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Abstract

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Creator

John C. Wood

Physical Characteristics

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George Mason University. Special Collections and Archives.

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There are no access restrictions.

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Biographical Information

John C. Wood was elected mayor of the City of Fairfax in 1952 and become the first rector of Mason's Board of Visitors in 1972. In both jobs Wood was a major force in the development of the university and pushed to acquire the land for both the Fairfax and Arlington Campuses.

Scope and Content

This collection contains documents pertaining to Wood's career as mayor, including correspondence on the acquisition of land for George Mason College in the 1960s.

Index Terms

Persons:

Wood, John C.

Corporate Names:

George Mason University.

Geographical Names:

Fairfax (Va.)

Subjects:

Campus planning.
Local government.

Arrangement

Organized by subject and date.

Contents List

The Files of John C. Wood,

Unit Date 1956-1974

Scope and Content

The files of John C. Wood, the mayor of Fairfax, Virginia, from 1953 to 1964.

Acquisition of Farr Property

Unit Date May 1956-June 1959

Container 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Content

Documents and correspondence dealing with the acquisition of the Farr property in Fairfax. The Farr property, south of Fairfax, consisted of 150 acres on which to establish the Northern Virginia branch of the University of Virginia. Material includes resolutions, a list of distances from points in northern Virginia to Fairfax and Bowman, fundraising documents, notes and surveys and maps of the proposed sites of the Northern Virginia branch of the University of Virginia.

Advisory Committee I

Unit Date March-December 1971

Container 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Content

Documents and correspondence from the George Mason College Advisory Committee of which John C. Wood was the chairman. Material includes a pamphlet announcing a master of education program at George Mason College, meeting agendas and minutes, memos, a report from Lorin A. Thompson, the Chancellor of George Mason College about admissions policies, extensive correspondence about an alleged violation of civil rights in the admissions policy, maps of the campus, a report on the progress of campus construction, by-laws of the advisory committee, committee lists, a report from the committee business manager, a report on the college, a report of academic highlights, a copy of the bill to separate George Mason College from the University of Virginia, a housing listing at George Mason College, a report from the George Mason College School of Professional Studies to the Advisory Board, a newspaper article titled "Students' Rights Are Discussed", a chart displaying the organization of faculty at George Mason College, a list of duties and powers of the President of the University and an announcement of a graduate history program.

Advisory Committee II

Unit Date December 1970-April 1971

Container 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Content

Documents and correspondence from the George Mason College Advisory Committee of which John C. Wood was the chairman. Material includes meeting minutes and agendas, budget information, board meeting logistics, "A Model Bill of Rights and Responsibilities" for higher education, George Mason College Bookstore agreement, a summary of interviews with high school guidance counselors, graduation rates, a map of George Mason Campus, committee lists, a bill of student rights and correspondence, reports, and articles about alleged civil rights violations in the admissions department.

General File I

Unit Date November 1964-October 1966

Container 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Content

Documents and correspondence from the papers of John C. Wood. Material includes meeting agendas and minutes, population figures, budget information, newspaper articles, a telegram, a program for the Association of Virginia Colleges Annual Meeting, committee meeting schedules, fine art loan and donation information, Arthur Arundel business card, admissions reports, a summary of advisory committee accomplishments, press releases and classroom attendance reports.

General II

Unit Date April 1963-March 1965

Container 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Content

Documents and correspondence from the papers of John C. Wood. Material includes written notes, newspaper articles, excerpts from addresses by President of UVA Edgar Shannon, a list of Advisory Committee members, speeches, budget information, journal articles and a report on George Mason College by the Planning Department.

Land Acquisition Appraisal File

Unit Date May-June 1967

Container 2 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Content

Documents and correspondence about the acquisition of the land on which George Mason College was built. Material includes a table of projected cost of land acquisition and a map of the proposed site. Also included is a spiral bound Appraisal Report, the report contains budget figures, maps, photographs and descriptions of land for sale.

Land of Acquisition File or Board of Control I

Unit Date February 1967-August 1970

Container 2 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Content

Documents and correspondence from the Board of Control for Land Acquisition. Material includes a list of land parcel value estimates, maps of land parcels, a contract for appraisal services, deeds, a receipt, meeting agendas, property accounting information,

Land of Acquisition File or Board of Control II

Unit Date March 1967-May 1969

Container 2 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Scope and Content

Documents and correspondence from the Board of Control for Land Acquisition. Material includes a deed, a description of part of the George Mason College property, maps of George Mason College and the proposed expansion land, property accounting tables, budget information, a list of members of the Board of Control, Board of Control fact sheet, financial summary of operations of Board of Control, a list of legal services with costs for those services and lists of land parcels for sale.

Land of Acquisition File or Board of Control III

Unit Date September 1965-March 1967

Container 2 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Scope and Content

Documents and correspondence from the Board of Control for Land Acquisition. Material includes meeting transcripts, memos, a notice of bond election, a list of questions and future space requirements for George Mason College.