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L. Neill Woods Collection
Collection Number: 280 THL

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PROCESSING INFORMATION: Initial processing undertaken in 1993. Last updated by Buffy Knappenberger in October 2024.

EXTENT: 0.42 linear feet

DATE: 1930-1939

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection contains drawings created by cartoonist Leslie Neill Woods for the *Winchester Evening Star* during the 1930s. Before Woods moved to Winchester, VA in 1911, he drew for the *Baltimore World*. Cartoons mostly concern “Ma Winchester” and “Pa Frederick,” and other items of local interest.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: Leslie Neill Woods, born in Baltimore, Maryland in 1882, was also related to the prominent Woods family of Winchester. He studied at the Art Student League of NYC. After working at the *Baltimore World*, he moved to Winchester and was the artistic creator of “Ma Winchester” and “Pa Frederick.” These cartoons were a feature of the *Winchester Star*. The cartoons were both entertaining and also, according to an article in the *Winchester Star*” (*Winchester Evening Star*, Tuesday July 13, 1937) used to call attention the problems of the area which demanded official attention. NOTE: His name is sometimes spelled with one “l” and sometimes as full name Leslie Neil(l) Woods.

IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Gift of multiple donors.

CONTAINER LIST:

BOX 1

Folder 1 - Community Concerns

Folder 2 - Farming/Orchards

Folder 3 – History

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Folder 7 – Ma Winchester

Folder 8 – Ma Winchester Appeals to the State Highway Marker

Folder 9 – War Chest

Folder 10 – World War I

Folder 11 - World War I (2)

Folder 12 – Local History and Politics

Folder 13 – Commercial

Folder 14 - Large Drawings by Neill Woods for the *Winchester Evening Star*, 1930s include the following:

Stone Gaol

Fort Loudoun

Seal of Winchester

Physical Location: Oversize, Box 21

MAPS

F16a (Frederick County) – Woods, L. Neill, “The Braddock Expedition, 1755,” 1930.

Physical Location: Map Case 1, Drawer 18

O10 (Other) – Woods, L. Neill, “The First White Men in the Shenandoah Valley,” 1933.

Physical Location: Map Case 1, Drawer 1

O13 (Other) – Woods, L. Neill, “Route followed by Captain Daniel Morgan and his Virginia Riflemen – Winchester, VA to Quebec, Canada – 1775-1776,” 1931.

Physical Location: Map Case 1, Drawer 1

W17 (Winchester, VA) – Woods, L. Neill, “How to Get to Winchester, VA and the Apple Blossom Festival,” 1933.

Physical Location: Map Case 3, Drawer 1

W19 (Winchester, VA) – Woods, L. Neill, “A Copy of the Oldest Known Map of Winchester, Virginia as Laid Off in 1744, with Addition of 1758,” 1930.

Physical Location: Map Case 3, Drawer 1

W20 (Winchester, VA) – Woods, L. Neill, “Ye Publick Lots – Winchester, VA about 1757,” 1932.

Physical Location: Map Case 3, Drawer 1