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Abstract

The John H. Grabill Papers, 1843-1981 (bulk 1894-1922), contain a variety of items including business documents, personal correspondence, and ephemera relating to John H. Grabill, the Grabill family of Shenandoah County, and the *Shenandoah Herald*.

Creator

Grabill, John H. (John Henry), 1839-1922

Extent

0.17 cubic feet 1 box

Repository

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Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

The collection was purchased from Rocky's Gold, Silver, and Antiques in Weyers Cave, Virginia in December 2008.

Processing Information

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Bio/Historical Note

John Henry Grabill (1839-1922) was born to Ephraim and Caroline Donaldson Grabill in Mount Jackson, Virginia. After graduating from Dickinson College in 1860, Grabill served in the 33rd Virginia Volunteer Infantry Regiment (Stonewall Brigade) and in the 35th Battalion of Virginia Cavalry (White's Comanches) during the Civil War. In 1866, Grabill married Mary L. Hollingsworth of Woodstock and in 1868 became the owner and editor of the *Shenandoah Herald* until his death in 1922. Grabill was appointed the first superintendent of the Shenandoah County school system in 1870 and along with P.W. Magruder established the Massanutten Academy, now the Massanutten Military Academy in Woodstock, Virginia.

Scope and Content

The John H. Grabill Papers, 1843-1981 (bulk 1894-1922), consist of one box of items including business documents, personal correspondence, and ephemera relating to John H. Grabill, the Grabill family of Shenandoah County, and the *Shenandoah Herald*.

The collection is comprised of general correspondence and correspondence to and from the *Shenandoah Herald* newspaper, including drafted letters. Letters written to the *Herald* often reference proposed topics for articles including the myths about prohibition propaganda and how to grow one's own vegetables in an effort to triumph in the WWII effort. Also present are legal documents, receipts, promissory notes and other accounting papers, and fire insurance policies, the latter of which were used as scrap paper for diary entries. A folder of ephemera consists of a photograph of three named WWII soldiers who were stationed at Camp New Orleans in France, a United States ration sheet that belonged to Mary Caroline Grabill, programs, postcards, and paper samples from the Chemical Paper Manufacturing Company. Documents such as receipts and accounting papers pertaining to Israel and Ezra Huffman are also present, although their relevance or relationship to the Grabill's is unclear.

Related Material

Grabill, John H. *Diary of a Soldier of the Stonewall Brigade*. Woodstock, Va.: Press of the Shenandoah Herald, 1909.

Keywords

World War, 1939-1945 -- History
Shenandoah County (Va.) -- History
Shenandoah County (Va.) -- Economic conditions
Letters (correspondence)
Insurance policies
Receipts (financial records)
Printed Ephemera

Bibliography

Cappon, Lester J. *Virginia Newspapers, 1821-1935: A bibliography with historical introduction and notes*. New York & London: Appleton-Century Company, Inc., 1936.
Hanks, Calvin J. "Capt. John H. Grabill." *The Confederate Veteran Magazine*, June 1922.
Wayland, John W. *A History of Shenandoah County Virginia*. Strasburg, Va.: Shenandoah Publishing House, 1927.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged topically in eight folders.

Description of Subordinate Components

General correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4959

Unit Date 1872-1945

Mixed Materials [1000886573] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Shenandoah Herald correspondence, received

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4960

Unit Date 1895-1946

Mixed Materials [1000886573] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Shenandoah Herald correspondence, drafts

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4961

Unit Date 1907-1922

Mixed Materials [1000886573] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Notes and Fire Insurance Policies

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4962

Unit Date 1845-1907

Mixed Materials [1000886573] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Receipts and Accounting Miscellany

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4963

Unit Date 1843-1938

Mixed Materials [1000886573] 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Legal Documents

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4964

Unit Date 1843-1899

Mixed Materials [1000886573] 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Ephemera

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4965

Unit Date 1894-1981

Mixed Materials [1000886573] 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Huffman Documents

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4966

Unit Date 1853-1870

Mixed Materials [1000886573] 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)