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2022-12-01 Oversize series was intellectually removed and items were arranged into other existing series.

Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

SC 0099

Unit ID

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Unit Date

1783-1916

Language

English

Abstract

The Henkel Family Papers consists of two Hollinger boxes and one oversize box, and spans a period from 1783 to 1916. The bulk of the collection consists of letters, religious documents, and newspapers and advertisements published by the Henkel Press of New Market, Virginia. Also included are some Henkel family history materials and business documents, and miscellaneous secular materials.

Creator

Henkel family

source

Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society

Extent

2.44 cubic feet 3 boxes

Repository

James Madison University Libraries Special Collections

Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

Placed on deposit at Carrier Library through the November 1985 contract with the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society.

Processing Information

A schoolbook on mathematics was withdrawn by the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society on May 16, 2000. 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 2065.**

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Bio/Historical Note

The Henkel Press began as a crude printing press in the living room of Paul Henkel's house in New Market, Virginia, in 1806. Eventually, it published more Lutheran material than any other press in the country, and earned fame for its excellent children's books. Although the press began printing in German for the large Shenandoah Valley German community, it also published in English at an early date.

Scope and Content

The Henkel Collection consists of two Hollinger boxes and one flat box, and spans a period from 1783 to 1916. The bulk of the collection consists of letters, religious documents, and newspapers and advertisements published by the Henkel Press. Also included are some Henkel family history materials and business documents, and miscellaneous secular materials.

Many of the older letters in the Letters Series are in German while later ones are primarily in English. They demonstrate the dedication of the Henkel family to their faith as well as their activities within the Synod.

Also in the collection (Secular Documents Series) are several handwritten school books, some with fraktur.

The Henkel Press Publications Series (including the Oversize Series) contains a large part of the collection, and includes handwritten drafts for advertisements to be printed, pamphlets, issues of *Virginische Volksberichterand Westliche Correspondenz*, and a formula for the ink used in printing.

Keywords

Virginia -- History
Clergy -- Virginia
Printers -- Virginia
Printers -- Shenandoah River Valley (Va. and W. Va.)
Printing -- Shenandoah River Valley (Va. and W. Va.) -- History
German imprints -- Virginia -- New Market
Religious literature -- Publication and distribution -- Virginia
Religious literature, German -- Publication and distribution -- Virginia
Lutheran Church -- Virginia
New Market (Va.) -- History
New Market (Va.) -- Genealogy
New Market (Va.) -- Imprints
Shenandoah River Valley (Va. and W. Va.) -- Social life and customs
Rockingham County (Va.) -- History
Virginia -- History, Local
Virginia -- Church history -- 19th century
Family papers
Genealogies (histories)
Advertisements
Newspapers
Publications (documents)
Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society
Henkel, Ambrose, 1786-1870 -- Correspondence
Henkel, Paul, 1754-1825 -- Correspondence
Henkel, Socrates, Rev., 1823-1901 -- Correspondence
Salyards, Joseph, 1808-1885 -- Correspondence
Henkel family -- Correspondence

Alternate Formats

Excerpts of this collection have been digitized and are made available upon request.

- Poem about slavery, written by a slave - Unknown Author, undated (English)
- Report of the Transactions of the Second Evangelical Lutheran Conference held in Zion's Church, Sullivan County Tennessee, October 22, 1821 (English)
- Henkel manuscript: Woodstock Virginia, January 26, 1829 (English)
- Henkel Press Song Book, undated (German)
- Minutes of the Proceedings of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the State of Virginia, 1833 (English)
- Short Excerpt of the Transactions of the Synod of the Lutheran Ministry, held in the state of North Carolina in the year of our Lord, 1817 (German)

Bibliography

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Scheer, George F. "First Printing Press in the Valley of Virginia," *Publishers' Weekly*. Vol. 150, November 23, 1946.
Finck, Rev. William J. *A Chronological Life of Paul Henkel*. New Market, 1937. Photocopy of original typescript made by Richard R. Renalds, Timberville, VA., 1986.

