

# A Guide to the Gilmer Family Memorabilia Collection, 1920-1986

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## Descriptive Summary

**Collection number**

MS 444

**Language**

English

**Creator**

George Gilmer; Ruth Dettor Gilmer; Betsy Gilmer Tremain

**Extent**

2 archival boxes (1.5 linear ft.).

**Location**

Archive Room Shelves

**Repository**

Albemarle Charlottesville Historical Society

## Administrative Information

**Access Restrictions**

The collection is open for research.

## **Use Restrictions**

There are no restrictions.

## **Acquisition Information**

This collection was donated by Betsy Gilmer Tremain, daughter of George Gilmer and Ruth Dettor Gilmer, in several installments since 2002.

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# **Biographical/Historical Information**

George Gilmer was born in Charlottesville, Va. on April 13, 1888. He graduated from the University of Virginia Law School in 1910. Mr. Gilmer practiced Law in Charlottesville all his life. He was Commonwealth Attorney from 1917-1918 and was president of the Charlottesville Albemarle Bar Association, Commissioner in Chancery and Assistant Commissioner for Account of Charlottesville and Albemarle County. He was an active member of the UVA Alumni Association, The Lawn Society, the Red Land Club, the Board of Trustees of UVA Medical School Foundation, the American Hemerocallis Society and the Men's Garden Club of Charlottesville. He died February 16, 1977.

Ruth Dettor Gilmer, wife of George Gilmer was born in Charlottesville on March 26, 1891. She was active in Charlottesville local affairs. She was member and co-founder of the Virginia Ceramics Society, the Civic League, the Albemarle County Historical Society, Albemarle Arts Associations, Arts Group A.A.U.W., the Lawn Society of Virginia, Farmington Country Club, Blue Pencil Club and Appalachian Trail Club. She died November 30, 1983.

Betsy Gilmer Tremain was born in Charlottesville on December 21, 1922. She attended Lane High School and was a 1942 graduate of Sweet Briar College. In 1943 as member of the United States Navy Waves, she received the rank of Ensign. She married Myron B. Tremain in 1943. Mrs. Tremain was a member of the Rivanna Garden Club, the Colonial Dames, The University League and Farmington Country Club. She died on June 9, 2009.

# **Scope and Content**

The Gilmer Family Memorabilia Collection consists of personal correspondence, memoranda, notes, genealogical research, postcards, photographs, and some museum items. In 2023, ACHS merged all installments in one single collection. [It seems that there are many objects that were donated or "on loan" by Mrs. Gilmer in 1972. See: provenance folder]

Other collection related to the Gilmer Family:

MSS 05-3 - The Papers of George Gilmer,1936-1977 (virginia.edu)

# **Index Terms**

## **Persons:**

Coombs, Elizabeth Fontaine Maury

Gilmer, George

Gilmer, Ruth Dettor

Lazenby, Richard D.

Tremain, Betsy Gilmer

Almond, J. Lindsay--(James Lindsay)--1898-1986

## **Family Names:**

Gilmer family

## **Subjects:**

Albemarle County (Va.) -- History

Albemarle County (Va.) -- Social life and customs

Charlottesville (Va.) -- History

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Virginia--Politics and government  
Genealogy

## Arrangement

The collection is arranged alphabetically.

