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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

Collection number 38-11

Language

English

Origination

Collector: E.H. McPherson

Extent

209 items

Repository

University of Virginia. Library. Special Collections Dept.

Alderman Library
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, Virginia 22903
USA

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection is open to research.

Use Restrictions

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Acquisition Information

The Cox-McPherson Papers were given to the Library by Mrs. E.H. McPherson of Charlottesville, Virginia, in 1938.

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Genealogical Note

Leroy Wesley Cox was the son of Dr. William Cox and Mary Elizabeth (Lacy) Cox and had the following brothers and sisters: A.D. Cox, Almira Josephine Cox, Lucian N. Cox, E.M. Cox and Panthea Adelaide Cox. In 1871, Leroy Wesley Cox married Annie Eliza Foster (daughter of Nelson Foster and Annie Eliza Oaks) and produced the following offspring: Lucian Franklin Cox, Edgar Nelson Cox, Mary Eliza Cox (Mrs. Thomas Brown), Annie Leroy Cox (Mrs. A.P. Dennis), Leroy Wesley Cox, Amelia Foster Cox (Mrs. J.F. Powell), and Almira Josephine Cox (Mrs. E.H. McPherson).

Scope and Content

This collection consists of 209 items (2 Hollinger boxes; .5 linear feet), 1758-1949, chiefly papers and bound volumes of the Cox and McPherson families. The papers include: Bible records for the children of John Humber and Elizabeth Humber, the Cox family, and the Lacy family; a poem, "The Late Fire in Charlottesville, Virginia"; a Knights of Pythias Certificate belonging to Lewis H. Brown; Precinct Poll books for Charlottesville, and printed material concerning the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Other items in the papers include: a photograph of Miss Almira Josephine Cox and her four nieces, Amelia Foster Christian Cox, Annie Leroy Cox, Mary Elizabeth Cox and Almira Josephine Cox, who were all children of Leroy Wesley Cox and Ann Eliza Foster Cox; and a photostat of *The Soldiers Almanac*.

There are several folders of material pertaining to Leroy Wesley Cox (1845-1938), a carriage and wagon manufacturer of Charlottesville, Virginia, and his involvement in the Republican Party of Charlottesville, 1896-1922. Among these papers are some of the Republican Party Papers, which include material about meetings, certificates for presidents of the Republican Campaign Club, voter registration lists for Charlottesville of white women and men, a list of "colored" members of the McKinley and Hobart Club (1896) and both "colored" and white voters of Charlottesville (1896); political broadsides, including several about voter qualifications and conventions; and newsclippings. The folder of political correspondence was created by Leroy Wesley Cox while serving as a secretary and chairman of the Republican City Committee of Charlottesville for over twenty years, 1901-1922.

The collection also contains several bound volumes including: precinct poll books for Charlottesville (1915); records of ward membership (1896 & n.d.); a general record book for the Republican Party of Albemarle County (1894); an account book for L.W. Cox Carriage Manufacturer (1884); an account book for [the Star

Theater] of Charlottesville, Virginia, for "motion picture shows" (1912-1915); a record of A.D. Cox's estate (1913-1914); and a journal (1916-1917).

Organization

The collection is arranged chronologically with the eight bound volumes filed at the end of the collection.

Container List

BOX 1

Bible Records

Unit Date 1758-1847

Extent (photostats)

Miscellaneous

Unit Date 1855-1949

Poem, "The Late Fire in Charlottesville, Va." by James Avis Bartley

Unit Date 1885 May 12

Political Broad sides re the Republican Party

Unit Date 1892-1921, & n.d.

Republican Party Papers

Unit Date 1896-1912, & n.d.

Political Correspondence

Unit Date 1896-1922, & n.d.

Knights of Pythias Certificate

Unit Date 1904 Jan 9

Newsclippings

Unit Date 1913-1921, & n.d.

Precinct Poll Books for Charlottesville

Unit Date 1915

Women's Christian Temperance Union Reports and Minutes

Unit Date 1942-1943

Extent (Printed)

The Cox Family Photograph

Unit Date n.d.

Soldiers Almanac

Unit Date n.d.

Extent (photostat)

Account Book for L.W. Cox, Carriage Manufacturer, Charlottesville

Unit Date 1884 Jun-Dec

Account Book for [The Star Theater] of Charlottesville, re motion picture shows

Unit Date 1912-1915

Record of A.D. Cox's Estate

Unit Date 1913-1914

Journal (indexed)

Unit Date 1916-1917

BOX 2

Third Ward Book for Charlottesville

Unit Date 1896

First Ward Book for Charlottesville

Unit Date n.d.

Third Ward Book for Charlottesville

Unit Date n.d.

General Record Book re the Republican Party of Albemarle County

Unit Date 1894