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Unit ID

MSS 16057

Unit ID

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Unit ID

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Unit Date

1870-1945

Mixed Materials [X032652606]

1 (box)

Language

Materials are in English.

Extent

0.4 Cubic Feet 1 document box

Repository

Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research use.

Provenance

Accession number 2019-0197, purchased November 2015.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Virgil May, Sr. and his wife Mamie lived in Richmond during the early- and mid-20th century. One of their twin sons, Virgil R. May, Jr., graduated from Hampden-Sydney College in 1939, while the other, Phil, graduated from Virginia Military Institute the same year. Virgil Jr. went on to become a doctor and married Ella Stowe.

Source: Materials within collection.

Scope and Contents Note

The May family papers (1870-1945; 0.4 cubic feet) document the lives of a couple generations of the Richmond-based May family. Photograph subjects in the collection include J.A. May in his Confederate Army uniform post-Civil War, J. Howard May, Jr. as an infant, Virgil May, Sr., Phil May with relatives at Virginia Military Institute, and Virgil R. May, Jr. with his wife Ella and children Linda and Billy.

Letters in the collection are primarily written by or to Virgil, Jr. and Ella, including ten letters the former wrote to his parents during his surgeon internship at Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, Pennsylvania.

Related Materials

A related collection can be found at MSS 16433, Stowe grocery store ledgers, Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library, University of Virginia.

Keywords

letters (correspondence)

tintypes (prints)

cabinet photographs

family papers

Arrangement

Files are arranged chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Photographs

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/179531

Unit Date circa 1870-1900

Mixed Materials [X032652606] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Photographs

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/179532

Unit Date circa 1870-1904

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Container 2 (folder)

Letters

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/179533

Unit Date 1922-1945

Mixed Materials [X032652606] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Virgil R. May Jr. military field training letter

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/179534

Unit Date 1935

Mixed Materials [X032652606] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Photographs of Phil and Virgil R. May Jr.

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/179536

Unit Date 1938-1939

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Container 5 (folder)

Photographs

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/179535

Unit Date 1940s

Mixed Materials [X032652606] 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/179537

Unit Date 1940s

Mixed Materials [X032652606] 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Virgil R. May Jr. letters

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/179538

Unit Date 1944-1945

Mixed Materials [X032652606] 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)