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## Collection Overview

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## Administrative Information

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# Biographical / Historical

## Robinson Family

The Robinson family is thought to be of Scottish origin and appear in the records of Prince George's County, Maryland by the early 18th century. The line has been definitively traced to James Robinson (?-1849). James' father was probably Benjamin Robinson (?-1810), of Prince George's County, Maryland. (Will Book TT1, pg. 15, Records of Prince George's County, Maryland, Maryland State Archives (MSA))

James Robinson and Sarah Wynn were issued a marriage license on February 28, 1802 in Prince George's County, Maryland. (Marriage Records of Prince George's County, Maryland) Eleven children lived to maturity (not listed in birth order); Thomas Wells (1803-1869), Ann, Priscilla, James Monroe, Benjamin (1813-1882), John C. (1819-1895), Mary Sophia, Thomas Stanley (1800-1874), Alfred, Sarah Ann, Matilda, and Rebecca Maria.

James worked as a farm manager for Benjamin Oden near Upper Marlborough, Prince George's County. (Oden Papers, Maryland Historical Society) The Robinsons and their children, moved to Wood County, Virginia (now West Virginia) by April 18, 1818 where James acted as Oden's land agent (Deed Book 6, pg. 123, Land Records of Wood County, West Virginia). They brought with them three enslaved described in the above reference as, "Kate a woman 45 years of age very black; Colonel a boy aged 8 years yellow complexion: and George a boy aged six years of a dark brown complexion." They settled on part of what was known as the "Burnt Mill" tract in the general area where the Hughes River meets the Little Kanawha River. (Deed Book 9, pg. 110 and Deed Book 14, pg. 40, Land Records of Wood County)

Thomas Wells Robinson may not have accompanied his family to Virginia as he has a presence in Prince George's County prior to 1822 and was employed as a farm manager for Benjamin Oden at least until 1832. He married

Elizabeth J. Richards on December 15, 1829 (Robinson Family Bible). They had nine children; Richard Thomas (1831-1906), Rebecca Maria (1832-1895), Mary Wynn (1834-1916), James George (1835-1883), Virilinda Victoria (1837-1838), Elizabeth Ann (1839-1916), Sarah Ann Sophia (1840-1874), Franklin Alexander (1841-1905) and John Alfred (1843); seven lived to maturity. (Robinson Family Bible) Elizabeth died on August 17, 1843 from complications in childbirth. She was buried in the graveyard of Page's Chapel (later known as St. Thomas Episcopal Church), Croom, Prince George's County. In 1843, Thomas purchased the plantation of Dr. Benjamin B. Hodges for \$10,000 or approximately \$15 an acre. Hodges was a brother-in-law of Benjamin Oden. The deed dated September 7, 1843 describes the parcel as containing, "Six hundred and twenty nine acres of land more or less and constitute that plantation or Estate of the said Benjamin Oden heretofore commonly called "Brown's Quarter Place" being the Land tracts and parcels of land sold by the said Benjamin Oden to the said Benjamin B. Hodges and by deed bearing date the tenth day of December eighteen hundred and thirty five and recorded in Liber AB no. 10 folio 162 also one of the land Records of the County aforesaid". (JBB no. 3 pgs. 312 314, Land Records of Prince George's County) The land was level to rolling bordered on the north by a tributary of Piscataway Creek and generally termed "white oak land". Underlying the whole property was a large strata of gravel and sand. The entire parcel went by the name, Potomac Landing.

Thomas supplemented his land holdings with later purchases. With the exception of twenty acres purchased from Sarah Talbert in 1844, (JBB no. 3 pg. 475, Land Records of Prince George's County) and the purchase of lot #3 consisting of 195 acres, part of the estate of John Townshend in 1856, these purchases were not contiguous to Potomac Landing. By the time of his death in 1869 these non-contiguous parcels had been sold. Thomas sold eighty-six acres of Potomac Landing and Jeffries to Edward Eversfield in October of 1843. (JBB no. 3, pg. 198, Land Records of Prince George's County) On January 13, 1846 Thomas married the widow Martha Ann Walls, daughter of George and Martha Naylor Walls. They had two sons; Benjamin Wells (1848-1849) and Robert Henry (1851-1937).

In addition to his sons, Thomas owned enslaved. The number varied from six in 1849 (JBB 6, folio 186, Land Records of Prince Georges' County) to eleven as noted in the census for 1850, and finally six as noted in the census of 1860. The 1867 Maryland Slave Statistics noted that, "at the time of the adoption of the Constitution of Maryland, in the year 1864, . . ." Thomas owned six enslaved, their names and ages being; Isaac Franklin age 31, Alfred West age 19, Susan West age 17, Margaret Franklin age 14, Fannie Franklin age 12, and Peter Franklin age 9. All were noted as being in good physical condition. (Prince Georges' County Slave Statistics 1867 1869, C 1307 1, MdHR:6198, page 185, MSA)

Thomas's financial problems began in the mid-1800s when Deeds of Trust appear in the county records securing outstanding loans. In 1856 and 1857 Thomas joined with others as bondsman for his son, Richard who was serving as "Collector of the State and County Taxes" for the 4th collection district, making he and the other signatories liable for any uncollected taxes. This, coupled with poor investments, led to his almost being "sold out" in 1859-1860 by J.W. & E. Reynolds of Baltimore to pay his debts. He executed three drafts on Penn & Mitchell, also of Baltimore, to pay off J.W. & E. Reynolds. (Equity Case #597, Prince Georges' County) Thomas was in poor health and his son James managed the farm in 1857 and 1858, and again from 1861 to October of 1862 (Equity Case #873, Prince Georges' County)

In October of 1862 Thomas' two sons, James and Franklin, traveled to Richmond to join the Confederate States Army. James enrolled in the 5th Battalion, Local Defense Arsenal and Franklin enrolled in the 5th Virginia Infantry, the Stonewall Brigade. (CSA Military Records, National Archives) James visited home frequently but was captured by the Union Army in St. Mary's County, Maryland on May 15, 1864 and spent the remainder of the war in Point Lookout Prison Camp. He was released on May 14, 1865. Franklin was not able to visit home at all during the war but survived to return home in 1865. In 1865, Thomas surveyed a parcel of 172 acres for his daughter Rebecca Maria. Rebecca had married her second cousin, William B. Robertson, on November 18, 1855. He made a gift of fifty acres, and Rebecca agreed to purchase the remainder. The Robertsons named this parcel Holly Grove. In Equity Case #849 (1872) filed after Thomas' death, his widow Martha and Samuel H. Berry, as executrix and executor, sought to recover payment for this land. At that time, William B. Robertson described this 172 acres of Potomac Landing: "There was no fences on the line which separated this land from the old gentleman's land, but he was to put a fence on it which he agreed to do before we agreed to come there. The land was thin, unimproved, with gullies and scrubby pine. If witness had been a judge of land he would not have given five dollars for it. All the

improvements were one comfortable quarter the other indifferent with a poor oak shingle roof, worn out which made it not tenatable." Further along in his testimony, William gave an account of a conversation, "In a few days my father in law Thos. W. Robinson came to Washington and told me there his children had returned from the South, his two sons, that his debts were small and he was a happy man." Rebecca and William built a house on the property, a side-hall, double parlor plan that most likely her brother James was builder. They also built accompanying farm structures. (Records of Prince George's County, Maryland, Equity Case #849, MSA)

Thomas' son, Franklin, managed the farm after the War. In December 1868 Thomas entered into a sharecropping agreement with Edward Hanson, an African-American. After about a year-long illness, on May 16, 1869, Thomas died, deeply in debt. He was buried beside Elizabeth in the graveyard at St. Thomas' Church. He named as executrix his wife, Martha, and his friend and lawyer, Samuel H. Berry, as executor. His will divided the farm into thirds, one third going to his wife and their son Robert Henry, one third to his son James, and one third to his son Franklin. The land was surveyed according to the will. His personal property was sold but not enough profit was realized to pay off his creditors. The Commissioners of Prince George's County sued the estate on behalf of Thomas' creditors. The outcome was that in 1876 the property was sold at public auction. The Notice of Sale dated September 1, 1876 in the local county newspaper, *The Prince Georgian*, describes the farm as, "containing 514 2/3 acres More or less. The Improvements consist of a SMALL DWELLING, Three Barns, Stabling, and other necessary outbuildings. It is well wooded and watered, and the soil of fair quality. It has recently been divided into three lots and will be offered in lots, a description of which will be given at the time of sale." The sale was held on September 27, 1876, Lot No. 1 was purchased by Robert for \$6.00 an acre, Lot #2 was purchased by Franklin for \$5.00 an acre and Lot #3 was purchased by James for \$4.00 per acre. Robert and Franklin eventually paid off their mortgage, but James defaulted on his purchase and later moved to St. Mary's County, Maryland. His portion later came to be owned by the Hawkins family, some members who had worked on the Robinson farm. (Equity Case #873, Prince Georges' County, MSA)

Lot #1, purchased by Robert from his fathers' estate, consisted of 177-1/3 acres, including the dwelling and farm buildings. On July 24, 1872, he married Amanda Malvina Baden (1849-1940), daughter of Robert W. G. and Margaret Caroline Early Baden. The Baden and Early families were both prominent south county families. Robert and Amanda had eight children; Caroline Early (1873 1967), Lucy Tennent (1875 1958), Albert Henry (1878 1914), Martha Perry (1880 1961), Robert Gover (1882 1882), Frank Alexander (1883 1970), Margaret Baden (1886 1956) and Grace Malvina (1889 1965).

By 1880 Robert had paid off his debt on the property and was fully engaged in farming. Unlike his father, or perhaps because of his father, Robert did not add to his land holdings, choosing to remain relatively debt free for his lifetime. The only land transactions he participated in were the sales of 79-3/4 acres in 1921 of Amanda's inheritance from her father and her interest in two smaller parcels of her father's land sold in 1894 and 1928 respectively. In 1928 he transferred 3.09 acres to his son Frank.

As late as the Federal census of 1880, Franklin was living with Robert and his household, both men engaged in farming. Sometime after 1880, Franklin took up residence on his part of Potomac Landing. His brother James most likely built the side-hall double parlor house that copied the main house at Potomac Landing. On February 18, 1897, Martha Robinson, died at the age of ninety. She was buried in the graveyard of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Baden, Prince George's County. Robert continued cultivation of tobacco and small grains as his father before him. The first reference to the farm being named Ferndale is found in the "Communion Record" of Robert's daughter, Martha Perry "Pattie", dated 1896. (Robinson and Via Family Papers) The exact origin or reason for this new name is lost but perhaps the name Potomac Landing held such bitter memories of debt and hardship that, as a symbolic break with the past, a new name was found. It also may have simply been a way to distinguish this portion of Potomac Landing from the others. The farm continued to be listed on tax bills as Potomac Landing well into the 20th century, but was known to the general public and businesses as the Ferndale Farm. (Robinson and Via Family Papers)

Robert served as deputy inspector at the State Tobacco Warehouse in Baltimore for eight years under W.B. Bowie. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Bank of Brandywine. In July of 1905, Franklin died, a bachelor farmer. He was buried facing south in the graveyard of the Church of the Atonement, Cheltenham, (a chapel in St. Thomas' Episcopal Parish) where he had served as vestryman, treasurer, and cemetery custodian. Franklin died intestate and a lengthy process of dividing his estate began. This resulted in the sale of his part of Potomac Landing (Lot #2) in July 1908 to William E. Boswell. The court declared Robert ineligible for any inheritance due to his being

" . . . a brother of the half blood." The Boswell family later sold the property to the Billingsley family of St. Mary's County. (Equity Case 3209, Prince George's County)

In 1910, after living in the farm's original home for approximately sixty seven years, the Robinson family built a new home. It was described in a 1956 insurance policy as, "2 story, frame, metal roof, 16x43, wing 14x28, 9 rooms." (Robinson and Via Family Papers) The house design was a simple Victorian with plastered walls, and lit by carbide gas. Electrical lighting was installed in 1951. The house was built with monies from Robert and Amanda, and their son Frank, who served as builder and contractor.

On Tuesday March 9, 1937, "During a celebration in honor of his wives birthday anniversary, Mr. Robinson collapsed at the table and died immediately without a word or a sigh." (Robinson and Via Family Papers) Robert was buried beside his mother in the cemetery at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Baden.

At Robert's death, Ferndale Farm was valued at \$30.00 an acre, the total acreage, 174 acres, being valued in the whole at \$5,220.00. Robert died intestate, again the fate of the land was in question. He left eight heirs, his widow, Amanda, six of his children and his son Albert Henry's only surviving child, R. Henry Robinson. Rather than have the farm sold and his mother's life disrupted, Frank purchased the estate and personal property from the heirs. Before this could take place, a deed had to be granted the heirs for the property since one had never been recorded after the 1876 sale. Equity case 873 was reopened sixty-two years after its supposed resolution. Frank testified, "over a period of about thirty years I would on a number of occasions, talk about the fact that he had purchased and paid for this property and that a deed had never been executed to him and [he] kept saying he was going to have someone straighten this matter out for him." It was discovered that Robert had fully paid for his part of Potomac Landing. On February 14, 1938 the farm was deeded from Amanda along with Robert's heirs to Frank. (Book 499, page 334, Land Records of Prince George's County) According to the deed and a 1937 fire insurance policy the farm consisted of 177 1/3 acres, "1 two story dwelling, one tenant house, 1 barrack, 1 tobacco barn, 1 corn house & cow stable, 1 Stable, and 1 Granary & Stable." (Robinson and Via Family Papers)

Frank A. Robinson, now the sole owner of Ferndale Farm, was born August 17, 1883. He learned farming and in addition took up the trade of builder and contractor. As a young man, he worked in the general store of his uncle Robert Baden. He was the contractor for the first Bank of Brandywine and many homes in and around the town of Brandywine, including the home of his cousin Robert E. Baden, DDS. He was secretary of the Building Committee for construction of the Chapel of the Incarnation in Brandywine, a mission chapel for St. Thomas' Episcopal Parish. His success in the building trade gave him disposable income that he invested in land. His first purchase was in August, 1915 of a 2-9/100 acre of land in Brandywine that was being sold by the Board of County School Commissioners; the purchase price was \$300. In March 1916 he purchased 38.09 acres of his Uncle Franklin's farm. This property adjoined Ferndale Farm. Over the next fifty-four years of his life, Frank bought and sold many pieces of real estate. Perhaps his most significant purchases were: 18-1/3 acres purchased from The German American Colonization Land Company of Maryland in October 1915 (Book 115, pg. 140, Land Records of Prince George's County); 147.99 acres purchased from August and Wilhelmina Noltensmeir in December 1917 (Book 129, pg. 263, Land Records of Prince George's County) and 320 acres called the Vineyard purchased from William M. Wilson in March 1928. Frank used these three parcels as collateral for other purchases. Never once did he mortgage Ferndale Farm, insuring that no matter what financial stormy seas might blow, his home was secure. Over the course of his life, especially in the case of the Noltensmeir farm, when cash was needed a parcel of land would be surveyed off and sold. He inherited his grandfather Thomas' love of land but had fortunately developed a shrewd business sense to go along with it.

On November 20, 1929, he married Elizabeth Freeland Bourne, daughter of Joseph Blake and Maria Gantt Bourne of Calvert County, Maryland. They had three children: Mary Elizabeth (1930-2009), Franklin Alexander (1932-2023), and Robert Lee (1935-1997). In addition to his construction business he continued farming, raising tobacco, hay, and small grains. He engaged in sharecropping with tenants on his various properties. He was active in community affairs serving on the Board of The Maryland Tobacco Growers Association (MTGA), the Vestry of St. Thomas Parish, and as sheriff of Brandywine. On January 9, 1940 Amanda Baden Robinson died. She was buried next to her husband at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Baden. In February 1958, Frank and Elizabeth conveyed 1.57 acres of Ferndale Farm to son Franklin where he and his fiancée, Adina M. Via, were building their new home prior to their marriage in July of that same year.

The booming economy and suburbanization of the Washington metropolitan area in the early 1960's led to the high quality gravel lying beneath Ferndale into becoming a valuable commodity. In October 1962, Franklin and his parents granted a three-year lease to William C. Nolte for mining sand and gravel on the Ferndale Farm at .174 per yard. (Book 2747, pg. 11, Land Records of Prince George's County) From now until 1975 when the property was sold, gravel would be mined from under the farm by various companies. In November 1962, Elizabeth and Frank transferred to Franklin the 38.09 acres Frank had purchased from Fitzhugh Billingsley in 1916. (Book 2754, pg. 99, Land Records of Prince George's County) That same year they transferred 6.754 acres, part of the Vineyard, to son Robert and his wife Lois, (Book 2765, pg. 201, Land Records of Prince George's County)

On December 28, 1965, Frank and Elizabeth participated in a land exchange/purchase of the farm of Ralph W. and Cordelia H. Brown located along the Patuxent River in Benedict, Charles County, Maryland. Franklin had rented this farm the year before and was impressed enough by its location and arability to work out a purchase. Frank and Elizabeth traded 65.9920 acres that would eventually become Franklin's under Frank's will. On February 21, 1966 they deeded the Charles County farm to Franklin and Adina. Adina named this property Serenity Farm. The property consisted of 480.66 acres. (Liber 179, page 708 etc., Land Records of Charles County)

On February 5, 1970, after a short illness, Frank died at Cafritz Memorial Hospital. He was buried at St. Paul's Episcopal Church near his parents. In his will, probated March 4, 1970 he left thirty acres of the property purchased from the German American Land Company and A. Noltensmeir to Elizabeth. He willed forty acres of the same parcel to daughter Mary Robinson Conner. The remainder of Ferndale Farm was willed to Franklin and the remaining acreage of the Vineyard was left to Robert Lee. Franklin Alexander Robinson was born August 13, 1932 at the Garfield Hospital in Washington, D.C.. He received his schooling in the public school system of Prince George's County, graduating from Gwynn Park High School in June 1951. He was a charter member of Gwynn Park's chapter of The Future Farmers of America. He was extremely active in FFA, achieving the Degree of Maryland Farmer in 1950 and their highest award, the Degree of American Farmer at their convention in Kansas City, Missouri in October 1953. He obtained his private pilots license in 1954. He entered the United States Army in February 1955 and went through basic training at Camp Gordon, Augusta, Georgia. After basic training he was transferred to Camp Hanford, Washington State. There he worked part time on the farm of Dick and Theresa Laurent during his off duty hours and began a lifelong friendship with them. He returned home to farming on an agricultural discharge in October of 1956. On July 27, 1958 he married his high school sweetheart, Adina Mae Via, daughter of Robert Milton and Virginia Woods Via. They had three children: Franklin Alexander (1959), Robert David (1962), and Adina Theresa (1963).

Franklin continued expanding and improving the farming operation by modern methods and means. At times, he farmed over one thousand acres, both owned and rented. On February 21, 1966, his parents deeded their purchase of the Ralph W. and Cordelia H. Brown farm in Benedict to he and Adina, later known as Serenity Farm Franklin and Adina engaged an architect to draft house plans for an anticipated new residence. A small A frame vacation home was built on the property so the family could spend weekends there.

