



Archival and Manuscript Collections Finding Aid

ACCESSION No.: HRHS-80

COLLECTION TITLE: George O. Conrad Collection

DATES: 1783, 1829, 1865, 1917 - 1995

SIZE: 2 boxes, 11 folders (1 OV)
Scrapbook in OV box

DONOR: Unknown

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: George D. Conrad was born in Harrisonburg, VA on January 9, 1904 and was a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families in Harrisonburg. After graduating from Washington & Lee University Law School in 1927 he joined his father's law firm. In 1933 he married Vera Melone. Mr. Conrad served in the Army during WWII and was stationed in England as a Combat Intelligence Officer with the 303rd Bomb Group. He was a well-respected attorney in Harrisonburg for many years. Mr. Conrad also established the first Howard Johnson's restaurant in the Harrisonburg area. He died February 13, 1998.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection consists of photos, correspondence, booklets, personal notes/notebook dated between 1930s-1995. Also included is a land grant dated December 13, 1783, and a typed copy of George O. Conrad's Civil War diary with entries dated between August 16, 1864-January 21, 1865. Conrad joined the 14th Regiment of Calvary under McCauslands command.

COLLECTION INVENTORY:

Folder 1:

Original land grant to Joseph Conrad dated December 13, 1783

Folder 2:

Typed copy of letter, original dated 1829, from George R. Conrad

Typed copy of Civil War diary of George O. Conrad

Reproduction of painting of General Robert E. Lee

Original letter John E. Roller Anniversary Celebration The Ugly Club- University of VA
June 28, 1867

Four copies of history of Samuel Pasco family

Senator Vest's tribute to a dog, September 23, 1870

Folder 3:

Certificate honoring Adam Miller desk given by Mr. and Mrs. George Conrad to Woodrow Wilson Birthplace foundation dated 1938
Marriage certificate for George D. Conrad and Vera Melone dated August 14, 1933
Letter from Mary Lynn Conrad dated August 3, 1933

Folder 4:

Letter from War Department to George D. Conrad 1947
Five copies of requisition for medals for George Conrad from Wilkins AF base
Graduation program for Army Air Force Officer's Training School, 1942
Newspaper clippings about WWII

Folder 5:

Application for Daughters of the American Revolution for Vera Conrad (not dated)

Folder 6:

Miscellaneous correspondence 1916 - 1995

Folder 7:

Miscellaneous correspondence (not dated)

Folder 8:

Brochure on dance program called The 13th Hour
Booklet Harrisonburg Electric Commission June 1969
Brochure for Silver Bay vacation conference, 1933

Folder 9:

Wedding pictures of Mary Riggins dated September 15, 1917
Three pictures of George D. Conrad as a young man
Photo of 24 men, in oval, one sheet, George D. Conrad in middle row
Photo in frame of George Conrad 1937 at Cape Charles
Photo of burning ship, possibly during WWII
Five 8 x 10 pictures of George D. Conrad on fishing trip
Photo 1966 Christmas party
Photo 1967 Christmas party
Photo of 6 (six) men
Photo of George D. Conrad (no date)
Miscellaneous family photos

Folder 10:

Photograph book of summer vacations, Bermuda 1934
Photo in gold frame of woman

Folder 11 (OV Folder):

Photo 1890, in front of George Conrad residence at corner of Bruce and German (Liberty) Streets after WWI and ID of people in photo
Photo approx. 11 x 14 of building and creek
Photo 11 x 14 of children and adults
Photo of George N. Conrad, 1930's
Conrad family photo (no date)
Three formal photos of a young woman (possibly Vera Conrad)

OV Box:

Scrapbook (Blue Washington and Lee cover)

Items from WWII
Items from Washington & Lee University 1925
Pictures and newspaper clippings from 1922 to 1955
Booklet: "300 Bomb Squadron, The First 300 Hell's Angels"
Booklet: "Army Air Forces Technical Training Command, Offices Training School"
Booklet: "Basic Aerial Maneuvers"
George Conrad's passport dated May 27, 1925

ARRANGEMENT:

Folder 1: Land grant
Folder 2: 1800's
Folder 3: 1930's
Folder 4: 1940's
Folder 5: DAR application
Folder 6: Misc. correspondence, 1916 – 1995
Folder 7: Misc. correspondence, undated
Folder 8: Brochures
Folder 9: Individual photos
Folder 10: Photo book and photo in frame
Oversize folder: Photos
Scrapbook