Summary

Creator: Washburn, Mabel Thacher Rosemary

Title: Mabel Washburn-William H. Cobb correspondence

Date: 1922

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Abstract: Mabel Washburn was a genealogist, historian, and author, who served from 1927 to 1935 as genealogical editor of the Journal of American History. Major William H. Cobb was an attorney based in Elkins, West Virginia, who was also a presiding officer in an organization known as the Knights of Washington. The Mabel Washburn-William H. Cobb correspondence consists of letters written between Feb. 15 and March 27, 1922, concerning a proposed motion picture based on the life of George Washington. The project was the idea of Major Cobb, who contacted historian Washburn for assistance in turning his notes into a film script. Also included are various drafts of Major Cobb's notes and two outlines for a scenario. It appears that the proposed film was never made.

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**Key Terms**

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