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**JOHN DODGE CAPRON (1894-1977) COLLECTION**

The collection includes articles, pamphlets, notes, etc., relating to history, with emphasis on railroads, covered bridges, mineral springs, waterworks, and pipe making. John Dodge CAPRON (1894-1977), an industrialist and philanthropist of Lynchburg, Virginia, collected the material.

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Virginia History

- 1-1 Miscellaneous historic houses of Virginia; Jamestown Festival brochures; Miscellaneous house clippings (*The Spur*, 1952-1953); *Cast Iron Pipe News*, Oct-Nov 1962; *University of Virginia Newsletter* (3)
- 1-2 "Bays Blackwell Lecture" Emory & Henry, 1967; 125th anniversary program, Emory & Henry; Invitation, Launching of the Polaris submarine, "Lewis and Clark," 1964; Lynchburg (Va.) Historical Society articles; miscellaneous clippings, "Glasgow," "Free State"; Virginia travel brochures; Photographs, "Garland," "Col. Robert H. Crockett"; *Southwestern Episcopalian*, "The First Fifty Years, 1919-1969"; Chambers, Point of Honor; *Occasional Bulletin*, Virginia Historical Society, 1965-1970; *Virginia Phoenix*, Vol. 1-2; Sphex Club paper, Booth, 1962; Virginia Museum of Science Study, 1969; Moore, "Ah, Youth and Experience" (Virginia National Bank)
- 1-3 Miscellaneous historical articles and clippings on Virginia; Virginia Historical Society, "James River," "First Thanksgiving," "Roanoke"; Transgas, "Lynchburg," "Poplar Forest" (1964); Miscellaneous travel brochures; Burrowes, Robert F., "History of the Boys' Home"
- 1-4 Miscellaneous historical articles; Iselin, "Matthew Fontaine Maury"; Gilliam (Sphex Club), "Matthew Fontaine Maury"; Article, "Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties"; *Oilways*, "Virginia" (1961); Excerpt from Hampton and its Students; *Occasional Bulletin*, Virginia Historical Society (1960); News article, "Bedford History"; Chart, Virginia State Government; Letter to C.A. WOODRUM, 1947; *Industrial Medicine and Surgery*, Dec. 1958, "Lead Shot Towers"

**BOX 2**

Virginia History

- 2-1 "Historic Shrines and Landmarks in Winchester"; Miscellaneous historical articles; *World Trade*, "Mariner's Museum" (1950); University of Virginia, "Unique in the Republic"; 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary issue, *Lane Folks* (1952); *Esso Oilways*, "Southern Lightweight Aggregate Corporation" (1953); *American Philatelist*, "Philadelphia's Early Posts & Post Offices" (1952); Colonial Williamsburg, President's Report (1951); Pennsylvania Schools, 1896; *Tracks*, "Kanawha Turnpike" (1955); American Cast Iron

