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1865-1973



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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

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Unit Date

1865-1973

Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The Lucy Dickinson Urquhart Papers, 1865-1973, contain correspondence, newspaper clippings, and poetry and advertisements by Lucy Dickinson Urquhart (1881-1975), an advertising copywriter and local historian in Virginia. The collection also includes correspondence, papers, and other materials related to her family.

Creator

Urquhart, Lucy Dickinson, 1881-1975

Extent

0.9 Cubic Feet 2 boxes, 2 oversize folders

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

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Processing Information

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Biographical Note

Lucy Dickinson Urquhart was born in 1881 in Marion, Virginia, to Dr. Smelt W. and Sarah Isabel Look Dickinson. She attended Virginia Intermont College, Vassar College, and Columbia University's Teacher College. She worked as an advertising copywriter in Lynchburg, Virginia, and was also heavily involved in the Smyth County Historical Society and the Marion Baptist Church. She married George D. Urquhart, and they had no children. She died in Roanoke on January 27, 1975.

Scope and Content

The Lucy Dickinson Urquhart Papers, 1865-1973, contain correspondence, newspaper clippings, and poetry and advertisements by Lucy Dickinson Urquhart. The collection also includes correspondence, papers, and other materials related to her family.

Various family announcements, including wedding invitations and funeral service programs from family members are present. Stories, poetry, and advertisements by Urquhart are also in the collection. Many of Urquhart's stories depict life in the South and are written in a Southern dialect. Beyond her and her family's papers, other notes on the Baptist Church, the Smyth County Museum, and Norfolk and Western information from the 1917 War Revenue Act are in the collection.

Of special note, the collection contains a letter from K. D. Urquhart dated from the American Civil War asking for command of an all Black regiment. There are comments, supposedly written by Lucy Urquhart, on the bottom suggesting the letter is a fake, as the name is spelled incorrectly. There is also correspondence between Lucy Urquhart and *Time and Life Magazine* in New York City surrounding the coverage of African Americans in Southern newspapers in the wake of Emmett Till's murder. Furthermore, a few published materials, including a 1911 VPI Student Handbook and a 1912 Spalding Catalogue are part of the collection.

Related Archival Materials

See the following related materials, which are also at Virginia Tech Special Collections and University Archives:

Lucy Dickinson Correspondence, Ms1988-014

Dickinson Family Papers, Ms1989-094

Keywords

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

Existence and Location of Copies

The collection has been digitized and is available online.

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged into two series:

Series I: Correspondence, 1865-1958, contains letters to and from Lucy Urquhart. Where possible, correspondence is organized by author and date. The last folder in the series is made up of correspondence from multiple authors. Much of it is condolence letters regarding the death of Lucy Urquhart's parents, but the file also includes correspondence that could not be otherwise identified.

Series II: Subject Files, 1876-1973, includes remainder of the collection and is arranged in subject files. Material within each file is in chronological order. The series also includes oversize materials.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I: Correspondence

Unit Date 1865-1958

K.D. Urquhart Civil War Letter

Unit Date 1865

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Lucy Dickinson Urquhart and Mrs. S.W. Dickinson Correspondence

Unit Date 1902-1904

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Winston Dickinson Correspondence

Unit Date 1905-1916

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Ruby Dickinson Correspondence

Unit Date 1918-1919

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Correspondence Regarding Religious Herald Article

Unit Date 1928

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Lucy Dickinson Urquhart Correspondence with Time Magazine

Unit Date 1950-1956

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Lucy Dickinson Urquhart Correspondence with Ralph

Unit Date 1958

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Other Correspondence

Unit Date 1901-1956

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Series II: Subject Files

Unit Date 1876-1973

Financial Documents

Unit Date 1889-1969

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Dickinson Family Announcements

Unit Date 1876-1968

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Baptist Church History Notes of S.W. Dickinson

Unit Date 1890-1923

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

S.W. Dickinson Materials

Unit Date 1894-1916

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Smyth County Museum

Unit Date 1905-1973

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Post Cards

Unit Date 1908-1915

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Norfolk and Western Information on the War Revenue Act

Unit Date 1917

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Music Hymn Book

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Stories, Poetry, and Advertisements by Lucy Dickinson Urquhart

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Pamphlets and Publications

Unit Date 1911-1947

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

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Student Handbook of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, 1911-1912 Athletic Record: Interscholastic and Intercollegiate, 1911-1912 Spalding Catalogue, 1912 Flood Views of Huntington, WV, 1913 The Rand McNally Indexed County and Railroad Pocket Map and Shippers' Guide of Virginia, 1913 Women Go to College: Bulletin of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, 1945 A Dickinson Family of Virginia and Illinois, 1947 Poems By Innes Randolph, n.d. Advertising Successfully for Banks and Trust Companies by Lucy Dickinson Urquhart, n.d.

Ephemera

Unit Date 1905-1973

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

S.W. Dickinson Business Card Box

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Certificates and Diplomas

Unit Date 1915-1922

oversize 1 (folder)

Newspaper Clippings

Unit Date 1928-1956

oversize 2 (folder)