### Box 1

- f. 1: Accession folder
- f. 2: Coombs, Elizabeth Fontaine Maury to Ruth Gilmer - correspondence, 1924-1955
- f. 3: Gilmer Family Memorabilia, undated
- f. 4: Gilmer Family Memorabilia - notes, receipts, advertisements, newspaper clippings, 1927-1977
- f. 5: Gilmer Family - memorabilia related to friendship with Virginia Governor Lindsay Almond, 1949-1986
- f. 6: Gilmer, Francis Walker - copied transcript of correspondence, 1824 (unknown provenance)
- f. 7: Gilmer, George - Ancestral Sketch by Betsy Gilmer Tremain, photocopy, 1991
- f. 8: Gilmer, George - Iris and Hemerocallis Society, and related "flower subjects," 1935-1979
- f. 9: Gilmer, George - memorabilia, 1920-1974
- f. 10: Gilmer, George - Honorable Military Discharge and letter from Homan Walsh about the war, 1918-1919
- f. 11: Gilmer, George - medical identifications, 1938-1976 (restricted file)
- f. 12: Gilmer, George - miscellaneous correspondence, 1920-1962, undated
- f. 13: Gilmer, George - miscellaneous memorabilia, 1919, 1951
- f. 14: Gilmer, George - University of Virginia memorabilia. Includes minutes of UVA Medical School Foundation Board of Trustees (1974-1975) and other alumni memorabilia, 1969-1975
- f. 15: Gilmer, Ruth D. - correspondence re. ACHS Memorial Book, 1967
- f. 16: Gilmer, Ruth D. - correspondence re. demobilization of armed forces (1946-1948); correspondence re. local affairs related to Charlottesville, 1970-1972
- f. 17: Gilmer, Ruth D. - incoming personal correspondence, 1918-1970
- f. 18: Gilmer, Ruth D. - letters, notes, thoughts, drafts, 1955-1971
- f. 19: Gilmer, Ruth D. - handwritten letters, notes, thoughts, related to the City of Charlottesville, 1959-1975, undated
- f. 20: Gilmer, Ruth D. - correspondence related to the William Writ portrait, 1967-1968
- f. 21: Gilmer, Ruth D. - handwritten thoughts and notes, 1960s - 1977, undated
- f. 22-23: Gilmer, Ruth D. - personal memorabilia, 1962-1977 (2 folders)
- f. 24: Gilmer, Ruth D. - miscellaneous correspondence, 1932-1976, undated

### Box 2

- f. 1: Gilmer, Ruth D. - Notes "to assist Edmund Campbell in placing Period furniture in Edgar Allan Poe room" at University of Virginia, undated
- f. 2: Gilmer, Ruth D. - Notes on Pen Park, undated
- f. 3: Lazenby, Richard D. to Betsy Gilmer - correspondence, 1941-1943
- f. 4: Lewis Family History - copy of manuscript, provenance unknown, undated
- f. 5: Miscellaneous photocopies, handwritten notes, typescripts, invitations related to Pen Park cemetery, Gilmer Hall, Gilmer genealogy, etc., [1927-1970]
- f. 6: Photographs and blueprint:
  - 1. Midway School (until 1939), n.d.
  - 2. St. Anne's School, n.d.
  - 3. Preston Court Apartments, n.d.
  - 4. (White House) in Fry Springs Rd. corner with Cleveland Ave., n.d.
  - 5. Unknown house, n.d.
  - 6. House on Jefferson and 4th St., n.d.

7. Plat of Slayden Tract, 1940 (blueprint)

f. 7: Smith, Lemuel Franklin Memorial by John S. Battle - copy of the Virginia Bar Association print, 1957

f. 8-10: Tremain, Betsy Gilmer - incoming personal correspondence, 1943-1980 (3 folders)

f. 11: Tremain, Betsy Gilmer to her mother Ruth D. Gilmer - correspondence, 1943

f. 12: Tremain, Betsy Gilmer - military file documents, 1942-1945

f. 13: Tremain, Betsy Gilmer memorabilia - postcards, photographs of Charlottesville buildings ca. 1920, Lane's Chain Edition of 1938, 1920 - 1977

f. 14: Tremain, Betsy Gilmer wedding memorabilia, 1943

Other materials:

Photocopy of Gilmer Family Photographs

Family tree

Printed materials:

Virginia Place Name Society, University of Virginia, Charlottesville. Occasional Paper No. 14, June 1960

Charlottesville 1792- 1962. 200th Anniversary Celebration

Captain Jack Juett, Junior. American Revolutionary War Hero 1754-1822. Reprinted and Distributed by Jack Jouett Chapter. National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, 1966

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