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**Abstract**

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**Extent**

1.27 Linear Feet 1 ft. 3.25 in. (2 document cases, 2.5 in. each); (1 index card box, 5 in.); (1 large flat storage box, 5 in.); (1 oversize folder, 0.25 in.)

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## Scope and Contents

Papers of the Dickinson, Gordon, and related families of the Cheat Lake area of Monongalia County, West Virginia. Includes series of Papers of Deborah Gordon, Miscellaneous, Genealogy Records, Pamphlet and Ledgers, Artifacts, and Oversize.

**Series 1. Papers of Deborah Gordon; ca. 1950-1959; two unfolded items, box 1, folders 1-4.**

Includes printed and other material of the Order of Rainbow, a youth Christian organization. Also includes picture of Deborah Gordon (Corder) with her husband Jack Corder, a West Virginia University (WVU) basketball player (1959), and her diploma (1958). See also "artifacts" series for additional Order of Rainbow material; see also "oversize" series for scrapbook.

**Series 2. Miscellaneous; ca. 1924-1945; box 1, folder 5.** Includes miscellaneous genealogy related material and World War II ration papers ("War Ration Book One").

**Series 3. Genealogy Records; ca. 1918-1938; box 2, folders 1-2.** Includes information regarding William Norris of Cheat Neck (settled 1781); also includes information on George Baker, George Norris, Addison S. Vance, and the Sturgiss-Lincoln families. There are also estate records for Charles E. Costolo, Eleanor Titus, and Albert Norman Weaver; and Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) records in connection with Minnie Lee Dickinson.

**Series 4. Pamphlet and Ledgers; ca. 1910-1937; box 2, folders 3-4.** Includes "Stories of West Virginia for Boys and Girls" authored by Sylvia Soupart (1937); and general store personal account ledgers, one of which is labeled "Cheat Haven" (ca. 1910-1930).

**Series 5. Artifacts; ca. 1910-1920, 1950-1960; box 3.**

Includes silver hand mirror owned by Louise Euwer Gordon in art nouveau style with inscribed initials "LEG" (ca. 1910-1920). LEG was the mother of James Raney Gordon; his wife was Mary C. Dickinson.

There are also includes Order of Rainbow artifacts, including ribbons and plastic gavel (ca. 1950-1960).

**Series 6. Oversize; ca. 1910-1965; box 4, and oversize folder.**

Box 4 includes a copy of the yearbook, "Trail", for Coronado High School of Scottsdale, Arizona, dating from 1965.

Box 4 also includes large scrapbook created by Deborah Gordon documenting West Virginia University athletic events (she was a cheerleader), travel, and special events and activities; it contains photographs, clippings, and ephemera (ca. 1950-1960). See also series 1.

Box 4 also includes three leaves of a scrapbook kept by Mary Dickinson Gordon that include: photos of oil being shipped between Pittsburgh and Morgantown (1938) (James Raney Gordon worked for Gulf Oil); school grade cards for Mary Dickinson Gordon from Oak Grove School in Union District, Monongalia County (1916-1918), and from Morgantown High School (1920-1921, 1923-1924); and a few World War I era postcards.

The oversize folder contains original copies of newspapers, including:

The Gazette Times, Pittsburgh, November 1, 1915 (includes World War I coverage).

The Stars and Stripes, France, Friday, June 21, 1918 (regarding World War I).

Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph, "Special Flood Supplement", March 29, 1936.

The oversize folder also contains a photocopy of a newspaper:

Daily New Dominion, Morgantown, Vol. 1, No. 1, Tuesday, September 7, 1897

Includes front page article regarding the sixth President of West Virginia University, Jerome Hall Raymond, who served from 1897-1901.

## Separated Materials

Three copies of the Monticola, West Virginia University yearbook, separated to A&M 5025 (1955, 1956, and 1957).

## Keywords

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Raymond, Jerome Hall.

Dickinson family

Gordon family