

WILLIAM ALEXANDER WINSTON COLLECTION

Introduction

The William Alexander Winston Collection consists of photographs, a diploma, a copy of Winston's 1920 V.M.I. valedictory address, a 1918 V.M.I. calendar, a program of the 1923 re-enactment of the Battle of New Market, and a sash from a V.M.I. uniform. The collection is small, containing only 17 items, dating from 1918-1926.

The collection was donated by Randolph A. Winston of Keswick, Virginia, brother of the late William Alexander Winston, on November 10, 1975. There are no restrictions on its use.

Biographical Sketch

William Alexander Winston was born on March 14, 1898, in Cartersville, Virginia. He was one of four children born to James Overton Winston and his wife, Bessie Harrison. William's father, James O. Winston, was a member of the V.M.I. Board of Visitors from 1918-1926, and a co-owner of the Richmond Times-Dispatch for a number of years.

Winston entered V.M.I. on September 8, 1916, and graduated with a B.A. degree on June 18, 1920. He was valedictorian for his class. In 1923, he received his law degree from Harvard Law School, and was admitted to the New York Bar at Albany one year later. That year, 1924, he joined the Albany law firm of Whalen, Murphy, McNamee and Creble as an associate. In 1926 he was commissioned as 2nd Lt., Cavalry. Three years later, he formed a law partnership in New York City with Randall J. LeBoeuf, Jr., which later became the firm of LeBoeuf, Winston, Machold and Lamb. He died in New York City on October 18, 1937.

Scope and Content Note

The William Alexander Winston Collection, covering the years 1918-1926, consists of all non-manuscript material. There are six folders containing memorabilia, and there are several photographs which can be found in the photograph room. There are also some framed photographs and a 1920 V.M.I. diploma which can be found in the William Alexander Winston Carrell in the Marshall Library.

The photographs in the collection are mostly of Winston in his V.M.I. uniform. Additional material in the collection relating to V.M.I. include a 1918 V.M.I. calendar, a copy of the 1920 Valedictory address which Winston delivered, and a program from the re-enactment of the Battle of New Market in 1923. There is also a Harvard Law School Certificate and a certificate of appointment to 2nd Lt. in the U.S. Cavalry.

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The following items have been removed from the collection:

Description of items PHOTOGRAPHS

Location

Photograph No.

4157	Winston seated in cadet uniform.	Photograph Room
4158	Portrait of Winston in cadet uniform; signed: "With dearest affection for my Old Cumberland Home, Billy."	"
4159	Winston seated in uniform holding shako.	"
4160	Winston standing in uniform wearing shako.	"
4161	Winston standing in uniform holding shako.	"
4162	Winston seated in uniform holding shako.	"
4163	Soldiers (cadets) lined at attention.	"
4447	Winston standing in front of cannon, hat in his hand.	William Alexander Winston Carrell
4448	Winston seated in business suit.	"

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OVERSIZE ITEMS:

1920 Virginia Military Institute Diploma.

William Alexander Winston
Carrell

ARTIFACTS:

Purple sash from officer's uniform (VMI).

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