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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

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### Abstract

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### Creator

Radspinner, Martha C. Snidow, 1921-2013

### Creator

Radspinner, Robert S., 1919-2011

### Extent

1.2 Cubic Feet 3 boxes, 1 oversize folder

## Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

# Administrative Information

## Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

## Use Restrictions

Permission to publish material from the Robert S. and Martha C. Radspinner Collection must be obtained from Special Collections, Virginia Tech.

## Acquisition Information

The Robert S. and Martha C. Radspinner Collection was donated to Special Collections in March 2014.

## Processing Information

The processing, arrangement, and description of the Robert S. and Martha C. Radspinner Collection was completed in April 2014.

## Preferred Citation

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# Biographical Note

Robert S. Radspinner (1919-2011) was a student in the Corps of Cadets at Virginia Polytechnic Institute (VPI) from 1937 to 1941. Graduating in 1941, Radspinner formed part of the first graduating class in Forestry. Radspinner served in WWII and received a purple heart for wounds at the Battle of the Bulge. Following the war, Radspinner worked for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad.

Martha Snidow Radspinner (1921-2013) graduated in the class of 1942 at VPI. She transferred from Marion College to VPI in 1940 and graduated with a B.S. in Home Economics.

Robert and Martha Radspinner met while they were students at VPI. They married after graduation and had two children.

Sources:

<http://news.herald-dispatch.com/obituaries/index.php?id=36903747>

<http://nrvnews.com/obituaries/radspinner-robert-shattuck/>

# Scope and Content Note

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The scrapbooks consist of news clippings on VPI, programs, lyric theater programs, football tickets and clippings, and materials related to social events like school dances. The ephemera includes Glee Club record and programs, commencement programs, school bulletins, concert programs, Newspaper and techgram clippings, dance cards, and material related to "Virginia Tech" Day that Robert Radspinner attended as a high school senior. The photographs albums mainly concern Robert S. and Martha C. Radspinner's VPI days. The scrapbook also includes images of John Radspinner, who received his Master's at Tech, and other family members.

# Keywords

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# Arrangement

The collection is divided into three series by material type: Series I: Ephemera, Series II: Scrapbooks; and

Series III: Newspapers. Within each series, materials are in chronological order.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Series I: Ephemera

**Unit Date** 1937-1942

#### Jefferson Senior Picnic and "Virginia Tech" Day Ephemera

**Unit Date** 1937

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

#### Concert and Social Event Programs

**Unit Date** 1937-1943

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

#### Lyric Theater Monthly Programs

**Unit Date** 1938-1939

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

#### Techgram and VPI Fund Bulletins

**Unit Date** 1939-1940

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

#### Newspaper Clippings

**Unit Date** 1939-1940, n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

#### Dance Cards

**Unit Date** 1940-1941

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

#### VPI Ephemera

**Unit Date** 1940, n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

#### Glee Club Materials

**Unit Date** 1940

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

#### Commencement Program

**Unit Date** 1942

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Series II: Scrapbooks**

**Unit Date** 1937-1942

**2 Photo Albums**

**Unit Date** ca. 1937-1942

**box** 2

**2 Memorabilia Scrapbooks**

**Unit Date** 1937-1942

**box** 3

**Series III: Newspapers**

**Unit Date** 1937-1941, 1988

**Newspapers**

**Unit Date** 1937-1941, 1988

**oversize** 1 (folder)