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The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The collection consists of photographs, negatives, and glass plate negatives depicting Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute (VPI), Blacksburg, Montgomery County, and the New River area. Images are labeled with original labels, but undated. Where images were not labeled, a brief description is included in brackets on the envelope. The collection also includes eight painted views of campus photographed by J. Bolton McBryde (1866-1925), the son of fifth VPI president James M. McBryde, and likely hand-painted by his wife Mary Comfort McBryde.

Creator

McBryde, James Bolton, 1866-1925

Extent

0.4 Cubic Feet 2 boxes

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

The collection was donated to Special Collections and University Archives in 1992.

Processing Information

The J. Bolton McBryde Collection was originally boxed as a named collection within the larger historic photograph collection, in 1992. When the glass plates were discovered in October 2011, the collection was re-housed for preservation purposes, and additional processing and description were completed in November 2011.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

James Bolton McBryde was born in Virginia in 1866. His father was John McLaren McBryde, fifth President of Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute (VPI) from 1891 through 1907. J. Bolton McBryde taught chemistry at VPI from 1903 until the time of his death in 1925. He married Mary Read Comfort of Knoxville, Tennessee, around 1906.

Scope and Contents

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Related Archival Materials

Oversize photographs of the painted views of VPI are in the Historical Photograph Collection under "Campus Views" at Virginia Tech Special Collections and University Archives.

See also the following related collections at Virginia Tech Special Collections and University Archives:

Records of the Office of the President, John McLaren McBryde, RG 2/5

McBryde House Specification Records, Ms1999-010

Larry McBryde Collection on the John McLaren McBryde Family, Ms2013-024

Janet Barnhill Collection on Cora Bolton McBryde, Ms2016-019

Polly Ashelman Collection on the John McLaren McBryde Family, Ms2019-017

John M. and Cora Bolton McBryde Family Papers, Ms2023-069

Midhurst, J.M. McBryde Estate, Blacksburg, Va., Map-0276

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Arrangement

Items are arranged by material type.

Description of Subordinate Components

Photographs, negatives, and glass plates
box 1

Eight painted views of VPI
box 2