On December 14, 1966, after a long illness, Adina died from complications associated with Hodgkin's Disease. She was buried in Trinity Memorial Gardens, Waldorf, Charles County. Franklin married Margaret Walker Lennox (nee Tallen, known as Rita) on August 21, 1970 (Marriage Records of Prince George's County, Maryland). This marriage ended in divorce in 1977. There were no children from this marriage.

On July 14, 1975 the Robinson family, Franklin, his second wife, Margaret, her daughter Margaret W. Lennox, Franklin, Jr., R. David, A. Theresa and Elizabeth B. Robinson, moved to Serenity Farm. On July 17, 1975 Franklin and Elizabeth sold the remaining acreage of Ferndale Farm to Brandywine Sand and Gravel, thus ending 131 years of ownership by the Robinson family. Elizabeth Bourne Robinson died on July 15, 1976 and was buried beside her husband at St. Paul's Church, Baden. Franklin married Hiltrud (Ceddie) Harris (nee Sedlacek) on July 15, 1978. (Robinson Family Bible) This marriage ended in divorce in 1986. There were no children from this marriage. Franklin married Diedre Gale Merhiage on April 19, 1989; this marriage ended in divorce in 1997. There were no children from this marriage. He married Remelda Henega Buenavista on January 13, 2007.

The Robinson family continue day-to-day operations of Serenity Farm. The land is well suited to the growing of tobacco and small grains, which crops, (with the exception of tobacco) along with a flock of sheep, are cultivated there to the present time. After the crop year 2001 the Robinson family took the tobacco buyout program offered by the state of Maryland and ceased growing tobacco. Franklin is active in farming and community affairs having



served on the vestry of St. Thomas Episcopal Parish, the Board of Directors of the Maryland Tobacco Growers Association (MTGA), the Board of the Production Credit Association, the Boards of three schools, Holy Trinity Day School, Queen Anne School, and Calverton School, and numerous other organizations. Currently the farm consists of approximately 275 acres. In 1981 a state agricultural land preservation district of 222.755 acres was created. This was the first such district in Charles County and one of the first in the state of Maryland.

### **Via Family**

The Via family traces its origins to the colony of Virginia, where the probable progenitor of the line, Amer Via, a French Huguenot, settled in Manakin Town, Albemarle County between 1670-1700. It is impossible to trace the Via line definitively due to the loss of Virginia county records during the Civil War.

The Via family line covered in this collection can be definitively traced to William Via of Fredericksville Parish, Louisa (later Albemarle) County, Virginia. The William Via family lived west of the present day town of Whitehall at the base of the Blue Ridge Mountains, an area commonly known as Sugar Hollow. William Via III served in the Virginia Line during the Revolutionary War. He married Mary Craig, daughter of Thomas Craig and Jane Jameson, on March 17, 1784. William died on June 27, 1836, in Albemarle County (Rev. War Pension Appl. 6363, National Archives). His son Thomas married Sally, widow Griffin, on January 1, 1811 (Albemarle County Marriage Records). Their son, Hiram Karl Via (1812-1893), married Harriet Ardenia Naylor by license dated March 7, 1836 (Albemarle County Marriage Records).

Hiram and Harriet's son, Robert St. Clair Via (1844-1925), served as a private in Company I, 7th Virginia Infantry of the Confederate States Army (CSA Military Service Records, National Archives). After the war he married his first cousin, Mary Frances Naylor, daughter of Samuel Chapman Naylor and Eliza Jane Gardner, on April 3, 1866 in Rockingham County (Rockingham County, Virginia, Marriage Records). Sometime between 1870 and 1872, they moved to Linn County, Missouri, and settled about seven miles from the town of Bucklin. Their son, Hiram Chapman Via (1872-1933), was born there. In 1893, the family returned to Virginia, and settled on a farm in Greene County near the town of Stanardsville.

Hiram Chapman Via operated a mill as well as a farm. On March 15, 1899, he married Adina Eleanor Eusebia Runkle, daughter of Milton D. L. Runkle and Roberta A. Beadles (Greene County, Virginia, Marriage Records). They had three children: Bernice Olive (1902-1999), Robert Milton (1906-1983), and Deward Daniel (1909-1977).

Robert moved to Washington, D.C.. In December 1927 he began employment with the Capitol Traction Company as a streetcar conductor (Robinson and Via Family Papers). During the early 1930s, Robert rented a townhouse at 715 A St., SE, where he lived with his sister Bernice V. McMullan and her son, William C. McMullan; his brother and sister in law, and his parents. Next door, at 717, lived the Moses Albright family, including Moses's stepdaughter Ida Virginia Woods (1914-2010), daughter of Jesse Lee Woods (1894-1918) and Donna Mae Barker (1896-1928) of Frederick County, Maryland. Robert and Virginia began a courtship and on September 3, 1932 were married in Frederick, Frederick County, Maryland (Frederick County, Maryland, Marriage Records).

After their marriage, Robert and Virginia lived in various locations in the Washington metropolitan area. Their first child, Robert Delano, was born on March 24, 1933, and their second child, Adina Mae, was born on April 12, 1937. Virginia was employed outside the home while her children were in school. Her first job before her marriage had been with Woolworth's in Martinsburg, WV working the candy counter and then before the birth of her son at The Hecht Company on F St. in Washington, D.C.. After her marriage she worked briefly for the United States Postal Service in Capitol Heights, Maryland. Beginning in the 1950s, she worked first at the Hecht Company department store on 7th Street in the District and later for Charles of the Ritz as a receptionist in their beauty salon located in Woodward & Lothrop's F Street store in Washington, D.C.. She also worked as salon manager at the Charles of the Ritz salons in the Woodward & Lothrop stores in Seven Corners, Virginia, and Chevy Chase, Maryland. She retired due to health reasons in 1973.

On September 10, 1941, Robert and Virginia purchased Lot #43 in Woodlane subdivision in Prince George's County. (Book 619, pg. 12, Land Records of Prince George's County) A house was designed for them for this lot by Clyde E. Phillips. They did not construct a home on this property due to the outbreak of World War II. Robert, due to his employment in public transportation, did not serve with the Armed Services in World War II. On October 18, 1946, they purchased approximately thirty acres bordering on Burch's Creek near the towns of Clinton, also know as

Surrattsville, and T.B. in Prince George's County from Joseph H. and M. Pauline Blandford. (Book 873, pg. 483, Land Records of Prince George's County) Over the next three years, hiring private contractors, doing work themselves, and with the help of Robert's brother Deward, they built the two story house designed by Phillips in 1941. They moved to the farm from Capitol Heights in 1949. Robert raised hogs, small grains and a crop of tobacco yearly on this farm and also maintained his job with Capitol Transit (formerly Capitol Traction). In 1954, Robert and Virginia purchased a farm of approximately 150 acres in Island Creek, Calvert County, Maryland. The intention was for Robert and his son to enter into a full time farming operation on expanded acreage. Robert D. Via, known as Delano, graduated from Gwynn Park High School in June 1951. Delano was a part-time farmer and pursued a career as a country and western singer with Bashful Bob and the Rhythm Rangers, he being Bashful Bob. He was employed in various jobs, and began a tour in the Army in 1953. By the time the Via family moved to Calvert County in 1956, he decided to pursue careers other than farming. He eventually traveled and worked in various parts of the United States. He married first Delores Cooper, second Gloria J. Irick, and finally Candice Marinelli in December 1974, they had two children, Robert Marin (1975) and Kirstin Marin (1976).

On June 1, 1956 Robert resigned from his position at Capitol Transit due to health reasons. He and his family moved to the farm in Island Creek, Calvert County where he began full time farming. He and Virginia sold the thirty-acre farm in Prince George's County on June 21, 1956 to Melvin C. and Geraldine H. Rardia. (Book 2003, pg. 564, Land Records of Prince George's County) Virginia continued her employment with Charles of the Ritz. Adina, now a graduate of Gwynn Park High School, was employed by the USAF at Andrews Air Force Base in Camp Springs, Maryland. They both commuted daily from Calvert County to their places of employment.

Robert farmed in Calvert County, raising hogs, cattle, small grains and tobacco. Over the course of the next twenty-seven years, Robert and Virginia sold smaller parcels off the farm. In 1974, Robert and Virginia built a small retirement home designed for them by Calvert Masonry Contractors. Robert died on December 22, 1983. He was buried beside his daughter Adina in Trinity Memorial Gardens. At the time of Robert's death, the farm consisted of 28.694 acres. In 1998, Virginia deeded the remainder of the farm, then less than six acres, to her grandson, Franklin A. Robinson, Jr. who sold all but a one-acre lot in April 1999.

Virginia continued to live on the farm in Calvert County, maintaining a small herd of cattle. In the fall of 1989 Franklin, Jr. went to live with her. In 1993, the onset of Alzheimer's Disease required her to move to Serenity Farm and take up residence with her granddaughter A. Theresa. Virginia participated in various studies on Alzheimer's Disease conducted by the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland beginning in 1992. She was profiled in the September 1997 issue of *Washingtonian Magazine*. In October of 1998 she moved to All American Senior Care in Brandywine, Maryland and in 1999 she moved to Morningside, an elderly care facility in Waldorf, Maryland. In 2002, she moved to St. Mary's Nursing Center in Leonardtown, Maryland. The remainder of the farm was sold in 1999 and 2002. She died January 14, 2010 and was buried at Trinity Memorial Gardens in Waldorf.

Adina Mae Via was born April 12, 1937 at the Homeopathic Hospital in Washington, D.C.. Adina grew up in Washington, D.C. attending public schools. She moved with her family to the Burch's Creek farm, Prince George's County, in 1949. She enrolled in the Prince George's County school system, and graduated from Gwynn Park High School in June of 1955. After graduation, she was employed by the USAF at Andrews Air Force Base in Camp Springs.

In July of 1956, she moved with her family to the Via farm in Island Creek, Calvert County. On July 27, 1958 she married Franklin A. Robinson at the Chapel of the Incarnation. They had three children: Franklin Alexander (1959), Robert David (1962) and Adina Theresa (1963). In the fall of 1958, she and Franklin took up residence in the home they had built on Ferndale Farm. She resigned from her position with the USAF in 1959.

On December 14, 1966, at Providence Hospital in Washington, DC, Adina died from complications due to Hodgkin's Disease. She had been battling this disease for many years prior to her death. She was buried in Trinity Memorial Gardens, Charles County.

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## Scope and Contents

An extensive and comprehensive collection of papers relating to family, farming, and the Southern Maryland tobacco culture, the Robinson and Via Family Papers cover many aspects of family and farm life. The papers are particularly important in regard to the tobacco culture that defined Southern Maryland for generations. The papers concern two distinct family groups, the Robinson and Via families who are connected through the marriage of Franklin A. Robinson and Adina Mae Via. The papers consist of material generated by the Robinson and Via families in their personal and working lives and as farm owners and operators.

The papers are especially strong in 20th century material. They consist of various types of farm records: account books, bills, receipts, tenant farming agreements, ephemera, land rental and purchase agreements, insurance policies, photographs and 8mm and 16mm films of farming practices and procedures, equipment and landscapes, related to the farming of tobacco, small grains, and livestock. The personal records include diaries, letters both personal and business, greeting cards, newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, high school yearbooks, baby books, house plans, recipe books, photographs and 8mm films of birthdays, holidays, weddings, baptisms, family occasions, and family travel, oral histories, and funeral ephemera including photographs, and transcription discs. Of particular interest are the "Serenity Farm Tobacco Production Photographs" documenting the crop year 1999-2000 and the films detailing agricultural practices. There is a memorandum book for Black Walnut Thicket, 1885-1901, the Baden farm in Baden, Prince George's County.

This collection includes a comprehensive range of 8mm and 16mm films and photographs documenting farming practices and landscapes as well as family gatherings, birthdays, holidays, and vacations. The researcher is alerted to the fact that in some cases with the memorandum and account books, books printed for a given year were often saved and used for subsequent years, some were dated, some were not.

The collection is divided into seven series arranged by subject and most often chronologically at folder level within each series.

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## Arrangement

The collection is divided into seven series:

**Series 1: Ferndale Farm (Potomac Landing), Prince George's County, Maryland, 1861-1973, undated**

Subseries 1.1: Farm papers, bill, and receipts, and publications, 1861-1973, undated

Subseries 1.2: Farm papers, bill, and receipts, 1945-1960, undated

Subseries 1.3: Farm papers, bills, and receipts, 1960-1965, undated

**Series 2: Robinson Family, 1845-2017, undated**

Subseries 2.1: Family Papers and Publications, 1845-1993, undated

Subseries 2.2: Townshend, Martha Robinson, 1896-1961, undated

Subseries 2.3: Robinson, Frank A., 1899-1970, undated

Subseries 2.4: Robinson, Elizabeth Bourne, 1841-1976, undated

Subseries 2.5: Conner, Mary Robinson, 1938-1985, undated

Subseries 2.6: Robinson, Franklin A., 1932-1997, undated

Subseries 2.6.1: Farming, 1948-1976, undated

Subseries 2.6.2: Financial, 1948-1988, undated

Subseries 2.6.3: 4-H and Future Farmers of America (FFA), 1945-1954, undated

Subseries 2.6.4: Travel, 1959-1970, undated

Subseries 2.7: Robinson, Jr., Franklin A., 1959-2001, undated

**Series 3: Serenity Farm, Charles County, Maryland, 1962-2000, undated**

**Series 4: Via Farm, Calvert County, Maryland, 1954-1987, undated**

**Series 5: Via Family, 1932-2010, undated**

Subseries 5.1: Family papers, 1941-1983, undated

Subseries 5.2: Via, Robert M., 1933-1987, undated

Subseries 5.3: Via, Ida Virginia, 1928-2010, undated

Subseries 5.4: Via, Robert D., 1933-1988, undated

Subseries 5.5: Robinson, Adina Via, 1937-1966, undated

**Series 6: Photographs, Photographic Slides, and Photographic Negatives, 1860-2000, undated**

Subseries 6.1: Photographs, 1872-2000, undated

Subseries 6.2: Photographic negatives, 1927--2000, undated

Subseries 6.3: Photographic Slides, 1955-1979, undated

**Series 7: AudioVisual, 1943-1988**

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

### Subjects:

- Acting -- 1980-2000
- Agricultural machinery
- Agriculture -- 20th century -- Maryland
- Amateur films
- Amusement parks -- California
- Children's parties
- Christmas
- Dairy farms
- Easter
- Electric railroads
- Family -- 20th century
- Family farms
- Family festivals
- Family recreation
- Farm buildings
- Farm equipment
- Farm life -- 20th century
- Farm management
- Farm ownership
- Farmers
- Farms -- Maryland
- Holidays
- Housewives -- United States
- Illiterate persons

Parks -- California  
Rural families  
Rural women  
Sheep ranches  
Soldiers  
Street-railroads  
Street-railroads -- Employees  
Students  
Tobacco -- Harvesting  
Tobacco -- Storage  
Tobacco curing  
Tobacco farmers  
Travel  
Urban transportation  
Weddings  
Women in agriculture  
Work and family

Types of Materials:

Albums  
Architectural drawings  
Baby books  
Correspondence -- 1930-1950  
Diaries  
Ephemera  
Family papers  
Funeral registers  
Home movies  
Housebooks  
Motion pictures (visual works)  
Phonograph records  
Photographs -- 19th century  
Photographs -- 20th century  
Postcard albums  
Postcards  
School yearbooks  
Scrapbooks  
Snapshots

Names:

Capital Transit Company (Washington, D.C.)  
Conner, Mary Robinson, 1930-2009  
Howes, Grace Bourne, ?-1976  
Robinson, Adina Theresa, 1963-  
Robinson, Amanda Baden, 1849-1940  
Robinson, Elizabeth Bourne, 1892-1976  
Robinson, Frank A., 1883-1970  
Robinson, Franklin A., 1841-1905  
Robinson, Franklin A., Sr., 1932-2023  
Robinson, Martha Walls, 1807-1897  
Robinson, Robert David, 1962-  
Robinson, Robert Henry, 1851-1937

Robinson, Thomas Wells, 1803-1869  
Serenity Farm, Inc.  
Townshend, Martha Robinson, 1880-1961  
Via, Adina Mae, 1937-1966  
Via, Ida Virginia Woods, 1914-2010  
Via, Robert Delano, 1933-  
Via, Robert Milton, 1906-1983

Places:

Arizona -- Motion pictures  
Bahamas -- Motion pictures  
Benedict (Md.)  
Brandywine (Md.)  
California -- Motion pictures  
Calvert County (Md.) -- Family farms  
Charles County (Md.) -- Family farms  
Disneyland (California)  
Florida -- Motion pictures  
Maryland -- Family farms  
Oregon -- Motion pictures  
Prince George's County (Md.)  
Puerto Rico -- Motion pictures  
St. Thomas, V.I. -- Motion pictures  
United States of America -- Maryland -- Carroll County -- Marston  
United States of America -- Maryland -- Carroll County -- New Windsor  
United States of America -- Maryland -- Carroll County -- Westminster  
Washington (D.C.)  
Washington -- motion pictures  
Yosemite National Park (Calif.)

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Ferndale Farm (Potomac Landing), Prince George's County, Maryland, 1861-1975, undated

**Scope and Contents:** Ferndale Farm, earlier known as Potomac Landing, was the Robinson farm located on Dyson Road in Prince George's County. It was known as the Ferndale Farm after circa 1896. This series includes farm account books ranging from 1872 to 1939, a threshing account book 1930-1931, farm papers including land rental agreements, products sold, seed, feed, machinery purchase and repair, and most other farm related expenses and income 1861-1966, most often these are designated by subject or crop. There is also farm related ephemera and publications, an aerial photograph of the John Deere Farm (a Robinson rental property owned by Katherine Deere Butterworth (1866-1953), granddaughter of the founder of the John Deere and Company, farm implement manufacturers), land plats and an aerial photograph pre-1958 of Ferndale Farm. There are motion pictures and photographs of this farm in series 6 and 7 respectively. Publications are filed chronologically.

