

SHELTON H. SHORT, JR. PAPERS

Introduction

The Shelton H. Short, Jr. Papers, ranging in date from 1917 to 1979, reflect the service of Major Short during World War I and World War II as well as his business and political activities in later years. The collection is arranged into four series.

The first series is correspondence consisting of letters and related forms of papers such as telegrams and rosters. Included in this series are papers from the 1918 training camp at V.M.I., Red Cross organizations in Mecklenburg County, the Virginia Protective Force, personal, business, and political correspondence as well as correspondence from the Marine Corps, the United States Defense Fund, and the American Legion. Series two contains a World War II diary of a Japanese soldier and two notepads concerning the Virginia Protective Force while series three consists of printed material including clippings, pamphlets, and periodicals. Material concerning Shelton H. Short, III, including published and unpublished works, complete the fourth series.

Other materials in the collection have been transferred to their appropriate location in the archives and library to insure easier access and control. They include photographs, scrapbooks, publications, certificates, Japanese currency and artifacts.

A large collection of family and business correspondence unrelated to Short's military career was donated to the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond, Virginia, by Shelton H. Short, III.* In cooperation with the Virginia Historical Society, the Marshall Foundation photocopied its collection of Short Papers and deposited it with the Historical Society in Richmond.

Dr. Shelton H. Short, III, donated the entire collection, which consists of five document boxes, to the Marshall Foundation during the years 1971-1979. Access to this collection (number 17) is unrestricted.

*The Marshall Library has copies of index cards to these papers in the Finding Aids file cabinet under Virginia Historical Society.

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Biographical Sketch

- 1898 - born February 14, Lawrenceville, Virginia.
- 1910-1914 - attended Lawrenceville High School.
- 1914 - enrolled at Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Virginia.
- 1918 - attended Training Corps Camp at Virginia Military Institute. Selected for advanced study at Officer Training Camp, Plattsburg, New York. Commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Infantry of the Army.
- 1919 - graduated with A.B. degree in Latin from Randolph-Macon College.
- 1922 - married Bessie Morton-Goode Jeffreys; one son - Shelton H. Short, III. (PhD Edinburgh University, 1969).
- 1923 - president of Jeffreys Motors, Chase City, Virginia.
- 1924 - joined Virginia National Guard Reserve.
- 1933 - Honorably discharged from Virginia National Guard.
- 1940-1942 - joined Virginia State Guard, organized and commanded Company 54, Virginia Protective Force. Appointed Major March 10, 1942. Participated in training at V.M.I.
- 1943 - January 15, Commissioned as Captain, USMC.
- 1943 - January 15-March 12, Officers Training Camp at Camp Lejeune, New River, North Carolina.
- 1943 - March 12-May 22, Naval Operating Base at Newport, R.I.
- 1943 - May 22-June 16, temporary duty at Quantico, Virginia.
- 1943 June 17-
1944 August - Officer-in-charge, Marine Detachment, Louisiana Poly-technical Institute, Ruston, LA.
- 1944 - August, Placed on inactive duty with rank of Major; returned to Chase City, VA.
- 1946-1948 - Mecklenburg County, Virginia, representative in House of Delegates.
- 1948-1955 - member State Board of Conservation and Development.
- 1953 - Mecklenburg County Chairman United Defense Fund Campaign.
- 1974 - Died, August 13, in Chase City, Virginia.

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Scope and Content Note

The Shelton H. Short, Jr. Papers provide documentation of Major Short's participation in both World Wars and the Post-World War II era. The bulk of the collection concerns the military service of Short in the Virginia Protective Force, a unit organized to replace National Guardsmen called to active war duty, and the United States Marine Corps.

The collection is arranged into four major series. Series one contains correspondence between 1917-1974. Distinct subseries include letters and orders received by Short while at V.M.I. (1918), Red Cross records of Mecklenburg County (1917-1919), and letters, orders, and lists of the Virginia Protective Force. This last sub-series includes information on guard duty, organization of a company, and drill instruction in riot control.

