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## Descriptive Summary

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**Unit Date**

1922-2018

**Language**

English

**Creator**

Poetry Society of Virginia

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7 Linear Feet

**Repository**

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## Administrative Information

**Access Restrictions**

Collection is open to research.

## **Use Restrictions**

There are no restrictions.

## **Acquisition Information**

The collection has been donated to the Special Collections and Archives Department in several sections over the years, beginning in 1967.

## **Preferred Citation**

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# **Biographical / Historical**

The Poetry Society of Virginia was founded in 1923 at the College of William and Mary by a small group of university faculty members and other Virginia poets. The organization seeks to promote the writing, study, and appreciation of poetry through generating publications, sponsoring a number of writing contests, and holding a variety of events across the state. The Society also plays a role in the selection process of the Virginia Poet Laureate.

# **Scope and Contents**

The collection consists of materials created and acquired by members of the Poetry Society of Virginia and document the activities of the organization. Contents date from 1922 to 2018, with the bulk of the collection dating from the 1970s to the 2010s. Materials include annual contest files, student contest files, executive committee records, correspondence, membership lists, newsletters, event files, fliers, bylaws, information about individual poets, poems, and printouts from the organization's website.

# **Keywords**

Poetry -- Societies, etc.

Poets, American -- Virginia.

# **Arrangement**

The collection is divided into five series: Series 1: Administrative records, 1937-2018; Series 2: Correspondence, 1922-2013; Series 3: Program files, 1928-2018; Series 4: Publicity materials, 1946-2011; and Series 5: Poet files, 1926-2016

# **Description of Subordinate Components**

## **Administrative records**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59920

**Unit Date** 1937-2018

## **Bylaws**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59921

**Unit Date** 1975-2005, undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

## **Corporation registration**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59922

**Unit Date** 2006-2008

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Executive committee**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59923

**Unit Date** 1937, 1950-1952, 1965-2018

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 3-13 (folder)

**Financial records**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59924

**Unit Date** 1969-1973

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Grant and fellowship applications**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59925

**Unit Date** 1989-1991, 2001

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Letterhead**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59926

**Unit Date** 1994-1998, undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Meeting recording**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59927

**Unit Date** 1968

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Membership directories**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59928

**Unit Date** 1975-2006

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 5-7 (folder)

**Membership lists**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59929

**Unit Date** 1967-1977, 1989-2016

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 8-9 (folder)

**Membership materials**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59930

**Unit Date** 1940, 1971-2007, undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 10-11 (folder)

**National Federation of State Poetry Societies**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59931

**Unit Date** 1993-2004

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Officer election materials**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59932

**Unit Date** 2013

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**Organizational history**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59933

**Unit Date** 1937-2011, undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 14 (folder)

**Regional meetings**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59934

**Unit Date** 1964-2016

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 15 (folder)

**Treasurer files**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59935

**Unit Date** 1996-1997

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 16 (folder)

**Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59936

**Unit Date** 1922-2013

**Herndon, Brodie**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59937

**Unit Date** 1933, 1945-1973

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 17 (folder)

**Mabbot, Thomas**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59938

**Unit Date** 1953, 1964-1965

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 18 (folder)

**McNally, James**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59939

**Unit Date** 1973-1993

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 19-20 (folder)

**Member correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59940

**Unit Date** 1968-2000, 2013

**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Norwood, Robert letters to Mary Evelyn Stiles**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59941

**Unit Date** 1922-1932

**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Officer correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59942

**Unit Date** 1993-2010, undated

**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)

**Container** 3-4 (folder)

**Raymond, Richard**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59943

**Unit Date** 1996-1998

**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Society library and collection**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59944

**Unit Date** 1966-1994

**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Program materials**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59945

**Unit Date** 1928-2018

**Academy of American Poets Endowed Prizes**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59946

**Unit Date** 2001-2010

**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Annual contest**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59947

**Unit Date** 1975-1989

**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Annual contest**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59948

**Unit Date** 1990-2000

**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Annual contest**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59949

**Unit Date** 2001-2003

**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Annual contest**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59950

**Unit Date** 2004

**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

**Annual contest**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59951

**Unit Date** 2005

**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Annual contest**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59952

**Unit Date** 2006

**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**Annual contest**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59953