#### Subseries 1.1: Farm papers, income and expense, Land Plats, Account Books, 1861-1973, undated

Box 1, Folder 1	<a href="#">Farm papers, 1861-1900</a>
Box 1, Folder 2	Farm account book (Robinson, Franklin A.), 1872-1893
Box 69, Folder 13	Ferndale Farm, check book, undated
Box 1, Folder 3	Ferndale Farm, papers, 1901-1929, undated <a href="#">Image(s): Farm papers</a>
Box 1, Folder 19	Ferndale Farm, papers, 1931-1933
Box 1, Folder 20	Ferndale Farm, papers, 1935
Box 1, Folder 21	Ferndale Farm, papers, 1937
Box 1, Folder 22	Ferndale Farm, papers, 1941-1944
Box 1, Folder 23	Ferndale Farm, papers, 1945
Box 1, Folder 24	Tax Levy, assessments, 1901-1940
Box 37, Folder 2	Simplex Farm Compendium, 1910-1912
Box 1, Folder 4	Frank A. Robinson Farm Account Book, 1916-1921, January 1, 1917 to January 1, 1918 1 Item (Ink on paper.; 9.4" x 14.6".) <a href="#">Image(s): Farm account book, Robinson, Frank A.</a>

Author: Robinson, Frank A., 1883-1970  
 Collector: Robinson, Franklin A., Jr., 1959- (actor, writer)  
 Donor: Robinson, Franklin A., Jr., 1959- (actor, writer)  
 Language: English.  
 Notes: AC0475-0000268.tif (AC scan)  
 January 1, 1917 / to January 1, 1918. Ragged label pasted on cover with Robinson's name and the dates of the journal. The journal details Frank A. Robinson's family farm business. He writes of the daily business expenses of their south Maryland farm. It sheds light on the basic farm business in the Chesapeake and Maryland area.  
 Topic: Agriculture -- Maryland -- 20th century  
 Farming  
 Family -- 20th century  
 Place: Maryland -- 20th century  
 Genre/Form: Biographies  
 Diaries -- 20th century  
 Holographs -- 20th century

Box 42, Folder 9	Pocket memoranda, farm labor and accounts, 1925-1940, undated
Box 41, Folder 20	Farm account book (Robinson, Frank A.), 1928
Box 1, Folder 5	Threshing account book (Robinson, Frank A.), 1930-1931
Box 1, Folder 6	Farm account book (Robinson, Frank A.), 1933-1939
Box 1, Folder 7	Ephemera, 1876, undated
Box 1, Folder 8	<a href="#">Farm papers, 1946-1966</a>
Box 34, Folder 11	Land plats and maps, 1873-1960
Box 1, Folder 9	John Deere farm (Maryland Farm) (Brandywood Estates), photograph and plat, 1952-1957, undated
Map-folder 1	<a href="#">Aerial photograph, Ferndale Farm, 1958</a>
Map-folder 2	Garlinghouse Plan Service, Plan No. 8020 (house plans with revisions by Franklin A. Robinson), 1958
Box 45, Folder 18	W. Carlton Hicks General Merchandise, Cheltenham, Maryland, promotional thermometer, 1953
Box 1, Folder 17	Grain drying complex proposal, 1961
Box 45, Folder 24	Washington Maid Ice Cream, promotional thermometer, undated
Box 24	Land plat, undated



Box 48, Folder 10-11	Expense and income ledger (Robinson, Franklin A.), 1969-1970
Box 34, Folder 11	"Property of Brandywood Estates, Inc." (formerly Maryland Farm, John Deere Farm and Hoffman Estates, Prince George's County, Maryland) Maddox & Hopkins, Engineers, 1960-07
Box 34, Folder 11	"A Plat of Survey of the exterior boundaries of a parcel of ground acquired by Nathan Levin and wife Rose Levin" (Hoffman City, formerly Maryland Farm, John Deere Farm, Prince George's County, Maryland), Thornton Engineering Company, 1955-02-15
Box 34, Folder 14	"Plat of Maryland Farm at T.B. P.O. Brandywine MD. William Butterworth Owner" (also known as John Deere farm), 1930-01-20
Box 96, Folder 19	Cheltenham tracts, aerial photographs, undated
Box 96, Folder 20	Ferndale Farm, aerial photographs, undated
Box 56, Folder 8	Soil and water conservation plans, "Home farm, Billingsleys Part, Land on 301", undated

Subseries 1.2: Farm papers, income and expense, 1945-1960, undated

Box 48, Folder 1	Tobacco, 1945
Box 49, Folder 5	Wheat, 1959
Box 48, Folder 2-3	Receipts, 1957
Box 48, Folder 4	Soil testing, 1957
Box 49, Folder 3; Box 48, Folder 5	Bills and receipts, 1958-1959
Box 48, Folder 6; Box 49, Folder 1	Farm income, 1958-1959
Box 48, Folder 7	"Farm Family Record Book", 1959-1960
Box 49, Folder 2	Insurance receipts and mortgages, 1959
Box 69, Folder 4	Rain Bird Sprinklers, operating instructions and parts list, 1959, undated
Box 69, Folder 6	American Saw Mill Machinery Company, catalog, undated

### Subseries 1.3: Farm Papers, income and expense, 1960-1964, undated

Box 52, Folder 3;           Corn, 1960-1964

Box 50, Folder 16;

Box 49, Folder 26;

Box 51, Folder 4;

Box 53, Folder 3

Box 52, Folder 5;           Farm expenses (advertisement, property taxes and interest), 1962-1964

Box 51, Folder 5;

Box 53, Folder 5

Box 52, Folder 6;           Farm income, 1961-1964

Box 53, Folder 6;

Box 50, Folder 15

Box 49, Folder 11;       Farm insurance, 1960-1961

Box 50, Folder 5

Box 52, Folder 7;           Farm supplies, 1960-1964

Box 51, Folder 8;

Box 49, Folder 10;

Box 53, Folder 7;

Box 50, Folder 10

Box 50, Folder 9           Farmer's Home Administration (FHA), 1961

Box 52, Folder 8;           Fertilizer, lime, plants, and seed, 1960-1964

Box 52, Folder 8, 22;

Box 51, Folder 9, 20;

Box 49, Folder 7;

Box 51, Folder 20;

Box 53, Folder 8-9,  
20;

Box 50, Folder 8

Box 52, Folder 9;           Fuel and oil, 1960-1964

Box 51, Folder 10;

Box 53, Folder 10;

Box 49, Folder 12

Box 49, Folder 21;           Electric, 1960-1964

Box 52, Folder 4;

Box 51, Folder 6;

Box 53, Folder 4

Box 50, Folder 12           Gas, oil, and grease, 1961

Box 53, Folder 11;           Grain purchases and contracts, 1963-1964

Box 52, Folder 10

Box 51, Folder 11;           Hay and straw, 1960-1963

Box 50, Folder 17;

Box 49, Folder 14;

Box 52, Folder 11

Box 49, Folder 24;           Income, 1960-1962

Box 50, Folder 15;

Box 51, Folder 7

Box 51, Folder 15;           Insurance, 1960-1964

Box 53, Folder 15;

Box 49, Folder 22;

Box 50, Folder 5;

Box 52, Folder 16

Box 49, Folder 25           Irrigation pipe accident, 1960

Box 49, Folder 6;           Land rental agreements, 1960-1964

Box 53, Folder 16;

Box 52, Folder 17

Box 50, Folder 7           Machinery and truck insurance, 1961

Box 52, Folder 19;           Machinery hire, hauling and freight, 1960-1963

Box 50, Folder 13;

Box 51, Folder 17;

Box 49, Folder 16

Box 53, Folder 18;           Machinery payments and contracts, 1961-1964

Box 52, Folder 20;

Box 50, Folder 6;

Box 51, Folder 18

Box 50, Folder 11; Machinery repair and maintenance, 1961-1964

Box 52, Folder 21;

Box 53, Folder 19;

Box 51, Folder 19

Box 49, Folder 18 New machinery, 1960

Box 49, Folder 9 Parts, 1960

Box 53, Folder 21 Spray materials, 1964

Box 52, Folder 23; Tobacco, 1960-1964

Box 51, Folder 21;

Box 53, Folder 22;

Box 49, Folder 13;

Box 50, Folder 19

Box 49, Folder 17 Truck, 1960

Box 50, Folder 14 Truck and jeep repairs, 1961

Box 48, Folder 12 Quonset architectural drawing, undated

Box 52, Folder 24; Wheat, rye, barley, and soybeans, 1960-1964

Box 49, Folder 15, 23;

Box 50, Folder 18, 20;

Box 53, Folder 23;

Box 51, Folder 22

Box 48, Folder 8 6,000 Gallon 5# PSIWP Horizontal Nitrogen Solutions Storage Tank, 1965

Map-folder 3 6,000 Gallon #5 PSI WP Horizontal Nitrogen Solution Storage Tank, blue prints,  
1965

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### Farm Papers, income and expense, 1964, undated

Box 63, Folder 3 Bank statements, Bank of Brandywine, 1963-10-1964-04

Box 63, Folder 4 Bank statements, Bank of Brandywine, 1964-04-1964-08

Box 63, Folder 5	Bank statements, Bank of Brandywine, 1964-08-1964-10
Box 63, Folder 6	Bank statements, Bank of Brandywine, 1964-11
Box 63, Folder 7	Bank statements, Bank of Brandywine, 1964-12
Box 63, Folder 8	Check register, Bank of Brandywine, 1964-03-21-1964-09-12

#### Subseries 1.4: Farm papers, income and expense, 1965, undated

**Scope and Contents:** Beginning in 1965 the farm papers include materials relating to the farm that was eventually purchased by the Robinson family and became Serenity Farm. From now until 1975 when Ferndale was sold, the farm papers include expenses incurred on both Ferndale and Serenity Farm. The last crop year for Ferndale was 1968 so farm expenses and income incurred after that year will most likely be relevant to Serenity Farm. These files contain a mix of farm, personal, and home expense, seldom, if ever, does it seem that it was strictly broken out into separate filing systems pertinent to farm and family.

Box 72, Folder 1	Farm expense, 1965
Box 72, Folder 2	Bank deposit slips (notes, interest, financial statements), 1965
Box 72, Folder 3	Car repairs, 1965
Box 72, Folder 4	Corn, 1965
Box 72, Folder 5	Dividends, credit slips, etc., 1965
Box 72, Folder 6	Doane's Agricultural Report, 1965
Box 72, Folder 7	Farm electric, 1965
Box 72, Folder 8	Farm income, miscellaneous, 1965
Box 72, Folder 9	Farm supplies (building repairs), 1965
Box 72, Folder 10	Fertilizer and lime, 1965
Box 72, Folder 11	Fertilizer, seed and farm supplies sold, 1965
Box 72, Folder 12	Internal Revenue and income tax calculations (Franklin and Adina Robinson), 1965
Box 72, Folder 13	Fuel, LP gas and oil, 1965
Box 72, Folder 14	Grain purchases and contracts, 1965
Box 72, Folder 15	Hay and straw, 1965

Box 72, Folder 16	Health and health insurance
Box 72, Folder 17	Household (electric bills and repairs, A-frame construction), 1965
Box 72, Folder 18	Income tax (state, federal, Social Security), 1965
Box 72, Folder 19	Insurance deductible (buildings, farm equipment and labor), 1965
Box 72, Folder 20	Kindergarten (Franklin A. Robinson, Jr.), 1965
Box 72, Folder 21	Land rentals and agreements, 1965
Box 72, Folder 22	Life insurance, 1965
Box 72, Folder 23	Machinery hire, freight and hauling, 1965
Box 72, Folder 24	Machinery payments and contracts (Production Credit Association), 1965
Box 72, Folder 25	Machinery repair and maintenance, 1965
Box 72, Folder 26	School bus stubs, 1965
Box 72, Folder 27	Seed and plants, 1965
Box 72, Folder 28	Soil tests, grain sample tests, 1965
Box 72, Folder 29	Spray materials, 1965
Box 72, Folder 30	Taxes, advertisements, and interest, 1965
Box 73, Folder 1	Telephone bills, 1965
Box 73, Folder 2	Tobacco, 1965
Box 73, Folder 3	Wheat, rye, soybeans, 1965
Box 85, Folder 1	Bank of Brandywine Statement (Brandywine, Maryland), 1965-02
Box 85, Folder 2	Bank of Brandywine Statement (Brandywine, Maryland), 1965-03
Box 85, Folder 3	Bank of Brandywine Statement (Brandywine, Maryland), 1965-04
Box 85, Folder 4	Bank of Brandywine Statement (Brandywine, Maryland), 1965-06
Box 85, Folder 5	Bank of Brandywine Statement (Brandywine, Maryland), 1965-07
Box 85, Folder 6	Bank of Brandywine Statement (Brandywine, Maryland), 1965-08

Box 85, Folder 7	Bank of Brandywine Statement (Brandywine, Maryland), 1965-09
Box 85, Folder 8	Bank of Brandywine Statement (Brandywine, Maryland), 1965-10
Box 85, Folder 9	Bank of Brandywine Statement (Brandywine, Maryland), 1965-11
Box 85, Folder 10	Check Register, Bank of Brandywine, 1964-09-15-1965-03-26
Box 85, Folder 11	Check Register, Bank of Brandywine, 1965-04-02-1965-08-12
Box 85, Folder 12	Check Register, Bank of Brandywine, 1965-08-14-1965-11-28

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#### Subseries 1.5: Farm papers, income and expense, 1966, undated

Box 73, Folder 4	Adina M. Robinson, health insurance, 1966
Box 73, Folder 5	Advertisement expenses, 1966
Box 73, Folder 6	Davco fertilizer, 1966
Box 73, Folder 7	Deductible income, 1966
Box 73, Folder 8	Dividend, credit slips, 1966
Box 73, Folder 9	Doctor's bills, health insurance, 1966
Box 73, Folder 10	Farm electric, 1966
Box 73, Folder 11	Farm rental and agreement, 1966
Box 73, Folder 12	Farm supplies, 1966
Box 73, Folder 13	Fertilizer and lime, 1966
Box 73, Folder 14	Fuel, LP gas, and oil, 1966
Box 73, Folder 15	Grain purchases and contracts, 1966
Box 73, Folder 16	Hay and straw, 1966
Box 73, Folder 17	Home and personal expense, bank deposit slips, car repairs, 1966
Box 73, Folder 18	Income, corn, 1966
Box 73, Folder 19	Income, farm miscellaneous, 1966

Box 73, Folder 20	Income tax, federal, state, social security, 1966
Box 73, Folder 21	Machine hire, 1966
Box 73, Folder 22	Machine payments and contracts, 1966
Box 73, Folder 23	Machine repair and maintenance, 1966
Box 73, Folder 24	Maryland Tobacco Growers Association (MTGA), 1966
Box 73, Folder 25	Pesticides and spray maintenance, 1966
Box 73, Folder 26	Production Credit Association, 1966
Box 73, Folder 27	Property taxes and credit, 1966
Box 73, Folder 28	Royster fertilizer, 1966
Box 74, Folder 1	Seed and plants, 1966
Box 74, Folder 2	Telephone bills, home and farm, life insurance, 1966
Box 74, Folder 3	Tobacco, 1966
Box 74, Folder 4	Wheat, 1966
Box 86, Folder 1	Bank of Brandywine Statement (Brandywine, Maryland), 1966-01
Box 86, Folder 2	Bank of Brandywine Statement (Brandywine, Maryland), 1966-02
Box 86, Folder 3	Bank of Brandywine Statement (Brandywine, Maryland), 1966-03
Box 86, Folder 4	Bank of Brandywine Statement (Brandywine, Maryland), 1966-05
Box 86, Folder 5	Bank of Brandywine Statement (Brandywine, Maryland), 1966-06
Box 86, Folder 6	Bank of Brandywine Statement (Brandywine, Maryland), 1966-07
Box 86, Folder 7	Bank of Brandywine Statement (Brandywine, Maryland), 1966-08
Box 86, Folder 8	Bank of Brandywine Statement (Brandywine, Maryland), 1966-10
Box 86, Folder 9	Bank of Brandywine Statement (Brandywine, Maryland), 1966-12
Box 86, Folder 10	Check Register, Bank of Brandywine, 1965-11-30-1966-05-06
Box 86, Folder 11	Check Register, Bank of Brandywine, 1966-05-07-1966-09-26



Box 86, Folder 12	Citizens Bank Statement (Riverdale, Maryland), 1966-03
Box 86, Folder 13	Citizens Bank Statement (Riverdale, Maryland), 1966-04
Box 86, Folder 14	Citizens Bank Statement (Riverdale, Maryland), 1966-05
Box 86, Folder 15	Citizens Bank Statement (Riverdale, Maryland), 1966-06
Box 86, Folder 16	Citizens Bank Statement (Riverdale, Maryland), 1966-07
Box 86, Folder 17	Citizens Bank Statement (Riverdale, Maryland), 1966-08
Box 86, Folder 18	Citizens Bank Statement (Riverdale, Maryland), 1966-09
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Box 95, Folder 26	"Doane Agricultural Digest, 300-Buildings, Machinery, and Equipment", 1955-1962
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Box 95, Folder 27	"Doane Agricultural Digest, 400-Leases, Taxes, Social Security", 1951-1962
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Box 95, Folder 28	"Doane Agricultural Digest, 500-Farm Management", 1952-1956
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Box 95, Folder 29	"Doane Agricultural Digest, 600-Soils, Fertilizers, Irrigation", 1952-1957
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Box 95, Folder 30	"Doane Agricultural Digest, 700-Weather, Types of Farming", 1951-1954
Box 95, Folder 31	"Doane Agricultural Digest, 800-Chemicals, Weeds, and Insects", 1953-1961
Box 95, Folder 32	"Doane Agricultural Digest, 900-Government and Law", 1956-1962
Box 95, Folder 33	"Doane Agricultural Digest, 1000-Credit, Land Values, Appraising", 1954-1962
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Box 95, Folder 35	"Doane Agricultural Digest, 1200-Index", 1962
Box 45, Folder 16	"McCormick Farmall 100," sales brochure, 1951
Box 45, Folder 17	"Wellworth Trading Company Catalog", 1952
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Box 95, Folder 1	"Farm and Ranch Machinery Reports, Autos and Trucks", 1959
Box 95, Folder 2	"Farm and Ranch Machinery Reports, Communication Equipment", 1960
Box 95, Folder 3	"Farm and Ranch Machinery Reports, Conveyors", 1960
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Box 95, Folder 5	"Farm and Ranch Machinery Reports, Cultivator", 1960-1961
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Box 95, Folder 7	"Farm and Ranch Machinery Reports, Fuel Storage and Safety", 1961
Box 95, Folder 8	"Farm and Ranch Machinery Reports, Grain and Crop Dryers", 1960
Box 95, Folder 9	"Farm and Ranch Machinery Reports, Grain Harvesting and Equipment", 1959-1961
Box 95, Folder 10	"Farm and Ranch Machinery Reports, Hay", 1960
Box 95, Folder 11	"Farm and Ranch Machinery Reports, Insecticides and Chemicals", 1960
Box 95, Folder 12	"Farm and Ranch Machinery Reports, Machinery and Equipment", 1959-1962
Box 95, Folder 13	"Farm and Ranch Machinery Reports, Planting Equipment", 1960
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Box 95, Folder 17	"Farm and Ranch Machinery Reports, Repair and Maintenance", 1960-1961
Box 95, Folder 18	"Farm and Ranch Machinery Reports, Safety", 1962
Box 95, Folder 19	"Farm and Ranch Machinery Reports, Small Tools", 1961
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Box 95, Folder 21	"Farm and Ranch Machinery Reports, Tractors", 1959-1962
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Box 96, Folder 10	"McCormick International 21 and 22 Beet Toppers," operator's manual, 1964
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Box 96, Folder 2	"Tobacco Crop Pests," "Tobacco Diseases," and invasive plants, 1968-1976
Box 96, Folder 3	Long Farm Machinery (Tarboro, North Carolina and Davenport, Iowa), catalogue, 1971
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Box 45, Folder 19	Cole Manufacturing Company, catalog, undated
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Box 45, Folder 20	"Cushman Motor Scooter Parts and Price List", undated
Box 45, Folder 22	"McCormick-Deering No. 30 Power Loader," sales brochure, undated
Box 45, Folder 23	"McCormick No. 8 Field Cultivator," sales brochure, undated

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"McCormick no. 44 Cotton, Corn, and Bean Planter," sales brochure, undated

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## Series 2: Robinson Family, 1838-2023, undated

**Scope and Contents:** This series is divided into six subseries. The Robinson family papers deal with the continuous farming operation of a single family over four generations on the same property. They employed not only immediate family members but also sharecroppers, tenant farmers and hired hands. The farming operation was carried out on acreage varying from over five hundred acres to less than two hundred. Account books from the latter part of the 19th century and extending into the 20th century give an accurate and detailed picture of the day to day workings of a farm. Personal letters, diaries and ephemera complement the technical aspects of farming with its human and familial aspects. Through these documents one gathers a sense of the place of the Robinson family in the community, their day to day concerns and inter family relationships. The diaries of Elizabeth Bourne Robinson, covering the years 1951 to 1960, are particularly vivid for detail of the daily operations of farming and family life at mid-20th century.

