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### Unit ID

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### Unit Date

1912-1946

### Language

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### Abstract

This collection contains a diploma and certificates given to Warren Weston Howard (1889-1970), who graduated from Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute (VPI) in 1912 and from the National Guard of the United States Army and of the State of Florida in the 1920s. The collection also contains a certificate to Vada Howard (1905-1980) for her service to the United States Army in 1946 and an undated crest from Virginia Military Institute. Warren Howard graduated from VPI with a degree in mechanical engineering in 1912 and became an instructor of mathematics at VPI in the 1950s. He married Vada Juanita Winfrey in the 1940s. Vada Howard provided meritorious service to the U.S. Army during World War II.

### Extent

0.1 Cubic Feet 1 oversized folder

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# Biographical Note

Warren Weston Howard was born to William and Rosa Weston Howard on June 18, 1889, in Hampton, Virginia. He graduated from Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute (VPI) with a degree in mechanical engineering in 1912. Howard served in the United States Army during World War I. He graduated as Captain from the United States Army Infantry School from a National Guard program in 1926 and was appointed to First Lieutenant in the Florida National Guard in 1927. According to the 1950 census, he lived in Houston, Texas, where he was an inspector for a manufacturer of oil field tools. He was an instructor of mathematics at VPI from 1955 to 1960.

Warren Howard first married Daisy Skipper on December 3, 1921, in Washington, D.C., and they divorced in 1929 while living in Dade County, Florida. He next married Mary Louise Monfort (1896-1938) on April 24, 1931, at Elizabeth City, North Carolina. Finally, Howard married Vada Juanita Winfrey (1905-1980) in the 1940s. Vada provided meritorious service to the U.S. Army during World War II. The couple moved to Houston, Texas, by 1950.

Howard died on July 21, 1970, in Radford, Virginia, and is buried alongside Vada Howard in Westview Cemetery, Blacksburg, Virginia.

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# Scope and Content

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## Keywords

Faculty and staff  
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Howard family

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## Arrangement

The Howard Family Collection is arranged in chronological order.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### **Virginia Military Institute Badge Drawing**

**Unit Date** Undated

**folder** 1

### **Warren Weston Howard Virginia Polytechnic Institute Diploma**

**Unit Date** 1912

**folder** 1

### **Warren Weston Howard United States Army Infantry School Diploma**

**Unit Date** 1926

**folder** 1

### **Warren W. Howard Florida National Guard Certificate of Promotion**

**Unit Date** 1927

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### **Vada Howard United States Army Certificate of Award**

**Unit Date** 1946

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