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Creator:

Johnston, Mary A. Colonial Hotel Management arrangement

Quantity:

69.00

Repository:

Special Collections Research Center

Administrative Information

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Collection is open to all researchers.

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Additional Information

Separated Materials

One copy each of a 7 November 1930 and a 27 September 1929 issue of the Flat Hat, the student newspaper of the College of William and Mary, was transferred to the Archives.

Biographical Note

Mary A. Johnson was manager of the Colonial Hotel, Williamsburg, Virginia. There may be additional information concerning this individual in the [Special Collections Research Center Wiki](#)

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It includes a brochure from the New York Hippodrome for the week of 11/3/1913, original deed from P.F. and Maggie B. Conway to W.W. Robertson for property in Danville, VA, 5 issues of the Virginia Gazette and 2 issues of William and Mary Flat Hat.

Built in 1895, The Colonial Hotel, or Colonial Inn, was located where Chowning's Tavern was reconstructed. Williamsburg Restoration purchased it and renamed it "Williamsburg Inn." It operated under that name until the new Williamsburg Inn was built in 1933.

Index Terms

This Collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

Genre/Form of Material:

Correspondence

Deeds

Geographic Name:

Williamsburg (Va.)--Hotel

Detailed Description of the Collection

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Brochure and Deed, 1913 and 1920,

Folder 1

Scope and Content

New York Hippodrome brochure for week of 3 November 1913 which includes program for Mssrs. Shubert's "America". Original signed deed dated 5 July 1920, where P.F. Conway and Maggie B. Conway, his wife, convey to W.W. Robertson, for \$16,000, property on Holbrook Ave. in the city of Danville, Virginia. DB 110, p. 3, Danville, Virginia. 1913 and 1920. 2 items.

Correspondence, 1928,

Folder 2

Scope and Content

5 October 1928. Letter from William S. Scull Company to Colonial Hotel saying The American Railway Express Co. advised them that an unclaimed shipment of Boscul Coffee and Teabags is being held.

15 October 1928. Application letter for a waitress position by Miss Matidge LaSewelle of Tarboro, North Carolina.

18 October 1928. Letter from Eugene Curry of Rye, New York, to Colonial Hotel inquiring about rates and reservations.

24 November, 1928. Letter from American Hotel Supply Company concerning advertising cards. 4 items.

Correspondence, 1929,

Folder 3

Scope and Content

Includes bill from Wm. Deiches and Company in Baltimore. 4 May 1929 letter from (Mrs.) M. A. Johnston to Lane Bryant in NYC, NY returning 2 dresses that did not fit. 22 June 1929 carbon copy letter states that dining room is under new management from Mrs. James. Letter from Procter and Gamble Distributing Co. and to Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Company. Menus are included in some replies. February 19, 1929 letter from The Straus Company suggests that the Colonial Hotel is having trouble paying bills. A September 12, 1929 letter from the State Commission on Conservation and Development asks if the Colonial Hotel wants more "Key to Inscriptions on Virginia Highway Historical Markers." 46 items.

Correspondence, 1930,

Folder 4

Scope and Content

Includes letter from Southern Hotel Association regarding hiring a secretary; letter from Gardiner T. Brooks requesting that the rent be paid in "advance" to the owners, the Holding Company, as is their policy; brochure from Educational Historic Tours, Toledo, Ohio; form letter from Virginia State Chamber of Commerce; carbon copy letter to the "Nik-o-Lok Company" noting "We beg to notify you that, on January 1, 1931, the Restoration owners are taking over the Colonial Hotel property...."; and form letter from Seeck & Kade, Inc. sending a calendar [not included] advertising Pertussin cough medicine. Menus are included in some replies. 1930. 61 items.

Correspondence, undated,

Folder 5

Scope and Content

Christmas gift tag to Lynn, from Judy; Easter card from Anna, partial Christmas card written to Eliza, from Mollie where Mollie says "...think of me sitting up stairs in a wheeling chair...", note on Chesapeake Steamship Company notepaper which says "get Moore House, Yorktown", 2 reservation requests, 1 accountant advertisement letter and a Greensboro, North Carolina address, handwritten rough draft concerning signs written on Colonial Hotel note paper. n.d. 9 items.

Envelopes and Forms, undated,

Folder 6

Scope and Content

Form letter from Peerless Lithographing, Co., Inc. of Chicago advertising stationery, 1 blank letterhead stationary from Greensboro [North Carolina] Bank and Trust Company, blank application from Virginia State Chamber of Commerce and form envelope addressed to Lawson H. Cooke, General Secretary, Virginia State Chamber of Commerce. n.d. 4 items.

Newspapers, 1930,**Folder 7****Scope and Content**

6 issues of the Virginia Gazette, local newspaper for Williamsburg, VA and surrounding area. Most have an advertisement for Colonial Hotel.

28 February 1930 includes article on discovery of Bodleian Plate by Mary F. Goodwin.

9 May 1930.

16 May 1930 and 23 May 1930 includes article on fire at Bassett Hall.

30 May 1930 includes article on the undiscovered area of Jamestown Island by J. Luther Kibler.

18 July 1930.

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