John H. Dulany and Son, Inc. records
1.5 linear feet; 3 half-manuscript boxes
1899-1993, bulk 1944-1966

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Accession Number: 2012.116

Creator: John H. Dulany and Son, Incorporated

Acquisition: The John H. Dulany and Son, Inc. records were donated to the Nabb Research Center by Virginia Dulany in April 2012, with subsequent deposits in April 2014 and April 2015.

Language: Material entirely in English.

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Related Materials: Brittingham Plant Farms records, 2015.102
Jim Jackson Delmarva ephemera collection, 2012.070
Walston Brothers Cannery records, 2010.098

Separated Materials: Audio materials are housed with other vinyl records in the Center’s archives.

Oversized materials have been housed in the Flat File storage system.

Artifacts have been cataloged and transferred to object storage.
Administrative History: Beginning as a general store managed by Isaac Henry Anderson Dulany, John H. Dulany and Son Inc. was established in 1899 that both grew and preserved food. Upon its original founding it was named Dulany & Johnson but the company was renamed when Johnson sold his shares of the company during the first two years.

In 1911, when Isaac Dulany passed his son, John H. Dulany took sole ownership of the company, at which point a new canning plant was constructed, expanding the business from tomato canning to a wide variety of fruits and vegetables. Eventually a plant for freezing strawberries was built in Norfolk, Virginia in 1920. John Dulany died in 1925, passing control of the company to his son, Ralph O. Dulany.

While under Ralph Dulany’s control, the company grew rapidly, and in 1937 Ralph Dulany was elected president of the National Canners Association. During World War II the importance of preserved foods was recognized by the government and Ralph Dulany and Dulany and Son Inc. received many awards due to their efforts in supplying the war effort.

Ralph Dulany also supported several religious and humanitarian causes, including the Wicomico County Civic Center and Rotary International, as well as youth sporting and service programs throughout his home community.

Scope and Content Note: The records of John H. Dulany and Son Incorporated, (also known Dulany and Johnson and Dulany and Sons), documents the growth and management of John H. Dulany and Son Inc. which was located in Fruitland Maryland. The materials date from the company’s inception in 1899 through 1984 with the bulk of the material dating from 1944-1966. The materials include photographs, correspondence, biographies, and awards documents the growth of the Dulany plants as well as business and political interests of the company. Biographies and photographs of Dulany family members and histories of the company are also included.

Arrangement Statement: Folders are listed by their location in each box; any given subject may be dispersed throughout the entirety of the collection.
Subject Terms:

General Terms
Agricultural laborers
Business records
Canneries
Dulany Family
Farmers
Fruitland, Md.
Politics and government
Vegetables

Corporate Names
Dulany Industries, Inc.
Dulany and Johnson Inc.
John H. Dulany and Son, Inc.
Wilmington Conference Academy

Personal Names
Anderson, Isaac Handy
Dulany, Alice
Dulany, Isaac
Dulany, John H.
Dulany Lucille Tull
Dulany, Ralph O.
Dulany, Virginia
Box 1

1. Photographs, Dulany Baseball Team, 1950-1952
2. Photographs, Advertising, 1954
3. Photographs, Cherry Blossom Festival, 1952
4. Photographs, Dehydration House, 1942-1945
5. Photographs, Christmas Party, 1955
6. Photographs, Dulany Farms, 1940-1950
7. Photographs, 50th Anniversary, 1950
8. Photographs, Event, circa 1940-1970
11. Photographs, Fruitland Plant, undated
13. Photographs, Dulany Trucks, undated
14. Photographs, Dulany Plant undated
15. Photographs, Award Ceremony, circa 1938-1964
17. Photographs, Viner Shed, 1930
18. Photographs, Flag Raising Ceremony, 1943
19. Photographs, Political, undated
20. Photographs, Dulany Family, undated
21. Sample Book, Dulany Foods, Inc. undated
22. Floor Plans, Exmore Plant, 1944
23. Dulany Frozen Vegetable Overwraps, undated

Box 2

1. Frozen Food Labels, undated,
4. First Annual Report, Wicomico County Housing Authority, 1968 December, 31
5. History, Fruitland plant label, 1959
6. Financial records, John H. Dulany and Son, 1913-1964
7. Publication, United States Department of Commerce Domestic Commerce, 1937 May 30
8. Memorandum Report, Dulany Foods, 1961 April 10
10. House Resolution No. 86, undated
11. Correspondence, Business and Political, 1911, 1937, 1965
12. Meeting Minutes, Business and Political, 1961 May 15
13. Program, Business and Political, 1950 March 8
14. Program, 11th Annual Service Award Ceremony of the Forty Niners, 1964 Feb 1
15. Program, War Food Administration Achievement “A” Award, 1944 July 21
16. Program, Wye Institute Summer Education Camp Dedication, 1966 May 28
17. Essay, Remarks of Dedication of the Wye Institute, Ralph O. Dulany, 1966 May 27
19. Camp Dedication Program, Draft of Possible Remarks, Ralph Dulany, 1966 May 28
20. Dulany Family Timeline, 1919-1966
21. Dulany Family Biographies, 1870-1950
22. Speeches, Ralph O. Dulany Award Ceremony, undated
25. Commencement Address, Wilmington Conference Academy, 1910 June 15
26. Recommendation, the Award of Certificate of Merit Notes, 1938 June 4
27. Statement, Congregation of St. John’s United Methodist Church, 1975 December 21
28. Correspondence, Achievement “A” Award, 1944 July 21
29. Correspondence, Achievement “A” Award, 1944 July – August
30. Minutes, “A” Achievement Award Presentation Ceremony, 1944 July 21
31. Certificate, Daughters of the American Revolution, Lucille Tull Dulany, undated
32. List, Awards Received, 1918 – 1975
33. Dulany Certificates, 1951 – 1984
34. Wicomico County Centennial Button, 1967
35. Correspondence, personal, 1910-1951
39. Program, Mid-Atlantic Food Processors Association, 61st Annual Convention, 1964 December 1
40. Booklet, Our Vegetable Story, 1962
Box 3
1. Photograph, Margaret Anne Carey Hayman, circa 1855
2. Photograph, William and Sarah Topley, circa 1860
3. Photograph, David L. Dulany, Attu, Alaska, circa 1943
4. Photograph, Dulany Family, 1950
5. Proclamation, Ralph and Alice Dulany, 50th Wedding Anniversary, 1967 November 29

Audio Materials
1-4. Vinyl Records, WBOC News with John Dulany, undated

Oversize Materials
2. Certificates for Ralph O. Dulany, 1959 - 1973
3. Promotion of Ralph O. Dulany to First Lieutenant, 1920
4. Acknowledgement, Outstanding Contribution to the State of Maryland, 1975
5. Dulany Foods Advertisement Sign, undated
6. Photograph, 66th Annual Lincoln Dinner, National Republican Club, 1952

Artifacts
1. Wastebasket, 2012.116.001
3. Pan, Produce, 2012.116.003