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English .

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Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

Since its original purchase of 200 acres of land at Mount Vernon in 1858, the MVLA has increased its acreage significantly through purchases and gifts. The Association has also worked to secure scenic easements to

preserve the historic integrity of the area surrounding Washington's home, including neighboring residential districts and property across the Potomac River in Maryland. The addition of land has allowed the MVLA to build essential administrative and operational facilities, as well as reconstructions of Washington-era buildings such as the 16-sided barn and the distillery. This extension of property has proven to be imperative in helping the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association fulfill its mission to preserve the home of George Washington and educate the public about his life and legacy.

Scope and Contents

This small collection contains records concerning land gifts, purchases, and easements obtained by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association. Types of records include deeds, memorandums, signed agreements, land plats, maps, drawings, and correspondence. The material dates from 1858 to 2006, however there is some information on Washington family property that dates from the 1830s (the originals of these items were removed and replaced with photocopies in 2001).

Related Materials

Other records pertaining to land purchases and gifts may be found in the following collections: - Early Records of the MVLA - Papers of the MVLA - Papers of the Superintendent and Resident Director - Papers of James Rees - Restoration Files - Publications and Printed Material of the MVLA

Arrangement

Files in the collection are arranged alphabetically by folder title. All folders were formerly housed in a wooden box with no discernible order. Folder titles in this finding aid appear much the same as the originals, although some have been shortened or simplified.

Description of Subordinate Components

Affidavit of Well Dedication and Recorded Plat

Unit Date October 1977

Text 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English.

Bellapais Subdivision - Property considered for purchase, Scholar Center

Unit Date 2006

Text 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English.

Deed of conveyance granted by the Commonwealth of Virginia to the MVLA, 479 acres

Unit Date March 31, 1964

Text 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English.

Easement - County of Fairfax, sanitary sewer line

Unit Date 1972

Text 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English.

Easement - Ingress, Egress, and Drainage by County of Fairfax (Wessynton tract)

Unit Date 1967

Text 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English.

Easement - National Park Service, parking lot area

Unit Date 1959-1973

Text 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English.

Exhibit of estate and land titles

Unit Date 1960-1961

Text 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Language English.

Gould addition and Heurich addition

Unit Date 1887, 1893

Unit Date 1893

Text 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English.

Land acquisitions

Unit Date undated, 1918-1964

Text 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Language English.

Material Specification Includes plat drawings.

Landon addition - Correspondence (1 of 2)

Unit Date 1925-1938

Text 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Language English.

Landon addition - Correspondence (2 of 2)

Unit Date 1925-1938

Text 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Language English.

Memorandum list of title papers deposited in safe, Archives building

Unit Date November 16, 1938

Text 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Language English.

Memorandum of Agreement - Smoot Sand and Gravel Corporation

Unit Date 1948

Text 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Language English.

Miller and Smith Associates - Scenic easements

Unit Date 1967

Text 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Language English.

Mount Vernon Memorial Highway - Landon addition easement

Unit Date 1929-1938

Text 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English.

MVLA - Articles of Incorporation deed

Unit Date 1963-1980

Text 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English.

MVLA - Copy of contract with John A. Washington III and summary of payments to him

Unit Date 1858-1922

Text 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English.

MVLA - Mount Vernon Inn, National Park Service land swap

Unit Date 1992-1993

Text 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English.

Plat of tomb (Washington family property)

Unit Date July 21, 1920

Text 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English.

Plats - Adjacent tracts

Unit Date 1955-1956

Text 2 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English.

Tracing of map of Mount Vernon (Gillingham map)

Unit Date 1883

Text 2 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Language English.

U.S. Army - MLVA Trespass Rights Agreement

Unit Date 1942-1943

Text 2 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English.

U.S. Government - List of easements on Parcel One of Mount Vernon

Unit Date 1989

Text 2 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Language English.

Virginia Route 235 - Conveyance of property

Unit Date 1973-1974

Text 2 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Language English.

Virginia State Highway Commission

Unit Date 1931-1957

Text 2 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Language English.

Washington family (originals removed 9/14/2001)

Unit Date 1830-1868

Text 2 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Language English.

West Gate acquisition - Lewis Jacobs, 3 acres

Unit Date 1955

Text 2 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Language English.

West Gate acquisition - Stewart, 3 acres

Unit Date 1955-1956

Text 2 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Language English.

West Gate area

Unit Date 1959-1960

Text 2 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Language English.

West Gate lands

Unit Date 1934-1955

Text 2 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Language English.