

The Filson Club Historical Society

**The Papers of
Charles Blanton Roberts**

The papers of Charles Blanton Roberts, author of Knoxville, Tennessee and New York City.

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Size of Collection

0.66 cubic feet

Locator Number Mss.\A\R643

Scope and Content Note

Papers include correspondence, 1906-1938, about the publication of Roberts' articles about the building of Middlesboro, Ky., a proposed monument to Middlesboro's founder Alexander A. Arthur, the defacement of Pinnacle Mountain at Cumberland Gap, and Roberts genealogy; drafts of his published articles; a 1 Dec. 1887 contract between the Cumberland Gap Tunnel Co., Louisville and Nashville Railroad Co., and Powell's Valley Railroad Co. for building a tunnel through Cumberland Mountain; a report of a mass meeting of Middlesboro's citizens, 1881 Mar. 19; and newspaper clippings regarding his articles, Col. David Grant Colson, Middlesboro, and the Cumberland Gap.

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A Charles Blanton Roberts
R643 Papers. 1881-1938.

Box 1

- Photographs, postcards.
- fl. 1 Correspondence, 1906-1915.
 - fl. 2 Correspondence, 1927.
 - fl. 3 Correspondence, 1932.
 - fl. 4 Correspondence, 1933.
 - fl. 5 Correspondence, 1938.
 - fl. 6 The Building of Middlesborough . . .
 - fl. 7 Drafts of article on The Building of Middlesborough . . .
 - fl. 8 A British Adventure in America . . .
 - fl. 9 A British Adventure in America: the vicissitudes of a Kentucky boom town.
 - fl. 10 Iron ore.
 - fl. 11 Cumberland Gap and the Kentucky coal fields.
 - fl. 12 Mossie of Thunderbolt Gap. A tale of the Cumberlands.
 - fl. 13 Notes, memoranda, etc.
 - fl. 14 The Case of Bull-Back Jones. (newspaper clipping), 1901 Apr. 21.
 - fl. 15 The Red and the Black, 1902 Oct. 4.
 - fl. 16 Christmas on Staten Island, 1910 Jan. 8.
 - fl. 17 The Prussian Nimrod, 1916 Dec. 26.
 - fl. 18 Contract between the Cumberland Gap Tunnel Co., the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Co. and the Powell's Valley Railroad Co. about a tunnel through the Cumberland Mountain, 1887 Dec. 1.
 - fl. 19 Report of the mass meeting of the citizens of Middlesborough, Ky. 1891 Mar. 19.

Box 2

- fl. 20 Newspaper articles by and about Alexander A. Arthur, founder of Middlesborough, Ky.; pictures of his home and his tomb.
- fl. 21 Magazine articles about Middlesborough, Ky. and the mountain country.
- fl. 22 Newspaper clippings about Middlesborough, Ky.
- fl. 23 "Happenings in Middlesborough Twenty Years Ago." Newspaper clippings, 1911-1912.
- fl. 24 Obituary of David Grant Colson (1861-1904), 1904 Oct. 1.
Article about him entitled "Nonsense, Gentlemen."
- fl. 25 Newspaper clippings about the Frank Ball trouble at Cumberland Gap and feuds in Ky.

- fl. 26 Newspaper clippings about southern mountaineers.
- fl. 27 Miscellaneous newspaper clippings.
- 28 Newspaper clippings about the defacement of Pinnacle Mountain, Cumberland Gap.