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**Belle Boyd Collection**  
**Collection Number: 216 THL**

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**PROCESSING INFORMATION:** Processed by Lorna M. Loring. Last updated February 15, 2024.

**EXTENT:** 1 folder, 4 pages.

**CREATOR:** *Northern Virginia Daily* (Strasburg, VA)

**DATE:** 1940

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:** This collection contains pages from an edition of the *Northern Virginia Daily* featuring a biography of Civil War spy Belle Boyd.

**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL:** Maria Isabella "Belle" Boyd (1844 - 1900) was born in Martinsburg, Virginia (now West Virginia) to a prosperous family. In 1861, after shooting and killing a Union soldier who had abused her family, she began spying for the Confederacy. She gathered information by frequenting Union camps and befriending soldiers. In her memoirs, she recounted eavesdropping on a Union Council of War taking place at a relative's home Front Royal, Virginia.

**IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION:** Received from Handley Library Collections.

**CONTAINER LIST:**

**BOX 1**

Folder 1: Most Daring Exploits of Belle Boyd, Celebrated Spy for Confederacy, Occurred In and Near Front Royal, *Northern Virginia Daily* – Front Royal Edition, November 27, 1940.

**Physical Location: Oversize Box 15**