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Abstract

The Sam Bowman Papers, 1848-1967, consist of miscellaneous materials and seven business ledgers that document operations of the Bowman family dairy farm in Rockingham County, Virginia.

Creator

Bowman family

source

Bowman, Sam

Extent

0.51 cubic feet 2 boxes

Repository

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Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

This collection was donated to Special Collections in April 1999 by Sam Bowman.

Processing Information

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Bio/Historical Note

The Bowman family is a very prominent one that has been established in the Rockingham County area since the eighteenth century. The first of the Bowmans to settle in the area was George Bowman and his wife Mary Hite, who traveled from Philadelphia with her family to start a colony in the Shenandoah Valley around 1731. George and Mary had thirteen children in total: John George, John Jacob, Emma Maria, Elizabeth, Johannes, Sarah, Regina, Rebecca, George, Abraham, Joseph, Catherine, and Isaac. They made their home on Cedar Creek and built a large stone house which was passed to their son Isaac. John, Joseph, Abraham, and Isaac went on to become prominent members of society and in the military during the Revolutionary War, in which they were high ranking officers that contributed greatly to the fight for independence.

Scope and Content

The Sam Bowman Papers, 1848-1967, consists of one folder of miscellaneous papers and seven business ledgers that document operations of the Bowman family dairy farm in Rockingham County, Virginia. The miscellaneous folder contains tax receipts from 1859 and 1865, an 1862 receipt for military supplies of twenty bushels of corn, an 1882 Constitution of the West Rockingham Mutual Fire Insurance Company, an 1891 receipt for a claim for property taken by U.S. soldiers in the Civil War, a 1929 timber contract, 1942 Certificates of War necessity for Vehicle, and a summary of the S.R. Bowman Estate, 1936-1960. Ledger 7 is the partnership book of R.L. and S.R. Bowman, 1963-1967.

Keywords

Farmers -- Virginia

Business records -- Sources

Dairy farming -- Virginia -- Rockingham County

Agriculture -- Virginia -- History

Selling -- Corn

Timber -- Contracts and specifications -- Virginia
Lumber trade -- Virginia -- Rockingham County
World War, 1914-1918 -- Economic aspects -- United States
Military supplies -- Economic aspects -- United States
Estates (Law) -- Virginia -- Sources
Shenandoah River Valley (Va. and W. Va.) -- History
Shenandoah River Valley (Va. and W. Va.) -- Social life and customs
Rockingham County (Va.) -- History
Rockingham County (Va.) -- Economic conditions -- 19th century
Rockingham County (Va.) -- Economic conditions -- 20th century
Rockingham County (Va.) -- Social life and customs
Virginia -- History
Virginia -- Social life and customs
Rockingham County (Va.) -- Genealogy
Shenandoah River Valley (Va. and W. Va.) -- Genealogy
Virginia -- Genealogy
Virginia -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Equipment and supplies
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Confiscations and contributions
United States -- History -- World War, 1939-1945 -- Transportation
Ledgers (account books)
Bowman, Sam
Bowman, Sam
West Rockingham Mutual Fire Insurance Company (Title of work: Constitution.)

Bibliography

Wayland, John W. *The Bowmans: A Pioneering Family in Virginia, Kentucky and the Northwest Territory*. Staunton, Va.: McClure Co. 1943.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Miscellaneous

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1540

Unit Date 1859-1960

Mixed Materials [1000885853] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Ledger 1

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1541

Unit Date 1848-1857

Mixed Materials [1000885853] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Ledger 2

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1542

Unit Date 1941-1947

Mixed Materials [1000885853] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Ledger 3

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1543

Unit Date 1947-1952

Mixed Materials [1000885853] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Ledger 4

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1544

Unit Date 1953-1957

Mixed Materials [1000885853] 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Ledger 5

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1545

Unit Date 1958-1959

Mixed Materials [1000885853] 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Ledger 6

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1546

Unit Date 1960-1967

Mixed Materials [1000885853] 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Ledger 7

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1547

Unit Date 1963-1967

Mixed Materials [1000885854] 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)