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1941-1991

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Abstract

The collection, compiled by Lewis Yankey, comprises genealogical research files on families in Rockingham County, specifically Brocks Gap, dating from the mid-18th century to the late 20th century.

Creator

Yankey, Lewis H. (Lewis Harvey), 1903-2000

Creator

Ritchie, Patricia Turner

source

Williams, Donnita K.

Extent

3.3 cubic feet 9 boxes

Repository

James Madison University Libraries Special Collections

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

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Acquisition Information

Donated by Donnita K. Williams, granddaughter of Lewis Yankey.

Processing Information

The bound notebooks were heavily annotated with post-it notes. The post-its were used to flag names, families, and stories that are present in the notebooks, but did not provide additional context or content. As a result, the post-it notes were all removed and discarded.

The bulk of the notebooks are undated. An approximate date of 1990 was applied to all of the undated notebooks and is based on the publication dates of Yankey's compiled genealogies which date to the late 1980s and early 1990s. The notebooks that are dated have a date written on the front cover or elsewhere in the notebook. The dates written on the front covers likely document when the notebooks were typed in preparation for publication. The same dating strategy was employed for the research files. Therefore, the date ranges in this collection reflect when the research was compiled and are not representative of the dates of the subject matter documented within the collection.

Many groupings of papers in the research files were received stapled together. Those groupings were retained.

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Biographical / Historical

Lewis Harvey Yankey (1903-2000) was born in Criders, Virginia to William Harvey Yankey and Victoria Halterman Yankey. In 1924, he married Mary Ann Thomas (1909-1976), who predeceased him. They had thirteen children. He married Ressie Viola Sutherly (1904-1991) in 1984. Lewis Yankey was active in the local Brocks Gap community. He was a member of Valley View Mennonite Church and Bergton Ruritan Club. He helped to establish the local 4-H clubs, the Bergton Fair, and Friendship Park, a picnicking area and campground located on the Yankey property in Criders. Yankey was an avid genealogist and historian of the local area and its families. He worked with other contributors including Pat Turner Ritchie to publish more than 20 genealogies and family histories. In addition to his contributions to the Brocks Gap community, Yankey was a farmer by trade and also worked for the U.S. Forest Service.

Yankey dedicated years of his life researching and documenting the families of the Brocks Gap area of western Rockingham County. Geographically, Brocks Gap encompasses the larger communities of Fulks Run, Bergton (formerly Dovesville), and Criders as well as the smaller communities familiar to local residents of Dry River, Runions Creek, Genoa, Palos, Hopkins Gap, Riverside, Yankeetown, Bennetts Run, Crab Run, Germany River, and Overly Hollow.

Scope and Contents

The collection, compiled by Lewis Yankey, comprises genealogical research files on families in Rockingham County, specifically Brocks Gap, dating from the mid-18th century to the late 20th century.

The genealogical research, captured over the course of several decades, documents family lines and kinship; birth, marriage, and death information; cemetery records; narrative accounts; and traditions for families in the Brocks Gap area of western Rockingham County. Names include Dove, Crider/Kreider, Nesselrodt/Nazelrod, Whetzel, Mongold, Yankey, Hottinger, Riggleman, Sirk/Zirk, Moyer, Halterman, Caplinger/Keplinger, Wittig, Fulk, Ritchie, Siever, etc. These materials were used in the research and publication of Lewis Yankey's genealogies on local families.

While notebooks and research files may primarily document a specific family, researchers should be aware that many of the Brocks Gap families covered in Yankey's research are interrelated through marriage and are documented in other family genealogies. Researchers are encouraged to cross-reference files.

Related Materials

U.S. Forest Service oral histories, 1972-1994, SdArch 19, Special Collections, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Keywords

Genealogies (histories)
Letters (correspondence)
Brocks Gap (Va.) -- History
Rockingham County (Va.) -- History
Genealogy
Williams, Donnita K.

Bibliography

Estep, Jean Yankey. Life and Times of Lewis Harvey Yankey 1903-2000. place of publication not identified: [publisher not identified], n.d.

