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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

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### Unit Date

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### Language

English .

### source

McKenney, Ashton N. (Mike), 1921-2005

### Extent

.20 Cubic Feet 1 box

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## Biographical / Historical

Ashton "Mike" McKenney was a long time member of the Alexandria Volunteer Fire Department, starting in 1940. Later in his career, he worked as the historian for the AFD and wrote A History of the Relief Truck and Engine Company No. 1 of the Alexandria Fire Department (1788-1958). He retired in 1972 from the Dulles International Airport Fire Department, and moved to Colonial Beach where he was a charter member of the Colonial Yacht Club before his death in 2005.

## Scope and Contents

This collection contains several photos arranged by subject, some original and some copy prints. There are photos of ships, various Alexandria streets, people, and the Alexandria waterfront.

## Keywords

Photographs.

Alexandria (Va.) -- History

Old Town (Alexandria, Va.)

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## Description of Subordinate Components

### **Tubby Sisson's Fish Wagon**

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Photos in folder:

1 Copy photo of Tubby Sisson driving his horse-drawn fish waggon down an Alexandria street.

### **Blizzard of 1899**

**Unit Date** 1899

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Photos in folder:

2 Copy photo of people standing in the snow at the 400 block of King Street, in front of Arnold Bros. 3 Copy photo of a man running across the snow-covered roads at King and Fairfax Streets near the Ramsay House. 4 Copy photo of a train engine parked in the snow on North Fayette Street.

### **Aerial Views**

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Photos in folder:

5 Aerial photo of the Masonic temple and surrounding neighborhood. 6 Aerial photo of "Station C" on the Potomac River, which is now NRG's Potomac River Generating Station. The corner of Bashford and Royal Streets can be seen on the left.

## **Bands**

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

Photos in folder:

7 Copy photo of the Alexandria Light Infantry Drum and Bugle Corps. "Mr. Mansfield" is in front row, holding a drum. Photo taken in front of Armory Hall on S. Royal Street. 8 Copy photo of the Alexandria Light Infantry Drum and Bugle Corps. "Mr. Mansfield" is in front row, holding a drum. Photo taken in front of Armory Hall on S. Royal Street. 9 Copy photo of the Alexandria Light Infantry Drum and Bugle Corps with "Mr. Mansfield" standing third from right. Photo taken at the old band stand in Alexandria National Cemetery. 10 Copy photo of the Alexandria Light Infantry Drum and Bugle Corps with "Mr. Mansfield" standing third from right. Photo taken at the old band stand in Alexandria National Cemetery.

## **Civil War**

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

Photos in folder:

11 Copy photo soldiers in front of the slave pen of Price, Birch, and Co. at 1315 Duke Street around 1863. 12 Copy photo of soldiers on horses in front of the Mansion House on the 100 block of N. Fairfax Street around 1863.

## **Express Spark Plug Factory**

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

Photos in folder:

13 Copy photo of people working in the Express Spark Plug Factory. The glass negative has been digitized and lives at the Library of Congress. 14 Copy photo of people working in the Express Spark Plug Factory. The glass negative has been digitized and lives at the Library of Congress. 15 Copy photo of people working in the Express Spark Plug Factory. The glass negative has been digitized and lives at the Library of Congress.

## **Jones Point Lighthouse**

**Unit Date** 1905-1915

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

Photos in folder:

16 Photo of the Jones Point Lighthouse.

## **King Street Flood**

**Unit Date** 1915

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

Photos in folder:

17 Photo of flooding on King Street in Alexandria.

## **Mount Vernon Group Photo**

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

Photos in folder:

Photos in folder:

18 Photo of an unknown group of people in front of Washington's Mount Vernon.

### **Parade-Fire Equipment**

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Photos in folder:

19 Photo of a fire pump going by in a parade. 20 Photo of a fire pump going by in a parade. 21 Fire fighters, including Billy Bontz and Sid Douglas, manning the Alexandria Fire Department Co. No. 5 steamer, as it pumps at the corner of King and Union Streets during the Smoot Fire of 1912.

### **People**

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Photos in folder:

22 Photograph of a car full of men with top hats going by in a parade. 23 Copy photo of an unknown man in a conductor's hat, sitting down. 24 John Curtin standing in front of the Alexandria Iron Works building on S. Royal and Wilkes Streets.

### **Prince Street Dock**

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Photos in folder:

24A Copy photo of Prince Street Dock after a snow storm.

### **Ships**

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Photos in folder:

25 Photo of a sidewheeler ship called the Mayflower, docked in Alexandria. 26 Photo of the S. S. Northland of the Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Co. 27 Photo of a small boat at a dock on Alexandria's waterfront. 28 Photo of two boats parked in the Alexandria waterfront. 29 Photo of a sidewheeler ship called the Mayflower. 30 Photo of a steamship called Potomac.

### **Snowstorm of 1922**

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 14 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Photos in folder:

31 Photo of kids playing on the sidewalk of the 100 block of S. Royal Street after the snow storm of 1922. 32 Photo of the 100 block of N. Royal Street after the snow storm of 1922. 33 Photo of people standing on the 400 block of King Street after the snow storm of 1922.

### **Streets**

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 15 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Photos in folder:

34 A family standing outside of Priest Grocery Store in Old Town Alexandria. 35 Northwest corner of King and Washington in Old Town Alexandria. One of the buildings is the Bar-b-q Chilli Parlor. 36 Reproduction photo of the Creighton House Keepers Emporium at the corner of King and Royal Streets. 37 Reproduction photo of the Creighton Druggists store in Old Town Alexandria. 38 Reproduction photo of two men standing outside the J. E. McKenney Oyster House near McKenzie's Wharf. 39 Reproduction photo of the 600 block of Cameron Street, looking west toward Christ Church.

## **Transportation**

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 16 (folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

Photos in folder:

40 Reproduction photo of 9 A. B. and W. buses parked in a lot.

## **Waterfront**

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 17 (folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

Photos in folder:

41 Reproduction photo of the 200 block of Strand Street after a snow storm. 42 Reproduction photo of a ferry steamer in Alexandria, taken from a 1911 edition of the Alexandria Gazette. 43 Reproduction photo of boats in the water, with the Alexandria waterfront in the background, King street on the left and Cameron Street behind the F. A. Reed and Co. Ice building. 44 Reproduction photo of a City of Alexandria ferry boat in Agnew Shipyard. 45 The Prince Street Dock after a snowstorm. 46 Reproduction photo of the Alexandria Motor Boat Clup on the waterfront. 47 Photo of the back of the Alexandria Motor Boat Clubhouse that was between Duke and Wolfe Streets. 48 Reproduction photo of the charter members of the Alexandria Motorboat Club. From top left to bottom right: Frank Kast, Maurice McKenney, Steve Gill, Noel Garner, Douglas Ramsey, George Brawner, Walter Yarney, George Ayers, and Phil Brawner.

## **Colored Quarters**

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 18 (folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

Photos in folder:

49 Page from a magazine or book, featuring a photo of the "coloured quarters" in Alexandria.