**Unit Date** 2007

**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)

**Container** 14 (folder)

**Annual contest**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59954

**Unit Date** 2008

**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)

**Container** 15-16 (folder)

**Annual contest**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59955

**Unit Date** 2009

**Mixed Materials [A11424380920]** 4 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Annual contest**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59956

**Unit Date** 2010

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**Container** 2 (folder)

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**Annual student contest**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59965

**Unit Date** 1991-2005, undated

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**Container** 1 (folder)

**Annual student contest**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59966

**Unit Date** 2006

**Mixed Materials [A11424380938]** 5 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Annual student contest**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59967

**Unit Date** 2007

**Mixed Materials [A11424380938]** 5 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Annual student contest**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59968

**Unit Date** 2008

**Mixed Materials [A11424380938]** 5 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Annual student contest**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59969

**Unit Date** 2009

**Mixed Materials [A11424380938]** 5 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Annual student contest**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59970

**Unit Date** 2014

**Mixed Materials [A11424380938]** 5 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Annual student contest**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59971

**Unit Date** 2015

**Mixed Materials [A11424380938]** 5 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Annual student contest**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59972

**Unit Date** 2016

**Mixed Materials [A11424380938]** 5 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Annual student contest**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59973

**Unit Date** 2017

**Mixed Materials [A11424380938]** 5 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Contest chairman materials**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59974

**Unit Date** 1953-1979, undated

**Mixed Materials [A11424380938]** 5 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Cup contest**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59975

**Unit Date** 2004-2007

**Mixed Materials [A11424380938]** 5 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

**Diamond Anniversary**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59976

**Unit Date** 1997-1998

**Mixed Materials [A11424380938]** 5 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Golden Anniversary**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59977

**Unit Date** 1973

**Mixed Materials [A11424380938]** 5 (box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**Highland Festival**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59978

**Unit Date** 2011-2015

**Mixed Materials [A11424380938]** 5 (box)

**Container** 14 (folder)

**Irene Leache Memorial contest**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59979

**Unit Date** 1966-1970

**Mixed Materials [A11424380938]** 5 (box)

**Container** 15 (folder)

**Musical events**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59980

**Unit Date** 1971-1973, 1981

**Mixed Materials [A11424380938]** 5 (box)

**Container** 16 (folder)

**Other contests, events, and classes**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59981

**Unit Date** 1974-2010, undated

**Mixed Materials [A11424380938]** 5 (box)

**Container** 17 (folder)

**Poet's Corner recording**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59982

**Unit Date** 1969

**Mixed Materials [A11424380938]** 5 (box)

**Container** 18 (folder)

**Poetry by the Sea**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59983

**Unit Date** 1976-1989, undated

**Mixed Materials [A11424380938]** 5 (box)

**Container** 19 (folder)

**Poetry Festival**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59984

**Unit Date** 1970-2015, undated

**Mixed Materials [A11424380938]** 5 (box)

**Container** 20-21 (folder)

**Poetry in the Schools**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59985

**Unit Date** 2001-2007

**Mixed Materials [A11424380938]** 5 (box)

**Container** 22 (folder)

**Prize winning poem portfolios**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59986

**Unit Date** 1956-1960, 1966

**Mixed Materials [A11424381049]** 6 (box)

**Container** 1-2 (folder)

**Readings and workshops**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59987

**Unit Date** 1967-2015, undated

**Mixed Materials [A11424381049]** 6 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Reunions**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59988

**Unit Date** 1928, 1932

**Mixed Materials [A11424381049]** 6 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Slam Richmond**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59989

**Unit Date** 2003-2007, undated

**Mixed Materials [A11424381049]** 6 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Speech**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59990

**Unit Date** 1974

**Mixed Materials [A11424381049]** 6 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Virginia Association of Teachers of English conference**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59991

**Unit Date** 2015

**Mixed Materials [A11424381049]** 6 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Publicity**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59992

**Unit Date** 1946-2011

**Announcements binder**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59993

**Unit Date** 1954-1964

**Mixed Materials [A11424381049]** 6 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Fliers**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59994

**Unit Date** 1991-2005

**Mixed Materials [A11424381049]** 6 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**National Federation of State Poetry Societies newsletter**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59995

