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Bio/Historical Information

The Strickler Family Papers primarily document the Joseph Thomas Strickler (1828-1889) and Sarah Brubaker Strickler (1836-1891) family originally from Page County, Virginia, specifically their children's families. At some point several members of the Strickler family moved out west to Washington (Sprague and Harrington), Nevada, and California to engage in various professional ventures including the lumber industry.

Strickler family members documented in this collection include Reuben Thomas Strickler (1854-1937) of Page County; William Isaac Strickler (1857-1928) of Nevada; and David Benton Strickler (1869-1898), Joseph Gideon Strickler (1855-1924), and Jacob Perry Strickler (1872-1934), all of Washington.

David Benton Strickler frequently wrote letters on his business letterhead including Shields & Bassett Lumber, D. B. Strickler, and Amon & Strickler.

Scope and Content

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The collection largely comprises correspondence written by David Benton Strickler (1869-1898) to his brother Reuben Thomas Strickler (1854-1937) and mother Sarah Brubaker Strickler (1836-1891) in Page County. Letters were written from Sprague and Harrington, Washington where David Strickler lived and worked in the lumber industry. The correspondence provides updates on family and work matters, and are generally newsy in their content.

Additional correspondence was written to Reuben Strickler by his brothers Jacob Perry, Joseph Gideon, and

William Isaac. William Isaac Strickler (1857-1928) also wrote to his niece Mary Stickler Hoover (1895-1972). A cross-hatched style letter was written to Joseph Gideon Strickler in February 15, 1887 by an unknown sender.

An April-May 1928 travel diary chronicles a trip out west from New Market, Virginia to Nevada (and further on to Washington, Oregon, and California) after the death of William Isaac Strickler in March 1928. Contextual clues suggest that the diary was likely written by Mary Lucy Strickler Hoover (daughter of Reuben Strickler) who traveled with husband Samuel Beery Hoover. The goal of the trip appears to be settling William Strickler's estate as well as visiting with family. Someone known only as "B." is the diarist's companion on the trip. There are mentions of "Uncle Will" [Strickler] and "Uncle Perry" [Strickler] who lived in Vancouver, Washington. The couple made the trip via a Ford automobile part of the way and also traveled via train and bus. The pair visited Hazel Strickler Halford and husband Bill in Los Angeles. The diary also documents their trip back home to New Market.

Related Materials

Mr.& Mrs. James Hoover collection of Strickler family papers, 1776-1963, SC 0098, Special Collections, Carrier Library, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Keywords

Letters (correspondence)
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Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically and filed according to the sender of the correspondence. If the author of the letter is unknown, the letter is filed according to the recipient. Addressed envelopes with no corresponding letter were filed according to the sender if known.

Description of Subordinate Components

Joseph Gideon Strickler correspondence

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Addie Amon Strickler correspondence

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William Isaac Strickler correspondence

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