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Abstract

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Creator

Virginia Room staff

Extent

0.25 linear feet

Repository

Fairfax County Public Library

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

None

Use Restrictions

Consult repository for information

Acquisition Information

The Virginia Room staff artificially created this collection over a period of time. Items came from unknown donors.

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Separated Material

None

Related Material

None

Historical and Biographical Information

In 1851, the Orange & Alexandria Railroad established Fairfax Station. A small community mostly of Irish immigrants grew up around this railroad depot and built Saint Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church in 1858. The community saw several skirmishes during the Civil War. Following the Second Battle of Bull Run, Clara Barton established her headquarters at St. Mary's to treat wounded soldiers. The village was renamed Swetnam in 1897, and reverted back to Fairfax Station in 1921. The Southern Railroad closed Fairfax Station in 1973, which at the time was the last operating railroad station in Fairfax County. In 1981, volunteers spearheaded by Lena Wyckoff dismantled the old station and rebuilt it on a new property where it opened in 1987 as the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum.

Scope and Content

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Index Terms

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Container List

Box 1 Folder 1: Bank of the Old Dominion Check, C.M. Schroffe to J.H. Wright and Son, 1861 March 14

Box 1 Folder 2: Papers, Independent Mutual Fire Insurance Policy of Fairfax County for Mrs. Mary E. Malcolm of Stoneleigh, Va., 1906-1911