

# Newman, Carol M., Papers

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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

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### Unit Date

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### Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

### Abstract

The papers of Carol M. Newman, professor of English at Virginia Tech (1903-1941) and secretary of the university's athletic council (1914-1939), include correspondence, awards and honors, Athletic Council files, speeches and essays, examination questions, and subject files on Virginia Tech, language and literature.

### Creator

Newman, Carol M. (Carol Montgomery), 1879-1941

### Extent

0.7 Cubic Feet 1 box; 1 oversize folder

### Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

# Administrative Information

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## Source of Acquisition

The Carol M. Newman Papers were donated to Special Collections in 1978, 1982, and 1984. The European travel diary was donated to Special Collections in 1988 as part of the Carol M. Newman Jr. Papers, Ms1973-004, and was moved to this collection during processing in 2012.

## Processing Information

The processing, arrangement, and description of the Carol M. Newman Papers commenced and was completed in June, 2012.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: [identification of item], [box], [folder], Carol M. Newman Papers, Ms1978-003, Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Va.

# Biographical Note

Carol Montgomery Newman, son of Thomas J. and Alda Roper Newman, was born in Wytheville, Virginia on October 29, 1879. At the age of five, Montgomery moved with his family to Bristol, Virginia. After graduating from Bristol's King College in 1897, Newman worked for a year in the local office of the Norfolk & Western Railway, then entered the University of Virginia. There, he became an instructor in English and obtained his master's degree in 1901. Newman married Caroline "Carrie" Fain (1880-1960) in 1902; the couple would have four children. That same year, Newman became an instructor of languages at St. Albans School in Radford, Virginia. He returned to the University of Virginia as an instructor in English literature and obtained his Ph.D. in 1903. That same year, Newman joined the faculty of Virginia Polytechnic Institute as an associate professor of English. In 1907, he was named professor of rhetoric and in 1915, dean of the academic department. Newman was very active in the school's extracurricular activities, serving as secretary of the athletic council from 1914 to 1939, chair of the college social committee and the YMCA advisory board, and as a member of the library committee; he was also a frequent speaker at university and local events. Carol M. Newman died in Blacksburg, Virginia on September 8, 1941, and was buried in the town's Westview Cemetery.

# Scope and Content

This collection contains the papers of Virginia Tech English Professor Carol M. Newman. Within the papers are correspondence, honors and awards, Athletic Association files, speeches and essays, examination questions, and subject files on Virginia Tech, language and literature. Much of the correspondence consists of letters of recommendation written for Newman while seeking a position in Virginia Tech's Department of English. Other letters are from friends, including Albert Jay Nock; and university colleagues and officials, including John M. McBryde, Paul Barringer, and Julian Burruss, Paul Derring and Sally Miles. Several items relate to a donation of books from the estate of George William Walker. Among the correspondence are a few letters addressed to Caroline Newman. Also relating to Virginia Tech are files maintained by Newman as secretary of the university's Athletic Council, as well as a file of general university-related materials, including newspaper clippings, drafts of public addresses, and a roster of university staff from 1872 to 1919. The collection also contains a diary maintained by Newman during a trip to Europe in 1906, a collection of Newman's honors (including the dedication of the 1917 *Bugle* and of Carol M. Newman Library), and drafts of essays and speeches written by Newman, some intended for a radio audience. Newman's teaching activities are represented in a collection of exam questions compiled by him, as well as reading lists and files relating to language, grammar, literature, and writers.

# Separated Materials

The following item was removed from the collection to be cataloged for the Rare Book Collection:

*A Year With Va. Tech's Y.M.C.A.* [Blacksburg, VA: YMCA at Virginia Tech], 1942. (LD5655.V82 Y6 1942 Spec VPI)

## Related Archival Materials

Virginia Tech Special Collections and University Archives also maintains the papers of Carol M. Newman's sons in the Carol M. Newman Jr. Papers, Ms1978-004, and J. Preston Newman Papers, Ms1982-016.

## Keywords

Faculty and staff

University History

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

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged by material type.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Correspondence

**Unit Date** 1903-1958

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

### European Travel Diary

**Unit Date** 1906

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

### Awards and Honors

**Unit Date** 1916-1956, n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

### Essays and Speeches

**Unit Date** 1927-1940

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

### Essays and Speeches

**Unit Date** n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Physical Characteristics** [2 folders]

**Athletic Council****Unit Date** 1923-1930**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Athletic Council****Unit Date** 1931-1933, n.d.**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Virginia Tech****Unit Date** 1919-1922, n.d.**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 8 (folder)**Exam Questions****Unit Date** 1919-1933**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 9 (folder)**Exam Questions****Unit Date** 1934-1941, n.d.**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 10 (folder)**Language and Grammar****Unit Date** 1908-1936, n.d.**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 11 (folder)**Literature, Poetry, and Writers****Unit Date** 1925-1931, n.d.**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 12 (folder)**Reading Lists****Unit Date** 1930-1940, n.d.**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 13 (folder)**Oversize Materials****Unit Date** 1897-1927**oversize** 1 (folder)**King's College Diploma****Unit Date** 1897**Raven Society Certificate****Unit Date** 1927