

# Robertson, Alexander Farish, Papers

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1867-1931



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### Abstract

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### Creator

Robertson, Alexander Farish, 1853-1938

### Extent

1.4 Cubic Feet 3 boxes, 1 oversized folder

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### **Source of Acquisition**

The Alexander Farish Robertson Papers were purchased by Special Collections and University Archives in June 2019.

### **Processing Information**

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### **Preferred Citation**

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## **Biographical Note**

Alexander Farish Robertson (1853-1938) was a prominent attorney in the Commonwealth of Virginia. His legal practice specialized in chancery and fiduciary matters. In 1882, he married Margaret Briscoe Stuart, daughter of Congressman and Presidential Cabinet member Alexander Hugh Holmes Stuart.

External sources:

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## **Scope and Content**

This collection contains correspondence, account books, and assorted documents, dating from 1867 to 1931. The majority of the material pertains to the legal practice of Robertson who as an attorney, made a specialty of chancery and fiduciary matters.

## **Related Archival Materials**

There are materials related to Alexander Farish Robertson in the Papers of Alexander H. H. Stuart and the related Stuart and Baldwin families, Accession #228-a, at Special Collections, University of Virginia Library, Charlottesville, Va.

The Virginia Museum of History & Culture also maintains materials related to Alexander Farish Robertson, which you can find by searching their library collections catalog.

## **Keywords**

Correspondence

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

## **Rights Statement for Archival Description**

## Arrangement

This collection is arranged by material type into three series:

Series I: Correspondence, 1867-1868, 1888-1928, which is divided by correspondents.

Subseries A: Letters by A. F. Robertson, 1894-1928 Subseries B: Letters by Family to A. F. Robertson, 1899-1927 Subseries C: A. F. Robertson Letters, 1899-1928 Subseries D: Letters to A. F. Robertson, 1893-1928 Subseries E: Thomas D. Ranson Letters, 1903-1918 Subseries F: Other Letters, 1867-1868, 1888-1922

Series II: Ephemera, 1885-1921

Series III: Books, 1885-1931

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Series I: Correspondence

**Unit Date** 1867-1868, 1888-1928

#### Subseries A: Letters by A. F. Robertson

**Unit Date** 1894-1928

##### By A. F. Robertson

**Unit Date** 1894-1907

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

##### By A. F. Robertson

**Unit Date** 1912-1918

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

##### By A. F. Robertson

**Unit Date** 1919

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

##### By A. F. Robertson

**Unit Date** 1920-1921

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

##### By A. F. Robertson

**Unit Date** 1924-1928

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

#### Subseries B: Letters by Family to A. F. Robertson

**Unit Date** 1899-1927

**Lucy Gibson to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1919

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Stuart McGuire to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1900-1927

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Hallie Robertson to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1900-1908

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**James F. Robertson to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1899-1921

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Kate Robertson to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1900-1919

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Stuart Robertson to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1919-1921

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

**W. R. Robertson to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1899-1905

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Kate S. [Slaughter] to A. F. Robertson**

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**Atwell Sommerville**

**Unit Date** 1899-1925

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 14 (folder)

**Fannie Temple Sommerville to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1899-1905

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 15 (folder)

**S. W. Sommerville to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1900-1905

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 16 (folder)

**Thos. H. Sommerville to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1900-1919

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 17 (folder)

**Sommerville Family to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1899-1900

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 18 (folder)

**Family to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1897-1927

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 19 (folder)

**Subseries C: A. F. Robertson Letters**

**Unit Date** 1899-1928

**American National Bank and Trust to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1918-1921

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 20 (folder)

**Banner Store to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1918-1921

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 21 (folder)

**Barbour and Rixey to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1906-1907

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 22 (folder)

**Wm. Cabell to Robertson Family**

**Unit Date** 1919-1925

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 23 (folder)

**Philip Alex Bruce to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1925-1927

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 24 (folder)

**E. [Carruthers] to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1919-1927

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 25 (folder)

**Crosby and Dinsmore to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1900-1906

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 26 (folder)

**Davenport and Co. to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1919-1920

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 27 (folder)

**Judson T. Cull to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1905

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 28 (folder)

**Gov. Westmoreland Davis to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1918-1921

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 29 (folder)

**Duke and Duke to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1909-1925

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 30 (folder)

**J. B. Finley to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1919-1920

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 31 (folder)

**First National Bank of Richmond to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1919-1920

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 32 (folder)

**Goodrich Hatton**

**Unit Date** 1925-1928

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 33 (folder)

**Guy and Lea to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1918

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 34 (folder)

