-1970)

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (1970-)

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## Arrangement

This collection is arranged alphabetically by subject matter.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### **Biographical Information**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

### **Professional and Civic Activities**

**Unit Date** 1928-1932

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

### **Professional and Civic Activities**

**Unit Date** 1935-1942

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

### **Professional and Civic Activities**

**Unit Date** 1942-1947

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

### **Professional and Civic Activities**

**Unit Date** 1947-1955

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Includes information about Virginia Tech's World War II Memorial**

### **Professional and Civic Activities**

**Unit Date** 1955-1960

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

### **Professional and Civic Activities**

**Unit Date** 1960-1965

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

### **Professional and Civic Activities**

**Unit Date** 1965-1970

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Includes a history of the Virginia Electric and Power Company written by Will**

**Professional and Civic Activities****Unit Date** 1970-1973**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 9 (folder)**Queen of England, Visit to Virginia****Unit Date** 1957**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 10 (folder)

**Includes an invitation to a luncheon with Queen Elizabeth II**

**Travel****Unit Date** 1957-1971**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 11 (folder)

**Destinations include Europe, the Caribbean, Scandinavia, South America, and Africa**

**Virginia Polytechnic Institute****Unit Date** 1918-1922**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 12 (folder)

**Photocopy of Will's 1922 Diploma**

**1922 Commencement Program**

**Basketball and Football Records**

**"Tech Triumph" Sheet Music**

**Dance Cards**

**Two 1918 Photographs of the Cadet Corps**

**Virginia's 350th Anniversary Commission****Unit Date** 1956**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 13 (folder)

**Includes information concerning the grave of Pocahontas (Rebecca Rolfe) at Gravesend, England**