Arrangement

Partial organization by a previous researcher was maintained. The collection is arranged in five series:

- Correspondence, 1806-1892
- Religious Documents, 1783-1897
- Secular Documents, 1790-1910
- Family History
- Henkel Press Publications, 1806-1891

Description of Subordinate Components

Correspondence

Unit ID 1

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2568

Unit Date 1806-1892

Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2569

Unit Date 1804-1820

Mixed Materials [1000886554] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Content

Mostly to Paul, Ambrose, and Socrates Henkel in German. Includes 1816 German diary with reference to Pt. Pleasant.

Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2570

Unit Date 1821-1892

Mixed Materials [1000886554] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Content

German & English. Numerous letters from North Carolina

Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2571

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [1000886554] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Correspondence - Salyards

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2572

Unit Date 1846-1891, undated

Mixed Materials [1000886554] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Scope and Content

Notes by J. Salyards; 1846 brochure on The New-Market Academy; unsigned poem; 2 copies 1875 Henkel pub. of review of "Idothea;" several items relating to Salyards Memorial Association

Westliche Correspondenz

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2603

Unit Date 1806-1822

Mixed Materials [1000898366] OV 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Scope and Content

April 12, 1806 (partial copy); February 6, 1808; September 10, 1812; June 28, August 2, 1822

Religious Documents

Unit ID 2

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2573

Unit Date 1783-1897

Service literature

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2574

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [1000886554] 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Scope and Content

Prayers, organization of service, responsive readings

Sermons

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2575

Unit Date 1841-1897

Mixed Materials [1000886554] 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Scope and Content

Most are titled and dated. Several in German. Includes Henkel list of subscribers for preaching, 1841-1852.

Music

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2576

Unit Date 1829, undated

Mixed Materials [1000886554] 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Scope and Content

Fragments of religious songbooks, some with notations

Scope and Contents

Includes Henkel Press Song Book, undated (German).

Music

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2598

Unit Date 1868, undated

Mixed Materials [1000898366] OV 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Scope and Content

Words to songs; includes ballad about St. Clair's defeat by Indians. Some probably not printed by Henkel Press

Religious issues

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2577

Unit Date 1783-1889

Mixed Materials [1000886554] 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Scope and Content

Writings from Bible; writings on religious ideas; treatise to Solomon from David Henkle, Lincolnton, NC, 1826

Religious issues

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2578

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [1000886554] 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Marriage licenses

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2579

Unit Date 1825-1856

Mixed Materials [1000886554] 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Scope and Content

Rockingham County licenses, some with notes that Ambrose or other Henkels performed ceremony

Miscellaneous church papers

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2580

Unit Date 1813-1892, undated

Mixed Materials [1000886554] 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Scope and Content

Includes book of misc. accounts with members of Whitehaven congregation, 1813; mss. on worship services by 4 Valley Lutheran churches, called by Rev. Nischmucker in Woodstock Jan. 1828; minutes of church meeting, 1855; printed proceedings of extra session, Luth. Tennessee Synod, 1864

Secular Documents

Unit ID 3

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2581

Unit Date 1790-1910

Prose and poetry

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2582

Unit Date 1864, undated

Mixed Materials [1000886554] 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Speeches

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2583

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [1000886554] 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Scope and Content

Four texts, one addressed to "Fellow Citizens of Shenandoah." Subjects are political & social concerns, include intemperance

Business documents

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2584

Unit Date 1790-1910

Mixed Materials [1000886555] 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Content

Promises to pay, subscription orders, receipts, post office oath, a ledger book

Grocery list

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2606

Unit Date 1843

Mixed Materials [1000898366] OV 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Spelling book identified as "Solon P.C. Henkel 1832,"

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2585

Unit Date 1832

Mixed Materials [1000886555] 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Schoolbook - surveying

