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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

This collection contains correspondence, legal papers, and printed materials of Reid Stanger Fulton, economics instructor, avid book collector, and owner of Graham Mansion at Max Meadows, Virginia.

Creator

Fulton, Reid Stanger, 1886-1979

Extent

0.2 Cubic Feet 1 box

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

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Biographical Note

Reid Stanger Fulton, the son of Samuel M. and Margret E. Fulton, was born in Grayson County, Virginia on September 4, 1886. After graduating from the Dublin Institute (Pulaski County, Virginia), Fulton attended the University of Virginia, then earned bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Michigan. He served as a high school principal for a year, taught at Culver Military Institute for a year and served as an instructor in the University of Michigan's School of Oratory. In 1918, he became director of Drake University's School of Commerce. He was still teaching at Drake as late as 1935, but by 1954 was serving as an instructor of economics at City College of New York.

In 1943, Fulton purchased the Graham Mansion at Max Meadows, Virginia. He continued to teach at City College of New York until retiring in the late 1950s, when he retired to the mansion. Here, he housed his massive book collection and derived an income from the sale of timber. Fulton sold the mansion to Dr. James L. Chitwood in 1974 but retained residency there for the remainder of his life.

Reid Stanger Fulton died at Max Meadows in September 1979 and is buried in the Fulton Family Cemetery at Independence (Grayson County), Virginia.

Scope and Content

This collection contains the papers of Reid Stanger Fulton, economics instructor, avid book collector, and owner of the Graham Mansion (Max Meadows, Virginia). Included are several letters and legal agreements, relating largely to Fulton's Wythe County, Virginia property. The collection also includes a small collection of stock certificates, probably gathered by Fulton in the course of his book-collecting. A small set of newspaper clippings within the collection provides information on both Fulton and the Graham Mansion, while Fulton's career as a college instructor is represented in several class records and a 1958 economics examination. Also included are two 1922 issues of *Journal of Business*, featuring articles written by Fulton. A folder of typescript pieces includes an essay by Fulton titled "Is There a Paucity of Political Leadership," a short story titled "It Is Our Turn," signed "M.S. C.," an anonymous commencement address, and what appear to be course lecture notes. A folder of general materials completes the collection and includes a 1923 passport for Katherine Gourley (born 1853 in Ireland). Like the stock certificates, the passport probably has no personal connection to Fulton but was instead likely acquired by him in the course of collecting. The folder also includes two receipts issued to Fulton for the purchase of textbooks, some 1950s political/religious circular letters, and a land-use map for Fulton's Wythe County property.

Related Materials

The University Libraries include several books by and about Reid Fulton Stanger, which are available via the online library catalog.

Keywords

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged by document type.

Description of Subordinate Components

Correspondence

Unit Date 1951-1953

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Legal Agreements

Unit Date 1943-1959

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Stock Certificates

Unit Date 1900-1921, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Alaska British Columbia Metals Company (interim)

Unit Date n.d.

Extent [2 items]

Alaska British Columbia Metals Company

Unit Date [1921]

Extent [2 items]

Cuban Central Railway Company

Unit Date 1900

Extent [2 items]

Panama Tramways Company

Unit Date 1914

Extent [4 items]

Newspaper Clippings

Unit Date 1921-1976

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Drake University Class Record**Unit Date** 1935**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**City College Class Records****Unit Date** 1954-1956**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Economics Examination****Unit Date** 1958**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Journal of Business****Unit Date** 1922**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 8 (folder)**Extent** [2 items]**Writings****Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 9 (folder)**General Materials****Unit Date** 1923-1952, n.d.**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 10 (folder)