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- 2-1 Pipe Co., "Jamestown" (1955)
  - 2-2 *New York Times* - "Virginia, New Dominion of Industry (1953); Bulletin, Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church, SC; *Ford Times*, Virginia issue (1956); American Cast Iron Pipe Co., "Williamsburg Restored" (1953); "Big Island Paper Mill"; Miscellaneous historical articles and brochures; *Scribner's Monthly*, "Chesapeake Peninsula" (1872); *Occasional Bulletin*, Virginia Historical Society (1962); *Cast Iron Pipe News*, "Cast Iron Pipe at University of Virginia" (1950); *Cast Iron Pipe News*, "Alexandria Water Company" (1952); *Lynchburg News*, "The Custis Bible" (1904); Brochures on St. Peter's P.E. Church, New Kent County, Virginia; *University of Virginia Newsletter* (1957); *Buick Magazine*, "Jamestown's 350th Birthday" (1957); *Southwestern Episcopalian*, "Jamestown Festival" (1957); Washington and Lee Notes (1957); *France Actuelle*, "Lafayette's Bi-centenary" (1957)
  - 2-3 "Brightwood" Commissioner's sale, 1899 ad; *Tracks*, "James River Company" (1954); *Tracks*, "James River" (1954); Miscellaneous historical clippings; *Virginia League of Local Welfare Executives*, "The Good Old Days" (1950); Brief sketch of Sweet Briar College (1950); Photographs, Salt Peter Cave (1950); Membership Certificate, Virginia Historical Society (1950); *Scribner's Monthly*, "A Ramble in Virginia" (1874); *University of Virginia Newsletter*; *Saturday Evening Post*, "The Mystery of the Lawyer's House" (1951); Invitation, VMI, honoring Gen. George C. MARSHALL (1951); W & L, 1749-1949, Student Bicentennial publication (1949)
- BOX 3**
- Lynchburg History
- 3-1 *Lynchburg News*, "History of the Lynchburg Gas Company" (1951); Lynchburg Gas Company annual report (1951); *N & W Magazine*, "Altavista - Town with a Lofty View" (1961); Miscellaneous historical articles; *Alumnae News*, Sweet Briar College, 1954; Sweet Briar, Graduation invitation (1956); *Craddock-Terry Record*, "Streets of Lynchburg," "City Buses" (1958); Calendar, Glamorgan Pipe and Foundry (1957); Photograph of Lynchburg, ca. 1874
  - 3-2 *Southwestern Episcopalian*, Vol.25 No.4, "Historic St. Stephen's Church"; Carter GLASS, Anecdotes, Congressional Record (1939); Miscellaneous historical articles; Sweet Briar Invitation (1956); *Sweet Briar News* (1940, 1954); Bulletin, Sweet Briar College, "Sweet Briar-First Half Century" (1953); Lynchburg Historical Society, "Miller Claytor House" (1953); Confederate Money (NC), \$1.00 bill; Annual meeting, Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce

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- BOX 3**
- 3-2 (1955); Invitation to Seven Pines (The RUSSELLs); "Products of Industry" (Lynchburg and Campbell County), 1860 Census (2 copies)
  - 3-3 Wilda VEHLow, "Guggenheimer's of Lynchburg" (1948), with clippings from rerun in 1962
  - 3-4 *Craddock-Terry Record*, "Old Quaker Church" (1960); Miscellaneous historical articles; "General View of Lynchburg" (1908); "History of the Quaker Presbyterian Church"; Articles on the Water System; *Cross-Sections* (B&W) (1967); *Water Works Engineering*, "Lynchburg...Treatment Plant" (1957); *Water and Sewage Works*, "A Filter Plant that Grew Up" (1956); Lynchburg Community Chest (1943); Lynchburg Historical Society, "Jim Crack Corn", "Lynchburg Aviation"
- BOX 4** Civil War History
- 4-1 "Confederate Column" (Nos. 1-50) (Missing Nos. 13, 36, 46)
  - 4-2 "Confederate Column" (Nos. 51-100) (Missing No. 80)
  - 4-3 "Confederate Column" (Nos. 101-134) (Missing Nos. 108, 116)
  - 4-4 "Confederate Column" (Nos. 135-172) (Missing No. 142)
- BOX 5** Civil War History/Railroads
- 5-1 Miscellaneous collections of articles on the Civil War; Gisholt Machine Co., "A Little Clump of Trees" (n.d.); Civil War Centennial map (Virginia); Pictorial map, Civil War (Esso); Red Cross Newsletter, "Clara H. BARTON" (1961); "The First Hunley" (n.d.); *Consolidated Textile News*, "Appomattox 1865-1955" (1955); *Monsanto Magazine*, "That Their Dead Shall not have Died in Vain" (1960); The Capture of New Orleans" (n.d., n.pub.); *American Motorist*, "Cyclorama...Gettysburg, Pennsylvania" (1961)
  - 5-2 Correspondence, Alfred R. JAMES; Miscellaneous articles on Railroads; New York Central System (Pittsburg and Lake Erie RR), "Along the Right of Way"; "Various Southern Railroads - List of Stations 1865-1953";
  - 5-3 Miscellaneous articles on the Civil War; Virginia Museum of Science and History; Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, "Windows on our Past" (1965); Glamorgan calendars (1958, 1962); Letter, MORFIT from "No. 5 Bleeker Street, 1852"; *Shipyard Bulletin* (Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company) (1962); Letters ("Coal for the Navy"), 1840 Midlothian Coal Mining, 1854 Circular, 1854 (2) Coal for "San Jacinto", 1856 (2) Coal for "Wabash"; Fort Monroe Museum circulars/letters (1828, 1830, 1847, re: cast iron pipe)

