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Charles L. Robinson Papers
Collection Number: 1762 THL

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PROCESSING INFORMATION: Originally processed in 2016. Last updated April 2024.

EXTENT: 0.42 linear feet

CREATOR: Robinson family

DATE: 1855-2003.

EXISTENCE AND LOCATION OF COPIES: Photographs in this collection have been digitized and are available to view online through the Past Perfect online database: <http://handley.pastperfectonline.com/>

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection contains material of the Robinson family from 1855-1954. The Robinson family bible record has information regarding births, deaths, and marriages of the Robinson family. Also contained in the collection is correspondence to Mrs. C.L. Robinson and the Beam family. Magazine articles featuring Dorothy (Dotty) Robinson can be found as well, along with the journals of R.M. Beam spanning from January 1919 to September 1920.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: The Robinson family whose information is contained within the collection was originally from Fortville, IN. C.L. Robinson founded an ice and storage business in Fairmont, WV and expanded to Winchester, VA in 1901 with the C.L. Ice and Cold Storage Corporation. Robinson was the first to build an apple cold storage plant in Winchester in 1905. Many of the members of the Robinson family attended Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA. Harry Delmer Robinson and Charles Arthur Robinson, sons of C.L. Robinson, both attended Dickinson in the 1910s and 1920s and were heavily involved in campus activities. Harry Delmer and Charles Arthur also served in WWI after registering for the draft. Dorothy (Dotty) Anne, born June 5, 1923, was the daughter and oldest child of Reba and Charles, who met during their time at Dickinson College. They married in 1921 and moved back to Frederick County, VA soon thereafter. Dotty attended Handley High School in Winchester and then went on to Dickinson College. She graduated from Dickinson in 1945. After moving to New York City, she attended Katie Gibbs School and was offered a job at *Ladies Home Journal* where she would go on to become a beauty editor. She passed away December 1, 2013 in Winchester, VA.

RELATED MATERIAL: C. L. Robinson Ice and Cold Storage Records, 1470 THL

IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Gift of Charles L. Robinson

CONTAINER LIST:

BOX 1

Apple Blossom and the Robinson Family, folder contains the following:

Images, 1935, 1949, 1964, 2003, 14 items, color

News Articles, *The Winchester Star*, 1995, 1996, n.d., 3 items, printed (photocopy)

Camp Beckford Letter (Camp Letter); 1 item

Correspondence—To Miss Beam from Mary Robinson (July 23, 1920); 1 leaf, manuscript

Correspondence—To Mrs. C.L. Robinson (September 10, 1918-October 11, 1918); 2 items, 3 leaves and 2 envelopes, manuscript

Correspondence—To Reba from Harry (December 22, 1917); 1 leaf, manuscript

Diploma – Charles A. Robinson from Winchester High School, June 15, 1916

Physical Location: Oversize, Box 14

Beam, R.M.—Journals of; 2 items, (September 16, 1919-September 25, 1920) (January 1919-December 1919), manuscript within the booklets

McKinley, William (President) – Funeral notes from Mayme (Mary) Regina Hoffman, attended funeral on September 19, 1901, 4 pages, manuscript, in envelope

Miscellaneous Items—folder contains the following:

- Class Day 1920, Dickinson College; 1 item, 2 pages, printed
- Promise to abstain from alcohol, signed by Arthur Robinson; 1 item, printed

Newspaper Articles; unnumbered leaves, printed and newsprint

Plat – *Hawthorne*, 1953

Physical Location: Oversize, Box 14

Robinson, Dorothy—Magazine Article/Print; 2 leaves, printed

Robinson Family Bible Records (January 1, 1855-March 17, 1954); 1 item, 4 pages, manuscript on printed form

Wedding Invitation for Reba Marie to Charles Arthur Robinson (September 14, 1921); 1 item, printed (with name cards)

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- [1762-045b] Robinson house party. Left to right: Delmer? Robinson, Louise Hall Robinson, Dorothy Ann Robinson, circa 1950s
- [1762-045c] Robinson house party. Robinsons dining out? Reba Robinson and escort (Delmer Robinson?), entering from right. At table: unidentified, Louise Robinson, Jean Marie Robinson?, Charles A. Robinson. Woman with corsage, foreground, is unidentified, circa 1950s
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