

# Allison, Homer, Jewelry

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ca. 1955-1959



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### Unit ID

Artifact.057

### Unit Date

ca. 1955-1959

### Language

The material in this collection is in English.

### Abstract

This collection contains four charms and one pin formerly belonging to VPI student Homer Allison, possibly class of 1959. The charms are inscribed "INAUGURAL PARADE", possibly from 1957; "BAND" and "V.P.I."; "VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE" above "1959", possibly Allison's class year; and "VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE" and "INTRAMURAL". The pin says "SPQR, R, LATIN CLUB", "HOMER ALLISON", and "55."

### Creator

Allison, Homer, fl. 1955-1959

### Extent

0.1 Cubic Feet 1 box

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# Biographical Note

Homer Allison attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute and was a member of the V.P.I. Band from 1957-1958. He may have been a member of the Class of 1959.

He is probably Homer Harman Allison, born to Harman and Gladys Allison on December 30, 1937, in Cedar Bluff, Tazewell County, Virginia. He graduated from Richlands High School in Tazewell County, Virginia, in 1955. Allison died in August 1982.

Sources:

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# Scope and Content

This collection contains four charms and one pin formerly belonging to VPI student Homer Allison. One charm, possibly from 1957, is inscribed "INAUGURAL PARADE" at the bottom and has a "VT" with an image of a lyre at the top. There is imprinting on the back, but it is unclear what the image or text is.

A gold and black charm says "BAND" above an image of a lyre with "V.P.I." at the bottom. There is imprinting on the back, but it is unclear what the image or text is.

One charm that is also gold and black has the seal of the university surrounded by the name "VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE" above "1959", possibly Allison's class year.

The last charm is silver with an orange "T" at the top and maroon lightning bolts on either side. The center includes the university name "VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE" around an image of a building, possibly the front entrance of War Memorial Hall. The bottom of the charm is inscribed "INTRAMURAL".

A small gold and black pin reads "SPQR, R, LATIN CLUB" on the front, and "HOMER ALLISON" on the reverse. A small gold chain hangs off of the main pin that holds a smaller gold pin of a Spartan head with the number "55." This may be a high school pin, with "55" representing the year he graduated high school. "R" could represent Richlands High School in Tazewell County, Virginia.

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### **Homer Allison Jewelry**

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