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Descriptive Summary

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The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

This collection consists of papers--including correspondence, schoolwork, diplomas, diaries, photographs, and printed materials--of Louis O'Shaughnessy, professor of mathematics at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (VPI); his wife Ida Surface O'Shaughnessy; their daughter, VPI mathematics instructor Betty O'Shaughnessy Bock; and the Surface family (parents and siblings of Ida Surface O'Shaughnessy).

Creator

O'Shaughnessy, Louis

Creator

O'Shaughnessy, Mary Elizabeth, 1917-

Extent

5.2 Cubic Feet 11 boxes; 2 oversize folders

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Biographical Note

Louis O'Shaughnessy was born in South Solon, Ohio, in 1877. After a year of study at Valparaiso University, O'Shaughnessy matriculated at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and graduated in 1903; the following year, he earned a graduate degree in civil engineering at VPI and taught at the university for two years. O'Shaughnessy obtained a master's degree in mathematics from Ohio State University (1907) and a doctorate degree in mathematics from the University of Pennsylvania (1911), where he served on the faculty.

In 1905, O'Shaughnessy married Ida Louise Surface (1885-1973), a native of Montgomery County, Virginia and daughter of Rev. Floyd Daniel and Elizabeth (Betty) Childress Surface. The O'Shaughnessys would have one daughter, Mary Elizabeth (Later known as Betty Louis).

In 1918, O'Shaughnessy returned to VPI as a professor of applied mechanics. The family lived near campus at what is today (2020) 206 Turner Street and home to the Alpha Phi chapter of Beta Theta Pi. He served as acting dean of engineering during the 1927/1928 year; as head of civil engineering for 17 years; and as director of graduate studies from 1936 to 1954. In addition to his teaching and departmental administrative duties, O'Shaughnessy served on the university's athletic council and was a member of Phi Kappa Phi academic honor society, Tau Beta Pi (engineering honor society), Chi Epsilon (civil engineering society), and Omicron Delta Kappa (leadership honor society). Louis O'Shaughnessy retired in 1954 and died on February 17, 1958.

Betty Louis (née Mary Elizabeth) O'Shaughnessy was born to parents Louis and Ida Surface O'Shaughnessy

in Philadelphia in March, 1917. The following year, she moved with her parents to Blacksburg, Virginia. She graduated early from Blacksburg High School and is listed as a freshman biology major in the 1932-1933 list of VPI students. By her junior year, O'Shaughnessy had switched majors to general science. She graduated with honors from VPI in 1936, and is listed as a graduate student in 1936/1937 but seems not to have completed her graduate studies. In 1942, she joined the VPI faculty as a mathematics instructor, teaching courses in algebra, calculus, trigonometry, and analytic geometry. In December, 1944, she married Arthur E. Bock (1916-1989), who had earned his master's degree in engineering at VPI in 1940. The Bocks moved to Annapolis, where Arthur Bock was employed as an engineering instructor at the U. S. Naval Academy. Betty Louis Bock died in 1989.

Scope and Content

This collection contains the papers of Louis O'Shaughnessy, a long-time professor of mathematics at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; his wife Ida Surface O'Shaughnessy; their daughter Betty O'Shaughnessy Bock, a VPI mathematics instructor; and the Surface family, parents and siblings of Ida Surface O'Shaughnessy. The collection includes correspondence, schoolwork, diaries, photographs, and printed materials.

Series I: Louis and Ida Surface O'Shaughnessy Papers, 1886-1965. This collection contains both personal and professional papers of Louis O'Shaughnessy and personal and financial papers of Ida Surface O'Shaughnessy. Included in Louis O'Shaughnessy's papers are a few pieces of personal correspondence, written to various family members and relating personal news. Among these are two postcards, both postmarked in 1906: one shows children sledding down a street in Christiansburg, Virginia; the other is an illustrated postcard listing the wins and losses of the VPI football team that year. Also among O'Shaughnessy's personal papers are examples from his years as a student, including his VPI diplomas, schoolwork, graded exams, and grade reports, as well as an account book he maintained while a student at VPI. The notepad provides an account of every expenditure made by O'Shaughnessy during his sophomore, junior, and senior years. The series also includes a file of material on the Coming Men of America, a junior secret society to which O'Shaughnessy belonged. Among the few materials in the series relating to O'Shaughnessy's professional career is a folder of VPI announcements and forms, including--among other items--a 1943 University Club financial statement, a circular letter sent to freshmen regarding the honor system, and two registers of students (1932 and 1945) that include the religious affiliation of each.

