

**Roanoke Public Libraries
Virginia Room
LaRue B. Mason Collection**

Collection Description:

Repository: Roanoke Public Libraries, Virginia Room

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Title: LaRue B. Mason collection

Physical Characteristics: 4 record storage boxes

Donated by: Melva B. Trout, sister of LaRue Mason

Arrangement: Folders are arranged alphabetically by surname with a section of miscellaneous documents arranged alphabetically by document type thereunder.

Creator: LaRue B. Mason

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Introduction:

This collection consists of genealogical information relating to the Mason and Bowman families. Most of the information is regional, although correspondence regarding the search for genealogical information comes from all over the country.

Biographical Note:

LaRue Bowman was born in Roanoke in 1922. She later married Otho Mason and retired from General Electric as an office manager. Mason was an avid genealogist and amassed an impressive collection of genealogical materials tracing back her family history. Mason passed away on February 13, 1997.

Scope and Content:

- The collection is comprised of 4 record storage boxes. The boxes house 213 files containing different surname records and 17 files containing various miscellaneous materials.
- This collection is a medley of materials. There are photos, obituaries, wedding announcements, newspaper articles, letters, copies of wills, deeds, etc.
- Most of Mason's work comes from the 1970s-early 90s, while the records she collected date from the 1700s-1900s.

Container List:

Box 1 of 4

- Folder 1- Abshire
- Folder 2- Altice
- Folder 3- Amos
- Folder 4- Anderton
- Folder 5- Andrews
- Folder 6- Angle

Folder 7- Arnold
Folder 8- Backenstoss
Folder 9- Bailey
Folder 10- Bair/Bare/Baer
Folder 11- Baker
Folder 12- Baldwin
Folder 13- Barnett
Folder 14- Bates
Folder 15- Billups
Folder 16- Bittle
Folder 17- Blankenship
Folder 18- Boone
Folder 19- Booth
Folder 20- Bosserman
Folder 21- Bowman (1 of 4)
Folder 22- Bowman (2 of 4)
Folder 23- Bowman (3 of 4)
Folder 24- Bowman (4 of 4)
Folder 25- Brooks
Folder 26- Brower
Folder 27- Bryant
Folder 28- Calvert
Folder 29- Campbell
Folder 30- Carey
Folder 31- Coger/Cogar
Folder 32- Conner
Folder 33- Cooper
Folder 34- Crook
Folder 35- Cunningham
Folder 36- Dade
Folder 37- Dale
Folder 38- Danner
Folder 39- Davis
Folder 40- Dent
Folder 41- Deyerle
Folder 42- Deitrick
Folder 43- Diehl
Folder 44- Dillman
Folder 45- Divers
Folder 46- Dohner
Folder 47- Dooley
Folder 48- Edwards
Folder 49- Ferguson
Folder 50- Fisher
Folder 51- Flora
Folder 52- Fralin

Folder 53- Garber
Folder 54- Garst
Folder 55- Garst, Flavious Josephus
Folder 56- Gearheart
Folder 57- Gibson
Folder 58- Gingrich
Folder 59- Goad
Folder 60- Godwin
Folder 61- Graybill
Folder 62- Greer
Folder 63- Grimes/Grymes
Folder 64- Guilliams
Folder 65- Hale
Folder 66- Hall
Folder 67- Hamblin
Folder 68- Hambrick
Folder 69- Hancock
Folder 70- Harper
Folder 71- Harris
Folder 72- Harrison
Folder 73- Hartman
Folder 74- Hicks
Folder 75- Hill (1 of 2)
Folder 76- Hill (2 of 2)

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Folder 1- Holland
Folder 2- Howard
Folder 3- Huddleston
Folder 4- Huff-Hough (1 of 2)
Folder 5 Huff-Hough (2 of 2)
Folder 6- Hull
Folder 7- Hutchinson
Folder 8- Ikenberry
Folder 9- James
Folder 10- Jarrells
Folder 11- Jennings
Folder 12- Johnson (1 of 3)
Folder 13- Johnson (2 of 3)
Folder 14- Johnson (3 of 3)
Folder 15- Jones
Folder 16- Joyce
Folder 17- Kefauver
Folder 18- Kessler
Folder 19- King
Folder 20- Kingery (1 of 6)