### Subseries 2.1: Family Paper and Publications, , 1838-2010, undated, undated

**Scope and Contents:** This subseries contains personal and business papers of family individuals, including Thomas Wells Robinson (1803-1869) the purchaser of Potomac Landing, correspondence, one broadside, a family scrapbook, and general ephemera. This Subseries includes a family scrapbook, a scrapbook created by Lucy Robinson Arth (1876-1958), daughter of Robert H. and Amanda B. Robinson, and a scrapbook created by Mary Robinson Conner (1930-2009), daughter of Frank A. and Elizabeth B. Robinson. This series includes mercantile ephemera and store broadsides. This series includes a merchant memorandum book Black Walnut Thicket the plantation of the Baden family in Baden, Prince George's County, Maryland. This series also includes a copy of "*Hail! Prince George's*" the Prince George's County song written in 1939 (Box 38, folder 3). This series includes a music study book, *Standard Graded Courses of Studies for the Piano Forte, Grade III* (1892) owned by Louise Robertson, a family cousin that lived at Holly Grove, the farm next door to the Robinsons. This series includes a full run of correspondence course practical nursing lessons from the Chicago School of Nursing with the accompanying exams, ephemera, and lesson binders used by Mary Robinson Conner.

Box 65, Folder 3	Arth, Lucy Robinson, correspondence and ephemera, 1892-1954, undated
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Box 65, Folder 10	Clark, Genie McKee to Roberts, Eva, correspondence, 1951-02-25
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Box 2, Folder 2	<a href="#">Robinson, Martha Walls, 1864-1895, 1861-1895, undated</a>
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Box 25, Folder 5	Robinson, Robert Henry, account book, Detrick Fertilizer and Chemical Co., 1888-1901
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Box 54, Folder 1	Robinson, Caroline Early, autograph book, 1893-1899
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Box 36, Folder 2	Children's scrapbook, 1884, undated
Box 36, Folder 3	Children's scrapbook, 1888, undated
Box 43, Folder 4	Robertson, Louise, Standard Graded Courses of Studies for the Piano Forte, Grade III, 1892
Box 25, Folder 5	Road book, Pierce's Memorandum and Account Book, 1896
Box 69, Folder 7	Westwood Store (Westwood, Maryland) broadside, 1907-12 <a href="#">Image(s): Westwood Store, Westwood, Maryland, broadside</a>
Box 34, Folder 13	Westwood Store (Westwood, Maryland) broadside, 1913-12
Box 65, Folder 15	Robinson, Robert Henry (1914-1956), Baby's Life, baby book and loose clippings and ephemera, 1914-1955, undated
Box 34, Folder 8	Robinson, Robert Henry (1914-1956) diploma from National University, Washington, D.C., 1935 Notes: Robert Henry Robinson (1914-1956) was the son of Albert Henry Robinson and Cornelia Roberts. He attended the National University, now George Washington University and studied law. He was admitted to the District of Columbia Bar and the Maryland Bar.
Box 69, Folder 3	Robinson, Robert Henry (1914-1956), District of Columbia Bar Certificate, 1936-10-17 Notes: Robert Henry Robinson (1914-1956) was the son of Albert Henry Robinson and Cornelia Roberts. He attended the National University, now George Washington University and studied law. He was admitted to the District of Columbia Bar and the Maryland Bar.
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Box 42, Folder 8	Robinson, Robert Lee, ephemera, 1951, undated
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Box 65, Folder 2	Johns Hopkins University Studies in Historical and Political Science, VI Parish Institutions of Maryland Edward Ingle, A.B., 1883-04
Box 65, Folder 4	The Story of the Other Wise Man, Dyke, Henry Van, 1895
Box 38, Folder 1	Facts of Interest to Travelers and Importers, 1907
Box 38, Folder 2	Know Your State Virginia, 1925
Box 41, Folder 19	Know Your Own County: An Analysis of the Government of Prince George's County Maryland, The Prince George's County League of Women Voters, 1926
Box 30, Folder 6	The First Parishes of the Province of Maryland (Episcopal), 1942
Box 34, Folder 10	News clippings, 1957-2010
Box 65, Folder 13	Out House Memories, Riley, James Whitcomb, undated
Box 34, Folder 11	"Survey of 238 1/20 acres of Land at Brandywine, Prince Geo. Co. Md." (Badenhoop and Knollenburg joint owners, Liber 54, folio 504 etc.) W.W. Demaine, surveyor, 1873-04-03-1911-03-08

[[Stock Certificate for five shares of The Southern Maryland Co-Operative Creamery Association : stock certificate.](#)], 1921

1 Item (Ink on paper.; 8" x 10.5".)

Creator: Southern Maryland Co-Operative Creamery Association, The

Language: English.

Notes: AC0475-0000021.tif (AC Scan)

In Box 2, Folder 8.

Stock sold to Frank A. Robinson. Drawings show dairy cows, a barn and a creamery; artist unidentified.

Topic: stock certificates -- 1920-1930

Creameries -- Maryland

Genre/Form: Stock certificates

Box 34, Folder 28	The Free Lance-Star Region (Fredericksburg, Virginia), "New Faces on the Farm", 2007 July 16
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## Subseries 2.2: Townshend, Martha Robinson, "Pattie", 1896-1961, undated

**Scope and Contents:** This subseries contains material and ephemera of Martha Perry Robinson Townshend (1880-1961), known as "Pattie". She was the daughter of Robert H. and Amanda Baden Robinson. She married Harry Naylor Townshend in October 1906. The couple moved to Leigh Castle farm, Marston, Carroll County, Maryland in 1908. After Harry's death in 1955, Pattie sold Leigh Castle and moved to Clinton, Prince George's County, Maryland to live with her daughter Margaret Naylor Ward, wife of Frank E. Ward. It contains personal and business papers, including correspondence, postcards and a postcard album, newspaper wedding accounts, confirmation memorial, Holy Matrimony book, three scrapbooks (circa 1895-circa 1955), a farm account book for Leigh Castle farm (1954-1955), and her funeral ephemera including floral cards and funeral register. This series also contains material originating with her daughter, Margaret (1908-1997).

Box 23	Scrapbook, 1895
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Box 2, Folder 6	<a href="#">Townshend, Martha Robinson "Pattie", 1896-1961</a>
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Box 25, Folder 4	Confirmation Memorial, 1896
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Box 2, Folder 7	<a href="#">News clippings, weddings, 1898-1935</a>
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Box 67	Correspondence, postcards, and ephemera, 1903-1940, undated <a href="#">Image(s): Postcard album</a>
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[Lexington near Howard Street, Baltimore, Md. \[colorized postcard\], 1905](#)

1 Item (Ink on paper.; 3.5" x 5.5".)

Printer: Kropp, E.O.

Language: English.

Notes: 01047517.tif (AC Scan)

Written note from Eva to Cousin Pattie on front of postcard.  
Postcard printed by E. O. Kropp company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; photographer unidentified.

Topic: Streets -- Maryland -- Baltimore -- 1900-1910

Place: Baltimore (Md.)

Genre/Form: Picture postcards -- 1900-1920

Photographs -- 1900-1910

Postcards -- 1900-1910

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Box 30, Folder 1	Correspondence received, 1905-1961
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Box 31, Folder 1	Scrapbook, 1905
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Box 25, Folder 4	Holy Matrimony, 1906
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Box 30, Folder 2	Farm account book, Leigh Castle (Marston, Carroll County, Maryland), 1954-1955
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Box 30, Folder 4	Floral cards, 1961
Box 30, Folder 5	Funeral register, 1961
Box 54, Folder 3	Townshend, Margaret Naylor, autograph book, 1927-1929
Box 30, Folder 7	Ward (nee Townshend), Margaret Naylor, recipe book, 1929-1930
Box 30, Folder 8	Leigh Castle Farm (Carroll County, Maryland) postcard with aerial view, undated

### Subseries 2.3: Robinson, Frank A., 1872-1971, undated

**Scope and Contents:** This subseries contains material and ephemera of Frank Alexander Robinson (1883-1970). He was the son of Robert H. and Amanda Baden Robinson. He married Elizabeth Freeland Bourne of Calvert County, Maryland in 1929. The subseries consists of personal and business papers, correspondence, a copy of the pedigree for Hal Harding, his race horse, farm diaries, blue prints, land plats, real estate documents and deeds, estate papers for his parents Robert H. Robinson and Amanda B. Robinson, and his funeral register and floral cards. It also contains numerous memoranda and notebooks containing labor rosters and pay as well as accounts with persons and merchants. This series includes a broadside advertising *Gone With the Wind* (1939) and other attractions at the Marlboro motion picture theatre.

Box 2, Folder 10	Business papers and assorted ephemera, 1899-1949
Box 25, Folder 4	Pierce's Memorandum and Account Book, 1899-1943
Box 69, Folder 1	The Trotter & Pacer, Vol. XXIV No. XXIII (New York, New York), 1906-02-08
Box 2, Folder 11	<a href="#">Personal correspondence received, 1911-1958</a>

"Gone with the Wind" [sic: advertisement for Marlboro Theatre : postcard], 1940  
1 Item (Imk on paper.; 5.1" x 3.1".)

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**Advertiser:** Marlboro Theatre (Upper Marlboro, Md.)

**Language:** English.

**Notes:** AC0475-0000269-01; AC0476-0000269-02 (AC Scan Nos.)

Bulk-mail (postcard) hanging advertisement for showings of "Gone with the Wind," week of April 14, 1940, with schedule of other movies listed on verso. Hole punched in one end for hanging purposes, marked "(Hang Me Up)." Postcard addressed to "Mr. Frank Robinson / Brandywine, Maryland."

The Marlboro Theatre was operated by Sidney Lust.  
Featured in blog by Franklin Robinson, Jr.

Topic: Motion picture theaters  
Place: Upper Marlboro (Md.)  
Maryland -- 1930-1950  
Genre/Form: Advertisements -- 1930-1950  
Direct mail  
Postcards -- 1900-1950

Box 3, Folder 7	Personal correspondence received, 1946-1969, undated
Box 3, Folder 1	<a href="#">Correspondence received from Bourne, Elizabeth Freeland, 1923-1970</a>
Box 34, Folder 1	Hal Harding (racehorse), pedigree, "Winner of the Washington Post Three Year Old Futurity 1913"
Box 34, Folder 1	Hal Hardin (racehorse), memorandum of agreement (training) between Corbin, L.J. and Robinson, F.A., 1915-03-15
Box 25, Folder 4	Indiana & Ohio Livestock Insurance Co. 1915, memorandum and account book, 1928, undated
Box 66, Folder 1	Wilson, William M. to Robinson, Frank A., deed and real estate papers for The Vineyard (Brandywine, Maryland), 1872-1930, undated
Box 66, Folder 2	Real estate documents and deeds, 1915-1968
Box 69, Folder 2	Land Plats, Waters tract (1931) Mayhew Tract (1947), 1931-1947
Box 66, Folder 3	Heirs of Robert H. Robinson to Frank A. Robinson, deed for Ferndale Farm (Brandywine, Maryland), 1938-02-14-1951
Box 66, Folder 4	Construction business, 1911-1947, undated
Box 65, Folder 5	The Horseman's Handbook, Magnus Flaws and Company, 1912
Box 3, Folder 2	<a href="#">Diary, 1926</a>
Box 25, Folder 4	Blackman Stock Remedy Co., memorandum and account book, 1929
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Box 3, Folder 4	<a href="#">Brandy-Wine Brewing Company, correspondence, 1935</a>
Box 3, Folder 5	<a href="#">Estate papers, Robinson, Robert Henry and Robinson, Amanda Baden, 1937-1940</a>
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Box 3, Folder 11	Last Will and Testament, 1955-01
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Map-folder 1	Texaco Road Map for Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia, with annotations on cover, circa 1930
Map-folder 1	Plat #8168, Right of Way, State Roads Commission T.B. Toward Waldorf, 1949
Box 3, Folder 8	Funeral register, 1970
Box 3, Folder 9	Floral cards and engraved acknowledgements, 1970
Box 3, Folder 10	Appraisal, Frank A. Robinson estate, 1971
Box 66, Folder 5	Frank A. Robinson, estate papers, 1970-1972
Box 25, Folder 1	Blueprint for Fireplace, Bungalow for Claude H. Owen, Esquire, Upman and Adams Architects, undated
Box 35, Folder OTC3	Accordion played by Frank A. Robinson (track 2), 1968
Box 35, Folder RTC3	Accordion played by Frank A. Robinson (track 2), 1968
Map-folder 1	"Plat Showing Right of Way Acquired from Frank A. Robinson", (three plats, one letter), 1962-1968
Map-folder 4	"Proposed Conveyance from Frank Robinson to Frank Catardi and Lans E. Lindwall, Brandywine District," plat (Prince George's County, Maryland), 1952-11-25
Box 2, Folder 8	<a href="#">Just Outside Washington Fine Farming Country Around Brandywine, Maryland, A.C. Wolfe, E.A. Strout Farm Agency, Incorporated, real estate brochure, 1918</a>
Map-folder 4	Hand drawn land plat for the Noltensmeir farm (two sections), undated

#### Subseries 2.4: Robinson, Elizabeth Bourne, 1841-1978, undated

**Scope and Contents:** This subseries contains material and ephemera of Elizabeth Bourne Robinson (1892-1976). She was the daughter of Joseph Blake Bourne and Maria Gantt of Calvert County, Maryland and the wife of Frank A. Robinson. This subseries consists of personal and business papers, correspondence, farm diaries for Ferndale Farm (1951-1960), recipe books (1872-1929), and embroidery patterns, and her funeral ephemera and register. There are a number of product cookbooks and Department of Agriculture publications. Correspondence includes letters from her sister Grace Bourne Howes (1889-1976). There is sheet music 1873-1927, undated, including popular song titles such as *Silver Threads Among the Gold* (1873), *Where the River Shannon Flows* (1905), and *Are You Lonesome Tonight* (1927) as well as studio pieces most likely used while she was learning piano. The older pieces of music most likely belonged to her mother, Maria Gantt Bourne. Other objects include her

mother's cookbook and music folio. There is a recorded oral history with Elizabeth done in 1971 including a written transcript.

Box 37, Folder 1	Bound music folio stamped Maria Gantt, 1841-1865, undated
Box 34, Folder 7	Bourne, Maria Gantt Bourne, recipe book, 1872
Box 4, Folder 1	<a href="#">Bourne, Maria Gantt, recipe book ephemera, 1872, undated</a>
Box 65, Folder 1	Bourne, Mary Emily, Album of the Heart, autograph album, 1860-1882
Box 43, Folder 1	Bourne, Elizabeth F., sheet music, 1873-1903
Box 43, Folder 2	Bourne, Elizabeth F., sheet music, 1905-1909
Box 43, Folder 3	Bourne, Elizabeth F., sheet music, 1913-1927, undated
Box 4, Folder 2	<a href="#">Correspondence from Howes, Grace Bourne, 1927-1976</a>
Box 4, Folder 3	Correspondence received, 1928-1969
Box 65, Folder 7	Correspondence received, 1930-1976
Box 4, Folder 4	<a href="#">Correspondence, business, and ephemera, 1929-1976, undated</a>
Box 4, Folder 9	Correspondence received, 1970-1976, undated
Box 25, Folder 7	Robinson, Elizabeth Bourne, recipe book (Does not circulate), 1929
Box 4, Folder 5	Robinson, Elizabeth Bourne, recipe book, reference copy, 1929
Box 4, Folder 6	<p>Robinson, Elizabeth, farm diary, 1951-01-01-1953-01-31  1 Item (Ink on paper.; 14.0" x 11.0".)  <a href="#">Image(s): Farm journal</a>  Creator: Robinson, Franklin A., Jr., 1959- (actor, writer)  Author: Robinson, Elizabeth Bourne, 1892-1976  Language: English.  Notes: AC0475-0000251  January 1, 1951 / to January 31, 1953. Commercially manufactured book labeled "Day Book" on the cover. The journal details the Robinson family farm business. Elizabeth Robinson writes of the daily business of their south Maryland farm. It sheds light on the basic farm business in the Chesapeake and Maryland area.</p> <p>Topic: Agriculture -- Maryland -- 20th century  Farming  Family -- 20th century  Place: Maryland -- 1951-1953  Genre/Form: Holographs -- 20th century  Biographies</p>



## Diaries -- 20th century

Box 4, Folder 7	<p>Robinson, Elizabeth, farm diary, 1953-02-01-1956-02-15 1 Item (Ink on paper.; 17.0" x 11.0".) <a href="#">Image(s): Farm journal</a></p> <p>Author: Robinson, Elizabeth Bourne, 1892-1976 Collector: Robinson, Franklin A., Jr., 1959- (actor, writer) Donor: Robinson, Franklin A., Jr., 1959- (actor, writer) Language: English. Notes: AC0475-0000258 February 1, 1953 / to December 15, 1955. In standard "Compositions" book. The journal details the Robinson family farm business. Elizabeth Robinson writes of the daily business of their south Maryland farm. It sheds light on the basic farm business in the Chesapeake and Maryland area.</p> <p>Topic: Agriculture -- Maryland -- 20th century Farming Family -- 20th century Place: Maryland -- 20th century Genre/Form: Biographies Diaries -- 20th century Holographs -- 20th century</p>
Box 4, Folder 8	<p>Robinson, Elizabeth, farm diary, 1958-08-01-1960-01-31 1 Item (Ink on paper.; 8.0" x 12.8".) <a href="#">Image(s): Farm journal</a></p> <p>Author: Robinson, Elizabeth Bourne, 1892-1976 Collector: Robinson, Franklin A., Jr., 1959- (actor, writer) Donor: Robinson, Franklin A., Jr., 1959- (actor, writer) Language: English. Notes: AC0475-0000264.tif (AC scan) August 1, 1958 / to January 31, 1960. In standard manufactured book entitled "Record" on cover. The journal details the Robinson family farm business. Elizabeth Robinson writes of the daily business of their south Maryland farm. It sheds light on the basic farm business in the Chesapeake and Maryland area.</p> <p>Topic: Farming Family -- 20th century Place: Maryland -- 20th century Genre/Form: Biographies Diaries -- 20th century Holographs -- 20th century</p>
Box 65, Folder 12	Financial record, 1964-1976
Box 10, Folder 1	Funeral flower record transparencies, 1976
Box 10, Folder 2	Funeral flower record transparencies, 1976