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2586

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [1000886555] 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Schoolbook - navigation

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2587

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [1000886555] 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Schoolbook - word problems, with fraktur, Tobias McGaughey

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2588

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [1000886555] 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Miscellaneous

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2605

Unit Date 1904-1916, undated

Mixed Materials [1000898366] OV 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Family History

Unit ID 4

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2589

Family history

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2590

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [1000886555] 2 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Henkel Press publications

Unit ID 5

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2591

Unit Date 1806-1891

Henkel Press - Miscellaneous printing drafts

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2592

Unit Date 1811-1817

Mixed Materials [1000886555] 2 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Scope and Content

Handwritten horse advertisements, announcements of tannery shops; German and English

Henkel Press - Publications, Pamphlets

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2593

Unit Date 1806-1891

Mixed Materials [1000886555] 2 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Scope and Content

St. Martin Luther's kleiner Katechismus. . . 1829 (58 cop.). Verhandlungen, Bericht der Verrichtungen, Auszug, or Report. . . evangelical Luthern Conference (North Carolina). . . 1812; 1814; 1816; 1817 (2 cop.). Verrichtung der Special-Conferenz der Evang. Luth. . . in Virginia. . . 1806; 1807; 1808; 1809; 1815; 1831. Kurze Nachricht, Report, Bericht, or Minutes. . . Evang. Luth. Tennessee Synod. . . 1820, 1821, 1828, 1830, 1833, 1891

Rolled list of subscribers

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2595

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [1000898366] OV 1 (box)

Wool carding advertisements

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2596

Unit Date 1809-1816

Mixed Materials [1000898366] OV 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Content

Handwritten drafts and printed advertisements

Miscellaneous announcements

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2597

Unit Date 1809-1858, 1879, undated

Mixed Materials [1000898366] OV 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Content

Includes sales and school notices, incl. one for S. Henkel's New Market Female Seminary; broadside advertising a "living quanacos;" price-setting resolution of Shenandoah Cty. carpenters, 1816; church raffle tickets

Miscellaneous publications

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2604

Unit Date 1782-1824, undated

Mixed Materials [1000898366] OV 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Scope and Content

Contains Rooster and Lion Henkel sheets, as well the following non-Henkel publications: 16 July 1782 issue of Philadelphische Correspondenz; unidentified sheet from 16 July 1808 German newspaper; 17 Jan. 1815 issue of Der Volksfreund (Lancaster PA); an 1824 election broadside in German; & 1889 pamphlet Die Vekehrung (Allentown, PA)

Virginische Volksberichter und Neumarketer Wochenshrift

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2599

Unit Date 1807-1808

Mixed Materials [1000898366] OV 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Scope and Content

December 23, 30, 1807; January 6, 20, 27; February 3, 17; March 2, 9, 16, 30, 1808

Virginische Volksberichter und Neumarketer Wochenshrift

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2600

Unit Date 1808

Mixed Materials [1000898366] OV 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Scope and Content

April 6, 13, 27 (partial copy); May 4, 11, 18, 25; June 8, 15, 22, 29; July 6, 13, 20, 27; August 10 (partial copy), 17, 31, 1808

Virginische Volksberichter und Neumarketer Wochenshrift

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2601

Unit Date 1808

Mixed Materials [1000898366] OV 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Scope and Content

September 7; October 5 (1 1/2 copies), 12 (1 1/2 copies), 19 (partial copy), 26; November 2, 16 (2 copies), 23, 30; December 7, 14, 1808

Virginische Volksberichter und Neumarketer Wochenshrift

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2602

Unit Date 1809

Mixed Materials [1000898366] OV 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Scope and Content

January 4, 11, 18 (partial); February 1, 8 (partial), 15, 22 (2 copies); March 1, 15, 22; April 12, 19, 26; May 10, 24, 31; June 14, 1809