From Ida Surface O'Shaughnessy, the series includes several pieces of correspondence, including a number of get-well cards received. The series also contains some of Ida O'Shaughnessy's personal financial records from the years following her husband's death.

Also included are collections of invoices and receipts, advertising ephemera, and printed material. Among the latter are two postcards relating to the 1905 VPI football team, a postcard from Hemlock Haven (Marion, Virginia); a 1957 holiday program from De Jarnette State Sanatorium (Staunton, Virginia), and a flyer for an appearance by psychic Madam Orva at Roanoke Theatre

Series II: Betty O'Shaughnessy Bock Papers, 1887-1958. This series contains both personal and professional papers of Betty O'Shaughnessy Bock, who served as an instructor of mathematics at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in the 1940s. The series includes a large collection of Bock's letters to her parents. A frequent correspondent, she writes chatty letters of her social activities, home life, and travel. The majority of the letters are written from the Bocks' home in Annapolis, Maryland, during the 1940s and 1950s. The series also contains three diaries, written while Betty O'Shaughnessy Bock was a student at Blacksburg High School. The diary entries revolve almost entirely around the many boys that she liked and little else. Also among her personal papers is a collection of ephemera including mementos from VPI dances, the text of a speech that O'Shaughnessy delivered in 1936 to urge the inclusion of women students in the VPI annual, and printed materials. A large portion of the series is devoted to Betty Bock's schoolwork, particularly at VPI, and includes class notes, essays, and exams. From Bock's years as a mathematics instructor at VPI, the series includes her course plans, exam questions, a selection of students' graded exam books, and grade reports.

Series III: Surface Family Papers, 1857-1933. This series includes papers of the parents of Ida Surface O'Shaughnessy. From F. D. Surface, father of Ida, the collection includes two notebooks, devoted almost entirely to Bible study notes. The series includes two letters written by Betty Surface (one co-written with her husband), touching on local news from Blacksburg, one mentioning the campus death of Stockton Heth Jr. at the hands of Charles Vawter. Accompanying these is a letter from Vawter's father, asking for Betty Surface's prayers for his son. Included also in this series are papers of Fanny and George Thomas Surface, siblings of Ida Surface O'Shaughnessy. Among these are a number of letters from George Surface. Several of these consist only of fragments, as they were seemingly retained only as scrap paper that F. D. Surface used for notes. The series also includes George Surface's student notebooks and the Surface family Bible, published in 1857 and purchased in Christiansburg in 1863.

Series IV: Photographs and Negatives, 1887-1950. The images in this series include both studio portraits and informal snapshots--most unidentified-- of the O'Shaughnessy and Surface families and their friends. The

collection contains several images from Betty O'Shaughnessy Bock's wedding. Also within the collection are a number of photos of various buildings, including the O'Shaughnessy home at 206 Turner Street, Blacksburg (today the home of the Alpha Phi chapter of Beta Theta Pi) and Southside Community Hospital in Farmville, Virginia. Several local and regional photographic studios are represented in the collection: Twin City, Bristol; W. H. Richards, Christiansburg; Jewell's, Christiansburg; Olinger, Blacksburg.

Series V: Mementos and Personal Effects and Artifacts, n.d. This series includes a few textiles, origin unknown, though they likely belonged to Betty O'Shaughnessy Bock. Among these items are an infant's dress, and some women's dress gloves. The series also includes some cosmetics compacts and a miniature bar of soap from the Hotel Roanoke.

Separated Materials

The following items were removed from the collection to be cataloged for the rare book collection:

Andrews, E. A. *Selections from the Metamorphoses and Heroides of Ovid*. Boston: Crocker and Brewster, 1869. (Includes inscription: "F. D. Surface, Preston & Olin Inst. Blacksburg Va. Feby. 6, 1871" on first free end paper.)

Burpee Bulbs for Fall Planting, 1949. [Clinton, IA: W. Atlee Burpee Co.], 1949.

Foster, R. S. *Objections to Calvinism As It Is in a Series of Letters Addressed to Rev. N. L. Rice, D. D.* Cincinnati: Hitchcock and Walden, 1849. (Includes inscription "F. D. Surface, Auburn, Montgomery Co. Va." on first free end paper.)

Griffis, William Elliot. *Corea, Without and Within*. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication, 1885.

Gudheim, H. *Differential Equations for Engineers*. 3rd ed. Ann Arbor, MI: Edwards Brothers, 1928.