Box 66, Folder 6	Robinson, Elizabeth B., estate papers, 1975-1978
Box 4, Folder 10	Correspondence from Robinson, Frank Alexander, undated
Box 4, Folder 11	Embroidery patterns, undated
Box 35, Cassette OTC 3	"A conversation with Elizabeth Robinson" (track 3), 1971
Box 35, Cassette RTC 3	"A conversation with Elizabeth Robinson" (track 3), 1971
Box 41, Folder 18	"A conversation with Elizabeth Robinson", typed transcript, 1971
Box 41, Folder 1	Cake Secrets, Igleheart Brothers, Inc., 1926
Box 41, Folder 2	Better Baking Recipes, Snow King baking powder, 1930
Box 41, Folder 3	Home Canning of Fruits, Vegetables and Meats, USDA, 1936, 1942
Box 41, Folder 4	Be an Artist at the Gas Range, Successful Recipes by the Mystery Chef, 1936
Box 41, Folder 5	Good Things to Eat, Anderson, Martha Lee, 1938, 1940
Box 41, Folder 6	Rawleigh's Good Health Guide Almanac Cookbook, 1953
Box 41, Folder 7	Safe Home Canning, International Harvester Company, 1954
Box 41, Folder 8	Purina Poultry Guide, Ralston Purina Company, 1933
Box 41, Folder 9	Farm Journal and Farmer's Wife, 1940
Box 41, Folder 10	"Your International Harvester Freezer", International Harvester Company, 1949
Box 41, Folder 11	<a href="#">"Making the Most of Your Serval", Serval Inc., 1947</a>
Box 41, Folder 12	Excello mower, operating instructions and advertisement, 1956
Box 41, Folder 13	Snapper mower operating and maintenance instructions, 1964
Box 41, Folder 14	"Facts about your new GE MIXER", General Electric Company, undated
Box 41, Folder 15	Kitchen and home ephemera, loose recipes, 1963-1969, undated
Box 41, Folder 16	<a href="#">How to Use the Foods You Can, 1924</a>
Box 41, Folder 17	"Dress pattern by Margot", 1927

Box 45, Folder 1	"Corticelli Lessons in Crochet No. 2", 1916
Box 45, Folder 2	Dress pattern, The Southern Planter, 1943
Box 45, Folder 3	Marian Martin Patterns, dress pattern, circa 1940s
Box 45, Folder 4	"Old and New Designs in Crochet Corset Covers and Nightgown Yokes", LaCroix, Sophie T., undated
Box 45, Folder 11	E.F. Droop & Sons Company, catalog of sacred songs, 1917

### Subseries 2.5: Conner, Mary Robinson, 1938-1985, undated

**Scope and Contents:** This subseries contains material and ephemera of Mary Robinson Conner (1930-2009). She was the daughter of Frank A. and Elizabeth Bourne Robinson and the wife of Timothy James Conner (1932-2022) a member of the United States Air Force and then later a computer contractor. This subseries consists of scrapbooks, diaries, her high-school diploma, materials from her correspondence course in nursing, a guidebook (in French) to the luxury liner Ile de France that she took to join her husband in France in August 1951, and original artwork. The subseries includes a conjectural genealogy chart of the Robinson family done by distant cousin Marshall F. Robinson. While accurate in many respects, the chart includes many inaccuracies. In addition to being a homemaker, wife, and mother she was an artist and genealogist.

Box 65, Folder 6	Conner, Mary Robinson, Little Baby's Big Days, baby book, 1930-1931
Box 36, Folder 5	Conner, Mary Robinson, Walt Disney's Ferdinand the Bull Paint Book, 1938
Box 65, Folder 8	The Focus, Brandywine High School (Prince George's County, Maryland), 1939-10
Box 36, Folder 1	Conner, Mary Robinson, scrapbook, 1940, undated
Box 38, Folder 4	Conner, Mary Robinson, 1940-1950, 1940-1951, undated
Box 64, Folder 1-4	<a href="#">Conner, Mary Robinson, diaries, 1943-1957</a>
Box 97, Folder 6	Conner, Mary Robinson, diary, 1963-01-1982-06
Box 65, Folder 9	Conner, Mary Robinson, correspondence received, 1949-1976, undated
Box 44, Folder 1	Conner, Mary Robinson, ephemera, nursing correspondence course, Chicago School of Nursing, 1953-1955, undated
Box 34, Folder 12	Conner, Mary Robinson, high school diploma, Gwynn Park High School, 1949
Box 44, Folder 2-20	Conner, Mary Robinson, Nursing correspondence course lessons 1-53, exams, Chicago School of Nursing, 1951-1953
Box 24, Folder 5-6	Conner, Mary Robinson, Chicago School of Nursing, lesson binders, undated

Box 64, Folder 5	Conner, Mary Robinson, sketchbook, 1974-1985
Box 1, Folder 10	<a href="#">Etchings of Ferndale Farm and artwork by Mary Robinson Conner, 1977</a>
Map-folder 4	Conjectural Robinson Genealogical Chart, chart by Marshall F. Robinson (Canton, Ohio), 1940-06

### Subseries 2.6: Robinson, Franklin A., , 1932-2023, undated, undated

Scope and Contents:	This subseries contains material and ephemera of Franklin Alexander Robinson (1932-2023). He was the son of Frank A. and Elizabeth Bourne Robinson. He married Adina Mae Via in 1958. The series consists of personal and business papers, correspondence, diaries, his baby book, high-school yearbooks. He was a charter member of the Gwynn Park chapter of the Future Farmers of America. There are vacation papers, souvenir guide to Disneyland (1965) and his military records (restricted). Diaries contain personal as well as farm related entries. There is material from World War II on Victory gardens and a publication on <i>Wartime Tractors</i> . Of particular interest are the letters from Robinson's fiancé Adina Mae Via received while he was stationed at Camp Gordon, Georgia and Camp Hanford, Washington State. This subseries also contains records relating to his early farming career, financial records, and travel ephemera. There is material from his involvement with 4-H and the Future Farmers of American (FFA). He was a delegate to the 25th annual convention of the FFA in 1953 in Kansas City, Missouri at which time he also received the American Farm Degree, the only recipient from Maryland that year. There is extensive material on his farm management.
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#### Subseries 2.6.1: Correspondence, diaries, personal ephemera, 1932-2023, undated

Box 7, Folder 2	Baby book, 1932
Box 42, Folder 6	Collected stamps, 1936-1957, undated
	<a href="#">Correspondence received, 1939-1988</a>
Box 54, Folder 5	Correspondence from Lucy Robinson Arth, 1937 August 13 - 1957 August 13
Box 54, Folder 6	Correspondence from Various Authors, 1940 August - 1968 December
Box 54, Folder 7	Correspondence from Judy McPherson, 1948 July - 1970 February
Box 54, Folder 8	Correspondence from Margaret Robinson Early, 1948 August 12 - 1953 August
Box 54, Folder 9	Correspondence from Robert D. Via, 1949 August - 1956 August
Box 54, Folder 10	Correspondence from Grace Bourne Howes, 1950 January - 1970 December
Box 54, Folder 11	Correspondence from Robert and Virginia Via, 1950 December - 1973 August
Box 54, Folder 12	Correspondence from Margaret Townshend Ward, 1951 January - 1985 January

Box 54, Folder 13	Correspondence from Mabel E. Ashley, 1951 August 13 - 1970 December
Box 5, Folder 1	Correspondence from Mary Robinson Conner, 1952 January 30 - 1957 December 23
Box 5, Folder 2	Correspondence from Frank and Elizabeth Robinson, 1953 August - August 1973
Box 5, Folder 3	Correspondence from Barbara J. Priesner, 1953 November- 1955 May Notes: Barbara Jane Priesner (1936-2023) of Missouri was the sister of Dorothy Priesner Dyson, wife of Rhoderick R. Dyson of Prince George's and then Charles County, Maryland. It was through the Dyson connection that Franklin began a correspondence with her.
Box 5, Folder 4	Correspondence from Adina Runkle Via, 1955 February - May
Box 5, Folder 6	Correspondence from Alice Baker, 1955 February - March
Box 5, Folder 7	Correspondence from Richie, 1956 March - 1958 February
Box 5, Folder 8	Correspondence and Photographs from Meredith "Dolly" Mallow, 1956 May 24 - 1958 June 12
Box 5, Folder 9	Correspondence and Photographs from the Laurent Family, 1957 - 1976
Box 5, Folder 10	Correspondence from Franklin Jr., David, and Theresa Robinson, 1960 February - 1988 August
Box 5, Folder 11	Correspondence from John W. Mitchell , 1960 May - August
Box 34, Folder 9	Birthday card from Charles Arth, 1943-08
Box 34, Folder 9	Oversize materials, 1943-1946, undated
Box 10, Folder 4	<a href="#">Diary, 1944</a>
Box 34, Folder 9	Oversize, childhood drawings and sidewalk rendering, 1946, undated
Box 39, Folder 7	Stamp collecting, 1946-1948, undated
Box 10, Folder 3	Papers and ephemera, 1949-2004, undated
Box 39, Folder 11	<a href="#">Diary, 1950</a>
Box 5, Folder 5	<a href="#">Correspondence received from Via, Adina M., 1951-1955</a>
Box 5, Folder 5	<a href="#">[Adina Via to Frank Robinson : manuscript letter], [Jan. 15, 1951.]</a>

1 Item (Ink on paper.; 10-1/2" x 8".)  
 Author: Via, Adina Mae, 1937-1966  
 Language: English.  
 Notes: AC0475-0000158.tif (AC Scan No.)  
 Names: Robinson, Franklin A., Sr., 1932-2023  
 Topic: Courtship  
 Genre/Form: Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century.  
 Holographs -- 20th century

## Box 6, Folder 1-5

## Correspondence received from Via, Adina M., 1955-1956

## Box 6, Folder 1

[Adina Via holding piglet, Via Farm, Prince George County, Maryland : black-and-white photoprint], [1955.]

1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 3-1/2" x 5".)

Language: English.

Notes: AC0475-0000160.tif (AC Scan No.)

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 Unprotected photographs must be handled with gloves.

She is holding a piglet and the photo is taken from above. She enclosed the snapshot in a letter to Franklin Robinson on March 7, 1955. Photographer unidentified.

Names: Via, Adina Mae, 1937-1966

Topic: Farms -- Maryland  
 pigs

Courtship

Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1950-1960 -- Black-and-white photoprints --  
 Silver gelatin

## Box 6, Folder 1

[Adina Via standing on a farm, wearing a white strapless dress, and looking down at the ground : black-and-white photoprint], [1955.]

1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 5" x 3".)

Language: English.

Notes: AC0475-0000161.tif (AC Scan No.)

Unrestricted research access on site by appointment.  
 Unprotected photographs must be handled with gloves.

Evidently her senior photograph, enclosed in a letter to boyfriend Franklin Robinson 26 March 1955.

Names: Via, Adina Mae, 1937-1966

Topic: Strapless dresses  
 Farms -- Maryland  
 Courtship

Evening gowns

Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1950-1960 -- Black-and-white photoprints --  
 Silver gelatin

## Box 6, Folder 5

[Adina Via to fiance Franklin Robinson, p. 1 : manuscript letter], [March 14, 1956.]

1 Item (Ink on paper.; 10-1/4" x 8-1/2".)

Author: Via, Adina Mae, 1937-1966

Language: English.  
 Notes: AC0475-0000163.tif (AC Scan No.)  
 Pencil, in brackets: "[April 1.]"  
 Names: Robinson, Franklin A., Sr., 1932-2023  
 Topic: Courtship  
 Genre/Form: Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century.  
 Holographs -- 20th century

Box 7, Folder 1	<a href="#">Correspondence received from Via, Adina M., 1956-1961</a>
Box 55, Folder 17	Pilot training materials, 1954
Box 24, Folder 1	Military records, (RESTRICTED), 1955-1963
Box 7, Folder 8	House building record, 1958
Box 55, Folder 14	House construction, 1958
Box 55, Folder 16	Hawkins, Blane tenant house repair, correspondence, 1959
Box 55, Folder 18	Flying, 1959
Box 50, Folder 1	House repairs, 1961
Box 96, Folder 11	Monthly calendar, 1969
Box 39, Folder 13	Serenity Farm, housewarming cards received, 1976
Box 97, Folder 10	Rolodex cards, 1980, undated
Box 97, Folder 9	Leader, Colonial Farm Credit, magazine (Franklin A. Robinson, page 11), 2002-12
Box 47, Folder 9	Robinson, Franklin A., funeral ephemera, 2023-01-16

### Subseries 2.6.2: Farming, 1948-1976, undated

Box 39, Folder 9	"What are We Doing With Our Soil", school report, 1948
Box 39, Folder 10	Southern Maryland Soil Conservation Week, program, 1949
Box 47, Folder 10	Pioneer Corn Company, sales manual (Tipton, Indiana), 1964-1965
Box 42, Folder 1-3; Box 48, Folder 9	Farm diaries, 1968-1976
Box 58, Folder 1-9	Loose papers from farm diaries, 1951-1957

Box 58, Folder 10-11      Land rental and agreements, 1961-1962

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### Subseries 2.6.3: Financial, 1948-1988, undated

Box 53, Folder 1;              Banking, 1948-1964

Box 55, Folder 8;

Box 52, Folder 1;

Box 50, Folder 21;

Box 51, Folder 2

Box 60, Folder 1-7              Bank statements and check stubs, 1956-04-1964-03

Box 61, Folder 1-5              Banking (checking account), 1959-12-1961-09

Box 62, Folder 1-5              Banking (checking account), 1961-09-1963-05

Box 86, Folder 14              Banking (checking account), 1963-05-1966

Box 49, Folder 4;              Bills and receipts, personal, 1959

Box 55, Folder 12

Box 59, Folder 1-5              Cash expense ledger, 1964-1968

Box 53, Folder 2;              Car repairs and insurance, 1960-1964

Box 49, Folder 20;

Box 50, Folder 4;

Box 52, Folder 2;

Box 51, Folder 3

Box 63, Folder 1              Bank statement, Farmers Home Administration (FHA), 1959

Box 49, Folder 8              Financial, household, 1960

Box 59, Folder 6              Financial statement, 1964

Box 53, Folder 12;              Health care, insurance, medical, 1960-1964

Box 49, Folder 19;

Box 51, Folder 12;

Box 52, Folder 12;

Box 50, Folder 22



Box 7, Folder 7	House construction bills and receipts, 1958
Box 51, Folder 13; Box 53, Folder 13; Box 52, Folder 13-14	Household operating and repairs, 1962-1964
Box 53, Folder 14; Box 51, Folder 14; Box 55, Folder 9-11; Box 52, Folder 15; Box 55, Folder 19; Box 50, Folder 23	Income tax, 1951-1964
Box 51, Folder 1	Amended prior year taxes, 1959-1962
Box 50, Folder 2; Box 53, Folder 17; Box 52, Folder 18; Box 51, Folder 16	Life insurance, 1961-1964
Box 55, Folder 13	"Odds and Ends Out of Old Billfold", 1956-12
Box 47, Folder 8	Morris, Kenneth and Maryland Tobacco Grower's Association (MTGA), contract, 1980-02-23
Box 56, Folder 7	"Annual Report to Stockholders, Colonial Production Credit, Colonial Federal Land Bank Association", 1988

#### Subseries 2.6.4: Future Farmers of America (FFA) and 4-H, 1945-1954, undated

Box 39, Folder 4	4-H material, 1945
Box 55, Folder 5	Guidebook for Planning A Farming Program, Future Farmer's of America (FFA) Vocational Agriculture, workbook, 1947
Box 55, Folder 6	Enterprise Record Book for Students of Vocational Agriculture, Future Farmer's of America (FFA) Vocational Agriculture, workbook, 1948
Box 55, Folder 7	Farming Program Record Book, Future Farmer's of America Vocational Agriculture (FFA), workbook
Box 55, Folder 1	Future Farmers of America, National Convention, Kansas City, Missouri, 1953

Box 55, Folder 2	The National Future Farmer, magazine, 1953
Box 55, Folder 3	Future Farmers of America, National Convention, Kansas City, Missouri, 1954
Box 34, Folder 3	The Maryland Farmer (Baltimore, Maryland), 1953-11
Box 34, Folder 3	The Kansas City Star (Kansas City, Missouri), 1953-10-15

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#### Subseries 2.6.5: Organizations, 1970-2008, undated

Box 97, Folder 8	Charles County Soil Conservation District, Outstanding Cooperator, 1975-02-13
Box 47, Folder 11	Director's Manual, Farm Credit Banks of Baltimore (Baltimore, Maryland), 1980-09-23
Box 47, Folder 12	Director Viewpoint Seminar, Farm Credit Banks of Baltimore (Second Farm Credit District)(Baltimore, Maryland), 1986-08-20
Box 47, Folder 13	Board of Directors Packet, The Calverton School (Huntingtown, Maryland), 1987-11-19
Box 47, Folder 14	"Teaching Thinking Through Writing", The Calverton School (Huntingtown, Maryland), 1987-12-01
Box 97, Folder 12	Maryland Tobacco Growers' Association (MTGA) Certificates of Indebtedness, ledger pages, and employee compensation schedule, 1970-1978
Box 97, Folder 13	Maryland Tobacco Growers' Association (MTGA) list of expenditures, 2000-01-01-2004-09-30
Box 97, Folder 14	Maryland Tobacco Growers' Association (MTGA), 2000
Box 97, Folder 15	Maryland Tobacco Growers' Association (MTGA), 2004
Box 97, Folder 16	Maryland Tobacco Growers' Association (MTGA), 2005
Box 97, Folder 17	Maryland Tobacco Growers' Association (MTGA), 2006
Box 97, Folder 18	Maryland Tobacco Growers' Association (MTGA), 2007
Box 97, Folder 19	Maryland Tobacco Growers' Association (MTGA), 2008
Box 97, Folder 20	Maryland Tobacco Growers' Association, Register Branch Banking & Trust Company, 2005-01-31-2007-11-12

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**Subseries 2.6.6: Publications, 1942-1961, undated**

Box 42, Folder 4	The Pilgrim Junior Bible Workbook, Jesus and His Friends, 1942
Box 39, Folder 1	How to Use a Slide Rule, 1942
Box 39, Folder 2	Tru-View, 1943
Box 39, Folder 3	Victory Gardens, 1943
Box 42, Folder 5	Wartime Tractors, 1943-1944
Box 39, Folder 5	Tobacco Culture in Maryland, 1945
Box 34, Folder 10	The Sunday Star (Washington, DC), 1957-02-24
Box 56, Folder 1	Bensen Gyro-Copter, manuals, 1961, undated
Box 65, Folder 14	How to Use Your Bell & Howell AutoLoad 8mm Projector, owner's manual, undated

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**Subseries 2.6.7: Schooling, 1938-1951, undated**

Box 7, Folder 3	School life, 1938-1951
Box 55, Folder 4; Box 39, Folder 6	School papers, report cards, ephemera, 1941-1953, undated
Box 39, Folder 8	Science composition book, 1947
Box 39, Folder 14	Geography composition book, 1949
Box 39, Folder 15	School papers, undated
Box 39, Folder 16	School report on Maryland, undated
Box 7, Folder 4-6	Crossroads, Gwynn Park High School yearbook, 1949-1951
Box 97, Folder 7	Commercial Trades Institute, Certificate of Achievement, 1975-04-29
Box 97, Folder 11	"Memories Class of 1953, Gwynn Park High School" reunion booklet, 2003

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**Subseries 2.6.8: Travel, 1959-1970, undated**

