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1903-2023

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English

Extent

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20.366 Gigabytes

Repository

Arthur J. Morris Law Library Special Collections

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

The donor has not imposed any restrictions on access to this collection. However, the University of Virginia Law Library prohibits researchers from accessing the original paper diaries, because they are in fragile condition. Digital copies of the diaries may be provided to researchers, and there are no access restrictions on any of the other materials.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

William Taylor Baskett's granddaughter, Lois Evelyn Mowery Roberts, inherited the diaries and donated them to the University of Virginia Law Library in the Spring of 2023.

Biographical / Historical

William Taylor Baskett (1884-1972) was born in Baghdad, Kentucky, to James Simeon Baskett (1847-1889) and Julia Gwin Taylor Baskett (1855-1909). After his father's death, William moved with his family to Louisville, Kentucky, where he lived for most of his life. In 1903, William graduated from the Louisville Male High School, and in 1905, he graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law.

In 1917, after several years in private practice, William Taylor Baskett was appointed as the second assistant to Louisville's city attorney. He continued to work in Louisville's legal department until 1933, and from 1924 to 1933, he served as the city attorney.

In 1910, William Taylor Baskett married Sibyl Sunbeam Wilds (1887-1974), with whom he had six children. Baskett died on May 31, 1972, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of seven diaries that William Taylor Baskett (1884-1972) created to document his life in 1903 and 1904, including his experiences as a University of Virginia School of Law student. It also contains digital copies of the diaries and digital files the donor created while researching Baskett.

The original diaries are in fair condition. The paper is separating or has already separated from the notebook bindings. It is flaking off in small pieces around the edges, and this deterioration has already led to the loss of some content in the diaries.

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University of Virginia. School of Law
Student life

Description of Subordinate Components

Original diaries

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Unit Date 1903-1904

Scope and Contents

These are the original copies of William Taylor Baskett's diaries.

Volume I

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Volume III

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Volume IV

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Volume V

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Volume VI

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Unit Date 1904-03-24-1904-05-20

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Volume VII

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Digital Archival Object

William Taylor Baskett Diaries Digital Files

Extent 20.366 Gigabytes

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