Folder 21- Kingery (2 of 6)
Folder 22- Kingery (3 of 6)
Folder 23- Kingery (4 of 6)
Folder 24- Kingery (5 of 6)
Folder 25- Kingery (6 of 6)
Folder 26- Kirk
Folder 27- Lavinder
Folder 28- Law
Folder 29- Le Grande
Folder 30- Likens
Folder 31- Link
Folder 32- Luke
Folder 33- McGehee
Folder 34- McGraw
Folder 35- McGuire
Folder 36- Maddox/Mattox
Folder 37- Manning
Folder 38- Martin
Folder 39- Mason (1 of 2)
Folder 40- Mason (2 of 2)

Box 3 of 4

Folder 1- Meador
Folder 2- Miles
Folder 3- Miller (missing – March '99)??
Folder 4- Minnix
Folder 5- Montgomery
Folder 6- Moore
Folder 7- Moser
Folder 8- Naff
Folder 9- Nunley
Folder 10- Oyler
Folder 11- Pedigo
Folder 12- Peters
Folder 13- Petry (1 of 3)
Folder 14- Petry (2 of 3)
Folder 15- Petry (3 of 3)
Folder 16- Pharis
Folder 17- Phillips
Folder 18- Plunkett
Folder 19- Poindexter
Folder 20- Rea/Ray
Folder 21- Ready
Folder 22- Richards
Folder 23- Robertson
Folder 24- Robinson

Folder 25- Roller
Folder 26- Saul (1 of 4)
Folder 27- Saul (2 of 4)
Folder 28- Saul (3 of 4)
Folder 29- Saul (4 of 4)
Folder 30- Saunders
Folder 31- Saville
Folder 32- Seabold/Seabolt
Folder 33- Semones
Folder 34- Shartzer
Folder 35- Shelton
Folder 36- Sigmon
Folder 37- Singer/Sanger
Folder 38- Sink
Folder 39- Smallwood
Folder 40- Smith (1 of 8)
Folder 41- Smith (2 of 8)
Folder 42- Smith (3 of 8)
Folder 43- Smith (4 of 8)
Folder 44- Smith (5 of 8)
Folder 45- Smith (6 of 8)
Folder 46- Smith (7 of 8)
Folder 47- Smith (8 of 8)

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Folder 1- Smotherman
Folder 2- Snuffer
Folder 3- Spencer
Folder 4- Speagle/Spigle
Folder 5- Staples
Folder 6- Stiff
Folder 7- Stoner
Folder 8- Stover
Folder 9- Strickler
Folder 10- Struck
Folder 11- Trice
Folder 12- Trout
Folder 13- Turner
Folder 14- Vaughan
Folder 15- Wade
Folder 16- Wagner
Folder 17- Waldron
Folder 18- Wheeler
Folder 19- Wehrly/Wherly
Folder 20- Wigington
Folder 21- Williams (1 of 4)

Folder 22- Williams (2 of 4)
Folder 23- Williams (3 of 4)
Folder 24- Williams (4 of 4)
Folder 25- Willis
Folder 26- Willison
Folder 27- Wills
Folder 28- Wine
Folder 29- Woody
Folder 30- Wray
Folder 31- Wright
Folder 32- Ziegler
Folder 33- Bedford 1782 Taxable property
Folder 34- Book of Ancestors excerpts
Folder 35- Diary excerpts
Folder 36- Miscellaneous
Folder 37- Miscellaneous obituaries and memorials
Folder 38- Miscellaneous obituaries, weddings, and articles
Folder 39- Miscellaneous wedding, engagement, and anniversary announcements
Folder 40- North Farnham Parish-Lunenburg Parish registries
Folder 41- Pedigree charts of Donald William Francis (1943)
Folder 42- Personal
Folder 43- Personal from Nadia
Folder 44- Pigg River church and Pine River Primitive Baptist church cemeteries
Folder 45- Photographs, unidentified
Folder 46- Roanoke County map
Folder 47- Story Creek Baptist church
Folder 48- "Turning Points" from the Church of the Brethren Messenger (1 of 2)
Folder 49- "Turning Points" from the Church of the Brethren Messenger (2 of 2)