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Physical Characteristics

This collection consists of approximately 260 pieces.

Shelf Location

Q-4a: Alumnae Files

Repository

Wyndham Robertson Library, Hollins University

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection is open to research.

Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

Acquisition Information

This collection was received as a gift July 18, 1997, obtained through Hollins' Development Office.

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The correspondence and other paper documents are fully processed; photos unprocessed.

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Separated Material

Visual material and memorabilia are shelved separately from paper documents (i.e. correspondence).

Related Material

University Publications and other Turner Family member files.

Biographical Information

Mary Van Fossen Turner, was born in 1905 and died 18 July 1997. Both her parents worked at Hollins and her grandfather had been a professor at Hollins. Her mother was Mary V. Masters, her father was Joseph A. Turner, II, and her grandfather, Joseph A. Turner. Mary's siblings were Susanna Pleasants Turner, 1913- and JAT, III, 1908-. She was also related to the Rath's who taught at Hollins. The Rath girls (Gertrude "Gaku," Virginia "Dinny," and Luise were her cousins. Mary Van attended Hollins and received her A. B. degree in 1927. After Hollins, she took courses at Columbia University in New York and then moved to NY City where she held a secretarial position. She sometimes had friends sharing her apartment and for a short time, her brother, JAT,III, lived with her. During World War II, she served in the USNR and in the WAVES. After the war, she returned to Roanoke to work. Eventually she obtained a job with the National Park Service as the first park ranger for the Blue Ridge Parkway. She rose to the position of Director of Personnel until her retirement in 1969. She and her sister both lived in Lynchburg at Westminster Canterbury until their deaths.

Scope and Content

This collection consists Mary Van Fossen Turner's correspondence, primarily from her father, Joseph A. Turner, Jr. and her cousin Mary Cobb Hayward. There are also photo albums, loose photos, negatives, slides, travel journals, and small amounts of memorabilia, clippings, genealogical notes, and legal papers.

Arrangement

The collection is composed of four series.

Series Listing

- Series I: Correspondence (1852, 1914-1997)
- Series II: Journals and Notebooks
- Series III: Other Papers: clippings, legal papers, genealogical notes, miscellaneous
- Series IV: Visual Materials (photos, albums, slides)
- Memorabilia

Contents List

Correspondence

Scope and Content

List of Correspondents

- Bardin, Robert
- Beebe, Mary Elder
- Bingham, Mrs.
- Blanton, Millicent F.
- Bolden, Clem
- Carlton, Emma H.
- Clack, Elizabeth
- Clark, Alanzo W.
- Clark, Bessie N. Cocke
- Cocke, Eloise
- Crumpler, Mary D.
- Dickins, Ruth Thompson
- Dixon, Bettie
- Duke, Frank
- Eller, Molly Mirana
- Fishburn, Katherine
- Fort, Mardi
- Fox, Edward C.
- Goodale, Bob
- Gump, Janie
- Hall, Liz
- Hamilton, Marion H,
- Hattor, E. A.
- Hayward, Mary Cobb
- Kirkwood, Anna
- Lloyd, Jack
- Loomis, Rosamond L.
- McDowell, Mary Hayes
- Mitchell, Joanne
- Neill, Lin
- Nickerson, Carole
- Nixon, Mary Glover
- Orr, Mrs. Charles P.
- Overbey, Nancy
- Parker, Ferraud
- Parkinson, Maria F.
- Perkins, William B.
- Randolph, Bessie Carter
- Rath, Erich
- Rath, Gertrude
- Rath, Leila Turner
- Rath, Louise
- Rath, Virginia
- Robinson, Louis Boyd
- Stetter, Mary Wood
- Sturgess, "Hank" Albert Henley
- Sutherland, Jane
- Thornton, Barbour N.
- Turner, Chris
- Turner, Joseph A. II
- Turner, Joseph A., III
- Turner, Mary V. Masters
- Turner, Mary Van Fossen
- Turner, Susanna P.
- Valentine, Susanna
- Van Fossen, "Bob" R. L.
- Vance, Anna Mary
- White, Clare
- Winborne, Margaret
- Young, Mrs. Ernest S.