Family correspondence, another sub-series, contains incoming and outgoing correspondence between Major Short and his wife and son from 1933 to 1944. These letters are grouped chronologically. Researchers will find correspondence from other relatives such as Mr. and Mrs. Shelton H. Short (parents), Mrs. Ophelia Short Seward (sister), Susan Seward (niece), and Becky Heath (niece) in the general correspondence.

General correspondence encompasses incoming and outgoing correspondence between Short and family, friends, business, military, and political associates. Highlights of this correspondence includes letters from Major Robert L. Wallace (a longtime friend who was stationed in England during World War II), Private William L. Smith who saw action at Iwo Jima, and Private H.H. Jones who experienced Marine camp life in New Guinea and the Philippines. Other sub-series includes correspondence concerning the Marine Corps (mostly official orders and rosters), the United Defense Fund 1953 campaign, of which Short was county chairman, and the American Legion.

Series two contains a personal diary kept by a Japanese soldier during World War II and collected by Short in 1943. Also included are two notepads with observations and instructions written by Short for Company 54 of the Virginia Protective Force.

Printed material comprises series three with clippings about the Virginia Protective Force and later business and political activities of Short, pamphlets, a United Defense Fund manual for county chairman, and periodicals including Army Life (October 1944 and January 1945), Marine Corps Reserve Bulletin, and a 1943 yearbook from Louisiana Polytechnical Institute. A Korean propaganda leaflet sent to Short by a former Marine trainee completes the series.

The last series includes material created and collected by Shelton H. Short, III. Correspondence from 1951-1979, manuscripts of articles written by Dr. Short, and newspaper copies of articles are distinct sub-series. Other sub-series include geneological information collected by Short, clippings about his career as a lecturer and writer, and certificates awarded him. Publications written by Dr. Short occupy a separate box.

Several interesting items such as a Marine Corps scrapbook, Japanese currency, Red Cross buttons, a book - State Defense Force Manual, and a March 1979 issue of American Legion Magazine have been separated from the collection and placed in their appropriate location in the archives and library. Also separated from the collection are photographs, certificates, and newspapers.

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Container List

<u>Box/Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	CORRESPONDENCE.
1	1912, 1917.
2	Training Corps Camp, 1918.
3	Red Cross, 1917-1918.
4	Red Cross - membership and supply lists, 1917-1918.
5	Red Cross - receipts and financial reports, 1917-1919.
6	Red Cross - official forms, 1917-1918.
7	Red Cross - information sheets.
8	Red Cross - blank forms.
9	Red Cross - Mecklenburg County By-Laws.
	CORRESPONDENCE. Virginia Protective Force.
10	November 15, 1940-1941.
11	January 1942.
12	February - June 1942.
13	July - December 1942.
14	January 1943, 1944, 1946.
15	Information sheets, 1940-1942.
16	Payroll lists, December 1941, January - February 1942.
17	Guard duty reports and supply lists, 1941-1942.
18	Receipts, vouchers, and miscellaneous, 1940-1942.
	CORRESPONDENCE. Family: Incoming, Bess Jeffreys Short.
19	January - February 1943.
20	March - April 1943.
21	May - June 1943.
22	July - August 1943.
23	September - December 1943.
24	March - June 1944.
2	CORRESPONDENCE. Family: Incoming, Shelton H. Short, III.
1	1933, 1934, 1941, 1942, January - April 1943.
2	May - September 1943.
3	October - December 1943, 1944.
	CORRESPONDENCE. Family: Outgoing, Shelton H. Short, Jr. - Bess Jeffreys Short.
4	1939, January - February 1943.
5	March - April 1943.
6	May - August 1943.
7	September, December 1943.
8	March - April 1944.
9	June - July 1944.