Box 55, Folder 15	Florida vacation, 1959
Box 10, Folder 5;	Family vacation to western United States (across country), 1962

Box 56, Folder 2; Box 7, Folder 9	
Box 59, Folder 7	Seattle World's Fair (Seattle, Washington State), 1962
Box 8, Folder 1; Box 56, Folder 4	Walt Disney's Disneyland - A Souvenir Pictorial Guide, paperback and hardback versions, 1965-1968
Box 34, Folder 10	The Ghost Town News (Knott's Berry Farm, California) souvenir newspaper, 1965
Box 56, Folder 5	Washington D.C., souvenir booklet, 1965
Box 56, Folder 6	Western vacation (California and Washington State), 1968
Box 10, Folder 7	Los Angeles, Souvenir Picture Guide, 1968
Box 10, Folder 8	Marineland of the Pacific, 1968
Box 10, Folder 9	Pictorial Guide to Six Flags Over Texas, 1970
Box 10, Folder 6	Arizona Guide, July-August, 1970
Box 56, Folder 9	International Harvester Canada Trip, undated

### Subseries 2.7: Robinson, Jr., Franklin A., 1959-2001, undated

Scope and Contents:	This subseries contains material and ephemera of Franklin Alexander Robinson, Jr.. He was the son of Franklin A. and Adina Mae Robinson. The series consists of personal and business papers, correspondence, his baby book, school papers, film and video on farm topics (1980s farm crisis and a profile of a woman farmer), vacation papers, employment papers, and a Pentagon presentation photograph. This series also includes Robinson's folder with material used in planning the wedding for his sister, Adina T. Robinson, in 2001. Robinson's professional name (acting, writing, and filmmaking) is Frank Robinson, Jr.
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#### Subseries 2.7.1: Correspondence and Ephemera, 1959-2014, undated

Box 8, Folder 2	Correspondence written, 1977-1980
Box 8, Folder 3	Papers and ephemera, 1960-1990, undated
Box 8, Folder 4	Baby book, 1959
Box 8, Folder 8	Scrapbook, 1967-1968
	Correspondence, oversize, 1970

Box 24, Folder 2-3, 7	Correspondence and ephemera, Damalouji, Richard Issam, (RESTRICTED), 1977-2014
Box 9, Folder 2-3	Personal correspondence received, 1959-1990
Box 38, Folder 5	Religious Activities, 1967-1993
Box 9, Folder 5	Robinson and Vermillion wedding, 2001
Box 45, Folder 5	Comic books, 1961-1970
Box 9, Folder 7	Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom, fold-out poster, 1969
Box OS1	Six Flags Over Texas, map, 1970
Box 9, Folder 8	Wildlife Conservation Stamp Album, 1969

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#### Subseries 2.7.2: Employment, 1978-1986, undated

Box 9, Folder 4	<a href="#">Employment, 1978-1986</a>
Box 34, Folder 6	Pentagon presentation photograph with autographed frame, 1986

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#### Subseries 2.7.3: Publications, 1970-2012

Box 38, Folder 13	American Cooks, Holy Trinity School cookbook, 1970
Box 38, Folder 12	For the Glory of God, publication, 1995
Box 38, Folder 14	Bring Your Friends, publication, 2001
Box 38, Folder 15	"Greene County Magazine", Volume 21, publication (article on Runkle family written by Franklin A. Robinson, Jr.), 2010-2012

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#### Subseries 2.7.4: Schooling, 1964-1991, undated

Box 8, Folder 5-7	School life, 1964-1988
Box 69, Folder 5	Premier Sketch Book, 7th grade art, section 2 (Queen Anne School), 1971-1972
Box 8, Folder 9	Parrot Weed, the Queen Anne School magazine, 1972-1974
Box 8, Folder 10	Patchwork, The Calverton School magazine, 1976-1977

Box 47, Folder 6	Reflections, Calverton School yearbook, 1977
Box 24, Folder 4	School life, (RESTRICTED), 1977-1985
Box 34, Folder 6	School art project, 1972
Box 9, Folder 1	Trip to France, 1973
Box 40, Folder 1-11	A Time to Sow, production records and awards, 1987-1991, undated
Box 47, Folder 15	Financial Management for Agriculture, Maryland National Bank, educational course, 1982-12-08

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#### Subseries 2.7.5: Walt Disney Productions, 1966-1971, undated

Box 9, Folder 6	Walt Disney's Annual for Boys and Girls, magazine, 1966
Box 9, Folder 9	Wonderful World of Disney, magazine, 1968-1970
Box 45, Folder 6	Walt Disney's Pirates of the Caribbean, guidebook, 1968
Box 25, Folder 1	Hand drawn plat by Franklin A. Robinson, Jr. of Disneyland (Anaheim, California), 1968
Box 45, Folder 7	Walt Disney Catalog, 1969-1970
Box 41, Folder 21	Walt Disney Productions, ephemera, 1969-1971

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## Series 3: Serenity Farm, Charles County, Maryland, 1962-2010, undated

**Scope and Contents:** This subseries contains papers and ephemera associated with Serenity Farm, Benedict, Charles County, Maryland. The farm was initially rented by Franklin A. Robinson, but then purchased by Frank and Elizabeth Robinson in 1965. The farm was gifted to their son and daughter-in-law Franklin and Adina in 1966. Beginning in 1966 farming operations were gradually transferred to Serenity Farm from Ferndale Farm and were there entirely after circa 1968. As of July 14, 1975 it was the family's primary residence and base of farming operations. This series contains farm papers, tobacco floor sheets and weight tickets, a poster for the "American Agriculture Tractor Drive", house plans, and an extensive series of tobacco production photographs. There are motion pictures and photographs of this farm in series 6 and 7 respectively. The Tobacco Production Photographs, 1999-2000 (See Appendix I for detailed description of photographs) follows the tobacco crop year for the last year tobacco was grown on Serenity Farm being taking the Maryland tobacco buyout program. Farming records from 1965 on will reflect farming done at both Ferndale and Serenity Farms. Records contained in Series 1, Ferndale Farm should also be consulted for possible crossover.

Box 38, Folder 8	<a href="#">Farm papers, 1962-1993, undated</a>
Box 66, Folder 7	Lease Agreement with Hungerford Packing Company, Incorporated, 1966
Map-folder 2	House plans: "Proposed Residence for Mr. and Mrs. Franklin A. Robinson, Rt. 231, Benedict, Maryland", 1966-1975
Map-folder 2	House Plans: "Residence for Mr. and Mrs. Franklin A. Robinson, Rt. 231, Benedict, Maryland", (revisions by architect Shick, Frederick A. of Washington, D.C.), 1974
Box 34, Folder 4	Proposed residence for Mr. and Mrs. Franklin A. Robinson, Rt. 231, Benedict, Maryland, construction notes and specifications (main house at Serenity Farm), 1965
Box 25, Folder 1	Posters for American Agriculture Tractor Drive, 1980
Box 47, Folder 4	Southern Maryland Tobacco Board, 1999-2000
Box 97, Folder 2	Spectrum Analytics, Serenity Farm, soil tests, 2007
Box 47, Folder 5	Tobacco, 1999-2000
Box 38, Folder 9	<a href="#">Tobacco floor sheets and weight tickets, Hughesville tobacco warehouse, Hughesville, Maryland, 2000</a>
Box 47, Folder 3	Maryland Tobacco Calendar, 2000
Box 97, Folder 4	"Open Farm Day" (Maryland Farm Bureau) Serenity Farm, script, 1980
Box 97, Folder 5	Serenity Farm, Halloween flyer, undated

Map-folder 4	"Teagues Point, Maxwell Hall and Smith Farm, 9th Election District, Charles County, Maryland," plat, 1971-09-03
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Box 96, Folder 21	Serenity Farm, aerial photographs, undated
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### Subseries 3.1: Sludge Issue, 1974 February 27 - August 15

Box 34, Folder 15	The Citizens News (Waldorf, Maryland) , 1971 February 27
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Box 34, Folder 16	Maryland Independent (La Plata, Maryland), 1974 February 27
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Box 34, Folder 17	The Times Crescent (La Plata, Maryland), 1974 February 28
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Box 34, Folder 18	The Citizens News (Waldorf, Maryland), 1974 March 13
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Box 34, Folder 19	The Citizens News (Waldorf, Maryland), 1974 March 21
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Box 34, Folder 20	The Times Crescent (La Plata, Maryland), 1974 March 28
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Box 34, Folder 21	Washington Star-News (Washington, DC), 1974 March 31
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Box 34, Folder 22	The Enquirer-Gazette (Upper-Marlboro, Maryland), 1974 April 4
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Box 34, Folder 23	The Enquirer-Gazette (Upper-Marlboro, Maryland), 1974 April 11
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Box 34, Folder 24	Maryland Independent (La Plata, Maryland), 1974 August 7
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Box 34, Folder 25	The Times Crescent (La Plata, Maryland), 1974 August 7
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Box 34, Folder 26	The Citizens News (Waldorf, Maryland), 1974 August 8
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Box 34, Folder 27	The Citizens News (Waldorf, Maryland), 1974 August 15
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### Subseries 3.2: Catalogues, Instruction Manuals, Publications, and Sales Brochures, 1974-2010, undated

Box 96, Folder 23	Soil Survey of Charles County, Maryland, 1974-07
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Box 96, Folder 24	Soil Survey of Charles County, Maryland, 1974-07
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Box 97, Folder 3	"1975 Tractor Pull" (National Farm Machinery Show, Louisville, Kentucky) program, 1975-02-15
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Box 34, Folder 10	The Times Crescent (La Plata, Maryland), 1980-06-25
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Box 96, Folder 8	Pesticide Applicator Training Manual, 1983
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Box 47, Folder 1	"The Golden Leaf," newsletter, 1996-2000
Box 47, Folder 2	Handbook on the Culture of Maryland Tobacco, McKee, Claude G., 1990
Box 96, Folder 5	Herbal Remedies that Have Worked for Doc Bradley, Her Patients, Her Pets, Her Family, Her Friends, Bradley, Sandy, V.M.D., 1999
Box 97, Folder 1	Hi-Fold Doors, catalogue, 2004
Box 34, Folder 10	Maryland Independent (Charles County, Maryland), 2005-10-07
Box 34, Folder 10	The Calvert Recorder (Calvert County, Maryland) "History That Was Borne in a Barn", 2010-07-23
Box 38, Folder 10	The Purina Rabbit Book, undated
Box 96, Folder 6	"Campaign for Food Safety, Hazards of Genetically Engineered Foods and Crops," Cummins, Ronnie, undated
Box 96, Folder 7	"Rate Your Farm Management", undated

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## Series 4: Via Farm, Calvert County, Maryland, 1954-1987, undated

**Scope and Contents:** This series contains material related to the Via Farm, Calvert County, Maryland. The Via family bought farm property in Calvert County in 1954. They lived there exclusively after July 1956 until 1993. This series contains farm papers, farm ephemera, and a land plat. There are motion pictures and photographs of this farm in series 6 and 7 respectively.

Box 11, Folder 1-3	Farm papers, 1954-1987, undated
Box 11, Folder 4	Farm ephemera, 1947-1955, undated
Box 11, Folder 5	Farm ephemera, 1956-1983, undated
Box 96, Folder 22	Soil Survey of Calvert County, Maryland, 1971-07
Box 34, Folder 5	Land Plat: Boundary Survey Residue of Robert M. Via Property, 1st District, Calvert County, Maryland, 1980

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## Series 5: Via Family, 1928-2010, undated

**Scope and Contents:** The Via family papers deal with the Robert M. Via family. The Via papers are a particularly appropriate complement to the Robinson papers because they deal with a farming operation of a smaller size, approximately thirty acres to 115 acres. In contrast to the Robinson operation that utilized many forms of outside labor, the Via farm was operated by one man, Robert, with family and occasional hired help. An additional contrast is that, in the Via family both spouses worked off the farm full-time, until Robert began full-time farming in the mid-1950s. The Via family did not have the familial history in the region and operated from a much different social perspective than the Robinson family. The Via family moved more frequently, the preponderance of material is 20th century.

The Via family papers are especially strong in regard to farming and social history in the latter half of the 20th century. The papers of Robert M. Via are strong in material concerning his employment in public transportation in Washington, D.C., from 1928 to 1956. The papers of Adina Via Robinson are particularly complete in documenting the life of a woman coming of age in the mid-1950s. Her papers and correspondence with her future husband, Franklin A. Robinson, cover personal matters, as well as life on the farm, the surrounding community, and her senior high school life. Especially rich is the correspondence exchanged during the period of Franklin's service in the United States Army, 1955-1956, at Camp Gordon, Georgia and Camp Handford, Washington State. There are transcription discs of recordings done by Robert D. Via as country-western singer, "Bashful Bob."

### Subseries 5.1: Family Papers, , 1941-1983, undated, undated

**Scope and Contents:** This subseries contains two sets of house plans (circa 1946, 1973) and general ephemera (1947-1983).

Box 34, Folder 2      ["A Four Room Bedroom and Bath Dwelling for Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Via, designed by Clyde E. Phillips", blueprints, 1941](#)

Map-folder 1      "Proposed Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Via, Island Creek, Maryland, John Holland, Calvert Masonry Contractors, Inc.", blueprints, 1973

Box 11, Folder 6      General ephemera, 1947-1983, undated

Box 12, Folder 8      Account book, 1935-1941

### Subseries 5.2: Via, Robert M., 1933-1987, undated

**Scope and Contents:** This subseries contains material and ephemera of Robert Milton Via (1906-1983) was the son of Hiram Chapman Via and Adina Eleanor Eusebia Runkle of Greene County, Virginia. He married Ida Virginia Woods in 1932. He left farming and his boyhood home in Greene County, Virginia in the late 1920's to pursue employment in Washington, D.C.. He was hired by the Capital Traction Company, later known as Capital Transit, and employed by them for twenty-nine years. He returned to farming full-time by the late 1950's. The series consists of personal and business papers, correspondence, documents relating to his employment with the Capital Transit Company, copies of transit union employee agreements and bus transfer books.

Box 12, Folder 1      [Ephemera, , 1933-1982, undated, undated](#)

Box 12, Folder 2      Correspondence from Via, Ida Virginia, 1931-1953, undated

Box 12, Folder 3	Correspondence received, 1942-1987, undated
Box 12, Folder 4	<a href="#">Capital Transit Company, 1933-1968, undated</a>
Box 12, Folder 5	Capital Transit Company, contents of transfer box, 1956
Box 12, Folder 6	Capital Transit Company, bus transfer coupon books, undated
Box 34, Folder 7	Capital Transit Company, bus transfer coupon books, 1952-1956
Box 99, Folder 1	Via, Robert M., wallet, 1983

### Subseries 5.3: Via, Ida Virginia, 1928-2010, undated

Scope and Contents: This subseries contains material and ephemera of Ida Virginia Woods Via (1914-2010). She was the daughter of Jesse Lee Woods and Donna Mae Barker of Frederick County, Maryland. She married Robert M. Via in 1932. The series consists of personal and business papers, correspondence, diaries, and estate papers for her grandfather William M. Barker (1870-1948), and her funeral ephemera. There is a transcript of an oral history interview with Virginia conducted by Claudia Kidwell of the NMAH Costume Division in 1992. The original tapes are also housed in this collection.

Box 12, Folder 7	Ephemera, 1928-2010, undated
Box 13, Folder 1	Diary, 1979
Box 46, Folder 1	Diary, 1982
Box 13, Folder 2	Correspondence from Via, Robert M., 1932-1937
Box 57, Folder 1-4; Box 13, Folder 3	Correspondence received, 1933-2010, undated
Box 57, Folder 5	Writing and ephemera, 1991-1997, undated
Box 13, Folder 4	Barker, William M., estate papers, 1948-1949
Box 13, Folder 5	Via, Ida Virginia, transcript of oral history, 1992
Box 35, Folder OTC 1-2	Via, Ida Virginia, oral history, original cassette tapes and reference copies, 1992
Box 57, Folder 6	In Memory, guestbook, 2010-01

**Subseries 5.4: Via, Robert D., 1933-1988, undated**

**Scope and Contents:** This series contains material and ephemera of Robert Delano Via (1933-). He was the son of Robert M. and Ida Virginia Via. The series consists of personal and business papers, correspondence, child's sketchbook (undated), child's scrapbook, high school yearbook, and transcription discs recorded during the time he played County-Western music professionally as Bashful Bob and the Rhythm Rangers.

Box 13, Folder 6	Ephemera, 1943-1988, undated
Box 13, Folder 7	Child's sketchbook, undated
Box 13, Folder 8	Yearbook, Gwynn Park High School, Brandywine, Maryland, 1948
Box 25, Folder 2	<a href="#">Child's scrapbook, 1933</a>
Box 16, Folder 1	Transcription disc, Wilcox Gay label, Bashful Bob, side one: "Slowpoke"; "Cold, Cold, Heart"; "Crying Heart Blues". Side two: "Always Late"; "Mom and Dads Waltz"; "I Want to be With You Always"; "My Broken Heart", 1951 November 21
Box 16, Folder 2	Transcription disc, Recotron label, The Rhythm Rangers and Bashful Bob, side one: "Traveling Blue Sonny"; "Cattle Call". Side two: "Shotgun Boogie"; "X", 1951 November 21
Box 16, Folder 3	Transcription disc, Recotron label, The Rhythm Rangers and Bashful Bob featuring Shrieve Spitler, side one: "Black Mountain Rag"; "Love Bug Itch"; "Detour". Side two: "The Sign on the Highway"; "Miss Molly", 1951 November 21

**Subseries 5.5: Robinson, Adina Mae, 1937-1966, undated**

**Scope and Contents:** This subseries contains material and ephemera of Adina Mae Via Robinson (1937-1966). She was the daughter of Robert M. and Ida Virginia Via. She married Franklin A. Robinson in 1958. The subseries contains personal and business papers, correspondence, a diary, school papers, high school yearbook, photographs, wedding planning documents and ephemera, 1958, newspaper articles, and one phonograph recording of the Gwynn Park High School band in which she plays the drums.

Box 13, Folder 8	Ephemera, 1937-1966, undated
Box 13, Folder 9	<a href="#">Diary, 1966</a>
Box 46, Folder 2-4	Correspondence received from Robinson, Franklin A., 1955-1966, undated
Box 56, Folder 10; Box 13, Folder 11	Personal correspondence received, 1947-1966
Box 14, Folder 6	Rodriguez, Manuel J. (artist), correspondence, 1958
Box 13, Folder 14	Correspondence written, 1961-1964

Box 14, Folder 3	School life, 1943-1955
Box 14, Folder 4	School life, 1943-1955
Box 10, Folder 10	Singer Sewing Book, inscribed, 1953
Box 14, Folder 5	<a href="#">High School Yearbook, Gwynn Park High School, Brandywine, Maryland, 1955</a>
Box 10, Folder 11	Michael Todd's Around the World in 80 Days, souvenir program, 1956
Box 46, Folder 5	Robinson and Via wedding, 1958
Box 39, Folder 12	Robinson and Via wedding, cards and wrapping papers, 1958
Box 45, Folder 8	Motel soaps, 1958
Box 46, Folder 7	Stained Glass Color Art, "Nativity", 1960
Box 46, Folder 6	Stained Glass Color Art, "Nativity", 1960
Box 56, Folder 11	My Fair Lady, motion picture souvenir program, 1964
Box 46, Folder 8	New house notebook, 1965-1966
Box 16, Folder 4	Transcription disc, Duo-Disc label, Gwynn Park High School Band, side one: "Street Scene"; "Nutcracker Suite", Via, Adina M. on drums, 1954 May 23
Box 69, Folder 8	"Gwynn Park High School Graduating Class of June 1955", composite photograph, 1955
Box 25, Folder 3	News articles, 1955
Box 39, Folder 17	<a href="#">Redbook Magazine, 1956</a>
Box 45, Folder 9	Funeral register, 1966
Box 45, Folder 10	Floral cards, 1966
Box 65, Folder 14	Matching Pointer L3 Exposure Meter by Argus, owner's manual, undated
Box 34, Folder 29	In memoriam, Calvert Independent (Prince Frederick, Maryland), 1967 December 14

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## Series 6: Photographs, Photographic Slides, and Photographic Negatives, , 1860-2000, undated, undated

Scope and Contents: This series is divided into two subseries, arranged chronologically and topically.

