

A Guide to the John W. Wilson Collection, 1766-1963 SC 0122

John W. Wilson Collection
1766-1963



Title Statement

A Guide to the John W. Wilson Collection, 1766-1963 SC 0122

Author: Chris Bolgiano and Lu Chima, Alicia Henneberry

Publication Statement

Publisher: James Madison University Libraries Special Collections

820 Madison Drive
MSC 1706
Harrisonburg, Virginia 22807
Telephone: (540) 568-3612
library-special@jmu.edu
URL: <https://www.lib.jmu.edu/special/>



September 1996, September 2013

Profile Description

Creation: This finding aid was produced using ArchivesSpace on 2025-10-08 07:05:02 -0400.

Language Usage: Description is written in: English, Latin script.

Descriptive Rules: Describing Archives: A Content Standard

Revision Description

September 2013 Revised by Alicia Henneberry

2022-12-01 Grouping of oversize materials was intellectually removed and items were arranged into other existing groupings.

Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

SC 0122

Unit ID

/repositories/4/resources/207

Unit Date

1766-1963

Language

English

Abstract

This collection is comprised of a variety of documents, including letters, deeds, indentures, receipts, and accounts, all relating to Jacob Bear, Benjamin Graves, Jacob Sipe, and the Dean (Deane, Deen) and the Harnsberger family.

Creator

Wilson, John W.

Extent

0.39 cubic feet 2 boxes

Repository

James Madison University Libraries Special Collections

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

Collection is open for research. Researchers must register and agree to copyright and privacy laws before using this collection. Please contact Research Services staff before visiting the James Madison University Special Collections Library to use this collection.

Conditions Governing Use

The copyright interests in this collection have been transferred to the James Madison University Special Collections Library. For more information, contact the Special Collections Library Reference Desk (library-special@jmu.edu).

Processing Information

In order to streamline the process of applying collection numbers, Special Collections staff completed a large-scale renumbering campaign in the spring of 2017. **This collection was previously cataloged as SC 3012.**

Preferred Citation

[identification of item], [box #, folder #], John W. Wilson Collection, 1766-1963, SC 0122, Special Collections, Carrier Library, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Biographical / Historical

The Mount Vernon Iron Furnace was located in Brown's Gap, Virginia, and was started by the Faussett family. It was built in 1848 and was operated by the Miller family, John F. Lewis, and a variety of others until 1878.

Scope and Content

The John W. Wilson Collection, 1766-1963, consists of a variety of documents (receipts, deeds, accounts, and letters) relating mostly to Jacob Bear, Benjamin Graves, Jacob Sipe, and the Dean (Deane, Deen) and Harnsberger (Hansberger) families of Rockingham, Madison, Orange, and Augusta counties, Virginia from 1766 to 1963. Of particular interest are the 1842 Elk Run Class Book; the 1858-59 Housekeeping Book, which lists household and farm items needed for life at the time; and accounts of the Mt. Vernon Iron Works (Rockingham County) from 1878-1879.

Keywords

Elk Run class book

Rural families

Iron industry and trade -- Virginia

Housekeeping -- Sources

Home economics -- Accounting

Home economics -- Equipment and supplies

Farm management -- Sources

Slave bills of sale
Business -- History
Estate planning
Trust indentures
Deeds of trust
Deeds -- Virginia
African Americans -- Virginia
Real property -- Virginia
Rockingham County (Va.) -- History
Madison County (Va.) -- History
Orange County (Va.) -- History
Shenandoah River Valley (Va. and W. Va.) -- Surveys
Augusta County (Va.) -- History
Bear, Jacob
Graves, Benjamin
Sipe, Jacob
Bear family
Graves family
Sipe family
Dean family
Harnsberger family
Bear family -- Correspondence
Bear, Jacob -- Wills
Mt. Vernon Iron Works (Rockingham County. Va.)
Graves family -- Correspondence
Sipe family -- Correspondence
Dean family -- Correspondence
Harnsberger family -- Correspondence

Bibliography

Wayland, John Walter. *A History of Rockingham County, VA*. Ruebush-Elkins Co.: Dayton, VA, 1912.

Acquisition Information

Donated by John "Bill" Wilson Jr. of Port Republic, Virginia in December 1995.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4890

Unit Date 1787-1827

Mixed Materials [1000886569] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Deed of Land to John Garth

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4948

Unit Date 1766

Mixed Materials [1000898371] OV 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Two wills of Jacob Bear

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4891

Unit Date 1787

Unit Date 1827

Two account pages of B. Graves with J. Brock

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4892

Unit Date 1800-1801

Indenture (fragment) between J. Maggott and H. Powel

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4949

Unit Date 1804

Mixed Materials [1000898371] OV 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Land petition on dispute between C. Fudges and Adam Hansberger

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4950

Unit Date 1808

Mixed Materials [1000898371] OV 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Land survey for Margaret Sipe by Joseph Mauzy

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4893

Unit Date 1813

Purchase of dower right of land of widow of John Mungoe by Henry Mungoe

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4894

Unit Date 1814

Distillery tax bill of Benjamin and John Graves

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4895

Unit Date 1814

Page of purchases by Benjamin Graves of Simeon Graves

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4896

Unit Date 1815

Notice of land sale (fragment), signed Tho. Eddins and Benjamin Graves

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4897

Unit Date 1816

Notices (7) of property auction of Wm. Collins, deceased, of Orange County

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4898

Unit Date 1816

Indemnification of B. Graves and T. Eddins as Adm. of Wm. Collins estate

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4899

Unit Date 1816

Indenture for land to Jacob Runkle by George Cook

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4900

Unit Date 1817

Receipt for board and tuition, B. Graves

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4901

Unit Date 1818

Survey of disputed land between S. Conrad and J. Harnsberger

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4951

Unit Date 1819

Mixed Materials [1000898371] OV 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Joel Banks promises to pay B. Graves

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4902

Unit Date 1820

Summons for Richard Kinse[y?]

