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# **Atwood (Albert W.) Collection**

## **An inventory of Albert W. Atwood Collection at DC Public Library**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	People's Archive, MLK Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Atwood, Albert W. (Albert William), 1879-1975
<b>Title:</b>	Albert W. Atwood Collection
<b>ID:</b>	064
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1911-1975
<b>Physical Description:</b>	11 Linear feet
<b>Physical Description:</b>	8 Boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
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## Biographical / Historical

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Albert W. Atwood was born in Jersey City, New Jersey in 1879. He graduated from Fredonia (NY) State Normal School in New York in 1899 and from Amherst College in 1903. Albert W. Atwood was a leader in the scholarly, journalistic and philanthropic communities in Washington, D.C. in the early twentieth century. He served as President of the Board of Trustees for the D.C. Public Library, was President of the Cosmos Club, and was a regular contributor to the Saturday Evening Post and The National Geographic Magazine, as well as various local newspapers and journals. He also wrote a biography of Senator Francis G. Newlands and a history of Gallaudet College. He died in 1975 in Washington, DC.

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## Scope and Contents

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Scope and Content Note: (overall look at the collection) The collection consists of scrapbooks containing Albert W. Atwood's articles and editorials from The the Saturday Evening Post and The National Geographic Magazine, as well as three books and a poster from the DC Public Library. Also included

are photographs, articles, and awards. The control file for this collection contains a title index of Mr. Atwood's articles and editorials from The Saturday Evening Post.

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## Arrangement

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Series 1: General Documents This series consists of loose articles and addresses, photographs, awards, clippings, and biographical information. Series 2: The Saturday Evening Post Scrapbooks This series contains seven scrapbooks of Atwood's work that appeared in the Saturday Evening Post. The items in each scrapbook are separated by articles and editorials. Some of the scrapbooks contain indexes. Series 3: Bound Volumes This series consists of books written by Atwood, and National Geographic Magazine articles authored by Mr. Atwood.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Revision Description

Finding aid revised to be more evergreen. 2020-07-15

### Custodial History

The Albert W. Atwood Collection was accessioned into the D.C. Community Archives in 1998. The collection of materials was acquired prior to 1998, but little information about the materials exists, except for a note in two of the volumes that read "Property of Mrs. Yates." It is presumed that Atwood created the materials, but this cannot be verified.

### Processing Information

Basic archival processing procedures were applied to the collection when it was processed.

## Conditions Governing Use

No known restrictions.

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## Controlled Access Headings

- Journalists
- Photographs
- Scrapbooks
- Ephemera

## Collection Inventory

### Series 1: General Documents

#### Scope and Contents

This series consists of loose articles and addresses, photographs, awards, clippings, and biographical information.

Title/Description	Instances	
Address: "Have You Read a Book?", March 20 1958	Box 1	Folder 1
Article: "The Soul of a City" The Saturday Evening Post, October 6 1928	Box 1	Folder 2
Article: "How Far Should Government Go?" The Saturday Evening Post, April 18 1931	Box 1	Folder 3
Article: "Where's the Money Coming From" The Saturday Evening Post, January 20 1934	Box 1	Folder 4
Article: "The Senate Investigates" The Saturday Evening Post, July 11 1936	Box 1	Folder 5
Article: "Everybody's Money" The Saturday Evening Post, December 26 1936	Box 1	Folder 6
Article: "Across the Potomac from Washington" The National Geographic Magazine - Vol. CIII no. 1, January 1953	Box 1	Folder 7
Biographical Information, Undated	Box 1	Folder 8
Clippings, 1933-1975	Box 1	Folder 9
Invitation to Cleveland Park Branch Library Open House, 1953		

	Box 1	Folder 10
Memorial Service Programs, January 28 1975	Box 1	Folder 11
Photographs: Inspection Group-Chevy Chase Branch Library, December 4 1946	Box 1	Folder 12
Photographs: Open House-Cleveland Park Branch Library, October 15 1953	Box 1	Folder 13
Meritorious Public Service Award from the Government of the District of Columbia, September 23 1970	Box 2	Folder 1
Oversize Folder, Undated	Box 2	Folder 2
The Hecht Co. Salutes the DC Public Library - advertisement, 1954	Box 2	Folder 3

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## Series 2: The Saturday Evening Post Scrapbooks

### Scope and Contents

This series contains seven scrapbooks of Mr. Atwood's work that appeared in The Saturday Evening Post. The items in each scrapbook are separated by articles and editorials. Some of the scrapbooks contain indexes.