**Heiskell and McLean to A. F. Robertson**

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 35 (folder)

**Internal Revenue Service to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1900

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 36 (folder)

**W. L. Jeffries to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1900-1904

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 37 (folder)

**Robert C. Jett to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1919-1928

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 38 (folder)

**R. M. Morrison to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1905

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 39 (folder)

**M. M. Nolley to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1918-1919

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 40 (folder)

**Margaret W. Ranson to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1918

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 41 (folder)

**James W. Ratcliffe to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1900-1904

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 42 (folder)

**Rixey and Hiden to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1907

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 43 (folder)

**Rogers Peet Company to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1919-1921

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 44 (folder)

**Stuart Hall to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1918-1920

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 45 (folder)

**Virginia Senator Claude A. Swanson to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1919

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 46 (folder)

**Thompson and Laskey to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1899-1905

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 47 (folder)

**Hugh A. White to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1926

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 48 (folder)

**Wilmer and Canfield to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1900

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 49 (folder)

**Rt. Rev. Beverley D. Tucker to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1919

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 50 (folder)

**Henry St George Tucker to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1925

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 51 (folder)

**Lyon Tyler to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1926

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 52 (folder)

**University of Virginia President to Hampden Sydney College President and A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1920-1926

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 53 (folder)

**Winslow, Laney and Co. to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1899-1901

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 54 (folder)

**Subseries D: Letters to A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1893-1928

**To A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1893-1899

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 55 (folder)

**To A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1900-1907

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 56 (folder)

**To A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1918

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 57 (folder)

**To A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1919

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 58 (folder)

**To A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1920-1921

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 59 (folder)

**To A. F. Robertson**

**Unit Date** 1925-1928

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 60 (folder)

**Subseries E: Thomas D. Ranson Letters**

**Unit Date** 1903-1918

**By Thomas D. Ranson**

**Unit Date** 1903-1909

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 61 (folder)

**By Thomas D. Ranson**

**Unit Date** 1910-1918

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 62 (folder)

**J. W. Arbuckle to Thomas D. Ranson**

**Unit Date** 1903

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 63 (folder)

**To Thomas D. Ranson**

**Unit Date** 1910-1918

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 64 (folder)

**To Thomas D. Ranson**

**Unit Date** 1903-1909

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 65 (folder)

**W. L. Finley to Thomas D. Ranson**

**Unit Date** 1909-1914

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 66 (folder)

**W. L. Finley to Thomas D. Ranson**

**Unit Date** 1907-1912

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 67 (folder)

**E. C. Gratton to Thomas D. Ranson**

**Unit Date** 1904-1915

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 68 (folder)

**L. C. Gratton to Thomas D. Ranson**

**Unit Date** 1900-1914

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 69 (folder)

**W. A. Mackey to Thomas D. Ranson**

**Unit Date** 1911-1914

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 70 (folder)

**Sproul and Crowle to Thomas D. Ranson**

**Unit Date** 1912-1915

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 71 (folder)

**Subseries F: Other Letters**

**Unit Date** 1867-1868, 1888-1922

**Letters to Alexander Hugh Holmes Stuart**

**Unit Date** 1867-1868

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 72 (folder)

**Letters****Unit Date** 1888-1907**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 73 (folder)**Letters****Unit Date** 1910-1922**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 74 (folder)**Incomplete Letters****Unit Date** 1919**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 75 (folder)**Series II: Ephemera****Unit Date** 1885-1921**Papers, Docs, and Ephemera****Unit Date** 1910-1918**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 76 (folder)**Papers, Docs, and Ephemera****Unit Date** 1885-1919**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 77 (folder)**Ephemera****Unit Date** c. 1900-1921**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 78 (folder)**Ephemera****Unit Date** c. 1890-1900**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 79 (folder)**Ephemera****Unit Date** c. 1890-1928**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 80 (folder)**Peyton Cochran Certificate****Unit Date** 1904**folder** 1**Series III: Books****Unit Date** 1885-1931**A. F. Robertson Account Book**

**Unit Date** 1889-1929

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Bachelor Born Playbook**

**Unit Date** Undated

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**The Middle Watch Playbook**

**Unit Date** Undated

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Brief for Remaindant**

**Unit Date** Undated

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Blank Checkbook**

**Unit Date** Undated

**item** 3 (box)

**Container** 1 (item)

**Account Book**

**Unit Date** 1904-1931

**item** 3 (box)

**Container** 2 (item)

**Record Book**

**Unit Date** 1885-1927

**item** 3 (box)

**Container** 3 (item)