

# A Guide to the William J. Mann, Jr. "Free Enterprise Sixty Years Ago", 1956

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## Descriptive Summary

### Collection number

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### Language

English

### Abstract

Free Enterprise Sixty Years Ago consists of William Jackson Mann, Jr.'s recollections of his boyhood in Upperville, VA from the 1890s to 1910s.

### Creator

William Jackson Mann, Jr.

### Physical Characteristics

3 folders.

## Repository

Thomas Balch Library

# Administrative Information

## Access Restrictions

Collection open for research.

## Use Restrictions

No physical characteristics affect use of this material.

## Acquisition Information

Provenance Unknown

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# Accruals

Formerly catalogued as VREF 975.5 MAN. Volumes 1 and 2 courtesy of Special Collections University of Virginia Library.

# Alternative Form Available

None

# Adjunct Descriptive Data

# Related Material

Shorts, A. G., Jr. 2000. *Upperville days: photographs and stories from Virginia Hunt Country*. V 975.5275 SHO; McArtor, Robert C., and Susan McArtor Bellinger. 2005. *McArtor and Poston family diaries: Upperville, Purcellville, Paris, Alexandria and Washington, D.C.* V REF 929.2 MCARTOR

# Bibliography

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Find A Grave. Find A Grave. <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi>.

Free Enterprise Sixty Years Ago: Stories for My Grandchildren.

# Other Finding Aid

None

# Technical Requirements

None

# Historical Information

William Jackson Mann, Jr. (1888-1958) was the son of William and Sally Bruce Smith Mann of Upperville, Fauquier County, VA. He married Maria Louisa Shackelford Fontaine (1887- 1960), daughter of Richard and Kate Fontaine of Hanover County, VA, in September 1913. They had three children: William B. Mann (1918-2005), Louise F. Mann (1920-1969), and Charles M. Mann (1926-1991). As an electrical engineer, William J. Mann, Jr. worked for the Westinghouse Electrical and Manufacturing Company in Swissvale, PA before relocating to Baltimore, MD in 1920. There he worked for several electrical equipment manufacturing

companies.

In the 1950s, Mann began to write short biographical stories about his childhood in the area around Upperville for his grandchildren. He eventually self-published a three volume memoir entitled *Free Enterprise Sixty Years Ago: Stories for My Grandchildren*. He presented his memoir to his grandchildren as a Christmas gift in 1956.

## Scope and Content

*Free Enterprise Sixty Years Ago* consists of William Jackson Mann, Jr.'s recollections of his boyhood in Upperville, VA from the 1890s to 1910s. Topics include childhood memories such as gathering firewood to heat the family home with his grandfather, trips to collect chestnuts, as well as camping and fishing on Goose Creek and the Shenandoah River. Also collected are memories of people, places, and businesses in Fauquier and Loudoun counties. Businesses described include mills, wheelwrights, blacksmiths, dairy farms, and country stores.

The three volumes of Mann's memoirs were originally collected as typescript in small loose-leaf binders. Volumes 1 and 2 in this collection are photocopies of original typescripts held by the University of Virginia's Special Collections [CT275.M453A3 1956, v. 1 & 2]. Volume 3 is an original typescript created by Mann numbered "90/129". Page sizes in the typescript vary.

## Arrangement

Folder

## Contents List

**Folder 1: Free Enterprise Sixty Years Ago, Volume 1  
[photocopy]**

**Folder 1: Free Enterprise Sixty Years Ago, Volume 2  
[photocopy]**

**Folder 1: Free Enterprise Sixty Years Ago, Volume 3  
[[typescript]**