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- BOX 6** Industries
- 6-1** Lynchburg Industries (1960); "Century and a half of Manufacturing in Lynchburg"; Miscellaneous notes on industries
  - 6-2** Correspondence, Glamorgan history/Pont-a-Mousson, Prospectus (1965); Correspondence/letters, Delavaud Plant
  - 6-3** Miscellaneous historical notes; *Tracks*, "Lynchburg Promised Land" (1957); Glamorgan history; Central Virginia Industries, Inc., 1940 Directory; *Commonwealth*, Lynchburg industries (1940); Lynchburg history, L. H. McWANE (1960); *Commonwealth* (1960)
  - 6-4** Lynchburg industries; Active companies; Glamorgan Annual Report (1959); History of Craddock-Terry Shoe Corp. (1961); Miscellaneous historical clippings-Lynchburg Foundry, J.P. Bell, Brown-Morrison, C.B. Cones Co., Consolidated Shoe, R.C. Davis Co., Duti-Duds, Famous Virginia Foods, C.B. Fleet, Gary Steel Products, Glamorgan Pipe, Harris Carriage, Lynchburg Foundry, Lynchburg Transit Co., Mead Corp., N&W Industries, Consumers Co., Old Dominion Box, Price & Clements Machines, Quality Dairy, Virginia Dunbrik, Virginia Gear, Cleland Co., Consolidated Textile; Businesses (1960); Businesses (1883-1888)
  - 6-5** "Manufactures 1939" (Industry classifications); Lynchburg industries (1960 and card file); Standard Industrial Classification Manual; Census of Industry (1860); Current industries (1960); Miscellaneous industries (card file)
- BOX 7** Miscellaneous History
- 7-1** Bedford County Schools (1953-1959); Mrs. John D. Capron, Bedford County Citizens for Better Schools
  - 7-2** (Continuation of 7-1)
  - 7-3** Miscellaneous materials on George Washington University, Maryland
  - 7-4** Miscellaneous Lynchburg History; *Altavista Journal*, "LYNCH Family"; Lynchburg Gas Company History, News articles 1850's; Lynchburg Watering Committee; Public Library for Lynchburg (1965)
  - 7-5** Lynchburg Historical Society
  - 7-6** Historic Landmarks Commission (Attempt to place iron mine on list)
- BOX 8** Mineral Springs/Spas
- 8-1** Miscellaneous ads, photos, articles on Mineral Springs of Virginia; Postal cancellations
  - 8-2** Rockbridge Alum Springs, Correspondence, photos, articles