### Subseries 6.1: Photographs, 1860-2000, undated

Scope and Contents: This subseries contains photographs of the Robinson, Via, and related families. This subseries contains photographs of holidays; life rituals (baptism, marriage, birthdays, burial); vacations; leisure; Serenity Farm (Charles County, Maryland); Via farms in Prince George's County and Calvert County, Maryland; Ferndale Farm (earlier known as Potomac Landing) in Prince George's County, Maryland; Via family; Robinson family; Franklin A. Robinson's United States Army life; oversize photographs, studio portraits, and tobacco production photographs. The Division of Home and Community Life in their costume collection has a number of photographs pertaining to these papers complementing their acquisitions.

Box 17	<a href="#">Ferndale Farm, 1927-1969, undated</a>
Box 43, Folder 5	Cultivating potatoes, Ferndale Farm (Robinson, Frank A.; Savoy, Neal; Savoy, Joseph), 1927
Box 43, Folder 6	Corn field, Ferndale Farm (Robinson, Frank A.), 1927
Box 43, Folder 7	Bean field, Ferndale Farm (Robinson, Frank A.), 1927
Box 43, Folder 8	Tobacco and corn fields, Ferndale Farm (Robinson, Frank A.), 1927
Box 43, Folder 9	Tobacco field, Ferndale Farm (Robinson, Frank A. on right, unidentified on left), 1927
Box 17	<a href="#">Serenity Farm, 1965-1993, undated</a>
Box 32	Serenity Farm Tobacco Production Photographs, 1999-2000 <a href="#">Image(s): Tobacco production photographs</a>
Box 69, Folder 8	Serenity Farm, Harvest House (on-farm store)(photograph by Quinn, Terry), undated
Box 69, Folder 9	Serenity Farm, tobacco barns (photograph by Quinn, Terry), undated
Box 69, Folder 10	Serenity Farm, tractor and sky (photograph by Quinn, Terry), undated
Box 69, Folder 11	Serenity Farm, wagon and donkey (photograph by Quinn, Terry), undated
Box 69, Folder 12	Serenity Farm, pigs (photograph by Quinn, Terry), undated
Box 18	<a href="#">Robinson and allied families, 1872-1993, undated</a>

[Robert H. Robinson \[black-and-white photoprint\], 1872](#)

1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 5.1" x 3.1".)

Language: English.

Notes: AC0475-0000062 (AC Scan No.)

In Box 18, Folder .

Civil War Selections from the Archives Center

Photoprint of Robert H. Robinson wearing the Confederate (CSA) uniform of his brother James G. Robinson of the 5th Virginia Inf., CSA, Prince George's County, Maryland. This is most likely a wedding photo taken in 1872 upon his marriage to Amanda M. Baden at Black Walnut Thicket, the bride's home.

Names: Robinson, Robert H.

Topic: Military uniforms  
Uniforms

Soldiers -- Civil War

Weddings -- 1860-1900.

Civil War, 1861-1865

Place: Confederate States of America

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1870-1880 -- Black-and-white photoprints

[William Albert Kerr Baden \[black-and-white copy photoprint\], undated](#)

1 Item (Ink on paper.; .)

Language: English.

Notes: AC0475-0000067.tif (AC Scan No.)

In Box 18, Folder ?

Civil War Selections from the Archives Center

Copy photograph of William Albert Kerr Baden of Black Walnut Thicket, Baden, Prince George's County, Maryland. A Confederate veteran, he was wounded in the War and died in the 1870s from wounds received while in service. He is buried at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Baden. No collection photo number.

Names: Baden, William Albert Kerr

Topic: Veterans -- Civil war  
Civil War, 1861-1865

Place: Confederate States of America

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1860-1870 -- Black-and-white photoprints

[John Holliday Baden \[copy photoprint\], undated](#)

1 Item (Ink on paper.; 4.8" x 3.3".)

Language: English.

Notes: AC0475-0000068 (AC Scan No.)

In Box 18, Folder ?

Civil War Selections from the Archives Center

Copy photograph of John Holliday Baden of Black Walnut Thicket, Baden, Prince George's County, Maryland. He served in Co. C 1st Maryland Cavalry, CSA during the Civil War. He died



during the war and was buried in Charlottesville, Virginia. His remains were moved to Loudon Park Cemetery in Baltimore in 1874, plot E-51. No AC photo number.

Names: Baden, John Holliday  
Topic: Civil War, 1861-1865  
Place: Confederate States of America  
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865  
Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1860-1870 -- Black-and-white photoprints  
Copy prints

[James George Robinson and Rebecca Waring \[photographic copy print\], undated](#)

1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 5.7" x 3.5".)

Language: English.

Notes: AC0475-0000125 (AC Scan No.)

In Box 18, Folder ?

Civil War Selections from the Archives Center

Modern copy print of an original tintype of James George Robinson and his first wife Rebecca Waring of Prince George's County, Maryland, most likely photograph taken near the time of their wedding. James G. Robinson was the son of Thomas Wells Robinson and Elizabeth I. Richards. James served in the Confederate Army and was imprisoned at Point Lookout, Maryland.

Original tintype in private collection.

Names: Waring, Rebecca  
Robinson, James George  
Topic: Soldiers -- Confederate States of America  
Weddings -- 1860-1900.  
Civil War, 1861-1865  
Place: Confederate States of America  
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865  
Genre/Form: Tintypes -- Copies  
Photographs -- 1860-1870 -- Tintypes  
Copy prints

[Franklin A. Robinson \(1841-1905\) \[copy photoprint of tintype\], undated](#)

1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 5" x 3.7".)

Language: English.

Notes: AC0475-0000126 (AC Scan No.)

In Box 18, Folder ?

Civil War Selections from the Archives Center

Black-and-white photograph of an original tintype, Franklin A. Robinson (1841-1905) of Brandywine, Prince George's County, Maryland. He was the son of Thomas Wells Robinson and Elizabeth I. Richards. Served in the Confederate States Army, 5th Virginia Infantry.

Names: Robinson, Franklin A., 1841-1905  
Topic: Civil War, 1861-1865

	<p>Place: Confederate States of America United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865</p> <p>Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1860-1870 -- Tintypes Copy photographs Copy prints Tintypes</p>
Box 29	Via and allied families, 1860-1993, undated
Box 29	Via farm, Prince George's County, Maryland, 1948-1956, undated
Box 29	Via farm, Calvert County, Maryland, 1954-1993, undated
Box 33	Holiday celebrations, birthdays, graduations, weddings, funeral, 1933-1993, undated
Box 33	Vacations and leisure, 1900-1985, undated
Box 15	<p>Oversize photographs, 1907-1977, undated</p> <p>[Graduating class from The Calverton School, Huntingtown, Maryland : color photoprint], 1977 1 Item (7" x 10".) Language: English. Notes: AC0475-0000034.tif (AC Scan) Color photoprint on paper. In Box 15. Unrestricted research use on site by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves. Posed photograph of high school seniors in formal attire; boys wear white jackets. Photographer unidentified.</p> <p>Names: Calverton School, The Topic: Evening dress Graduation (School) Schools -- Maryland</p> <p>Place: Huntingtown (Md.) Maryland -- 20th century</p> <p>Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1970-1980 -- Color photoprints</p>
Box 15	Albert H. Robinson and Cornelia Roberts, farm scene (Prince George's County, Maryland), 1907
Box 15	Group photograph, Stardust Inn (Waldorf, Maryland) left to right: unknown, Franklin A. Robinson, Lola Reilly, Kenneth C. Reilly, 1968
Box 68	<p>Margaret Naylor Ward (nee Townshend) Photograph Album, 1907-1990, undated</p> <p>Notes: Photographs collected by Margaret Naylor Ward (nee Townshend) daughter of Martha Perry "Pattie" Robinson and Harry Naylor Townshend, wife of Frank E. Ward. Photographic subjects are</p>

	Leigh Castle Farm, the Townshend farm near Marston, Carroll County, Maryland; Ferndale Farm, the Robinson family farm near Brandywine, Prince George's County, Maryland; photographs of family, extended family, and friends. Photographs of Christ Episcopal Church, Clinton, Maryland; the Ward home at 10316 Piscataway Road, Clinton, Maryland, and other varied subjects.
Box 68	Townshend family: Harry N. Townshend, Martha Robinson "Patty" Townshend, Margaret N. Townshend, Henry W. Townshend, Leigh Castle Farm (Marston and New Windsor, Carroll County, Maryland), 1907-1950, undated
Box 68	Townshend and related families including; Page, Byers, and unidentified, 1921-1989, undated
Box 68	10316 Piscataway Road (Ward residence, Clinton, Prince George's County, Maryland) and Hyde Field, families including; Conner, Robinson family and homeplace, Early, Sutherland, Tippet, Townshend, Ward, and Wolfe; friends and family, unidentified, 1923-1990, undated
Box 68	Wedding of Frank E. Ward and Margaret N. Townshend, Christ Episcopal Church (Clinton, Prince George's County, Maryland), 1933-05-26
Box 68	Christ Episcopal Church (Clinton, Prince George's County, Maryland); laying the cornerstone of the new parish hall, 100th anniversary, and ephemera, 1956-1978, undated

## Subseries 6.2: Photographic Negatives, 1930-2000, undated

Scope and Contents: This subseries contains the photographic negatives for many of the images in Subseries 6.1. There are also negatives in this series that do not have companion prints in Subseries 6.1.

Box 21	Ferndale Farm, 1927-1969, undated
Box 21	<a href="#">Serenity Farm, 1965-1993, undated</a>
Box 22	<a href="#">Robinson family, 1930-1993, undated</a>
Box 19	<a href="#">Via family, 1930-1993, undated</a>
Box 20	Holiday celebrations, birthdays, graduations, weddings, funeral, 1933-1993, undated
Box 19	Vacations and leisure, 1930-1985, undated
Box 20	Robinson, Franklin A., United States Army, 1955-1956

### Subseries 6.3: Photographic Slides, 1955-1979, undated

Scope and Contents:	Photographic slides predominately taken by Adina M. Via and her brother Robert D. Via. Slides are all color, various processes, Ektacrome, Kodacrome, and others.
Box 70	"School Pictures," Adina M. Via, Gwynn Park High School, Class of 1955, Senior trip to New York City, Senior Prom, and graduation (T.B., Prince George's County, Maryland)
Box 70	Christmas interiors, Via home (Prince George's County, Maryland), 1955-12
Box 70	Via farm (Prince George's County, Maryland) Persons: Robert D. Via, Adina M. Via, and Franklin A. Robinson, 1955-1956
Box 70	Via farm (Calvert County, Maryland) Persons: Robert M. and Virginia Via, Adina M. Via, Robert D. Via, Franklin A. Robinson, Alex [dog, black Spaniel], Robert M. Via birthday, Adina M. Via birthday, 1955-1956, undated
Box 70	Christmas interiors, Via home (Calvert County, Maryland), undated
Box 70	Ada V. Barker Bohrer home (Middletown, Frederick County, Maryland) Persons: Ada V. Barker Bohrer, Roddy [?], 1955-1956, undated
Box 70	Via and McMullan farm (Greene County, Virginia) [Christmas and unidentified], Persons: Adina E. Via, Virginia Via, Marida and Eusebia McMullan, Jenelle and W.C. McMullan, Bernice V. Gibbs, Franklin A. Robinson, 1955-1956, undated
Box 70	"Fla Pictures-1956" (Florida), unidentified persons, 1956-02
Box 70	"Feb. 56 Fla. Pictures" (Florida) Persons: Franklin A. Robinson, Adina M. Via, Timothy J. Conner, Jr., Florida landscapes, 1956-02
Box 70	Major Robert Glenn Bates (or Glenn R. Bates), USAF, and two unidentified, USAF Weather Service [Adina M. Via's workplace] (Andrews AFB, Prince George's County, Maryland), 1956-1957, undated
Box 70	Adina M. Via, Franklin A. Robinson, Via farm [AMV on car] (Calvert County, Maryland) and Robinson farm (Ferndale Farm)(Prince George's County, Maryland), 1957, undated
Box 70	"Wedding & House," Franklin and Adina Robinson, Robinson farm (Ferndale Farm)(Prince George's County, Maryland)[spaghetti strap pink dress in NMAH/SI Costume Collection], honeymoon trip to New England, 1958-07-1958-08
Box 70	Blue crabs, boat model, Robert D. Via and Franklin A. Robinson on porch of Via home, Via farm (Calvert County, Maryland), 1958-10
Box 70	Florida and Robinson farm (Ferndale Farm), Franklin and Adina Robinson, Robert and Virginia Via (Florida; Brandywine, Prince George's County, Maryland), 1959-07

Box 70	Robinson farm wheat harvest, Clinton, Maryland Fireman's Parade, views of Ferndale Farm, Franklin A. Robinson, Robert L. Robinson (Prince George's County, Maryland), 1959-09
Box 70	Robinson farm (Ferndale Farm) home interiors, post-Christening of Franklin A. Robinson, Jr. (November 1959), Franklin and Adina Robinson, Robert and Virginia Via, Frank and Elizabeth Robinson; Christmas, unidentified (Prince George's County, Maryland), 1959 September-1960 March, undated
Box 70	"Baby's First Birthday," Franklin A. Robinson, Jr., Robinson farm (Ferndale Farm) (Prince George's County, Maryland), 1960-09-04
Box 70	Robinson farm (Ferndale Farm), Christmas, winter, and summer (Prince George's County, Maryland) Persons: Adina and Franklin Robinson, Franklin A. Robinson, Jr., 1960-12-1961-07
Box 71	Building 1958 house at Ferndale Farm, Franklin A. Robinson and Adina M. Via, 1958
Box 71	Wedding, Franklin A. Robinson and Adina M. Via, Chapel of the Incarnation (Episcopal) Brandywine, Maryland, 1958-07-27
Box 71	Portraits, Margaret W. Lennox, Theresa, David, and Franklin Jr. Robinson, Brandywine Drum and Majorette Corps (Brandywine, Prince George's County, Maryland), 1971-1972
Box 71	Irrigation, tobacco beds (Robinson family, Gary Hornbaker), tobacco harvesting and stripping (Henry Goldsmith), others unidentified, Serenity Farm, Benedict, Charles County, Maryland, 1978
Box 71	Knott's Berry Farm, Will Rogers home, beaches (Los Angeles, California) Persons: Franklin A. Robinson, Jr., Robert Marin Via, 1979-01
Box 71	Wheat harvest, straw baling/hauling, new house, Franklin A. Robinson, Jr. and Sr., Ferndale Farm, Brandywine, Maryland, undated
Box 71	Christmas trees, Via farm, Brandywine, Maryland, undated
Box 71	Horseradish crop, Serenity Farm, Benedict, Charles County, Maryland, undated
Box 71	Robert D. Via, unidentified others, Florida scenes, fishing (Florida), undated
Box 71	"Del's [Robert D. Via] Fla. Pictures" (Florida), undated
Box 71	"Del's [Robert D. Via] Fla. Pictures" (Florida), undated
Box 71	"Del's [Robert D. Via] Fla. Pictures, Wash. State Pictures" (Florida and Washington State), undated

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Grand Coulee Dam (Washington), souvenir slides, undated

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## Series 7: Audiovisual, 1943-1997

Scope and Contents: OF: Original Film, RV: Reference Video, MV: Master Video

This series contains 8mm, 16mm films, and VHS videos of family, farming, and vacations. This subseries also includes footage from local fireman's parades, the 1962 Seattle World's Fair, and Maxwell Hall a historic estate in Charles County, Maryland. This series also includes film and video projects related to farming completed as work for Franklin A. Robinson, Jr.'s degree in film and video production from the American University.

Processing Information: The 8mm original films were removed from Box 26 over the course of a rehousiing project; Box 26 is no longer in use.

### Subseries 7.1: Family and farming, 1943-1997

Reel OF 475.1 [Via family], 1943  
1 Motion picture film (Duration: 6 minutes, 12 seconds; Camera original; 8mm; Univex black and white reversal)  
Notes: Place: Shadyside Avenue, Capital Heights, Maryland and Washington, D.C.  
Persons: Charles and Emily Lightboun, Betty Burnell, Robert D. Via, Adina M. Via, Ida Virginia Via; In Washington, D.C. scenes, Daniel Pilkington, Bernice V. McMullan, Adele and Pattie Pilkington  
Cinematographer: unknown  
Reference: RV 475.1, Box 27.

Reel OF 475.2 [Robinson and Via wedding], 1958  
1 Motion picture film (Duration: 11 minutes, 40 seconds; Camera original; 8mm; Kodachrome reversal)  
Notes: Place: Chapel of the Incarnation, Brandywine, Maryland; New England, and Ferndale Farm, Brandywine, Maryland  
Persons: Adina Mae Via and Franklin A. Robinson, members and friends of the Robinson and Via families  
Cinematographer: For wedding a Mr. Noyes, for honeymoon, Adina and Franklin Robinson.  
Reference: RV 875.1, Box 27.

Reel OF 475.3 [Farming and family], 1962-1963  
1 Motion picture film (Duration: 28 minutes, 48 seconds; Compilation reel of smaller reels.; Camera original, 8mm, Kodachrome reversal)  
Notes: 1. Cutting tobacco and irrigating, 1962  
Place: Ferndale Farm, Brandywine, Maryland  
Persons: Frank A. Robinson, Franklin A. Robinson, Jr. and Sr., Robert L. Robinson, Norris Gross and others  
Cinematographer: Adina M. Robinson  
2. Grain driers and views of John Deere Farm, 1962

Place: John Deere Farm, T.B., Maryland

Persons: None visible, Franklin A. Robinson running the combine.

