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Descriptive Summary

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The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

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Creator

Belz, Robert Armstrong

Extent

0.8 Cubic Feet 2 boxes and 6 oversize folders

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

The Robert A. Belz Papers were donated to Special Collections and University Archives prior to 2000. An addition was donated to the Virginia Tech Foundation in 1998 then transferred to Special Collections and University Archives in 2005.

Processing Information

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Biographical Note

Robert Armstrong Belz (1916-1997) of Staunton, Va., was the son of William Frank Belz and Florence Mae Tinsley and had an elder brother, William Tinsley Belz. Belz attended Virginia Tech, joined the Corps of Cadets, and earned a B.S. in Industrial Engineering in 1939.

Scope and Content

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Series I: Academic Papers consists of the undergraduate and graduate work of Robert A. Belz. This includes tests, notes, notebooks, and more. Most notably, there is an extensive, oversize collection of sketches from Belz's geometry and engineering classes. The series also contains Belz's Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering diploma. Organization is based on subject: Business, Corps of Cadets, Engineering, General, Humanities, Math, Science, and Belz's diploma.

Series II: Correspondence is divided into academic and personal subjects. Academic correspondence comprises Belz's academic letters and memos such as transcripts and orientation documents. Personal correspondence consists of Belz's personal letters, which range from dental appointment postcards to church meeting invitations.

Series III: Ephemera accommodates various items from Belz's collegiate life at Virginia Tech, including his academic life and student life, and Chinese Government Gold Loan coupon bonds. A 1934 Virginia Tech Directory and a marketing poster for a "V.P.I. Skippers" dance are two examples of the material within this series.

Series IV: Newspaper Clippings consists of both dated and undated clippings. Both groups contain a diverse array of newspaper articles and, in some cases, full periodicals. Topics range from the construction of the Pentagon to the "types of girls in a powder room."

Series V: Photographs and Illustrations contain three folders based on material type: Christmas Cards,

Illustrations, and Photographs.

Keywords

Students and alumni

University History

Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Alumni Association

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

Virginia Polytechnic Institute (1944-1970)

Virginia Polytechnic Institute. School of Engineering and Architecture

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged by format in five series:

Series I: Academic Papers Series II: Correspondence Series III: Ephemera Series IV: Newspapers Clippings

Series V: Photographs and Illustrations.

Each series is organized by subject and/or material type, and each file is arranged chronologically wherever possible with undated materials last.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I: Academic Papers

Unit Date 1933-1951, n.d.

Business

Unit Date 1937-1939

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Corps of Cadets

Unit Date 1934-1935, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Engineering

Unit Date 1933-1951, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3-5 (folder)

oversize 1 (folder)

General

Unit Date 1934-1936, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6-7 (folder)

Humanities

Unit Date 1934, 1951, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 8-9 (folder)

Math

Unit Date 1934-1936, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

oversize 2 (folder)

Science

Unit Date 1933-1935, 1938, n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 1-3 (folder)

Diploma, Robert Armstrong Belz, Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering, VPI

Unit Date 1939-06-05

oversize 6 (folder)

Series II: Correspondence

Unit Date 1869, 1934-1952, n.d.

Academic

Unit Date 1934-1952, n.d

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Personal

Unit Date 1869, 1936-1952, n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Series III: Ephemera

Unit Date 1911, 1913, 1929-1939, 1961-1962, n.d.

Academic

Unit Date 1929-1939, n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 6-7 (folder)

Student Life

Unit Date 1931-1932, 1961-1962, n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

oversize 3 (folder)

Two Chinese Government Gold Loan coupon bonds

Unit Date 1911, 1913

oversize 6 (folder)

Series IV: Newspaper Clippings

Unit Date 1934-1953, n.d.

Dated Clippings

Unit Date 1934-1953

oversize 4 (folder)

oversize 5 (folder)

Undated Clippings

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Series V: Photographs and Illustrations

Unit Date 1932, 1941, n.d.

Christmas Cards

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Illustrations

Unit Date 1941, n.d

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Photographs

Unit Date 1932, n.d

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 12 (folder)