Kuhner, Raphael. *Grammar of the Greek Language, for the Use of High Schools and Colleges* Boston: B. B. Mussey, 1849.

Laboratory Manual (Virginia Polytechnic Institute Sophomore Physics Laboratory). 3rd rev. Ann Arbor, MI: Edwards Brothers, n.d.

Lucas, J. B. and J. A. Addlestone. *Laboratory Outline of Introductory Qualitative Analysis*. rev. Ann Arbor, MI: Edwards Brothers, n.d.

Robeson, F. L. *Notes on Physics*. Ann Arbor, MI: Edwards Brothers, 1932-1934. [in 3 parts]

Robeson, F. L. *Notes on Physics*, pt. 3. Ann Arbor, MI: Edwards Brothers, 1935.

Stevens, Wm. Bacon. *The Parables of the New Testament Practically Unfolded*. Philadelphia: Bradley, 1887. (Includes the inscription "J. T. Olinger, Montgomery County Va" on first free end paper.)

Surface, George Thomas. *The Story of Sugar*. New York: D. Appleton, 1910.

Tigert, Jno. J. *The Doctrines and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South* Nashville, TN: M. E. Church, South, 1894.

Woman's Institute of Domestic Arts and Sciences. *Ribbon Trimmings: Instruction Paper with Examination Questions*. pt. 4. Scranton, PA: The Institute, 1920.

Carefree Washing: the Frigidaire Way! Dayton, OH, 1948.

"Housewares Harvest." Roanoke, VA: Pugh's, n.d.

Also separated from the collection was the VPI cadet uniform of Louis O'Shaughnessy, transferred to the collections of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets (VTCC) Museum.

Related Archival Materials

See also the Louis O'Shaughnessy Letters, 1903-1905, Ms1993-010, at Virginia Tech Special Collections and University Archives.

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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 O'Shaughnessy Family Papers are arranged in the following series:

Series I: Louis and Ida Surface O'Shaughnessy Papers, 1886-1965. Series II: Betty O'Shaughnessy Bock Papers, 1887-1958. Series III: Surface Family Papers, 1857-1933. Series IV: Photographs and Negatives, 1887-1950. Series V: Mementos and Personal Effects, n.d.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I. Louis and Ida Surface O'Shaughnessy Papers

Unit Date 1886-1965

Louis O'Shaughnessy

Unit Date 1886-1954

Outgoing correspondence

Unit Date 1907-1945, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Incoming correspondence

Unit Date 1896-1954, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Extent [2 folders]

Get well cards

Unit Date 1956

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Guardianship of John M. Lucas

Unit Date 1886-1890, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Schoolwork

Unit Date 1890-1896

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Extent [2 folders]

Exams**Unit Date** 1899**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Grade reports****Unit Date** 1900-1903**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Account book and checkbook****Unit Date** 1900-1906**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 8 (folder)**Coming Men of America****Unit Date** 1896-1899, n.d.**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 9 (folder)**Teacher's certificates****Unit Date** 1895**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 10 (folder)**VPI reports and forms****Unit Date** 1923-1945, n.d.**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 11 (folder)**VPI printed material****Unit Date** 1894-1949, n.d.**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 12 (folder)**Maury Literary Society program****Unit Date** 1894**Executive Bulletin****Unit Date** 1931**Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute commencement program****Unit Date** 1935**Extent** [2 copies]**Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute commencement program****Unit Date** 1937**"Virginia Tech Follies" program****Unit Date** 1937

Invitation and program for inauguration of VPI President Walter Stephenson Newman

Unit Date 1949

"Feeding the Trees on the Lawn" by A. G. Smith Jr. and A. S. Beecher (Virginia Agricultural Extension Service)

Unit Date n.d.

Ida Surface O'Shaughnessy

Unit Date 1917-1965

Correspondence

Unit Date 1917-1964, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Extent [2 folders]

Get well cards

Unit Date 1947

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Extent [2 folders]

Christmas greeting cards

Unit Date 1958, n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Bank statements

Unit Date 1959-1965

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Wig purchases

Unit Date 1946-1953, n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Notes and ephemera

Unit Date 1917-1956, n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Letters of congratulations on Betty O'Shaughnessy's birth

Unit Date 1917

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Invoices and receipts

Unit Date 1936-1965, n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Extent [4 folders]

Personal financial records

Unit Date 1906-1959, n.d.

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Commercial advertising ephemera

Unit Date 1948-1956, n.d.