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- 8-3 Miscellaneous Springs (Other than Virginia - West Virginia, Kentucky, Arkansas, France, New York)
  - 8-4 Miscellaneous Springs (Other than Virginia)
  - 8-5 Hot Springs, Virginia (The Homestead); Miscellaneous articles and pamphlets; Hot Springs (1887); Hot Springs (1871)
- BOX 9** Mineral Springs/Spas
- 9-1 Miscellaneous collection, Springs other than Virginia (CA, AR, NY, OH, IN, PA, NH, NC)
  - 9-2 White Sulphur Springs (Greenbrier Co., WV), photos, brochures, correspondence
  - 9-3 Miscellaneous booklets, photos; Virginia Department of Health, Public Water Supplies in Virginia (1939); U.S. Department of Interior, Thermal Springs in the United States (1937); V.P.I., Municipal Water Supplies of Virginia (1937); Virginia Division of Water Resources and Power, Springs of Virginia (1930)
  - 9-4 Miscellaneous correspondence regarding Springs (1943-1950)
  - 9-5 Mineral Springs, Virginia -Notes, photos, Virginia springs (A-Me)
  - 9-6 Mineral Springs, Virginia - Notes, photos, Virginia springs (Mi-Z)
- BOX 10** Mineral Springs (U.S.)
- 10-1 "Some historical aspects of the thermal and mineral springs of the US" (1950); Notes regarding springs other than Virginia
  - 10-2 References, springs, US and Virginia; Lists of springs
  - 10-3 Atlas of Illinois Resources (1959), water and mineral resources
  - 10-4 Springs, Virginia; Water resources, Virginia (1959); "Notes on Surface Water in Virginia" (1960)
- BOX 11** Covered Bridges/U.S. History
- 11-1 Bridges, Virginia; "Stretching the Sinews of the Old Dominion" (ALLEN?); Covered bridges in Virginia (1958); Former covered bridges; Photograph of covered bridge at Lynchburg (1875); Miscellaneous articles, post cards; 1971 Covered Bridge Tour (Virginia); "Covered Bridges, Proud Symbols of Colonial Transportation"
  - 11-2 Southern Covered Bridge Association, "Bridge Beat" (1969-1971)
  - 11-3 Bridges, U.S.; "Houghton Line" (1958-1961)
  - 11-4 Miscellaneous historical articles, U.S.; "Western Steamboats" (Gisholt, 1957); U.S. Frigate, "Constellation"; *American Motorist*, "Pennsylvania's Plain People" (1958); Flag of the United States; "Providence and How it Grew" "Custer's Last Fight" (Gisholt n.d.);

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- BOX 11**
- 11-4 "Carbon Fourteen Dating" (Gisholt 1956); "Peter Piper Alphabet"; New Yorker, "The Presbyterian Call System" (1957); "Moneys of the World"; Million mile travellers; Flags of the Five Nations; "Water Resources of the Atlanta Metropolitan Area" (1951)
  - 11-5 Miscellaneous historical articles, U.S.; "Ships and Sails: the Way of the Past"; Salem Maritime National Historic Site; "History of Mexico" (Gisholt 1954); First transatlantic liner named United States; History of Point Clear, Alabama; America's first architects; "Vinland" (Gisholt 1954); Historic role of the rivers of Georgia, Chapter XI, *Kilowatts; World Trade*, "PERRY's Sailing" (1952); Treasure Map of the United States; Ticket, Republican National Convention (1900); Official program, 43rd inauguration (1957)
- BOX 12**
- Glamorgan Pipe Foundry/Cast Iron Pipe Research Association
- 12-1 Board Meeting at Nancy (France), Sept. 1961; Miscellaneous trip ephemera (postal cards, itinerary, tickets, photos, menus)
  - 12-2 Cast Iron Pipe Research Association (CIPRA), Mailing lists, membership lists, History (1960), History from the minutes of the Association
  - 12-3 CIPRA - Price lists, domestic shipments, statistical reports (1942-1947)
  - 12-4 CIPRA -Statistical reports (1943-1947) (duplicates)
  - 12-4 List of pipe plants (1958); Cast iron pipe manufacturers, 1800 to date; Newcomen Society, "Development of Cast Iron Pressure Pipe Industry in Southern States, 1800-1938"; History of cast iron pipe
- BOX 13**
- Water works/Pipe-making/Industries
- 13-1 Water Works, Water supply; "Water supply for Camps, 1918"; Historical articles on water works; USDHEW, "Clean Water"; Cast Iron Pipe Publicity Bureau, "Water Works for every Town"; Old Weymouth"; "The Manufacture of Cast Iron Pipe and its Application to Municipal Engineering"
  - 13-2 History of Water Works, *Lynchburg Virginian* (1854); Miscellaneous clippings and correspondence; Water works at Nashville and Nashua, Ishpeming, miscellaneous correspondence and articles
  - 13-3 Pipe-Making; History of Pipe; Miscellaneous articles and pamphlets; *The American City*, "Wooden water mains" (1960); "McWANE Pipe Pointers" (1955); "Modern Cast Iron Pipe" (Wolfe); Photos showing failures of steel and wood water pipe; Blueprints for pipes (Glamorgan); Methods of making pipe (deLAVAUD); "How McWANE Pipe is Made"; "History of Cast

