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Abstract

The Lucia Kirk Williams scrapbooks spans the years 1881-1963 and consists of 9 scrapbooks of loose-leaf binders containing newspaper clippings, magazine articles, correspondence, pamphlets, stamps, programs, and postcards.

Creator

Williams, Lucia Kirk (1872-1965)

Extent

2.5 linear feet

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Fairfax County Public Library

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None

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None

Historical and Biographical Information

Lucia Kirk Williams was born in Indiana on August 30, 1872 to Jennie and William Noble Williams, a veteran of both the Civil War, World War I, and an Indian fighter in the "Fighting Third" Old Guard Infantry Regiment.

Around 1913, Miss Williams came to Washington D.C. for a visit and decided to stay. She acquired a job with the United States Geological Survey and remained there for 30 years, retiring in the early 1940s.

Miss Williams also had the distinction of being the only female member of the Columbia Country Club for many years. For a brief time, the club opened its rolls to women, and Williams was one of three women who joined in 1913. Shortly thereafter, the club decided to restrict its membership again to men, but the regulation wasn't retroactive. Of the three female members, one moved away and the second died, leaving Williams as the sole female member of the club for decades.

During her retirement, Williams often visited Fort Myer once a month to watch the 3rd Infantry parade and brought magazines and paperbacks for the troops to enjoy. For over thirty years, Williams created scrapbooks on the history of old Washington, the vicinity, and the Civil War which she showcased in her home along with mementos from her father's illustrious Army career. She died on July 19, 1965 in Vero Beach, Florida at age 93.

Scope and Content

The Lucia Kirk Williams scrapbooks spans the years 1881-1963 and consists of 9 scrapbooks of loose-leaf binders containing newspaper clippings, magazine articles, correspondence, pamphlets, stamps, programs, and postcards. Subjects include Washington D.C. and Northern Virginia history, the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, and the Columbia Country Club. Williams created a table of contents for each scrapbook:

Scrapbook #1, 1929-1959 Washington

- Wakefield
- Mary Ball and Augustine Washington
- Daniel Cusits and Martha Dandridge
- Martha Washington

Mount Vernon

- Betty Washington and Fielding Lewis - Kenmore
- Nellie Custis and Lawrence Lewis - Woodlawn
- Lucy Payne and George Steptoe Washington
- Dr. James Craik

Yorktown

- Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr

- John Quincy Adams

Alexandria

- Christ Church

- Gadsby's Tavern and unknown female strangler

Presbyterian Meeting House

- Leadbeater Drug Store

- Ramsay House

- Carlisle House

- "What-Is-It"

- Boundary Stones

Scrapbook #2, 1881-1956

Georgetown

- Tudor Place

- Francis Scott Key - Fort McHenry

- John Howard Payne - "Home Sweet Home"

- Julia Ward Howe - "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

- L'Enfant - Old Stone House

Canals

Maps

Analostan Island

Gunston Hall - Virginia Bill of Rights (includes correspondence with Louis Hertle)

Belvoir

Fairfax House

Chatham

Pohick Church

Wellington (Tobias Lear)

Fort Washington

- Port Royal

Decatur House - Stephen Decatur (1751-1808)

Andrew Jackson (1767-1845) & Rachel Donelson, Peggy O'Neal

Hotels

Parades, avenues

Egg Rolling

General Grant

Garfield

Taft

Spirit of Saint Louis

Flag Code

Scrapbook #3, 1929-1958

U.S. Capitol

Washington Monument

White House

Scrapbook #4, 1932-1961

Harpers Ferry - John Brown

Lee

- Lees of Virginia

- Stratford Hall

- Light Horse Harry and Ann Carter

Arlington House and Cemetery

- George Washington Park Custis

- Robert E. Lee and Mary Custis

- Lee's birth date

- Pardon for Lee

- Freeman's Lee

Wartime Washington

Brady and Photographs

Scrapbook #5, 1933-1961

Bull Run (July 21, 1861) Johnson and McDowell

Manassas

Balls Bluff October 21, 1861

Mason and Slidell November 1861

Monitor and Merrimac, March 9, 1862

Groveton, Oct 1862

Shiloh, Apr. 6, 1862 (Sidney Johnson and Grant)

Bull Run, Aug. 30, 1862

South Mountain, Sept. 14, 1862

Antietam, Sept. 15-19, 1862 (Lee and McClellan)

Fredericksburg, Dec. 13, 1862 (Lee and Burnside)

Spotsylvania, May 1864

Chancellorsville, May 1-4, 1863 (Lee and Hooker)

