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Biographical / Historical

Robert Edward Lee Watkins was born in Southampton County, Va. on December 27, 1868 to D. J. and Rebecca Moore Watkins. He graduated from the College of William and Mary in 1891 and studied law at the University of North Carolina. He served during the Spanish-American War as Second Lieutenant in Company I of the Fourth Virginia Regiment, retiring as Major on the staff of the Judge Advocate General. He served as mayor of the town of Franklin, Va. from 1900-1906 and served on the Town Council for a number of years. He was elected Commonwealth's Attorney of Southampton County in 1914 and held that office for nearly 20 years. He died on August 5, 1935.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes items related to the Phoenix and Philomathean Literary Societies, debates Watkins participated in, class notes, artifacts, a certificate, and a letter written to his mother while he was stationed in Cuba during the Spanish American War.

Related Materials

Philomathean Literary Society Records (UA 7.004), Phoenix Literary Society Records (UA 7.005), Jackson, Phoenix, and Philomathean Literary Societies Records (UA 7.023).

Keywords

Artifacts

College of William and Mary--Students

Debates and debating--Virginia--History--19th century

Spanish-American War, 1898--Personal Narratives

College of William and Mary--Alumni and alumnae

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College of William and Mary. Phoenix Literary Society

Accruals

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Description of Subordinate Components

"Resolved that the Right of Suffrage Should be Extended to Women," Debate Notes

Unit ID id300230

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/231803

Unit Date 1889-1890

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (folder)

Ledger of Unknown Origin with Manuscripts in Watkins' Hand Pasted In

Unit ID id300233

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/231804

Unit Date circa 1880s

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Includes news clippings and a speech given at Jamestown, 1889 May 13

The Phoenix and Philomathean Literary Societies of the College of William and Mary Final Celebration Program (includes Watkins' name card)

Unit ID id300236

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/231805

Unit Date 1890 July

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (folder)

Watkins' Final Address as President of the Philomathean Literary Society (1890-1891 session)

Unit ID id300239

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/231806

Unit Date 1891 July 1

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (folder)

Lecture Notes from Civil Government Class

Unit ID id300242

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/231807

Unit Date circa 1889-1891

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (folder)

Robert Edward Lee Watkins Letter to his Mother

Unit ID id300245

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/231808

Unit Date 1898 Dec. 23

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Watkins writes from Havana, Cuba while serving in the military during the Spanish-American War (Second Lt. in Co. I of the 4th Va. Regiment). The second page describes how the Cubans cheered the Americans on their march from ship to camp and how uncomfortable winter-weight uniforms were in the tropics.

Genealogical Information about the Rev. Thomas Watkins of the Family Watkins of Bennoyre, Co. of Brecon, Wales and Thomas Watkins of Swift Creek, Powhatan Co., Virginia

Unit ID id300248

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/231809

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (folder)

Clippings (removed from the genealogy in folder 7): Origin of Watkins Surname, Obituary of Robert Edward Lee Watkins

Unit ID id300251

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/231810

Unit Date 1935 Aug. 9, undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 8 (folder)

Photographs

Unit ID id300254

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/231811

Unit Date circa late 19th century, early 1920s

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Photographs are identified and include Robert Edward Lee Watkins, family, and friends

New Testament Bible given to George Watkins (Brother) in 1917 while serving in the military (inscribed)

Unit ID id300257

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/231812

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 10 (folder)

Oratory Medal Presented to Watkins by the Phoenix and Philomathean Literary Societies at the College of William and Mary

Unit ID id300266

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/231813

Unit Date 1888-1889

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 1 (Artifact)

Chain belonging to Oratory Medal (Artifact 1)

Unit ID id300269

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/231814

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 2 (Artifact)

A Set of Engraved Cuff Links

Unit ID id300272

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/231815

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 3 (Artifact)

Engraved Tie Tack

Unit ID id300275

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/231816

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (Artifact)

Attorney and Counsellor of Law Certificate from the State of North Carolina, 1895 Feb. 4

Unit ID id300278

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/231817

Mixed Materials UA Oversize Box 2

Container 1 (Oversize Folder)