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- 13-3** Iron Pipe" (Conrad 1939); "Spinning Speeds of Centrifugal Casting Machines" (Carrington); "Production of Centrifugal Gray Iron Castings in Water Cooled Molds"; "A Comparison of the Physical Properties of Various Kinds of Cast Iron Pipe"; Miscellaneous articles and pamphlets
  - 13-4** Pipe-Making; "Methods of making pipe - Sandspun"; Gas and water pipes; *Cast Iron Pipe News*, "98 Years of Excellent Service" (Feb/Mar, 1963)
  - 13-5** Lynchburg Foundry Company, miscellaneous articles and pamphlets on the history of the company
  - 13-6** Miscellaneous materials on pipe industries: R.D. Wood Co., CIPRA, Shamoan Industries, Woodward Iron Co., James B. Clow & Co., Alabama Pipe Co., Lone Star Steel, Centrifugal Pipe Corporation

- BOX 14** Pipe-Making Industries
- 14-1** U.S. Cast Iron Pipe and Foundry Co., Miscellaneous articles and correspondence
  - 14-2** McWANE Cast Iron Pipe Co.: McWANE Cast Iron Pipe and Joints (1930); How McWANE Pipe is Made; American Iron and Steel Institute (1927); Letter, Pete ASHTON, ASHTON Block (1962); "New Iron Making Process Developed..."
  - 14-3** American Cast Iron Pipe Co., miscellaneous articles and correspondence
  - 14-4** Glamorgan Pipe Company - Statements (1924-1954), Earnings; Bell and Spigot Pit Cast Pipe production; deLavaud Pipe; Special Foundry; Purchase of company; U.S. Department of Commerce, "Cast Iron Pipe Industry"; CIPRA Articles of Association
  - 14-5** War Furnaces not listed by Bruce (card file); Inventory list for CIPRA history; Pipe companies
  - 14-6** "History of Glamorgan Pipe and Foundry Company" (CAPRON)



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John Dodge CAPRON, industrialist and philanthropist, was born 8 November 1894 in Menands, New York, the son of William White CAPRON and Helen KENT. [Burial record, Diuguid Funeral Home, Lynchburg, VA, Book 67, p. 3, Microfilmed records, Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, VA; Obituary, *Lynchburg Daily Advance*, 2 May 1977, p. 30, cols. 1, 4.]

A graduate of Yale University, CAPRON became an engineer for U.S. Pipe and Foundry Company, Anniston, Alabama. After service in the Air Force, he joined the sales department for U.S. Pipe in Chicago, Illinois. Later, he became an engineer for the Burlington, New Jersey, plant of U.S. Pipe. [Obituary, loc.cit.]

John D. CAPRON came to Lynchburg, Virginia, in 1929 and became president of Glamorgan Pipe and Foundry Company in 1930. He retired in 1961. In 1960, the Governor of Virginia appointed CAPRON to a commission of business and industrial leaders to study the reorganization of the state government. [Ibid.]

John D. CAPRON served on the Board of Trustees for Lynchburg College. In 1966, he gave his entire historical collection to the Capron Library at the college. Active in the civic and business affairs of the community, he was a member of a number of organizations, including the Sphex Club, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the American Water Works Association. [Ibid.]

John Dodge CAPRON died 1 May 1977 at Locust Hill, his home in Bedford County, Virginia. He was survived by his wife, the former Marcia Elizabeth SAXTON, the daughter of Andrew Bice SAXTON, of Oneonta, New York. [Ibid.; Obituary, Marcia Saxton Capron, *Lynchburg News & Daily Advance*, 26 January 1987, Section B, p. 2 col. 1.]