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Abstract

The John L. Heatwole Collection of Shenandoah Valley History, 1802-1901, consists of three folders containing 102 items pertaining to Shenandoah Valley history. The collection is arranged topically into three folders: General Valley Documents, Page County Documents, and Recipes.

Creator

Heatwole, John L., 1948-2006

source

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Extent

0.2 cubic feet 3 folders

Repository

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Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

Donated to Carrier Library by John L. Heatwole of Bridgewater, Virginia on several occasions beginning in December 1987.

Processing Information

This collection was minimally reprocessed in April 2017 and renamed John L. Heatwole Collection of Shenandoah Valley History, a change from John L. Heatwole Collection. 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 2040.**

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item], [box #, folder #], John L. Heatwole Collection of Shenandoah Valley History, 1802-1901, SC 0092, Special Collections, Carrier Library, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Biographical/Historical Note

Born in Washington D.C., John L. Heatwole (1948-2006) was an artist, woodcarver, tour guide, local historian and folklorist. After serving in the U.S. Marine Corps and working at the Library of Congress, Heatwole moved to Dayton in 1974 with his wife, Miriam. Throughout his lifetime he sat on various committees and boards related to both art and history, and received many awards for his work. He chaired the Rockingham County Bicentennial Committee and in 1991 he was the first Virginian to display art in the National Capital Rotunda. Heatwole also authored several books relating to superstitions, folkways, and the Civil War. Heatwole was dedicated to preserving Shenandoah Valley history, historic sites and battlefields, and folklore as is reflected in this collection of materials.

Scope and Content

The John L. Heatwole Collection of Shenandoah Valley History, 1802-1901, consists of three folders containing 102 items pertaining to Shenandoah Valley history. The collection is arranged topically into three folders: General Valley Documents, Page County Documents, and Recipes.

General Valley Documents, 1802-1901, include arrest warrants, summonses, orders for the seizure of goods for non-payment of debt, legal receipts, tax receipts, and business letterheads. Individual items are chronologically arranged and described to the item level as per the donor's explanatory notes. Documents related to the Zigler Family of Timberville have been placed at the front of the folder and consist of five receipts of muster fines and orders granting private entertainment to John or David Zigler, 1828-1850.

Page County Documents, 1854-1879, contain various court documents summonses, treasury receipts,

handwritten receipts, and orders for the seizure of goods for non-payment of debt. Individual items are arranged chronologically.

Recipes, undated, consist of two handwritten and two printed recipes for herbal cures and a recipe for making gunpowder. One recipe, printed in Pennsylvania Dutch or a variation of German, gives steps for curing a "mad dog bite" (i.e. rabies). A second recipe, also written in Pennsylvania Dutch, describes an incantation against sties. For complete translations see John L. Heatwole's *Shenandoah Voices: Folklore, Legends and Traditions of the Valley* (Berryville, Va.: Rockbridge Publishing Company, 1995), 47, 57-59.

Related Material

[John L. Heatwole Personal Papers, 1973-1995, SC 0101, Special Collections, Carrier Library, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va.](#)

Keywords

Debt -- Virginia -- Sources
Real property -- Virginia -- Sources
Justice, Administration of -- Virginia -- Sources
Trust indentures -- Virginia -- Sources
Roads -- Virginia -- Sources
Printing -- Shenandoah River Valley (Va. and W. Va.) -- Sources
Shenandoah River Valley (Va. and W. Va.) -- Social life and customs
Shenandoah River Valley (Va. and W. Va.) -- History
Rockingham County (Va.) -- History
Virginia -- History
Virginia -- History, Local
Recipes
Legal documents
Financial Records
Receipts (financial records)
Summonses
Page County (Va.) -- History
Augusta County (Va.) -- History
Heatwole, John L., 1948-2006
Zigler family
Raines, Zachariah
Suter, Emanuel, 1833-1902

Bibliography

Heatwole, John L. *Shenandoah Voices: Folklore, Legends, and Traditions of the Valley*. Berryville, Va: Rockbridge Publishing Company, 1995. DeHart, Carol Maureen. *John L. Heatwole: The Word Gatherer, Oral History Interview*. Staunton, Va.: Lot's Wife Publishing, 2007.

Provenance

The collector's theme was to acquire documents that held some relationship to Shenandoah Valley history, either by virtue of the people, places, or events mentioned.

Other Finding Aids

See link in external document field for an item-level description of General Valley Documents, Folder 1.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged topically into three folders.

Description of Subordinate Components

General Valley Documents

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2520

Unit Date 1802-1901

Mixed Materials [1000886546] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Page County Documents

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2521

Unit Date 1854-1879

Mixed Materials [1000886546] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Recipes

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2522

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [1000886546] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)