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Extent [2 folders]

Printed materials

Unit Date 1896-1958, n.d.

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Notes and ephemera

Unit Date 1924-1956, n.d.

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Series II. Betty O'Shaughnessy Bock Papers

Unit Date 1887-1958

Subseries I. Personal / Student Papers

Unit Date 1887-1958

Letters to parents

Unit Date 1936-1945

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 5-10 (folder)

Letters to parents

Unit Date 1951-1961

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 1-7 (folder)

Letters to parents

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Extent [2 folders]

Incoming correspondence

Unit Date 1933-1953, n.d.

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Extent [2 folders]

Diaries**Unit Date** 1931, n.d.**box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Extent** [2 folders]**Ephemera****Unit Date** 1935-1955, n.d.**box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**McCall's dress pattern (8514)****Unit Date** 1951**box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**McCall's printed pattern with transfer (1494)****Unit Date** 1949**box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Printed materials****Unit Date** 1912-1955, n.d.**box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Extent** [4 folders]**Arcadian Nitrate of Soda: Handbook for Growers. Hopewell, VA: The Barrett Co.****Unit Date** 1933**Books in Mathematics (Ginn and Company)****Unit Date** n.d.**Building with Books [catalog]. Nashville, TN: Methodist Publishing House****Unit Date** 1940**Culbertson, Ely. About Bridge: The Best in Bidding and Play. S.I.: Liggett and Myers Tobacco Co.****Unit Date** 1934**Daily Highroad (Virginia Conference Youth Assemblies)****Unit Date** 1940**Daniel Low's [catalog]. Salem, MA: Daniel Low and Co.****Unit Date** 1943**Diamonds: Their Purchase and Care. Los Angeles, CA: American Gem Society****Unit Date** 1938**Good Housekeeping Bureau. How to Count Calories When Planning Meals. New York, NY:**

Hearst Magazines

Unit Date 1943

Good Housekeeping Bureau. An Improved 9-Day Reducing Diet. [S.I.: sn.]

Unit Date n.d.

Good Housekeeping Bureau. A Quiz on Meal Planning for Health. [S.I.: Hearst Magazines]

Unit Date 1942

Good Housekeeping Fashions. Full Figure Fashions. New York: Hearst Magazines

Unit Date 1940

Good Housekeeping Institute's Daily Chart for Healthful Meals. New York, NY: Good Housekeeping Institute

Unit Date n.d.

Hafer, Eugene G. The Attorney for the Defense. Chicago: Dramatic Publishing

Unit Date 1924

The Imitation of Christ. Nashville, TN: The Upper Room

Unit Date 1946

Kelly, Thomas R. A Testament of Devotion. Nashville, TN: The Upper Room

Unit Date 1955

Law, William. A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life. Nashville, TN: The Upper Room

Unit Date 1952

Low Calorie Diet (1200 Calories). St. Louis, MO: Ralston Purina

Unit Date 1940

Overweight and Underweight. New York, NY: Metropolitan Life Insurance

Unit Date n.d.

Parrish, Edward. Cal-Par Reducing Plan. New York: Cal-Par Corp.

Unit Date n.d.

Punky Dunk and the Spotted Pup. Chicago: P. F. Volland (for Philadelphia Public Ledger)

Unit Date 1912

Puzzle Numbers Drawing Book. New York: Charles E. Graham

Unit Date ca. 1920

Sampley, Ethelene. A Guide to a Study of Jesus' Teachings Concerning Women. Woman's Division of Christian Service, Board of Missions, The Methodist Church

Unit Date 1954

The Tattle Tale (Blacksburg High School)

Unit Date 1930

Tips on Cleaning Floor Coverings and First Aid Treatment for Rug and Carpet Mishaps.

S.I.: National Institute of Rug Cleaning

Unit Date 1950

Tressler, J. C. Grammar Minimum Essentials: Diagnostic and Practice Tests. Boston: D. C. Heath, 1931

Unit Date 1931

Wedding Embassy yearbook (9th ed.)

Unit Date 1941

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Newspaper clippings

Unit Date 1934-1955, n.d.

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Coed Bugle representation speech

Unit Date [1936]

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Notes and essays

Unit Date 1933, n.d.