Provenance

The materials descended through Shirley Kuykendall, daughter of Lewis Yankey.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in two series:

- Notebooks, 1979-1990
- Research files, 1941-1991

Description of Subordinate Components

Notebooks

Unit ID 1

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31257

Unit Date 1979-1990

Scope and Contents

The series comprises bound, ledger-type volumes and spiral notebooks of handwritten family genealogies. The bulk of the notebooks are labeled with specific family names but other related families are typically included as well. In addition to typical genealogical information, the notebooks include transcriptions and summaries of deeds, wills, surveys, census records, and other official documents as well as copied correspondence between Lonzo Dove and Lorenzo "Doc" Smith, who were also local historians and

genealogists.

Many of the notebooks include notes (e.g. "Done", "Copied") and checkmarks throughout that indicate the contents was typed and/or indexed, presumably by Pat Turner Ritchie who assisted Yankey with his research, in preparation for publication.

Notebook 1

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31246

Unit Date 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897472] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Contents

May, Dove, Siever, Freed, Reedy, miscellaneous.

Notebook 2

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31247

Unit Date circa 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897472] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Stultz, Fink, Wittig, census, miscellaneous

Notebook 3

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31248

Unit Date circa 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897472] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Whetzel (Weissell)

Notebook 4

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31249

Unit Date 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897472] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Scope and Contents

May, Ritchie, Dove, Sonifrank

Notebook 5

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31250

Unit Date 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897472] 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Dove, Riggleman, Ritchie, May, witch story

Notebook 6

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31251

Unit Date circa 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897472] 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Whetzel, Caplinger, May, Shaver, Ritchie

Notebook 7

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31281

Unit Date circa 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897472] 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Shaver, Lantz, May

Notebook 8

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31252

Unit Date circa 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897473] 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Hottinger, Shaver, May, copied Lonzo Dove letters

Notebook 9

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31253

Unit Date circa 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897473] 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Miscellaneous (Dove, Delawder, Hupp, Secrist, Smith, Whetzel, Shaver, Sonifrank, Stultz, etc.; Fort Seybert massacre, Pendleton County; copied Lonza Dove-Doc Smith letters)

Notebook 10

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31254

Unit Date circa 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897473] 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Pendleton County marriages, Whetzel, Mongold, Hottinger, Freed, etc.

Notebook 11

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31255

Unit Date circa 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897473] 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Dove, Mongold

Notebook 12

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31256

Unit Date circa 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897473] 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Dove (Doup, Daub, Doup)

Notebook 13

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31258

Unit Date circa 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897474] 3 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Caplinger, Caplinger Cemetery

Notebook 14

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31259

Unit Date circa 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897474] 3 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Yankey

Notebook 15

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31260

Unit Date circa 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897474] 3 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Latnz, Will, Whetzel, Heavener

Notebook 16

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31261

Unit Date circa 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897474] 3 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Siever

Notebook 17

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31262

Unit Date circa 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897474] 3 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Crider; Capliner, Crider, Freed family marriages

Notebook 18

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31263

Unit Date circa 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897474] 3 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Nesselrodt, Jacob C. Yankey (shot and killed on top of Shenandoah Mountain by unknown assailant)

Notebook 19

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31265

Unit Date circa 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897474] 3 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Baker, Mongold, Siever

Notebook 20

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31266

Unit Date circa 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897475] 4 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Smith, Caplinger, Siever, Yankey, Sirk, Delawder, miscellaneous

Notebook 21

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31267

Unit Date circa 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897475] 4 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Caplinger, Yankey, Stultz, Aubrey, Dove, Whetzel, Overly, Ritchie, Harriet Dove (rumored to be a witch), marriages, births, deaths

Notebook 22

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31268

Unit Date circa 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897475] 4 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Crider, Dove, Sutherly, Smith, Moyer, Halterman

Notebook 23

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31269

Unit Date circa 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897475] 4 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Dove

