

# A Guide to the Barbara T Spann Manuscript Collection on “Carlby”, 1966-1977

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## Descriptive Summary

### Record Group Number

MSS 08-10

### Language

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### Abstract

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### Creator

Spann, Barbara Towner (1929-2001)

### Extent

1.5 linear feet

### Repository

Fairfax County Public Library

## Administrative Information

### Access Restrictions

None

### Use Restrictions

Consult repository for information

### Acquisition Information

Unknown. Collection presumably donated by the Fairfax County Office of Comprehensive Planning

## **Processing Information**

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# **Adjunct Descriptive Data**

## **Separated Material**

None

## **Historical and Biographical Information**

Barbara Towner Spann was born on October 31, 1929. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in American History, Philosophy, and Religion in 1951 and a Master of Religious Education in 1952 from Southern Methodist University. She worked for the Smithsonian Press, retiring in 1992 as Managing Editor of the Series Section. Spann died on July 11, 2001 of pneumonia at her home in Henrico County, Virginia.

In February 1973, Fairfax County contracted Spann to undertake a study of the historic house, "Carlby". She was responsible for documenting and presenting the historical significance of the house for inclusion on the Fairfax County Historical Landmarks Survey, later known as the Fairfax County Inventory of Historic Sites. Carlby is a Georgian style house built in the mid-eighteenth century by George Booth (1679-1763?) in Sussex County, Virginia. In 1946, Captain Carl Washburn Porter and his wife Beatrice McKnight Porter purchased the house, known at the time as the "Old Mitchell House," and had it moved to a property along Dogue Creek in Fairfax County, Virginia that was originally part of George Washington's Mount Vernon estate. As of 2018, the house still stands at 4509 Carlby Lane in Alexandria, Virginia.

## **Scope and Content**

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## **Index Terms**

Carlby, Va.

Historic Buildings - Virginia - Fairfax County

Porter, Beatrice McKnight (1898-1984)

Porter, Carl Washburn (1896-1989)

Spann, Barbara Towner (1929-2001)

## **Container List**

**Box 1 Folder 1: Barbara Towner Spann Resume , Undated**

**Box 1 Folder 2: Correspondence (Part 1 of 2), 1966-1977**

**Box 1 Folder 3: Correspondence (Part 2 of 2), 1966-1977**

**Box 1 Folder 4: Illustrations, Undated**

**Box 1 Folder 5: Maps (photocopies and tracings), Undated**

**Box 1 Folder 6: Washington Family Genealogy and Booth Family Genealogy, Undated**

**Box 1 Folder 7: Newspaper Clippings , 1971-1975**

**Box 1 Folder 8: Research Materials , Undated**

**Box 1 Folder 9: Research Materials and Notes, Undated**

**Box 1 Folder 10: Handwritten Notes, Undated**

**Box 1 Folder 11: Rough Draft, Handwritten by Chapter, Undated**

**Box 2 Folder 1: Rough Draft, Undated**

**Box 2 Folder 2: Preliminary Draft, 1975 February 13**

**Box 2 Folder 3: Rough Draft, Undated**

**Box 2 Folder 4: Rough Draft (carbon copy), Undated**

**Box 2 Folder 5: Rough Draft, 1976**

**Box 2 Folder 6: Rough Draft, Undated**

**Box 2 Folder 7: Rough Draft, Undated**

**Box 3: Research and Reference Note Cards, Undated**