- Jackson killed

Gettysburg, July 1-3, 1863 (Lee and Meade)

Wilderness, May 5-6, 1864

Spotsylvania, May 1864 (Lee and Grant)

Cold Harbor, June 1864

Monocacy, July 11-12, 1864 (Early and Wallace)

Ft. Stevens, July 11-12, 1864 (Early)

Old Silver Spring

Ox Hill-Chantilly, July 1864 (Kearney and Wright)

Battle of the Crater, July 30, 1864

Burke, VA

Petersburg, Apr. 1865

Appomattox, Apr 9, 1865

Forts and defenses

Fort Beauregard

Johnston, Fort

Fort Haggerty

Fort Gaines

Biographies

Jefferson Davis and Varina Howell

Lee

Stonewall Jackson and Eleanor Junkin

Pierre Bouregard and Marie Villeres

JEB Stuart

James Longstreet

John Morgan

Antonia Ford

Belle Boyd

J.J. Andrews

Philip Sheridan

John A. Logan

Winfield Scott

Clara Barton

Walt Whitman

Rangers

Grand Army of the Republic

Scrapbook #6, 1926-1963

Abraham Lincoln

Matthew Brady

John Wilkes Booth

Andrew Johnson

Scrapbook #7, 1932-1959

Old Houses

- Van Ness Mansion - Van Ness and Burnes

- Octagon House and Tunnels

- Woodley - Stimson

- Clifton

- Dumbarton House

- Cosmos Club (Dolly Madison)

- Daniel Sickles and Phillip Barton Key

- Kalorama

- Joaquin Miller Cabin

- Stoddard Mansion - Clemons

- House of Horrors

- White Haven - Columbus relic
- Daniel Webster
- Monastery Garden
- Arts Club
- Wylie House - Thomas Circle
- Dean Estate - Treaty Oak - Temple Heights
- Henderson Castle
- Blair House
- Pierce Mill
- Airy Castle and Calvert Mansion
- Gen. Logan home
- Mud House
- Soldiers Home

Cowtown - Swampoodle - Hells Bottom

Streets, buildings

Prisons, arsenal, War College

Memorials, Monuments

Bridges - Rebuilding Chain Bridge

Scrapbook #8, 1922-1960

[contains correspondence from Danny Kaye and Groucho Marx]

Amphitheater

Unknown Soldier

Fort Myer

Old Guard

Iwo Jima Memorials Monuments

Cherry Trees

Floods

Iwo Jima Memorial

Knickerbocker Theater Tragedy

Union Station accident

All Souls Church

Columbia Country Club

Scrapbook #9 Environs, 1933-1959

Gapland

Frederick, Maryland and Barbara Fritchie

Dumfries, Va.

Fredericksburg, Va.

Fauquier White Sulphur Springs

Biographies:

Van Buren and Hoes

Monroe and Kartright (Ash Lawn - Oak Hill)

Jefferson and Monticello

Sugar Loaf Mountain

Skyline

George Custer

Winchester House, San Jose, California

Index Terms

Civil War, 1861-1865 - History

Columbia Country Club (Chevy Chase, Md.)

Historic buildings - Virginia - Alexandria

Historic buildings - Virginia - Arlington

Historic buildings - Virginia - Fairfax County

Historic buildings - Washington D.C.

Washington (D.C.) - Georgetown. Buildings

Washington (D.C.) - History

Williams, Lucia Kirk (1872-1965)

Container List

Box 1: Scrapbook #1. "Washington, Mount Vernon, Yorktown, Alexandria, Woodlawn, Wellington", 1929-1959

Box 1: Scrapbook #2. "Georgetown Fort Washington", 1881-1956

Box 2: Scrapbook #3. "Capitol, Monument, White House", 1929-1958

Box 2: Scrapbook #4. "Harper's Ferry, Lee", 1932-1961

Box 3: Scrapbook #5. "Civil War", 1933-1961

Box 4: Scrapbook #6. "Lincoln Booth", 1926-1963

Box 4: Scrapbook #9. "Environs", 1933-1959

Box 5: Scrapbook #7. "Old City", 1932-1959

Box 5: Scrapbook #8. "Amphitheater, Unknown Soldier, Fort Myer, Iwo Jima Memorials", 1922-1960

Box 5 Folder 1: Correspondence with Major Roy F. Brown, Fort Myer Post, and photograph of officers of 3rd Infantry at Camp Supply Indian Territory, 1869-1870, 1958-1959