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Descriptive Summary

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Unit Date

1798-1962

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English

Abstract

The Wampler Family Papers contain family items, legal and financial documents, and agricultural information related to the Wampler family in Dayton, Virginia.

Creator

Wampler family

source

Wampler, Charles W., Jr., 1915-2017

Extent

0.2 cubic feet 1 box

Repository

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Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

Gift of Mr. Charles W. Wampler Jr. in March 1998.

Processing Information

This collection was minimally reprocessed in February 2018. At this time the collection was renamed to Wampler Family Papers, a change from the Charles W. Wampler Jr. Collection, to more accurately describe the contents. 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 3095.**

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Bio/Historical Note

The Wampers have been one of the most influential families in Rockingham County, Virginia. John Wampler and family, members of the Brethren Church, moved from Pennsylvania to the Timberville area of the county in 1811. In 1871, John Wampler III purchased a farm in Dayton that he named Sunny Slope and built a house there. His son, Charles W., began various agricultural experiments, particularly in poultry raising, and was one of the earliest farmers to hatch eggs in incubators. He served as the first Rockingham County Extension Agent and in 1927, with two brothers, founded the Wampler Feed and Seed Company. His son Charles Jr., born at Sunny Slope in 1915, continued and furthered these business ventures and community endeavors, including serving in the Virginia House of Delegates from 1954-1966.

Scope and Content

The Wampler Family Papers, 1798-1962, consist of five folders of letters, deeds, and agricultural information from 1798 to 1962 related to the Wampler family of Dayton, Virginia. The collection is arranged topically into five folders.

The collection is comprised of family papers which includes mostly letters on agricultural, family, and church matters and an 1871-1971 Wampler Family Reunion booklet; land surveys; and legal documents containing mostly tax receipts and deeds. Of particular interest is an 1844 patent describing an improved Wheat Farm invented by David Watkins of Port Republic, with a receipt for purchase by John Wampler of exclusive rights to use it. There is also the will of John Wampler from 1861, with 1863 codicil. Financial documents include promissory notes, receipts for miscellaneous purchases, and receipts for inheritance monies received. A stock certificate for Mt. Jackson and Howard's Lick Turnpike Co., a sale of right to use Cray's Washing Machine from 1872, letterhead receipts for sales by Wampler Feed & Seed Co., and receipts for payment of yearly toll on Warm Springs and Harrisonburg Turnpike are also included. Agricultural information is comprised of lists of books, three photos, several brochures produced by Wampler's Feed & Seed Co. describing the poultry business. The *Yearbook of Agriculture* is heavily annotated with many inserts and

notes, as well as information sheets and brochures, mostly concerning poultry.

Separated Material

A photocopy of Wampler's *Practical Turkey Methods*, (Harrisonburg, Va: 1929) was removed from the boxed collection and placed in Special Collections' book collection for ease of use, and given the call number SF507.W36 1929. A second photocopy is also available in Carrier Library's circulating collection

Related Material

Wampler Business Records, 1918-1972, SC 0202, Special Collections, Carrier Library, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA.

WLR Foods records, 1984-2002, SC 0112, Special Collections, Carrier Library, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Keywords

Sunny Slope (Dayton, Va. : Estate)
Family-owned business enterprises -- Virginia
Agricultural industries -- Equipment and supplies
Agriculture -- Economic aspects
Agricultural extension workers
Farm management
Farm supplies
Poultry -- Shenandoah River Valley (Va. and W. Va.)
Poultry -- Virginia -- Rockingham County
Poultry -- Breeding
Poultry -- Hatcheries
Poultry industry
Poultry -- Management
Poultry -- Processing
Broilers (Poultry) -- Economic aspects -- Virginia
Seed industry and trade -- History
Seed industry and trade -- Equipment and supplies
Dayton (Va.) -- Industries -- History
Rockingham County (Va.) -- History
Rockingham County (Va.) -- Surveying
Virginia -- History, Local
Virginia -- Genealogy
Legal documents
Financial Records
Family papers
Wampler family
Wampler, Charles W., Jr., 1915-2017
Wampler, Charles W., Jr., 1915-2017
Wampler, Charles Weldon, Sr., 1885-1976
Wampler, John, 1768-1845
Wampler family -- Correspondence
Wampler Feed & Seed Co. -- History
Wampler Feed & Seed Co. -- Catalogs

Bibliography

Wampler, Charles W. *My Grandfather, my grandchildren, and me; an autobiography*. Harrisonburg, VA. Dayton, VA: Shenandoah Press, 1968.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged topically into five folders.

Description of Subordinate Components

Family Papers

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/5573

Unit Date 1854-1971

Mixed Materials [1000885855] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Land surveys and measurements

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/5574

Unit Date 1838-1882

Mixed Materials [1000885855] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Legal Documents

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/5575

Unit Date 1798 (typed transcript of original) -1962

Unit Date 1962

Mixed Materials [1000885855] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Financial Documents

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/5576

Unit Date 1858-1930, undated

Mixed Materials [1000885855] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Agricultural Information

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/5577

Unit Date 1895-1959, undated

Mixed Materials [1000885855] 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Annotated Yearbook of Agriculture

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/5578

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [1000885855] 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)