Victor Lynn Lines records
3.25 linear feet; 1 half-manuscript box, 1 flat box, 1 oversize box
1930-2006, bulk 1951-1961

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Administrative History: Al Wootten began the Victor Lynn Line operations February 1, 1921, with one boat carrying goods from Salisbury to the Baltimore market. A little more than a year later, the first boat burned in Whitehaven upon a return trip. Within due time, there were two ships freighting varying types of goods between the Eastern Shore and Baltimore twice a week. As World War II raged, freight rates escalated and the Victor Lynn was sent to the waters of the Caribbean to operate under the Miami Lines’ operation. The Victor Lynn returned to Salisbury in 1944 and continued to ferry goods around the Chesapeake Bay. Victory Lynn Lines not only carried freight on water but also partook in over-the-road trucking as well; at one time they had over 200 trucks in seven states. Water operations would eventually come to an end in 1954, and the Victor Lynn Transportation Company was sold to Eastern Freight Ways in 1959.

Citation: History of Victor Lynn Lines, http://astral.tripod.com/vlynn.html

Scope and Content Note: Victor Lynn Lines records document the water and freight industry of the Eastern Shore of Maryland. The materials date from 1930-2006 with the bulk of the materials dating from the final voyage of the Victor Lynn freighter to the eventual sale of the company, 1951-1961. Newspaper clippings and photographs document the company’s history and accomplishments.

Arrangement Statement: The Victor Lynn Lines records have been arranged into three series, PRINTED MATERIALS, AUDIO/VISUAL MATERIALS and ARTIFACTS. Printed materials document the history and trucking industry of the Eastern Shore and include a history written by the founder’s grandson, trucking routes and newspaper articles. Audio/Visual Materials include black and white photographic prints of the last voyage of the Victor Lynn, the company’s administrators, employees and the trucking industry. Artifacts include a shipping banner and skeleton key from the company.
Subject Terms:

**General Terms**

Freight Service
Marine Transportation
Truck Transportation
Wicomico River

**Corporate Names**

Eastern Freight Ways, Inc.
Red Star Lines
Victor Lynn Lines

**Personal Names**

Hall, Avery W.
Stewart, J. Marshall
Tawes, J. Millard
Wootten, Al
Wootten, Nathaniel R.
**Series I: Printed Materials**

**Box 1**

1. Article, Business Biography, Victor Lynn Lines, undated
4. Correspondence, To Employees From J. Marshall Stewart, 1952 June 5
5. Drawing, Victor Lynn Lines Routes, undated
7. Monograph, Official List of Points of Service, 1952 September 1
8. Monograph, Uniform Rules & Regulations, undated
9. Newspaper Clipping, Advertisement, 1930 May 24
10. Newspaper Clipping, Advertisement, 1952 July 29
11. Newspaper Clippings, 1961-2005
12. Pamphlet, Let’s Ride Over the Ruined Road, undated

**Series II: Audio Visual Materials**

13. Photographs, Banquets & Conventions, 1950s
15. Photographs, Eastern Freight Ways, Inc., Chevelle Brothers, 1960s
16. Photographs, Last Trip from Baltimore to Salisbury, 1954
17. Photographs, Men from First Victor Lynn Trip, undated
18. Photographs, Parade Float, 1950s
19. Photographs, Transportation Trucks, 1950s
20. Photographs, Victor Lynn Boats, 1940s
21. Photographs, Victor Lynn Group, 1940s
22. Reel to Reel Film, Interview, Avery Hall, undated

**Box 2**

1. Photographs, Oversize, Last Trip from Baltimore to Salisbury, 1954
2. Photographs, Oversize, Victor Lynn Trucks, Riverside Terminal, 1952
3. Photographs, Oversize, Wicomico River, 1950s

**Series III: Artifacts**

**Box 3**

1. Key, Victor Lynn Lines, 2006.167.001