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There are no restrictions.

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Historical Information

Arlington Hall was an operating junior college and high school from 1927 to 1942. It suffered financial problems in the 1930s, and finally became a non profit institution in 1940. In 1942 the facility faced condemnation and was taken over by the Secretary of War under the Second War Powers Act. Deemed essential for the war effort, the school became the headquarters of the Army Signal Corps, later the Intelligence and Security Command; at this time it became known as Arlington Hall Station. Important work in cryptography, including the breaking of enemy codes, was done there during World War II. Following the creation of the Defense Intelligence Agency in 1961, a major center of that agency was housed there.

In 1986, the Department of State began a study of Arlington Hall as a site for their Foreign Service training. The National Guard Bureau also assessed the site for a center in 1988. These projects have been realized. Today both the National Foreign Affairs Training Center and the Army National Guard Readiness Center operate out of Arlington Hall. Other items in the collection show the significant interest in the Arlington Hall property by the surrounding community, including a campaign to limit government expansion on the site, and return the property to Arlington.

Scope and Content

The Arlington Hall Record Group covers the history of the Arlington Hall Junior College, with materials published between 1928 and 1993. Most of the materials came from alumnae and are in the form of yearbooks, newsletters, college catalogs, scrapbooks, photographs, and assorted ephemera, reflecting the use of Arlington Hall as a college. The rest of the material has been gathered from various sources over time, and reflects later uses of the property. The collection currently measures about 12 linear feet.

This collection is active. We will continue to add material about the college obtained through the Alumnae Association or other sources, and will also include information on current and future use of the property.

Index Terms

Subjects:

Arlington Hall Station (Va.)

Junior colleges.

High schools

Arlington (Va.)

Arlington County (Va.)

Arrangement

Record Group 3 is arranged in seven subgroups. The first three of these contain materials from the original college, including yearbooks, school publications and a student scrapbook. Programs and copies of "The Yarn" from 1938 and 1939 were found in a donated 1939 yearbook. *Subgroup 4* holds alumnae materials gathered over the years, some arranged in notebooks, and alumnae bulletins which contain information on reunions. *Subgroup 5* addresses the broad coverage of special events from 1927 to the present, including the War Department's takeover of the facility. This group also houses some more recent land use reports.

Subgroup 6 contains photographs in three series. The first covers college life. The second shows various military scenes and activities at Arlington Hall Station. The third includes alumnae activities such as reunions and other ceremonial occasions. *Subgroup 7* houses two videotape productions. The first is a history of Arlington Hall produced by the Army, and the second covers the opening of the State Department's Foreign Affairs Training Center.

There is a large group of photographs in the alumnae scrapbook in *Subgroup 4*. While many of these reflect the history of the school, several document the history of various alumnae families. *Subgroup 6* includes

pictures of school activities and of the buildings and grounds. There are also pictures from the Signal Corps era, scenes of building construction and military activities. Alumnae history in later years is also represented in photos of reunions and other programs involving the new Army and State Department facilities on the property. Almost all the images are black and white. There are no negatives. All the photos fall under Center for Local History photo policies and procedures. The staff can provide details.

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File 6: 1941-1942

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Series 2: Publicity brochures (4), 1930-1939

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Series 3: Magazine, "Arlington Yarn", 1931-1932, 1938, 1939, 1942

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1938, 1939, and 1942 issues are OVERSIZE.

Series 4: Newspapers (scattered, OVERSIZE), 1933-1942

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Series 5: Address books, 1935-1936, 1954

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Subgroup 3: Arlington Hall (Junior College) Ephemera

Series 1: Scrapbook, student, 1941-1942

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Series 2: Miscellaneous; forms, logo, letterhead, envelopes, school song, 2 poems, 1927-1942

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Scrapbook cover housed separately, OVERSIZE.

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File 3: VENONA Historical Monograph #3: The 1944-1945 New York-Moscow KGB Messages, National Security Agency, n.d.

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Subgroup 6: Arlington Hall Photographs

Series 1: Junior College

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R03-0002: Art class

R03-0003: Biology class, students at microscopes

R03-0004: Cooking class

R03-0005: Costume party

R03-0006: Dance party

R03-0007: Golf game

R03-0008: Garden party

R03-0009: Harpist from brochure

R03-0010: Horse jumping (two sizes, one in OVERSIZE box)

R03-0011: Lacrosse game

R03-0012: Mimeograph operators

R03-0013: Pageant, outdoor, audience seated in foreground

R03-0014: Parade, equestrian formation

R03-0015: Physical education class

R03-0016: Rifle team

R03-0017: Riders, champion horse

R03-0018: Sewing class

R03-0019: Student, escort in garden

R03-0020: Students boarding buses

R03-0021: Students canoeing

R03-0022: Students, dormitory room

R03-0023: Swim team (names on back of print)

R03-0024: Tea party

R03-0025: Tennis foursome

R03-0026: Typing class

R03-0109: Queen and throne (OVERSIZE)

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R03-0027: Archery team, exterior