Title/Description	Instances	
Untitled, 1911-1915	Box 3	Folder 1
Untitled, 1914-1920	Box 4	Folder 1
Untitled, 1920-1922	Box 5	Folder 1
Untitled, 1923-1926	Box 5	Folder 2
Untitled, 1927-1931	Box 6	Folder 1
Untitled, 1931-1934	Box 7	Folder 1
Untitled, 1933-1936	Box 7	Folder 2
Meritorious Public Service Award from the Government of the District of Columbia, September 23, 1970	Box 7	Folder 3

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## Series 3: Bound Volumes

### Scope and Contents

This series consists of books written by Mr. Atwood, as well as, The National Geographic Magazine articles authored by Mr. Atwood.

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Francis G. Newlands: A Builder of the Nation - The Newlands Company, 1969	Box 8	Folder 1
Gallaudet College: It's First One Hundred Years - Gallaudet College, 1964	Box 8	Folder 2
The Great Stewardship: A Story of Life Insurance - Harper and Brothers Publishers, 1945	Box 8	Folder 3
"Washington—Storehouse of Knowledge" Vol. 81 no. 3, March 1942	Box 8	Folder 4
"Tidewater Virginia - Where History Lives" Vol. 81 no. 5, May 1942	Box 8	Folder 5
"The Miracle of War Production" Vol. 82 no. 6, December 1942	Box 8	Folder 6
"The Long River of New England" Vol. 81 no. 4, April 1943	Box 8	Folder 7
"Revealing Earth's Mightiest Ocean" Vol. 84 no. 3, September 1943	Box 8	Folder 8
"The Healing Arts in Global War" Vol. 84 no. 5, November 1943	Box 8	Folder 9
"Coal: Prodigious Worker for Man" Vol. 85 no. 5, May 1944	Box 8	Folder 10
"Potomac", July 1945	Box 8	Folder 11
"Northeast of Boston" Vol. 88 no. 3, September 1945	Box 8	Folder 12
"Steel: Master of Them All" Vol. 91 no. 4, April 1947	Box 8	Folder 13
"Washington: Home of the Nation's Great" Vol. 91 no.6, June 1947	Box 8	Folder 14
"The Mighty Hudson" Vol. 94 no. 1, July 1948	Box 8	Folder 15
"The Fire of Heaven—Electricity" Vol. 94 no. 5, November 1948	Box 8	Folder 16
"Pittsburgh: Workshop of the Titans" Vol. 96 no. 1, July 1949	Box 8	Folder 17
"Gilbert Grosvenor's Golden Jubilee" Vol. 96 no. 2, August 1949	Box 8	Folder 18
"The Nation's Library" Vol. 97 no. 5, May 1950	Box 8	Folder 19
"The Merrimack: River of Industry and Romance" Vol. 99 no. 1, January 1951	Box 8	Folder 20
"The Eternal Flame—Natural Gas" Vol. C no. 4, October 1951	Box 8	Folder 21
"Today on the Delaware", July 1952	Box 8	Folder 22
"Stately Homes of Old Virginia" Vol. 103 no. 6, June 1953	Box 8	Folder 23
"Immigrants Still Flock to Liberty's Land" Vol. 108 no. 5, November 1955	Box 8	Folder 24
"1960 Census: Profile of the Nation" Vol. 116 no. 5, November 1959	Box 8	Folder 25

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