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## **Biographical / Historical**

### **Biographical Information**

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### **Administrative History:**

### **Biographical Information:**

Robert Southall Bright was born in Williamsburg, Virginia, on May 24, 1872 to Robert Anderson and Nannie (Munford) Bright. Robert Southall Bright graduated with an A.B. from the College of William and Mary in 1891, then apprenticed under Philadelphia lawyer George H. Earle until he was admitted to the bar in 1894. Bright married Caroline De Beelen. From 1894 to 1926, Bright maintained an independent law firm in Philadelphia, and from 1926 to 1934 he was a member of the Philadelphia banking firm Thomas A. Biddle & Co. In 1932, Caroline died, and on December 1, 1934 Bright married again, this time to Mary (McCaw) Haves. Also in 1934, Bright retired to his farm in Frederick, Maryland, where he lived until his death on December 18, 1943. Further information about this individual or organization may be available in the Special Collections Research Center Wiki: [http://scdbwiki.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/Robert\\_Southall\\_Bright](http://scdbwiki.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/Robert_Southall_Bright).

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## **Scope and Contents**

This collection consists of a handwritten draft of "Memories of Williamsburg and Stories of My Father," written by Robert Southall Bright and published in 1941. It also includes addresses delivered by Bright and a memorial booklet about him.

### **Related Materials:**

Bright Family Papers, 1876-1933, Mss. Acc. 1996.24

Southall Papers, 1807-1904, Mss. 39.1 So8

Information about related materials is available at <http://scrc.swem.wm.edu/index.php?p=collections/controlcard&id=5781>

# Keywords

Manuscripts (document genre)

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## Custodial History:

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## Description of Subordinate Components

### Papers

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**Unit Date** 1901-1944

**Mixed Materials** UA Small Collections Box 6 (Box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

### Scope and Contents

Handwritten copy of "Memories of Williamsburg and Stories of My Father," (1941), printed copy of same title inscribed by author (1941), an address by Bright delivered at Independence Hall in Philadelphia (1910 July 4), an address on Pocahontas delivered in New York (1906), an address by Bright about the Nathaniel Bacon Memorial Window in Williamsburg, inscribed by Bright (1901), and a memorial booklet about Bright (1944).