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Abstract

Papers of Aretas Brooks Fleming, Governor of West Virginia (1890-1893), and records of the Charles Ward Engineering Works of Charleston, West Virginia, compiled by Brooks McCabe. The A.B. Fleming papers include: Fleming's notes pertaining to cases from his career as a lawyer and circuit court judge (1878-1888); photographs of Governor Fleming and others (4 items, ca.1890-1920); papers regarding the A.B. Fleming estate and its heirs (1923-1952); genealogical and historical information related to the Fleming family (1890-1934); and a scrapbook documenting Fleming's term as Governor of West Virginia (1889-1939). The Charles Ward Engineering Works records include: a technical paper by Charles Ward titled "Shallow-Draught River Steamers"; a photograph of the historic contest between a stern wheel boat (The D.T. Lane) and a propeller powered boat (The James Rumsey), (ca. 1903); financial statements (1931-1942); minutes of stockholder's meetings (1931-1942); and a photograph album of ships built by Ward Engineering (ca.1923-1932). There are also five personal letters addressed to Margaret Fleming Ward (1914). The collection also includes motion picture footage documenting several Ward Engineering and Ward family activities (ca. 1927-1932).

Creator

McCabe, Brooks F., Jr., 1949-

Extent

1.92 Linear Feet 3 document cases, 5 in. each; one flat storage box, 1.5 in.; 1 flat storage box, 3.5 in.; one clamshell box, 3 in.

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Scope and Contents

Papers of Aretas Brooks Fleming, Governor of West Virginia (1890-1893), and records of the Charles Ward Engineering Works of Charleston, West Virginia, compiled by Brooks McCabe. The A.B. Fleming papers include: two memoranda of decisions books and one commonplace law book containing Fleming's notes pertaining to cases from his career as a lawyer and circuit court judge (1878-1888); photographs of Governor Fleming, his daughter Gypsy Fleming Ward (who married into the Ward family) and other family members, and his staff (4 items, ca.1890-1920); papers regarding the A.B. Fleming estate and its heirs (1923-1952); genealogical and historical information related to the Fleming family (1890-1934); and a scrapbook containing clippings, speeches, and proclamations documenting Fleming's term as Governor of West Virginia (1889-1939). The Charles Ward Engineering Works records include: a technical paper by Charles Ward titled "Shallow-Draught River Steamers"; a photograph of the historic contest between a stern wheel boat (The D.T.

Lane) and a propeller powered boat (The James Rumsey), (ca. 1903); financial statements (1931-1942); minutes of stockholder's meetings (1931-1942); and a photograph album of ships built by Ward Engineering (ca.1923-1932). There are also five personal letters addressed to Margaret Fleming Ward (1914), including a 24 September 1914 letter relating the "exciting times" of relatives caught in Europe when World War I (WWI) broke out.

The collection also includes motion picture footage documenting several Ward Engineering boat projects, including launchings, the company's facilities on the Kanawha River, and Ward family activities (ca. 1927-1932). Film elements include one reel of 1100 feet of 16 mm silent positive film compiled from footage originally on 11 reels, a duplicate archival negative derived from the compilation, a copy on Betacam D40 tape, and two DVD copies. In addition, the original boxes containing the reels have been preserved for the historical information recorded to them.

Keywords

Ward Engineering Company

Fleming, A. B. (Aretas Brooks), 1839-1923

Ward, Charles

Fleming family - Genealogy