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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.