



Record Group Number: 9200 **Subgroup Number:** W19 **Series Number:** 002

Collection Name: Small Manuscript Collections

Subgroup Name: William B. Walton Collection

Series Name: Photographs

Beginning Date: 1880 **Ending Date:** 2014

Quantity of Material: 0.20 cubic feet

Extent: 23 legal-sized folders, 3 oversized folders, 1 USB—978,071,836 bytes

Biographical Note: William B. Walton, Jr. was born on July 18, 1946, in Wilmington, Delaware, to parents Betty Walker Walton and William Bradley Walton, Sr. He married Sharon Hopkins on May 11, 1968, in Almonesson, New Jersey. The couple had two sons: William 'Shane' Walton, born on September 27, 1969, and Edward 'Douglas' Walton, born on November 12, 1975. Bill served in the US Army from 1968 to 1971 and was stationed during the Vietnam War. The Walton family traces its roots back to Pennsylvania, migrating to Delaware in 1854, initially settling in Pencader Hundred before relocating to the Carrcroft area near Wilmington. Over the years, they have been actively involved in various endeavors including farming, commerce, policing, and emergency services. The Walton family tree includes descendants of families such as Hardin, Huntsman, Johnson, and Walker.

Scope and Content: This series contains photographs of and taken by the Walton family. The subjects and scenes vary from the documentation of infrastructure development to family photos. Photographed families include Bitner, Bradley, Cardwell, Clark (Laura H.), Deaver, Ford, Gropengriser (Lewis), Hardin, Harr, Howell, Huntsman, Wales (Dr. Joseph), Walker, Walton, and Williams. Other subjects include an Osceola Lodge No. 5 ribbon, the Walton store and house at Iron Hill, home and farm views, a Harlan Plant dinner, a flood near Cooch's Bridge (1933), a Mount Pleasant School class portrait (1938), a P. S. DuPont High School graduating class group portrait (1940), New Castle County ambulances and crews (1942), and I-95 construction in the Marsh Road area and various types of transportation.

Arrangement: This series comprises records donated separately over time. Each donation was organized alphabetically by subject name, maintaining the independent arrangement of previous donations. Consequently, the second donation retains

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the same alphabetical order as the first and was not merged with it.

Index: Internal [item-level content list](#) available in Checklists and Finding Aids.

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