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JOHN SKELTON WILLIAMS

(1865 - 1926)

The papers of John Skelton Williams, organizer and president of a railroad and banks, member of the Capital Issues Committee, Comptroller of the Currency and ex-officio member of the first Federal Reserve Board, still remain in the hands of Mr. Williams' widow and son in Richmond, Virginia. This Committee has made repeated efforts to persuade the family to move the collection to some such depository as the Alderman Library at the University of Virginia, where they could be made available to students, but thus far without success, through an intention to move them has been stated by Mr. Williams.

No estimate of the size of this collection has been made.

See: Internal memorandum 4/30/54 and correspondence on these papers

Biographical Note

- 1865, July 6 Born, Powhatan County, Virginia
 Educated, University of Virginia
- 1895 Married Lila Lefebvre Isaacs (at least 1 son
 born of this marriage)
- 1899-1904 Organizer and President, Seaboard Airline
 Railroad System
- 1901 Organized trust company section and member,
 executive council, American Bankers Association
- 1913 First Assistant Secretary of Treasury
- 1913-21 Treasurer, American Red Cross
- 1914-21 Comptroller of the Currency and ex-officio
 member of Federal Reserve Board (1914, member
 of organizing committee of System)
- 1917-18 Director, Finance and Purchase Divisions, U.S.
 R.R. Administration
- 1918-19 Member, Capital Issues Committee
- 1924-26 President, Richmond Trust Company
- 1926, Nov. 4 Died

See: Who Was Who in America, 1897-1942, vol. I, Marquis
 Hearings on Nomination of John Skelton Williams, U. S.
 Senate, Committee on Banking and Currency, G.P.O.
 1919, p. 1058.