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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

MS019

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Unit Date

1750-1983

Unit Date

1825-1875

Language

English

Creator

Alexandria (Va.) (1749-)

Creator

Alexandria (Va.). City Clerk

Creator

Alexandria (Va.). Department of Housing and Community Development

Creator

Alexandria (Va.). Office of City Engineer

Creator

Alexandria (Va.). Department of Planning and Urban Renewal

Extent

30.48 Cubic Feet 73 Boxes

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Biographical / Historical

Alexandria, a major port city along the Potomac River, was founded in 1749. Ceded by Virginia to the federal government in 1801 to be part of the nation's capital, Alexandria was retroceded in 1847. During the Civil War, Union forces occupied and governed Alexandria. In 1922, the city adopted the Council-City Manager form of government.

Content Description

The collection contains reports, correspondence, account books, minutes, warrants, court orders, vouchers, bills to be paid and to be collected, some printed matter, stocks and bonds, petitions, election returns, and poll books, ranging in date from 1750 to 1983, predominately 1825-1875. Topics include both the city auditor and the city treasurer records of receipts and expenditures for many city functions--the poor house, the police, employee pay records, etc.--, election results, the issuance of Corporation stocks and bonds, railroads, and canals.

Related Materials

Building Permits (MS040), 1892-1929 Plumbing Permits (MS046), 1936-1939

Keywords

Alexandria (Va.)

Alexandria (Va.) -- History

Jails -- Alexandria (Va.)

Jails -- United States.

Alexandria (Va.). Mayor

City councils.

Elections -- Virginia.

Court administration -- United States.

Existence and Location of Copies

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Arrangement

The collection is divided into the following series: I--Auditor (1809-1954)--subdivided into twenty-four (24) subseries (see attached folder listing), each chronological by year; II--Treasurer (1818-1923)--chronological by year; III--Mayor (1831-1877)--chronological by year; IV--City Council (1800-1954)--subdivided into eleven (11) subseries (see attached folder listing), each chronological by year; V--Clerk of the Council (1785-1874)--chronological by year; VI--Commissioners of the Sinking Fund (1845-1876)--chronological by year; VII--Commissioner of the Revenue (1795-1946)--includes commissioner as tax assessor, (see attached folder listing), chronological by year; VIII--Corporation Officers (1795-1876)--arrangement as per the 1898-1899 Annual Report where possible, the rest alphabetically, each chronological by year; IX--Gas Works and Water Works (1856-1876)--chronological by year; X--Court Records (1791-1957)--subdivided into eight (8) subseries (see attached folder listing), each chronological by year; XI--Elections (1808-1883)--subdivided into Poll Books, by ward and year, and returns, chronological by year; XII--City Manager (1936-1966)--subdivided into four (4) subseries (see attached folder list), each chronological by year; XIII--City Engineer (1910-1935)--chronological by year; XIV--City Jail (1956-1957)--Chronological by year; XV--Alexandria redevelopment and Housing Authority (1951-1958)--chronological by year; XVI--Department of Planning and Urban Renewal (1956-1965)--chronological by year; XVII--Various City Officials (1922-1983)--alphabetical by title, then chronological (see attached folder listing); XVIII--Annual Reports (1954-1983)--chronological by year; XIX--Miscellaneous (175?-1932)--alphabetical by title, XX--Personal Property Tax Records (1870-1950-incomplete) chronological by year, XXI--Land Books (1926-1928, 1930-1950), chronological by year.