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Unit Date

1870-1921

Mixed Materials

1 (box)

Container

1-4 (folder)

Language

The materials in this collection are in English.

Creator

Lee Memorial Association

Extent

.25 Linear Feet

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Washington and Lee University, University Library Special Collections and Archives

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Scope and Contents

This collection consists of records related to the formation and history of the Lee Memorial Association (L.M.A.). The association was formed in October 1870 immediately following the death of Robert E. Lee with the goal of creating a monument to honor him on the campus of Washington College, subsequently renamed Washington and Lee University. Between 1870 and 1883, the L.M.A. successfully raised the funds for the creation and installation of what is known as the "Recumbent Lee" statue, sculpted in marble by Edward Virginius Valentine and located in the Lee Chapel, the burial site of the Lee family at Washington and Lee University. The collection consists of documents, letters, and printed matter, including broadsides and ribbons, related to the fundraising process and the unveiling ceremonies which took place in 1883.

Related Materials

Washington and Lee University Special Collections houses the Rockbridge Historical Society (RHS) Archives. Contact WLU Special Collections for information about the RHS Lee Memorial Association Collection.

Keywords

Records

Monuments

Correspondence

Lee, Robert E. (Robert Edward), 1807-1870

Valentine, Edward Virginius, 1838-1930

General

In the control folder, a photocopy of a picture of the quilt, which VMI owns, that Mary Randolph Custis Lee, her daughter and Rose Pendleton made to raffle off to help raise funds for the Lee Memorial Chapel, after Lee's death. This includes e-mail from Linda Nassie, a descendant of Mary Randolph Custis Lee, who also made a quilt similar to it, and sent a photocopy of a picture of it too.

Description of Subordinate Components

Lee Memorial Association Records

Unit Date 1870-1921

Text 1 (box)

Container 1-Control Folder (folder)

Language English.

Lee Memorial Association Records

Unit Date 1870-1878

Text 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English.

Lee Memorial Association Records

Unit Date 1879-1883

Text 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English.

Lee Memorial Fund, Booklets**Unit Date** 1921**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

A printed booklet with illustrations about Robert E. Lee and his legacy for donors to the Lee Memorial Fund, a fundraising project for the proposed renovation and/or enlargement of the Lee Chapel at Washington and Lee University. The plan had initial footing, but was ultimately vetoed by the university on the advice of the local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy who opposed the plan.

Keywords

United Daughters of the Confederacy