

Guide to the Virginia Lott Papers

Descriptive Summary:

Creator: Lott, Virginia

Title: Virginia Lott Papers

Dates: 1839 – 1986 (bulk 1945-1986)

Quantity: 1.0 linear feet

Abstract: manuals, handbooks, news clippings, articles, deeds and acts, renovation plans, photographs, and postcards.

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Biographical Note:

Virginia Lott, a Mobile native, worked as an information specialist for the Mobile County Commission from 1945 until 1986. In addition to her work with the commission, Lott was active in education advocacy in Mobile County, and was the first Mobilian to be elected president of the Alabama Retired State Employees Association.

Scope and Contents:

This collection (1955-1986) contains news clippings, articles, documents and photographs collected by Lott during her tenure with the Mobile County Commission. The materials relate to both the third and fourth Mobile County courthouses, as well as to local forts and historic buildings. Documents related to the courthouses include a history prepared by Elizabeth Gould, deeds and acts pertaining to the accession of land for the building of the original courthouse, renovation plans, and photographs. Also included are photographs of county commissioner Coy Smith and of various county commission functions from the 1970's.

Access Restrictions:

This material is open to research.

Preferred Citation:

Virginia Lott Papers, The Doy Leale McCall Rare Book and Manuscript Library, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL.

Content List:**Box 1**

1. 1821 Courthouse deeds of sale
2. 1826 Deed of sale for courthouse property
3. 1853 Courthouse builders' agreement
4. 1872 Specifications for new courthouse
5. Conde-Charlotte/Dr. Levert House landmark information
6. Miscellaneous
7. Mobile County/County Commission - History
8. Mobile County/County Commission – statistics, offices
9. Mobile County Courthouse – offices, tour information, art work, contract information
10. Newspaper clippings
11. Publications
12. Mobile County Commission doubloons

Box 2

1. County Commission photos (featuring Coy Smith)
2. Mobile County Courthouse photos
3. Postcards of Mobile