R03-0028: Teachers: Carrie Sutherland and Frances Jennings, exterior

R03-0029: Students and fireplace

R03-0030: Formal gowns, bouquets, exterior

R03-0031: Formal gowns, interior stairway

R03-0032: Figures, seated, front steps

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R03-0029: Students, Tidal Basin, cherry blossom time

R03-0111: Student, unidentified found in 1940 Spinning Wheel belonging to Bliss Brown

R03-0108: Riders, horses in front drive, two cars in background (OVERSIZE)

File 3: Interiors (4 prints)

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R03-0040: Coat of arms, school 1927

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R03-0042: Parlor

R03-0043: Sitting Room

File 4: Exteriors (14 prints)

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R03-0044: Campus, rear view, from yearbook

R03-0045: Catterbox Tea House (color)

R03-0046: Foot bridge in woods

R03-0047: Garden arbor

R03-0048: Garden fountain

R03-0049: Garden walk, flagstone

R03-0050: GArden walk, flower-lined, stone bench

R03-0051: Garden walk looking toward entrance door and standing figures

R03-0052: Main building and lily pond

R03-0053: Main building end, foreground shrubs blooming

R03-0054: Main entrance, from yearbook

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R03-0056: Roadway, campus

R03-0107: Main building, entrance drive, pond (panorama) (OVERSIZE)

Series 2: Military Station

File 1: Military Construction (10 prints)

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R03-0057: Bulldozer, construction in background

R03-0058: Excavation, foundations and frames, new buildings

R03-0059: Excavation, power shovel and dump truck

R03-0060: Excavation, power shovel

R03-0061: Field kitchen for workers

R03-0062: Foundation, new construction

R03-0063: Framing installation, dump truck left center

R03-0064: Roofing new building, construction braces

R03-0065: Buildings, temporary work

R03-0066: Warehouses, open fronts

File 2: Activities (16 prints)

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R03-0067: Print shop, casting type, metal ingots and waste in background

R03-0068: Chow line

R03-0069: Laboratory, photographic (?), light box in table

R03-0070: Office, card files and maps in the rear, in foreground a typewriter and woman with letter file

R03-0071: Office, large room, workers at tables, card files right center, three women front row

R03-0072: Office, military personnel mostly, sign in rear: "Stop. Don't go until 4:30"

R03-0073: Office, personnel at desks, war bond poster, map of Japan on wall

R03-0074: Office, workers, posters: War Bonds, Armed Forces Radio Service

R03-0075: Firehouse crowd at outdoor function

R03-0076: Paper shear, operator

R03-0077: Print shop, press, operators

R03-0078: Print shop, collators, staplers, operators

R03-0079: Training class, maps on easel and wall

R03-0080: VIP arrival (unidentified)

R03-0081: Warehouse, workers with mail bags (?)

R03-0082: Work area with printers, fan-fold paper

File 3: Interiors (3 prints)

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R03-0083: Barracks, potbellied stoves

R03-0084: Post exchange, toiletries with artificial flowers

R03-0085: Soda fountain and short order counter, juke box

File 4: Exteriors (13 prints)

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R03-0086: Building, unidentified, row of pine trees center

R03-0087: Building, unidentified, "screen porch" right center

R03-0088: Building, unidentified, window boxes

R03-0089: Bus stop, sign: 15th and K Street Line

R03-0090: Commander's house, front view

R03-0091: Commander's house, rear three-quarter view

R03-0092: Firehouse, 2 fire trucks out front

R03-0093: Operations Building A, completed 1942

R03-0094: Operations Building B, completed 1943

R03-0095: School building, Arlington Hall, rear corner (?)

R03-0096: School building, Arlington Hall, front with flag and statue of soldier (color)

R03-0097: Warehouse, truck and loading platform

R03-0110: School building, Arlington Hall, main entrance with cannon (OVERSIZE)

Series 3: Alumnae Activities

File 1: Reunions, activities with Army and State Department

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R03-0098: Award ceremony and picnic, INSCOM, alumnae group (10 people) (U.S. Army photo by SP4 Schroder), 1988

R03-0099: Award ceremony and picnic, INSCOM, alumnae, family members, woman in wheel chair (U.S. Army photo by T. Gardner, Sr.), 1988

R03-0100: Award ceremony and picnic, INSCOM, Major General Soyster and alumnae, snap shooter at right (U.S. Army photo by SSG Bills)

R03-0101: Award ceremony and picnic, INSCOM, 7 alumnae and 2 Army people (U.S. Army photo by T. Gardner, Sr.), 1988

R03-0102: Award ceremony and picnic, INSCOM, MG Soyster and alumnae group with family members (U.S. Army photo by SP4 Schroder), 1988

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R03-0104: Reunion, alumnae, with Lawrence Taylor, Director, Foreign Affairs Training Center, 1994

R03-0105: Army Farewell to Arlington Hall, time capsule, MG Soyster and alumnae, 1988

R03-0106: Army Farewell to Arlington Hall, time capsule, MG Soyster and alumnae viewing certificate, 1988

Subgroup 7: Videotape Productions

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Series 2: National Foreign Affairs Training Center Inauguration, 1993

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