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Descriptive Summary

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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The collection contains 1903 to 1905 letters from Louis O'Shaughnessy to his future wife, Ida Surface, and one letter from O'Shaughnessy to G. T. Surface.

Creator

O'Shaughnessy, Louis

Extent

0.2 Cubic Feet 1 box

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Biographical Note

Louis O'Shaughnessy was a student at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and graduated in 1903. He taught at Virginia Tech from 1918 to 1954. He also served as the first head of applied mechanics, acting dean of engineering, and director of graduate studies. O'Shaughnessy Residence Hall on Virginia Tech's campus is named in his honor.

Source: Kinnear, Duncan Lyle, *The First 100 Years: A History of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University*, Blacksburg: Virginia Polytechnic Institute, 1972.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains letters from Louis O'Shaughnessy, who later became a professor at Virginia Tech, to his future wife, Ida L. Surface, and one letter from O'Shaughnessy to G. L. Surface. The letters to Ida Surface primarily chronicle their courtship and engagement from 1903 to 1905. The letter to G. L. Surface is an acceptance of an invitation from G. T. Surface in June 1903.

Related Archival Materials

See the O'Shaughnessy Family Papers, Ms1987-052, also at Virginia Tech Special Collections and University Archives.

Keywords

Blacksburg (Va.)

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O'Shaughnessy, Ida L. Surface

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Arrangement

The letters are arranged in chronological order.

Description of Subordinate Components

Letter to G. T. Surface

Unit Date June 1903

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Letters to Ida L. Surface

Unit Date July-September 1902

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Letters to Ida L. Surface

Unit Date January-June 1903

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Letters to Ida L. Surface

Unit Date July-September 1903

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Letters to Ida L. Surface

Unit Date April-June 1904

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Letters to Ida L. Surface

Unit Date August-December 1904

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Letters to Ida L. Surface

Unit Date January-April 1905

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Letters to Ida L. Surface

Unit Date July 1905

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Letters to Ida L. Surface

Unit Date c. 1905 (n.d.)

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)