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2		CORRESPONDENCE. General, 1932-1955.
	10	A.
	11	B.
	12	C.
	13	D.
	14	E.
	15	F.
	16	G.
	17	H - I.
	18	J.
	19	K - L.
3	1	M - N.
	2	N - P.
	3	R.
	4	Sadie - Seward.
	5	Shelton - Shotwell.
	6	Smart - Spencer.
	7	Stanley - Strang.
	8	Taxes - Walker.
	9	Wallace, 1942.
	10	Wallace, 1943.
	11	Wallace, 1944.
	12	Wallace, January - June 1945.
	13	Wallace, July - December 1945.
	14	Waller - Wicker.
		CORRESPONDENCE. Marine Corps.
	15	1942, 1943.
	16	1944.
	17	1945-1954.
	18	Documents, 1942-1943.
	19	Rosters, 1943-1945.
4	1	CORRESPONDENCE. Marine Corps: Miscellaneous.
		CORRESPONDENCE. United Defense Fund.
	2	July - November 3, 1953.
	3	November 4 - December 1953, January 4, 1954.
	4	Receipts and checks.
	5	CORRESPONDENCE. American Legion: 1948, 1969, 1973-1974.
	6	DIARIES AND NOTES. Virginia Protective Force, 1941-1942.
	7	DIARIES AND NOTES. Japanese soldier, World War II.
		PRINTED MATERIAL.
	8	Clippings: Virginia Protective Force, 1941-1943.
	9	Clippings: 1946-1972.

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Description

- 4 PRINTED MATERIAL (cont.)
- 10 Periodicals: 1944-1969.
11 Miscellaneous pamphlets: 1915-1967.
12 Korean War, Propaganda leaflet, 1951.
13 United Defense Fund manual, 1953.
- SHELTON H. SHORT, III.
- 14 Correspondence, 1951-1979.
15 Genealogical information, 1951-1974.
16 Certificates, gift acknowledgments, 1943-1971.
17 Manuscripts, articles, etc., 1958-1978.
18 Clippings, 1979, 1941, 1983, 1977.
19 Clippings by Shelton H. Short, III, 1968-1971.
- 5 SHELTON H. SHORT - PRINTED MATERIAL.
- 1 British Attitudes to the Slesvig-Holsten Question:
A Summary of Dissertation, (Dieterich University Press, 1972).
- 2 Brunswick and Luxenburg, Germany, (Chase City:
Middleton Press, 1969).
- 3 Collection of Publications, 1965-1974.
- 4 From Elsinore to Edinburgh: Echoes of a Student, 1962-1969,
(Copenhagen: J.H. Schultz, 1970).
- 5 Expedition Along the Meherin.
- 6 Queen Charlotte and Mecklenburg, (Prestwould House).
- 7 Thin Golden Lines: A Booklet of Verse, 1970-1971,
(Göttingen, Germany: Dieterich University Book
Publishing Company, 1971). (2 copies)

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The following items have been removed from the collection:

Description of items CERTIFICATES	Location
1. United States Army, Honorable Discharge, December 20, 1918. 8" x 10 1/2"	Vault Level 3
2. Christmas greeting, Home Guard. 8 1/2" x 15"	
3. United States Marine Corps Reserve, Relief from Active Duty, August 12, 1944. 8" x 10 1/2"	
4. Commonwealth of Virginia, House of Delegates, December 1, 1945. 12" x 14"	
5. Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia State Guard, April 13, 1946. (2) 11" x 14"	
6. Commonwealth of Virginia, Board of Conservation and Development, June 30, 1948. 11" x 14"	
7. Commonwealth of Virginia, Board of Conservation and Development, June 28, 1951. 11" x 14"	
8. American Legion, Golden Anniversary Member, November 8, 1969. 9" x 12"	

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<p><u>The Virginia Guardsman</u> (Published by Virginia State Guard) September 1945. (2 copies)</p>	<p>GCMRL - Newspaper File</p>
<p><u>The Chase City (Virginia) Progress</u> October 29, 1940 June 19, 1941 November 6, 1941 November 27, 1941 December 11, 1941 December 18, 1941 January 22, 1942 February 5, 1942 February 19, 1942 February 26, 1942 March 5, 1942</p>	

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Book:

State Defense Force Manual. (Military Service Publishing
co., 1941)

Library

Periodical:

American Legion, March 1969.

Periodical Collection

Japanese currency:

3 paper bills.

Vault - Administration
Security No. 71.

Artifacts:

Red Cross Buttons, 1931, 1936. 4 metal button-pins.