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4903

Unit Date 1820

Letter from R. Kinsey to B. Graves re: tobacco

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4904

Unit Date 1823

Letter from R. Kinsey to B. Graves re: deed of trust

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4905

Unit Date 1824

Letter from George McClammer to B. Graves re: money owed

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4906

Unit Date 1827

Land rent agreement between Paul Lingle and Wm. Johnson, Rockingham County

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4907

Unit Date 1827

Deed for land of James Deen

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4952

Unit Date 1827

Mixed Materials [1000898371] OV 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4908

Unit Date 1830-1848

Mixed Materials [1000886569] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Appointment of attorney by Joseph Haynes, re: estate of Geo. Berry, Rockingham County

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4909

Unit Date 1830

Deed (fragment) for land to E. Hansbarger by P. Parratt

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4953

Unit Date 1833

Mixed Materials [1000898371] OV 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Appointment of attorney by Lewis Berry

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4910

Unit Date 1834

Letter from Elizabeth Hopkins to parents in Harrisonburg from school in Mt. Airy, Va.

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4911

Unit Date 1838

Henry Keneagy of August County promises to pay Jacob Sipe, re: blooms of iron

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4912

Unit Date 1840

Indenture for land to C. Yancey and J. Conrad by G. Blankenbaker

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4913

Unit Date 1841

Agreement between Wm. Harper and J. Sipe

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4914

Unit Date 1842

Elk Run Class Book (photocopy)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4915

Unit Date undated

Receipt of payment by J. Sipe

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4916

Unit Date 1842

Receipt of payment by J. Sipe

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4917

Unit Date 1843

J. Sipe promises to pay Isaac Hardesty

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4918

Unit Date 1844

Letter to Francis J. Hopkins from her sister

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4919

Unit Date 1845

Letter to J. Sipe from John Haven re: will

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4920

Unit Date 1846

Testimony concerning will of Margaret Sipe

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4921

Unit Date 1847

Appointment of attorney Thomas King of Augusta County by Peyton Stanforth of Ohio

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4922

Unit Date 1847

B&O RR Co. receipt for 60 barrels flour from W. Harper

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4923

Unit Date 1847

Letter to J. Sipe from Eli Cook re: check

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4924

Unit Date 1848

Deed for land sold to T. Carpenter by J. Sipe

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4925

Unit Date 1848

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4926

Unit Date 1851-1963

Mixed Materials [1000886569] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Receipt of payment from J. Sipe

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4927

Unit Date 1851

Letter to J. Sipe from John Hour

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4928

Unit Date 1852

Agreement to sell land between A.W. Hudson and C.B. Yancey

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4929

Unit Date 1852

"T.K. Harnsbarger's Book", listing housekeeping and farming articles bought

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4930

Unit Date 1858

Land plat of John Deane

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4931

Unit Date 1861

Letter to Bettie from Frannie [Hopkins?]

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4932

Unit Date 1863

Deed dividing land among Dean family

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4933

Unit Date 1866

Deed for land to John Dean by Morgan Dean

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4934

Unit Date 1870

Letter to B. Graves from S. Graves re: money

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4935

Unit Date 1878

Accounts of Mt. Vernon Iron Works

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4954

Unit Date 1878-1879

Mixed Materials [1000898371] OV 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Letter to B. Graves from son A. Graves re: Mill Farm Seminary

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4936

Unit Date 1879

List of articles sold from J. Harnsbarger estate, Elizabeth Harnsbarger estate (photocopy)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4937

Unit Date 1880

Unit Date 1884

Deed for land to T. Dean by John Dean

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4938

Unit Date 1881

Receipt of Payment from T. Dean

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4939

Unit Date 1882

Deed for land of T. Deane

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4955

Unit Date 1885

Mixed Materials [1000898371] OV 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Letter to W.R. Grains from T. K. Harnsberger re: land

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4940

Unit Date 1894

Extract from letter to Gen. J. Roller from W.E. Barry, Texas Scout, re: Civil War Story

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4941

Unit Date 1907

Letter to Thos. K. re: graduation (written on Randolph-Macon Monthly, Ashland, VA letterhead)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4942

Unit Date 1910

Letter to C. J. Harnsberger from C. Bryant re: genealogy

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4943

Unit Date 1915

A Brief Narrative, written for his grandchildren, by Lunsford L. Lewis, photocopy

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4944

Unit Date 1915

Bills (3) of F.H. Blackburn at Root Gen'l. Merchandise

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4945

Unit Date 1916

Harnsberger family newsletter with genealogical notes

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4946

Unit Date 1963