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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The collection contains the papers of Carter Perkins, Jr., a student at Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College (now Virginia Tech) in the 1890s and resident of Newport News, Virginia. The collection also contains university catalog of 1894-1895, school annuals (*The Bugle*) of 1895 and 1898, photographs, and fundraising literature for the construction of War Memorial Hall. The collection also includes two business account books, probably used by Perkins for bookkeeping coursework.

Creator

Perkins, Carter, Jr., 1862-1935

Extent

0.5 Cubic Feet 1 box

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Processing Information

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Biographical Note

Carter Perkins, Jr., was born in Virginia on August 12, 1861. The son of Carter and Mary M. Graves Perkins, he was living with his parents in Charles City County, Virginia, in 1870. By 1880, the family had moved to New Kent County, and Perkins is described there as a 17-year-old sawyer, probably working for his father, whose occupation is listed as "sawmill man." In addition to his other activities, the elder Perkins apparently worked as a dentist and had business and banking interests.

Carter Perkins, Jr., of Newport News is listed as a special student in both the 1892/1893 and 1893/1894 catalogs of the Virginia Agricultural & Mechanical College (now Virginia Tech). The 1894/1895 catalog lists him as a sophomore.

By 1900, Perkins was living in Newport News with the family of his sister, Mary M. Lett, and her husband, attorney Ralph M. Lett. At the time, Perkins was employed as a clerk at a furniture company. Perkins seems to have remained a bachelor and continued to live with his sister's family. In the 1920 census, he was described as a self-employed salesman but had retired by 1930. Carter Perkins, Jr., died on December 8, 1935.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains the papers of Carter Perkins, Jr., a student at Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College (now Virginia Tech) during the 1890s and a resident of Newport News, Virginia. The collection consists largely of memorabilia relating to Perkins's college years, including the 1894/1895 VAMC catalog, copies of the 1895 and 1898 editions of the school's annual (*The Bugle*), and a few photographs of campus scenes. A file devoted to the university's War Memorial Hall includes fundraising literature as well as building plans and the building dedication.

The collection also includes a business journal and a daybook, both bearing Perkins's name. The books both contain business transaction entries, and the daybook describes the establishment of the Auburn Bank at Blacksburg in 1894. Rather than detailing actual business transactions, the books were likely used by Perkins for class assignments in bookkeeping. The daybook, for example, includes several pages that are headed "Albany," which contain accounting entries copied verbatim from *The New Bryant and Stratton Common School Book-keeping* (New York: Ivison, Blakeman, Taylor, 1878). A copy of the November 1904 issue of *The Burr McIntosh Monthly* completes the collection. The small-format magazine is devoted to photographs of scenery and celebrities of the day.

Keywords

Students and alumni

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Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College (1872-1896)

Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute (1896-1944)

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged by document type.

Description of Subordinate Components

War Memorial Hall

Unit Date 1923-1926

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Catalogue of the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College

Unit Date 1895

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

The Bugle

Unit Date 1895

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

The Bugle

Unit Date 1898

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Photographs

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Football Game in Blacksburg

Unit Date ca. 1894

Group Shoveling Deep Snow, with Rail Fence in Foreground

Unit Date ca. 1895

Cadet Battalion Formation at Barracks

Unit Date ca. 1895

Cadet Formation

Unit Date ca. 1895

Business Daybook

Unit Date 1893-1895

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Business Journal

Unit Date 1893-1895

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

The Burr McIntosh Monthly

Unit Date 1904

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)