**Unit Date** 1992-2004

**Mixed Materials [A11424381049]** 6 (box)

**Container** 10-11 (folder)

**News releases and announcements**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59996

**Unit Date** 1946-2006, undated

**Mixed Materials [A11424381049]** 6 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Newsletter files**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59997

**Unit Date** 1993-1995, undated

**Mixed Materials [A11424381049]** 6 (box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**Newsletters**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59998

**Unit Date** 1973, 1981-2018

**Mixed Materials [A11424381049]** 6 (box)

**Container** 14-18 (folder)

**Mixed Materials [A11424379741]** 7 (box)

**Container** 1-2 (folder)

**Language** English

**Newspaper clippings**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/59999

**Unit Date** 1950-2009, undated

**Mixed Materials [A11424379741]** 7 (box)

**Container** 3-4 (folder)

**Other organizations' newsletters**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/60000

**Unit Date** 1974-2011

**Mixed Materials [A11424379741]** 7 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Website**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/60001

**Unit Date** 2005

**Mixed Materials [A11424379741]** 7 (box)

**Container** 6-7 (folder)

**Website newsletter**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/60002

**Unit Date** 2003-2008

**Mixed Materials [A11424379741]** 7 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Poet files**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/60003

**Unit Date** 1926-2016

**Academy of American Poets**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/60004

**Unit Date** 1969-1970

**Mixed Materials [A11424379741]** 7 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Attack on America poems from website**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/60005

**Unit Date** 2007

**Mixed Materials [A11424379741]** 7 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Bickerstaff, Patsy Anne**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/60006

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials [A11424379741]** 7 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

**Chivers, Thomas Holley**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/60007

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials [A11424379741]** 7 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Garrett, George**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/60008

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials [A11424379741]** 7 (box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**Herndon, Brodie**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/60009

**Unit Date** 1946, 1973-1977, undated

**Mixed Materials [A11424379741]** 7 (box)

**Container** 14 (folder)

**Lull, Ed**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/60010

**Unit Date** 2012

**Mixed Materials [A11424379741]** 7 (box)

**Container** 15 (folder)

**Member accomplishments**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/60011

**Unit Date** 1957-2015, undated

**Mixed Materials [A11424379741]** 7 (box)

**Container** 16-17 (folder)

**Member anthology**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/60012

**Unit Date** 1991-2003, undated

**Mixed Materials [A11424379741]** 7 (box)

**Container** 18 (folder)

**Member publications list from website**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/60013

**Unit Date** 2007

**Mixed Materials [A11424379741]** 7 (box)

**Container** 19 (folder)

**Meet Virginia's Poets from website**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/60014

**Unit Date** 2007

**Mixed Materials [A11424379741]** 7 (box)

**Container** 20 (folder)

**Norwood, Robert**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/60015

**Unit Date** 1926-1932, undated

**Mixed Materials [A11424379741]** 7 (box)

**Container** 21 (folder)

**Obituaries**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/60016

**Unit Date** 1950-2014

**Mixed Materials [A11424379741]** 7 (box)

**Container** 22 (folder)

**Old Dominion Faculty Emeriti Association**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/60017

**Unit Date** 2007

**Mixed Materials [A11424379741]** 7 (box)

**Container** 23 (folder)

**Photographs**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/60018

**Unit Date** 1994, undated

**Mixed Materials [A11424379741]** 7 (box)

**Container** 24 (folder)

**Poems**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/60019

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials [A11424379741]** 7 (box)

**Container** 25 (folder)

**Poet laureate of Virginia**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/60020

**Unit Date** 1969-2016, undated

**Mixed Materials [A11424379741]** 7 (box)

**Container** 26 (folder)

**Roses so Red and Lilies so Fair: Songs and Poems of Virginia**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/60021

**Unit Date** 2009

**Mixed Materials [A11424379741]** 7 (box)

**Container** 27 (folder)

**Round robin poems from website**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/60022

**Unit Date** 2007

**Mixed Materials [A11424379741]** 7 (box)

**Container** 28 (folder)

**Smith, Ron****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/60023**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials [A11424379741]** 7 (box)**Container** 29 (folder)**Spencer, Anne****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/60024**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials [A11424379741]** 7 (box)**Container** 30 (folder)**Vlannes, Peppino****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/60025**Unit Date** 1996-1997**Mixed Materials [A11424379741]** 7 (box)**Container** 31 (folder)