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Biology drawings

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Cicero composition

Unit Date ca. 1932

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Cicero translation

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

German science reader notes

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

"In Deutschland" class assignment

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Biophysics class notes**Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 6 (box)**Container** 10 (folder)**Calculus class notes****Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 6 (box)**Container** 11 (folder)**Chemistry class notes****Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 6 (box)**Container** 12 (folder)**Comparative literature class notes****Unit Date** 1936, n.d.**box-folder** 6 (box)**Container** 13 (folder)**Contemporary literature class notes****Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 7 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)**English literature class notes****Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 7 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**History class notes****Unit Date** 1929, n.d.**box-folder** 7 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Organic chemistry class notes****Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 7 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Organic chemistry (advanced) class notes****Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 7 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Quantitative analysis class notes****Unit Date** 1933-1934**box-folder** 7 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)

Secretarial English class notes**Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 7 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Spanish class notes****Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 7 (box)**Container** 8 (folder)**Vocabulary building class notes****Unit Date** 1935-1936, n.d.**box-folder** 7 (box)**Container** 9 (folder)**"Suggestions on Writing Reports and Term Papers" - C. F. De La Barre****Unit Date** 1933**box-folder** 7 (box)**Container** 10 (folder)**Themes, term papers, and book reports****Unit Date** 1933-1936**box-folder** 7 (box)**Container** 11 (folder)**Extent** [2 folders]**Exams****Unit Date** 1928-1941, n.d.**box-folder** 7 (box)**Container** 12 (folder)**Extent** [2 folders]**Exam questions****Unit Date** 1933-1935**box-folder** 8 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Arthur Bock - Kansas State University Hydraulics Laboratory experiment paper****Unit Date** 1937-1938**box-folder** 8 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Subseries II. Professional Papers****Unit Date** 1942-1944**Course plans****Unit Date** ca. 1943**box-folder** 8 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Exam questions**

Unit Date 1942-1944, n.d.

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Graded student exam books (algebra)

Unit Date 1942-1944

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Extent [2 folders]

Graded student exam books (trigonometry and analytical geometry)

Unit Date 1943-1944

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Student grade records

Unit Date 1942-1944

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Virginia Tech forms (blank)

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Series III. Surface Family Papers

Unit Date 1857-1933

F. D. Surface

Unit Date 1883-1891, 1932-1933, n.d.

Correspondence

Unit Date 1923-1933

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Notebook

Unit Date 1883-1891, n.d.

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Bible study notebook

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Bible study notes

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Extent [2 folders]

Betty Surface - correspondence**Unit Date** 1916-1917**box-folder** 8 (box)**Container** 13 (folder)**Fannie Surface - correspondence and shorthand tablet****Unit Date** 1902-1903, n.d.**box-folder** 8 (box)**Container** 14 (folder)**George Thomas Surface****Unit Date** 1897-1916, n.d.**Correspondence****Unit Date** 1903-1916, n.d.**box-folder** 8 (box)**Container** 15 (folder)**Notes on psychology****box-folder** 8 (box)**Container** 16 (folder)**Notes and essays****Unit Date** 1902-1903, n.d.**box-folder** 9 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Obituary and ephemera****Unit Date** 1897, n.d.**box-folder** 9 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Surface Family Bible****Unit Date** 1857**box-folder** 9 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Series IV. Photographs and Negatives****Unit Date** 1887-1950**Photographs****Unit Date** 1887-1950, n.d.**box-folder** 10 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Extent** [8 folders]**Negatives****Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 10 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Extent** [4 folders]

Series IV. Mementos and Personal Effects

Unit Date n.d.

Infant's dress

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 11 (box)

Container 1 (item)

Infant's detachable collar

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 11 (box)

Container 2 (item)

Woman's dress gloves

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 11 (box)

Container 3 (item)

Extent [4 items]

Man's detachable collar

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 11 (box)

Container 4 (item)

Choker

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 11 (box)

Container 5 (item)

Compacts

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 11 (box)

Container 6 (item)

Extent [4 items]

Keychain

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 11 (box)

Container 7 (item)

Hotel Roanoke mini soap bar

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 11 (box)

Container 8 (item)

"Je maintiendrai" button

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 11 (box)

Container 9 (item)

Crepe paper bridal doll

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 11 (box)

Container 10 (item)

Oversize Materials

Plat of land sold by F. D. Surface to Louis O'Shaughnessy (bearings as of 1893)

Unit Date n.d.

oversize 1 (folder)

Photographic portrait of unidentified young woman (probably Betty O'Shaughnessy)

Unit Date n.d.

oversize 1 (folder)

Diploma, Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, VPI

Unit Date 1903-06-17

oversize 2 (folder)

Diploma, Graduate Civil Engineering, VPI

Unit Date 1904-06-15

oversize 2 (folder)