

**Roanoke Public Libraries
Gainsboro Library
A. B. Claytor Collection**

Collection Description

Repository: Gainsboro Branch of Roanoke Public Libraries

Location: B; Unit Two, Shelf Two

Title: A. B. Claytor Collection

Physical Characteristics: One (1) Document Storage Box

Donated by: Dr. Walter Claytor

Arrangement: These items are arranged with the photo album first in order, followed by loose photographs and folders relating to subject, ordered alphabetically. The items in the folders are arranged alphabetically by item type, multiple item types are then arranged chronologically.

Creator: Alexander Broadon Claytor

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Biographical Note:

Alexander Broadon Claytor was born 26 March 1910 to Solon Leonius Claytor and Henrietta B. Johnson Claytor in Copper Hill, Virginia. He completed his early education at schools in Floyd County, Botetourt County and Roanoke City and received degrees from Virginia State University and Tennessee Agricultural & Industrial State College, now Tennessee State University. On 28 April 1942, Claytor married Catherine Christine Williams, daughter of Roanoke, Virginia funeral director C. C. Williams. Claytor owned a 310 acre farm in Rockbridge County, Virginia and worked as an insurance agent and funeral director. In 1993, Claytor donated his life savings to Washington and Lee University to establish the Christine and Solon Claytor Scholarship Fund in honor of his wife and father. Claytor died 5 March 1995 in Lexington VA.

Scope and Content:

- The A. B. Claytor Collection is comprised of one (1) record storage box.
- This collection is made up of one (1) photo album, which is approximately 11.25 x 7.25"; loose photographs in black and white and color, and color slides; various documents including funeral programs, a marriage certificate, and an invitation; newspaper clippings and other published articles.
- While most of the material in the collection is comprised of family photographs owned by A. B. Claytor, articles relating to Claytor's endowment to Washington and Lee University are included.

- The collection dates from approximately the early 1920s to 1995.

Container List:

Claytor Family Photo Album

- A. B. Claytor Family Photo Album, Rockbridge County, VA, about 1920.

Folder 1 - Claytor Family Photographs

CF 01	Loose, A. B. Claytor Family Album, Page 2. Two unidentified women. 1922. Peoples Studio, 15 E. Campbell Ave. Roanoke, VA.
CF 02	Loose, A. B. Claytor Family Album, Page 2. Four unidentified children.
CF 03	Loose, A. B. Claytor Family Album, Page 2. Unidentified woman posing by a fence.
CF 04	Loose, A. B. Claytor Family Album, Page 2. Unidentified man. "All alone."
CF 05	Loose, A. B. Claytor Family Album, Page 2. Unidentified young girl with a bow in her hair.
CF 06	Loose, A. B. Claytor Family Album, Page 2. Connie A. Simpson.
CF 07	Loose, A. B. Claytor Family Album, Page 2. Unidentified man and woman posing in front of a house.
CF 08	Loose, A. B. Claytor Family Album, Page 2. Two unidentified girls on an amusement park ride.
CF 09	Loose, A. B. Claytor Family Album, Page 2. Unidentified baby.
CF 10	Loose, A. B. Claytor Family Album, Page 16. Five unidentified children.
CF 11	Loose, A. B. Claytor Family Album, Page 21. Unidentified woman posing in the grass.
CF 12	Loose, A. B. Claytor Family Album, Page 21. Unidentified woman posing by a fence.
CF 13	Loose, A. B. Claytor Family Album, Page 21. Edith Steptoe.
CF 14	Loose, A. B. Claytor Family Album, Page 21. Unidentified man posing by a low wall.
CF 15	Loose, A. B. Claytor Family Album, Page 56. Unidentified woman.
CF 16	Loose, A. B. Claytor Family Album, Page 56. Lillian Taylor, Troutville, VA. "R.F. D-1 Bot 32."
CF 17	Loose, A. B. Claytor Family Album, Page 72. Carrie Helen Simpson.
CF 18	Loose, A. B. Claytor Family Album, Page 72. Four girls sitting beside a pole.
CF 19	Loose, A. B. Claytor Family Album, Page 72. Unidentified girl standing in front of a house.

CF 20	Loose, A. B. Claytor Family Album, Page 72. Unidentified girl sitting on a barrel.
CF 21	Loose, A. B. Claytor Family Album, Page 94. Portrait of an unidentified girl.
CF 22-55	Color slides.
CF 56	A.B. Claytor (left) and unidentified man.
CF 57	Unidentified woman. Polaroid photograph.
CF 58	Unidentified school class. December 1957.
CF 59	Alexander Broadon Claytor.
CF 60	Alexander Broadon Claytor.
CF 61	"Johnnella '44."
CF 62	Catherine Christine Williams Claytor, wife of A. B. Claytor, daughter of C. C. Williams and Roanoke YWCA Director.
CF 63	Unidentified man and woman. Polaroid photograph.
CF 64-CF 64.1	A. B. Claytor and Catherine Christine Williams Claytor (?).

Folder 2 - Claytor Family Documents

- Funeral Program: Claytor Solon Leonius, 27 July 1961.
- Funeral Program: Claytor, Catherine Christine Williams, 16 January 1974.
- Funeral Program: Claytor, Henrietta Bell Johnson, 30 September 1981.
- Funeral Program: Claytor, Alexander Broadon, 8 March 1995.
- Invitation: Marriage Reception of Catherine Christine and Alexander Broadon Claytor, April 28, 1942.
- Marriage Certificate: Alexander B. Claytor and Catherine C. Williams, April 28, 1942.

Folder 3 - Claytor Scholarship Endowment, Washington and Lee University

- "\$250,000 unitrust established," *The Ring-tun Phi*, Washington and Lee University, Volume LXXIX, Number 19, February 14, 1980.
- "Farmer donates \$250,000 in memory of loved ones," Journal and Guide, February 15, 1980.
- "A. B. Claytor's unitrust will eventually endow honor scholarships at W&L," the Alumni Magazine of W&L, March 1980.
- "Lexington resident A. B. Claytor donates life savings," publication unknown, March 1993.

Addendum:

Folder 4 - *White's New Complete Arithmetic*, 1897

- *White's New Complete Arithmetic*, 1897. Book owned by S. L. Claytor.