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EVERDELL ALTAMONT HICKS FAMILY LETTERS 1914-1932

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EVERDELL ALTAMONT HICKS (1862-1961)

Hon. E. A. Hicks, delegate from Campbell to the Virginia State Legislature, lived on a farm owned by his grandfather. He served on the Board of Supervisors in Campbell County for 20 years and was chairman for eight years. He was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates in 1920 and was re-elected in 1922. He was educated at New London Academy.

The News, December 13, 1961 [B-11-1]

Former Campbell Official Dies

Everdell Altamont Hicks, 99, former chairman of the Campbell County Board of Supervisors and former member of the Virginia General Assembly, died at 6:25 p.m. Thursday at his home in Evington. He served on the board of supervisors from 1900 to 1920, being chairman the last 10 years. Then he was a member of the Virginia House of Delegates of the General Assembly from 1920 to 1930.

A lifetime resident of Campbell County, Hicks continued to supervise the operation of his 300 acre farm. In addition, he was a representative for the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co. selling fertilizer in this area.

In a feature story in *The News* soon after he observed his 99th birthday on Feb. 13. Hicks recalled how he helped John Lane, father of the Town of Altavista, pile a marker of rocks at a point that is now the center of the community.

Hicks accompanied Lane on several trips through the area laying out what was to become the town of Altavista. Later, as chairman of the Campbell County Board of Supervisors, he recommended construction of some of the roads suggested by Lane and so contributed to the founding of Altavista and the development of the entire area.

Born in Campbell County, he was the son of James Westmoreland and Mildred Hicks Hicks. He was a member of Evington Methodist Church and Evington Masonic Lodge No. 333, AF&AM.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Minnie Patrick Hicks; three sons, Ray Landon Hicks of McLean, E. A. Hicks Jr. of Cave Springs and Gerald Westmoreland Hicks of Richmond; two daughters, Dr. Mildred Hicks Bruun of Easton, Pa. and Mrs. Henry M. Taylor of Lamesa, Calif, and four grandchildren.

The body is at Whitten Timberlake Chapel pending funeral arrangements.

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- BOX 1**
- 1-1 Hicks Family Genealogy prepared by Nancy Jamerson Weiland
 - 1-2 Correspondence to Mrs. E. A. Hicks. Includes letters to and from sisters circulated to each other (7 letters dated 1914)
 - 1-3 Correspondence to Mrs. E. A. Hicks from Clara Patrick Trayham. Includes instructions and parts list from the Monitor Sad Iron Co., Big Prairie, OH. (4 letters dated 1915)
 - 1-4 Correspondence to Mr. E. A. Hicks from Acorn Brass Manufacturing Co., Chicago, IL. Includes flyer for the Acorn Gasoline Self-Heating Flat Iron (1915)
 - 1-5 Campbell County Mutual Fire Insurance Company Card, dated August 31, 1915
 - 1-6 Correspondence to Mrs. E. A. Hicks, to and from her sisters (8 letters dated 1916-1917)
 - 1-7 James Thomas Hicks draft Card. Correspondence to Mr. and Mrs. Hicks from children (14 letters dated 1918-1919)
 - 1-8 Correspondence E. A. Hicks to Mrs. E. A. Hicks. "Annexation Bill out of house". (40 letters dated 1920)
 - 1-9 Wedding invitation Iva Kelly to E. Hicks (1921). Letters from James Hicks to his mother written on The Maryland Motor Machine Co., Frederick, Maryland letterhead; Letter to Mrs. Hicks from Idalia M. Petty
 - 1-10 Correspondence to E. A. Hicks from C. T. Light Co., Wholesale Feed & Groceries; Southern Railway Co., Bill of Lading (17 letters dated 1922)
 - 1-11 Correspondence from James Hicks to parents; Mildred Hicks to father; E. A. Hicks to wife, Mrs. E. A. Hicks from Monitor Sad Iron Co.
 - 1-12 Battle Creek Food Company to Mrs. Hicks; Pamphlet "Paramels-Remedy for Constipation; Pamphlet "Laxa" Colon Food; price list; Correspondence from E. A. Hicks to his wife; Report Card Gerald W. Hicks from New London Academy; Application bland to Randolph-Macon Academy, Bedford, VA
- BOX 2**
- 2-1 Correspondence from Ray Hicks to Mrs. E. A. Hicks; from Mildred Hicks to Mrs. E. A. Hicks; Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station; F. W. Woolworth weight card (14 letters dated 1925)
 - 2-2 Correspondence to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hicks from their children and to each other (28 Letters dated 1926)
 - 2-3 Correspondence to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hicks from their children; marriage announcement Virginia Elinor Wilkins to Charles Madison Trayham (27 letters dated 1927)

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- BOX 2**
- 2-4 Hicks family correspondence; undated news clipping “W. M. Bass, Jr., named in Probe of Stolen Automobiles.” A piece of fabric from “the Graf Zeppelin” October 15, 1928 plus Wikipedia article about the zeppelin. (28 letters dated 1928)
 - 2-5 Hicks family letters; The Monitor Sad Iron Co., brochures; Commencement announcement Invitation New London Academy, June 6, 1929 for Miss Lillian Ava Hicks; letter to E. A. Hicks from national Geographic Society from O. P. Austin (10 letters dated 1929)
 - 2-6 Hicks family letters; receipt from Walter H. Buzby Live & Dressed Poultry to E. A. Hicks for chickens ordered; letter from Quaker City Poultry Company Christmas card –Greetings from T. McCall Frazier; wedding announcement in *Washington Post* May 4, 1930 Mildred Hicks to Bruum; (14 letters dated 1930)
 - 2-7 Family letters; Norfolk & Western Railway Co., train Schedule to E. A. Hicks from O. L. McCraw, ticket agent; Bill to Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Highways from Mrs. M. P. Hicks for the board and lodging of 9 men (47 letters dated 1931)
- BOX 3**
- 3-1 Family letters; blank application for admission to the Marjorie Webster Schools, Washington, DC; Letter from Julia L. McFarland, register to Mrs. E. A. Hicks.
 - 3-2 Undated letter from Gerald Hicks to his mother and sister reporting a plane crash he witnessed including a map. News article in Lynchburg paper dated August 8, 1931 about the plane crash.
 - 3-3 Miscellaneous letters and documents; National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage letterhead dated January 18, 1920 to Gentlemen of the Legislature from Mary G. Kilbreth, President; Flyer from Acorn Brass Manufacturing Co; Flyer on Citizenship from Equal Suffrage League of Virginia; flyer entitled “Plans from the Suffrage Platform;”; 1931 maps of Illinois; 1919 West Virginia map; Cooks travel tickets (2); invoice from Quaker City Poultry Co., to Mrs. E. A. Hicks’ photograph of unknown elderly woman (8 letters, undated)
 - 3-4 “A Plea for Our State”

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