Museum

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<p style="text-align: center;">SCRAPBOOKS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leather-covered scrapbook containing clippings, cards, photos, letters and momentos of Shelton H. Short, Jr.'s career in United States Marine Corps Reserve. 2. Wooden scrapbook containing clippings of Shelton H. Short, Jr.'s service in the Virginia Protective Force. 14" x 18" Cover reads "Co. 54 Virginia Protective Force, 1941, Chase City, Va., Mecklenburg Co., Captain Shelton H. Short, Jr. V.M.I. and R.M.C. 1st Lt. Fred T. Given. U. of Alabama Law School. 2nd Lt. Robert L. Wallace. V.M.I. Mecklenburg Voluteers." <p>[Photocopies of important documents in these two scrapbooks have been filed in the correspondence series of the Shelton H. Short, Jr., Papers.]</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Vault Level 3</p>

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Photographs:	
Portrait photograph of Shelton H. Short, III, age 15, 1941. Petersburg, Virginia.	#5194
Shelton H. Short, III, at Chase City, Virginia, 1943. (3 1/2 x 5")	5195
Portrait photographs of Shelton H. Short, III, taken while he was an Air Cadet, USAAF, Texas, 1945. (one color 8x10" and two 3x5")	5196-5198
Shelton H. Short, III, at Edinburgh, Scotland, Edinburgh University, Graduation Day, 1969. (one 3 1/2 x 5" and one color 5x7")	5199-5200
Photos taken at American Legion Headquarters in Paris, c.1971. (three 3 1/2 x 3 1/2")	5201-5203
Shelton H. Short, III, Boydton, Virginia, 1975. 3x4"	5204
Descendents of William O. Goode, at "Wheatland" near Chase City, Virginia. Photographed are Lynette Hensely, Mary Buford Epes Turner, Anne Hensley, Shelton H. Short, III, and Georgia K. Hammack. July 24, 1975.	5205
Portrait photograph of John Thomas Goode. Colonel in Confederate States of America. Born at "Cedar Grove" Boydton, Virginia, 1835 July 21, died in Chase City, Virginia, 1961 April 3.	5206
Post card photo of the Prince of Wales and Earl of Chester. (3 1/2 x 5 1/2")	5207
Virginia Military Institute, n.d. (2 negatives)	5208-5209
Baby photos of John Christopher Stewart, June and October 1945. (two 2 x 3 1/4" and one 1 1/2 x 4")	5210-5211
William L. Smith, Tsingtao, China, 1946. (2 1/2 x 3 1/4")	5212
Scenes from Randolph-Macon College, 1917. (3 1/4 x 5 1/2" and 3 1/2 x 3 1/2")	5213-5214
Scenes at Officers' Training School, Plattsburg, New York, 1918. Shelton H. Short, Jr., identified on some photos. (8 photos, size varies.)	5215-5222

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Photographs (continued):	
Company V, Plattsburg Barracks, Officers' Training School, Plattsburg, New York, August 1918. (14 x 5 1/2")	#5223
Photographs of Shelton H. Short, Jr., during his senior year at Randolph-Macon College, 1919. (2 photos. 3 1/4 x 3 1/4" and 5x7")	5224-5225
Portrait photograph of Shelton H. Short, Jr., Chase City, Virginia, c.1935.	5226
Christmas cards and photo greeting cards from Shelton H. Short, Jr., family, 1939-1965. (6 photos, size varies)	5227-5232
Various photographs of Shelton H. Short, Jr., and Shelton H. Short, III, Chase City, Virginia, 1941-1950. (10 photos, size varies)	5233-5242
Various Photograph of Marines from Louisiana Polytechnical Institute, Ruston, LA, getting ready to leave fro Quantico, Virginia. [major] Shelton H. Short, Jr., commander, 1943. (4 photos)	5243-5246
[major] Shelton H. Short, Jr., USMCR, Louisiana Polytechnical Institute, Ruston, LA, 1943.	5247
Practice landing operations on Ouslow Beach, North Carolina, 1943 March. (5x7")	5248
Shelton H. Short, Jr., [major] USMC. [1944] (2 photos, same 3x4" and 9x12")	5249
Portrait photograph of Shelton H. Short, Jr., c.1961. (2 photos, same, 8x10" and 11x14")	5250
1 snapshot of Shelton H. Short, III, 1975. 4 color photos of Shelton H. Short, Jr, grave site.	Unaccessioned Unaccessioned