Cinematographer: Adina and Franklin Robinson

3. R. David Robinson's baptism, picking corn, disking corn, 1962

Place: Chapel of the Incarnation, Brandywine, Maryland, and Ferndale Farm, Brandywine, Maryland

Persons: The Reverend Mr. Richard Hartman, Virginia and Robert Via (hats worn by the Via family and Adina M. Robinson are in NMAH costume collection) Robert David Robinson (baby), Franklin A. Robinson, Jr., Adina M. Robinson, Franklin A. Robinson

Cinematographer: Franklin and Adina Robinson

4. Fall, Winter and Christmas, 1962

Place: Ferndale Farm, Brandywine, Maryland

Persons: Franklin A. Robinson, Jr., Adina M. Robinson, Robert D. Robinson

Cinematographer: Adina and Franklin Robinson

5. Snowman, Easter, sprayer, 1963

Place: Ferndale Farm, Brandywine, Maryland, Via Farm, Calvert County, Maryland, John Deere Farm, T.B., Maryland

Persons: Robert D. Robinson, Adina M. Robinson, Franklin A. Robinson, Jr. and Sr., Elizabeth B. Robinson (hat in NMAH costume collection), Franklin Robinson (b. 1932) doing the agricultural spraying

Cinematographer: Adina and Franklin Robinson

6. Enchanted Forest, and farm pond, 1963

Place: Enchanted Forest (a children's park in Western Maryland), Ferndale Farm, Brandywine, Maryland

Persons: Franklin A. Robinson, Jr., Robert D. Robinson, Ida Virginia Via, Franklin A. Robinson, Sr.

Cinematographer: Franklin and Adina Robinson

7. Mulch planter-corn, mowing grass, 1963

Place: Ferndale Farm, Brandywine, Maryland, John Deere Farm, T.B., Maryland

Persons: Robert D. Robinson, Franklin A. Robinson, Jr., Adina M. Robinson, Elizabeth B. Robinson (mowing grass), Franklin A. Robinson, Sr.

Cinematographer: Franklin and Adina Robinson

Reference: RV 475.2, Box 27.

Reel OF 475.4

[Farming and family], 1965-1966



1 Motion picture film (Duration: 36 minutes, 55 seconds; Compilation reel of smaller reels.; Camera original; 8mm; Kodacrome reversal)

Notes: 1. Summer, farming, children, 1964

Place: Ferndale Farm, Brandywine, Maryland, John Deere Farm, T.B., Maryland

Persons: Franklin A. Robinson, Sr. (planting corn), Robert D. Robinson, Franklin A. Robinson, Jr., Robert M. Via, A. Theresa Robinson

Cinematographer: Adina M. Robinson

2. Christmas, Theresa first walking, Reel #1, 1964

Place: Ferndale Farm, Brandywine, Maryland

Persons: A. Theresa Robinson, Elizabeth B. Robinson, Robert D. Robinson, Franklin A. Robinson, Jr., Virginia W. Via, Robert M. Via, Adina V. Robinson, (skirt in NMAH costume collection)

Cinematographer: Adina and Franklin Robinson

3. Christmas Reel #2, 1964

See above.

4. Easter, Mr. Brown's place [Serenity Farm] with our [Robinson] corn, 1965

Place: Ferndale Farm, Brandywine, Maryland, Via Farm Calvert County, Maryland, Serenity Farm, Benedict, Maryland

Persons: Robert D. Robinson, Franklin A. Robinson, Jr., A. Theresa Robinson, Ida Virginia Via, Adina M. Robinson

Cinematographer: Franklin and Adina Robinson

5. Washington D.C. scenes and Franklin's 6th birthday party, 1965

Place: Washington, D.C., Ferndale Farm, Brandywine, Maryland

Persons: Carla Laurent, Adina M. Robinson, Franklin A. Robinson, Jr., family and friends

Cinematographer: Franklin A. Robinson

6. Franklin's 6th birthday party, 1965

Place: Ferndale Farm, Brandywine, Maryland

Persons: Franklin A. Robinson, Jr. birthday party, family and friends

Cinematographer: Franklin A. Robinson

7. Christmas, 1965,

Place: Ferndale Farm, Brandywine, Maryland

Persons: A. Theresa Robinson, Franklin A. Robinson, Jr., Robert D. Robinson, Ida Virginia Via, Gloria J. Via

Cinematographer: Franklin and Adina Robinson

8. Christmas and snowstorm, 1965-1966

Place: Ferndale Farm, Brandywine, Maryland

Persons: See above.

Cinematographer: Franklin and Adina Robinson

Reference: RV 475.3, Box 27.

Reel OF 475.5

[Farming, family, and travel], 1967-1968

1 Motion picture film (Duration: 21 minutes, 30 seconds; Compilation reel of smaller reels.; Camera original; 8mm; Kodacrome reversal)

Notes: 1. Serenity Farm and Mount Rainier, Washington State, 1967

Place: Serenity Farm, Benedict, Maryland, Washington State

Persons: Franklin A. Robinson, Jr. Robert D. Robinson, A. Theresa Robinson, Washington State: A. Theresa Robinson, Paul and Cece Laurent, Franklin A. Robinson, Jr., Robert D. Robinson

Cinematographer: Franklin Robinson

2. Mount Rainier Washington State, August, kids, Dick and Theresa Laurent, new air boat and John Deere Farm, 1967

Place: Washington State, John Deere Farm, T.B., Maryland

Persons: Laurent family, A. Theresa Robinson, Franklin A. Robinson, Jr. and Sr., Robert D. Robinson, Ken Reilly

Cinematographer: Franklin Robinson

3. Air boat in water at Benedict, Rita and Margie, Christmas, Equipment for moving barn at Serenity Farm, 1967-1968

Place: Patuxent River at Serenity Farm, Benedict, Maryland; Ferndale Farm, Brandywine, Maryland; Serenity Farm

Persons: Ida Virginia Via, Margaret T. Lennox, A. Theresa Robinson, Margaret W. Lennox, Robert D. Robinson, Franklin A. Robinson, Jr.

Cinematographer: Franklin Robinson

4. Moving barn with truck off of hill to new location, May, 1968

Place: Serenity Farm, Benedict, Maryland

Persons: Franklin A. Robinson, Jr., Robert D. Robinson, R.E. Sparrow and Son, Lynchburg, Virginia

Cinematographer: Franklin Robinson

5. Moving stripping room, view of farm and river from hill where barn was moved at Serenity Farm, May, 1968

Place: Serenity Farm, Benedict, Maryland

Cinematographer: Franklin Robinson

Reference: RV 475.4, Box 27.

Reel OF 475.6

[Fireman's parade], 1970-1971

1 Motion picture film (Duration: 5 minutes, 30 seconds; Camera original; 8mm; AGVA black and white)

Notes: Fireman's Parade, Franklin and Theresa Robinson

Place: Mechanicsville, Maryland, Waldorf, Maryland and Baden, Maryland

Persons: Franklin A. Robinson, Jr. and A. Theresa Robinson

Cinematographer: Franklin Robinson

Reference: RV 475.4, Box 27.

Reel OF 475.7

[Farming and family], 1978-1985

1 Motion picture film (Duration: 29 minutes, 26 seconds; Compilation reel of smaller reels.; Camera original; 8mm; Kodacrome reversal)

Notes: 1. Christmas, Serenity Farm, 1978

Place: Serenity Farm, Benedict, Maryland

Persons: Ceddie Harris, Peter Harris, Robert M. Via, Virginia W. Via, Franklin A. Robinson, Jr. and Sr., A. Theresa Robinson

Cinematographer: Franklin A. Robinson, Jr. and Sr.

2. Grandma and Granddaddy Via's kite flying, Robinson family and Robert Marin Via, circa 1978

Place: Via Farm, Calvert County, Maryland

Persons: A. Theresa Robinson, Robert Marin Via, Robert D. Robinson, Robert M. Via, Franklin A. Robinson, Jr. and Sr., Virginia W. Via

Cinematographer: Franklin A. Robinson, Jr. and Sr.

3. Christmas 1979, spring and snow 1980, Maxwell Hall

Place: Serenity Farm, Benedict, Maryland, Maxwell Hall, Swanson's Creek, Maryland

Persons: Peter Harris, A. Theresa Robinson, Molly B. Swann Franklin A. Robinson, Jr.

Cinematographer: Franklin Robinson, Jr. and A. Theresa Robinson

4. Serenity Farm, bad snow, 1980

Place: Serenity Farm, Benedict, Maryland

Persons: Robert D. Robinson, Peter Harris, Molly B. Swann

Cinematographer: Franklin A. Robinson, Jr., A. Theresa Robinson

5. Winter and snow, 1980

Place: Serenity Farm, Benedict, Maryland

Persons: Molly B. Swann, Robert D. Robinson, A. Theresa Robinson

Cinematographer: Franklin A. Robinson, Jr.

6. 1985 lambs being fed, Sunday supper, post-1984

Place: Serenity Farm, Benedict, Maryland

Persons: Virginia W. Via, A. Theresa Robinson, Deidre G. Merhiage, Franklin A. Robinson, Sr., Margaret N. Ward, Martha L. Swann, Henry Swann

Cinematographer: Franklin A. Robinson, Jr. and A. Theresa Robinson

## Reference: RV 475.5, Box 27.

Reel OF 475.13	<p>A Time to Sow, 1988</p> <p>1 Motion picture film (Duration: 11 minutes; Print; 16mm; sound; black and white)</p> <p>Notes: Franklin A. Robinson, Jr.'s MA thesis film from American University, Washington, DC. A short drama based on the farm crisis of the 1980s. Winner of a Special Jury Award at the Annual Short Film and Video Competition in Dallas, Texas; Silver Prize at the Austrian National Film Festival; Honorable Mention at The Big Muddy Film Festival; finalist for the Dore Schary Award. Screened at the American Film Institute (AFI).</p> <p>Copyright: 1988</p> <p>Producer: Antaeus Films</p> <p>Director: Franklin A. Robinson, Jr. (Frank Robinson, Jr.)</p> <p>Performer(s): Scott Morgan, Tyler Brown, Jennifer Brown, Lynn Swann, David Robinson, Jennifer Thacker</p>
<p>Reel OS 475.13;</p> <p>Reel OS 475.13A;</p> <p>Reel OS 475.13B;</p> <p>Reel OS 475.13C</p>	<p>A Time to Sow, 1988</p> <p>4 Sound track film reels (16mm; magnetic sound track)</p> <p>Notes: Three original magnetic sound track reels, plus one box original sound recordings used for creating tracks.</p>
Reel OF 475.13A	<p>A Time to Sow, A roll, 1988</p> <p>1 Motion picture film (Camera original; 16mm; Kodak Tri-X, black and white reversal)</p> <p>Notes: A roll of edited film.</p>
Reel OF475.13B	<p>A Time to Sow, B roll, 1988</p> <p>1 Motion picture film (Camera original; 16mm, Kodak Tri-X, black and white reversal)</p> <p>Notes: B roll of edited film.</p>
Reel OF475.13C	<p>A Time to Sow, master magnetic mix track, 1988</p> <p>1 Sound track film reel (Original 16mm master magnetic mix track)</p> <p>Notes: Master magnetic mix track</p>
Reel OF475.13D	<p>A Time to Sow, work print, 1988</p> <p>1 Motion picture film (work print, 16mm, Kodak-Tri-X black and white reversal, sync sound)</p> <p>Notes: Work print of edited film.</p>
Box 101	<p>A Time to Sow, original sound elements, 1988</p> <p>2 Cassette tapes</p> <p>3 Sound tape reels</p> <p>1 Film reel</p> <p>Notes: Wild sound recorded to make the sound design for <i>A Time to Sow</i>.</p>

Box 28, Item MV 475.14; RV 475.14	<p>Tobacco, 1986 1 Videocassettes (VHS) (Duration: 4 minutes 2 seconds; VHS video tape)</p> <p>Notes: An American University, Location Film and Video project documenting the cutting and spearing process of harvesting tobacco in Southern Maryland. Filmed on location at Serenity Farm, Benedict, Maryland. followed by 12 minutes of raw and uncut footage.</p>
Reel OF 475.15	<p>Theresa: A Farm Girl, 1986 1 Motion picture film (Duration: 2 minutes, 50 seconds; A cassette tape wild track accompanies the film.; Camera original, edited, 16mm Kodak Tri-X black and white reversal)</p> <p>Notes: An American University; Location Film and Video project, short documentary. A day in the life of Theresa Robinson, a farmer on Serenity Farm, Charles County, Maryland. Footage includes scenes of taking down cured tobacco, hacking hands of tobacco, seeding winter rye, doing needlework.</p> <p>Director: Franklin A. Robinson, Jr. (Frank Robinson, Jr.)</p> <p>Performer(s)/Persons Pictured: A. Theresa Robinson, R. David Robinson, Lynn Swann</p>
Reel OF 475.15b	<p>Theresa: A Farm Girl (outs) 1 Film reel</p>
Box 35, Item OTC 5	<p>Theresa: A Farm Girl, 1986 1 Cassette tape</p> <p>Notes: Wildtrack cassette for OF475.15</p>
Box 35, Item RTC 5	<p>Theresa: A Farm Girl, wildtrack cassette for OF475.15</p> <p>Notes: Wildtrack cassette for OF475.15</p>
Box 35, Item OF 475.16	<p>Theresa: A Farm Girl (unused footage), 1986 1 Motion picture film (Duration: 5 minutes, 10 seconds; Camera original, uncut footage, 16mm Kodak Tri-X black and white reversal, silent)</p> <p>Notes: Descriptive Summary: 210f, 16mm, silent, b&amp;w. An American University, Location Film and Video project, short documentary. Outtakes for OF475.15. A day in the life of Theresa Robinson, a farmer on Serenity Farm, Charles County, Maryland. Footage includes scenes of taking down cured tobacco, hacking hands of tobacco, seeding winter rye, doing needlework.</p> <p>Copyright: 1986</p> <p>Director: Franklin A. Robinson, Jr. (Frank Robinson, Jr.)</p> <p>Performer(s)/Persons Pictured: A. Theresa Robinson, R. David Robinson, Lynn Swann</p> <p>An American University, Location Film and Video project, short documentary. Outtakes for OF475.15. A day in the life of Theresa Robinson, a farmer on Serenity Farm, Charles County, Maryland.</p>

Footage includes scenes of taking down cured tobacco, hacking hands of tobacco, seeding winter rye, doing needlework.

Director: Franklin A. Robinson, Jr. (Frank Robinson, Jr.)

Performer(s)/Persons Pictured: A. Theresa Robinson, R. David Robinson, Lynn Swann

Box 28, Item OV  
475.15; RDVD 475.15

Aging Sensitivity . . . The Mind is Willing, The Body is Weak, 1997  
1 Video recording (Duration: 14 minutes, 55 seconds; VHS video tape, sound, color)  
Notes: A training VHS tape used in training aging sensitivity.  
Producer: Morgan Productions  
Director: Margo Meisel Morgan  
Performer(s)/Persons Pictured: Virginia Via, Ashlee N. Robinson and others

## Subseries 7.2: Travel, 1962-1979

Reel OF 475.8

[Robinson Family Trip to American West, Summer], reel 1, 1962  
1 Motion picture film (Duration: 35 minutes, 33 seconds; Smaller reels were edited and compiled into this reel by Adina M. Robinson.; Camera original; 8mm; Kodacrome color reversal)  
Notes: Persons: Franklin A. Robinson, Jr. and Sr., Adina M. Robinson, Robert D. Robinson  
Cinematographer: Franklin and Adina Robinson  
Reference: RV 475.6, Box 27.

Reel OF 475.9

[Robinson Family Trip to American West, Summer], reel 2, 1962  
1 Motion picture film (Duration: 37 minutes; Smaller reels were edited and compiled into this reel by Adina M. Robinson.; Camera original; 8mm; Kodacrome reversal)  
Notes: Persons: Franklin A. Robinson, Jr. and Sr., Adina M. Robinson, Robert D. Robinson, Richard and Theresa Laurent family  
Cinematographer: Franklin and Adina Robinson  
Includes views of the 1962 Seattle World's Fair, Seattle, Washington State  
Reference: RV 475.7, Box 27.

Reel OF 475.10

[Robinson family trip to California, Oregon, and Washington State], 1965  
1 Motion picture film (Duration: 31 minutes, 30 seconds; A compilation reel of smaller reels.; Camera original; 8mm; Kodacrome reversal)  
Notes: 1. Airplane ride to California (Disneyland, Anaheim, California)  
2. Will Rogers' home, Disneyland  
3. Aunt Emily's, California and Yosemite, redwoods  
4. California and Yosemite, Pacific area and redwoods  
5. Oregon, summer vacation, Crater Lake, Dulles Airport

Persons: Franklin A. Robinson, Jr. and Sr., Adina M. Robinson, Robert D. Robinson, Emily Abbot, Richard and Theresa Laurent family

Cinematographer: Franklin and Adina Robinson

Reference: RV 475.8, Box 27.

#### Reel OF 475.11

[Robinson family travel], 1968-1970

1 Motion picture film (Duration: 28 minutes, 48 seconds; A compilation reel of smaller reels.; Camera original; 8mm; Kodacrome reversal)

Notes:

1. Children at Disneyland (Anaheim, California) July 1968
2. Children swimming at motel while at Disneyland also Marge Ehrler, same of Knots Berry Farm in California July 1968
3. Cape Kennedy, Florida March 1969
4. Children in Gulf (of) Mexico on Sanibel Island, Florida March 1969; also at motel, Port Carlos
5. Children, yard and riding pony at home September 1969; airplane ride to Bahamas in February 1970
6. February 1970, Freeport, Bahamas. Children on beach in Freeport, Bahamas

Persons: Franklin A. Robinson, Jr. and Sr., Robert D. Robinson, A. Theresa Robinson, Marge Ehrler, Randy Eaton

Cinematographer: Franklin Robinson

Reference: RV 475.9, Box 27.

#### Reel OF 475.12

[Robinson and Via family travel], 1970-1979

1 Motion picture film (Duration: 22 minutes, 30 seconds; A compilation reel of smaller reels.; Camera original; 8mm; Kodacrome reversal)

Notes:

1. Tonto Park and Roosevelt Lake, Arizona, 1970

Persons: Franklin A. Robinson, Jr. and Sr., Robert D. Robinson, A. Theresa Robinson, Margaret T. Lennox, Margaret W. Lennox

Cinematographer: Franklin Robinson, Sr.

2. Disneyland, Anaheim, California, August 1970

Persons: Franklin A. Robinson, Jr. and Sr., Robert D. Robinson, A. Theresa Robinson, Margaret T. Lennox, Margaret W. Lennox

Cinematographer: Franklin Robinson, Sr.

3. Puerto Rico and St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, April 1971

Persons: Franklin A. Robinson, Sr. and Margaret W. Robinson

Cinematographer: Franklin Robinson, Sr., Margaret W. Robinson

4. Via trip to California; Emily Abbott, Glendale, California, December-January, 1979-1980 (reel 1)

Persons: Robert M. Via, Ida Virginia Via, Emily Abbott

Cinematographer: Franklin Robinson, Jr.

5. Via trip to California; Emily Abbott, Glendale, California, December-January, 1979-1980 (reel 2)

Persons: Robert M. Via, Ida Virginia Via, Emily Abbott

Cinematographer: Franklin Robinson, Jr.

Reference: RV 475.9, Box 27.

Box 27, Item  
RV475.1-9 RV475.13

Reference video of 8mm Film, 1943-1985  
10 Videocassettes (VHS)

Notes: RV475.1-RV475.9, see above descriptions. Also RV475.13 of A Time to Sow

Box 28, Item  
MV475.1-12

Master Video copies of 8mm Film, 1943-1985  
12 Video recordings (Master video recordings of 8mm film.)

Notes: MV475.1-MV475.12, see above descriptions.

Box 22

8mm processed film boxes with original notations, 1962-1985

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