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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

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Unit Date

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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The papers of the Croy and related families (especially the Dawson and Pepper families) of Montgomery County, Virginia, include correspondence, financial records, diaries, artifacts and photographs.

Creator

Croy family (Blacksburg, Va.)

Extent

0.5 Cubic Feet 2 boxes

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Biographical Note

Wilbur Alexander Croy, son of Andrew Jackson Croy, worked as a carpenter and house painter in the Blacksburg area. In 1901, Croy married Ellen Pauline (Ella) Dawson (1863-1938), the daughter of William and Rose Ann (Roseanna) Croy Dawson. The couple lived on the corner of Blacksburg's Roanoke and Wharton streets and had one child, Georgia (1902-2000). Ella's sister, Mary Dawson, married John Pepper, of Elliston, Virginia, in 1879.

For more on the Croy and related families, see the following:

1889 Diary of Rosanna Croy Dawson, Blacksburg, Va. (F234.B5 D25 1972 Spec/Genealogy);

1890 Diary (F234.B5 D26 1979 Spec/Large);

The Year of 1893 in the Life of Rosanna Croy Dawson of Blacksburg, Virginia (F234.B5 D28 1980 Spec/Large); and

Blacksburg in 1898(F234.B5 D3 Spec/Large).

Scope and Content

This collection contains the papers of the Croy family of Blacksburg, Virginia, together with materials from other related families in Montgomery County--particularly the Dawson and Pepper families.

The collection includes a small selection of correspondence and greeting cards, largely addressed to either Ella Dawson Croy or her daughter Georgia, together with a few of the family's financial records (tax receipts, account statements, etc.).

The collection also contains six diaries kept by Mary Croy Pepper from 1900 to 1904. The diary entries concern day-to-day activities in Roanoke, weather conditions, family and friends, and accounts of extended trips to Washington D.C. and the Virginia coast.

Among the small set of period artifacts in the collection are a pair of spectacles, a straight razor, baby shoes and a cigar box.

Perhaps most significantly, the collection holds more than one hundred family photographs--mostly unidentified--dating from the late nineteenth to early twentieth centuries and including a number of tintypes and cartes-de-visite. Represented in the photographs are works by a number of Southwest Virginia studio photographers, including C. A. Pugh (Blacksburg); Jewell (Christiansburg); G. N. Wertz (Abingdon); and Carbon, W. E. Eutsler, Kidd, H. V. Lineback, and W. C. Woolwine (Roanoke). Among the photos of scenery are images of Lovers' Lane on the Virginia Tech campus, P. Metzger's harness shop (in Blacksburg?) and Balanced Rock at Garden of the Gods, Colorado.

The collection also contains such disparate general materials as a handwritten poem entitled "Farewell," genealogical notes on the Dawson and Croy families, an IOOF membership certificate for Harvey Black, and a small oil painting (believed to portray the house at the corner of Roanoke and Wharton streets and possibly painted by Robert M. Dawson).

Related Archival Materials

See family photographs of the Croy, Dawson, and related families in the digital-only collection online.

Keywords

Blacksburg (Va.)
Local/Regional History and Appalachian South
Montgomery County (Va.)
Women -- History
Croy family (Blacksburg, Va.)

Existence and Location of Copies

Some of this collection has been digitized and is available online.

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged by material type.

Description of Subordinate Components

Correspondence and greeting cards

Unit Date 1896-1938
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 1 (folder)

Financial records

Unit Date 1920-1937
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 2 (folder)

Mary Croy Pepper diaries

Unit Date 1900-1904
Unit Date Sep 1900-Jul 1902
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 3 (folder)
Unit Date Jan-May 1903
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 4 (folder)
Unit Date May-Sep 1903
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 5 (folder)
Unit Date Sep 1903-Mar 1904
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 6 (folder)

Unit Date Mar-Jul 1904
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 7 (folder)
Unit Date Jul-Aug 1904
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 8 (folder)

Artifacts

Unit Date n.d.
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 9 (folder)

Photographs

Unit Date 1876-1903

A-C

box-folder 2 (box)
Container 1 (folder)

Callie Angell

John Angell

Susan V. Argabright

Earnest Barkman

Martha Brown

Andrew Croy

Mae Croy

Olive J. and Lelia J. Croy

Sarah Croy

D

box-folder 2 (box)
Container 2 (folder)

Byron W. Dawson

Carrie Dawson

Charles Wesley Dawson

Eva Dawson

Estelle Dawson

Lillie Dawson

[Warey?] Dawson

Willie Dawson

E-Z

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Florence Gray

Mary Virginia Gray

Walter Gray

Rev. Groseclose [David Bittle Groseclose?]

Christenia Harris

Jessie Read McCrea

Tully Foster McCrea

John Oliver

Miss R. H. Peck

A. P. Scanland

[Flora Stone?]

Alice Conway Tams

Lewis C. Winans

First-name-only identification

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Unidentified (7 folders)

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Scenery and other subject matter

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

General materials

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box-folder 2 (box)
Container 7 (folder)