Notebook 24

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31270

Unit Date 1982

Mixed Materials [1000897475] 4 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Brocks Gap essay, copied Lonzo Dove-Doc Smith letters

Notebook 25

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31271

Unit Date 1979

Mixed Materials [1000897475] 4 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Dove, Heavener, Whetzel, Caplinger, Lantz, May

Notebook 26

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31272

Unit Date circa 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897476] 5 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Whetzel, Sutherly, Heavener, copied Lonzo Dove letters

Notebook 27

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31273

Unit Date circa 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897476] 5 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Sirk, Bible, Thomas, Fawley, Fulk, Roadcap, West, Custer, Souder, marriages, deeds

Notebook 45

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31274

Unit Date 1979

Mixed Materials [1000897476] 5 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Dove, Smith, copied Lonzo Dove-Doc Smith letters

Unnumbered notebook

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31275

Unit Date circa 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897476] 5 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Souders, Dove Cemetery (Martin Luther Lutheran Church Cemetery), marriages, wills, deeds, miscellaneous

Unnumbered notebook

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31276

Unit Date circa 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897476] 5 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Whetzel, Wetsel, Weissell

Unnumbered notebook**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/31277**Unit Date** circa 1982**Mixed Materials [1000897476]** 5 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

Dove (English), Doup (German), Ritchie, Crider, Whetzel, voters at Wittig's, election results

Research files**Unit ID** 2**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/31264**Unit Date** 1941-1991**Scope and Contents**

The series contains typed and handwritten genealogical research files organized primarily according to family. Documents include typed transcripts of research documented in the notebooks. As a result, the content across series may overlap or be duplicative. Correspondence to Yankey from family members, genealogists, and research contributors requests and/or provides details on specific families. The 1988 Bergton-Criders Community Calendar features a photograph of the K-5 students at Bergton Elementary School with a twelve-month calendar documenting birthdays and anniversaries of local community members. An envelope of photographic negatives is filed with Assorted Notes.

Bible**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/31282**Unit Date** circa 1990**Mixed Materials [1000897476]** 5 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Brenneman****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/31284**Unit Date** circa 1990**Mixed Materials [1000897476]** 5 (box)**Container** 8 (folder)**Caplinger/Keplinger****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/31283**Unit Date** 1961-1991**Mixed Materials [1000897477]** 6 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Carrier****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/31285**Unit Date** 1983-circa 1990**Mixed Materials [1000897477]** 6 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Crider/Kreider****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/31286**Unit Date** 1941-1990**Mixed Materials [1000897477]** 6 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)

Custer

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31287

Unit Date circa 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897477] 6 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Delawder

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31288

Unit Date 1978-circa 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897477] 6 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Dove (folder 1 of 2)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31289

Unit Date 1979-1991

Mixed Materials [1000897477] 6 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Dove (folder 2 of 2)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31290

Unit Date 1979-1991

Mixed Materials [1000897477] 6 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Feaster

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31291

Unit Date 1983

Mixed Materials [1000897477] 6 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Freed

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31292

Unit Date circa 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897477] 6 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Fulk

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31293

Unit Date circa 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897477] 6 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Grady

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31294

Unit Date circa 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897477] 6 (box)

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Hauck**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/31295**Unit Date** circa 1990**Mixed Materials [1000897477]** 6 (box)**Container** 12 (folder)**Heavener****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/31296**Unit Date** circa 1990**Mixed Materials [1000897477]** 6 (box)**Container** 13 (folder)**Hottinger****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/31297**Unit Date** circa 1990**Mixed Materials [1000897477]** 6 (box)**Container** 14 (folder)**Lantz****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/31298**Unit Date** 1971-circa 1990**Mixed Materials [1000897478]** 7 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Mason****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/31299**Unit Date** 1983-circa 1990**Mixed Materials [1000897478]** 7 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**May****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/31300**Unit Date** 1983**Mixed Materials [1000897478]** 7 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Mongold****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/31301**Unit Date** circa 1990**Mixed Materials [1000897478]** 7 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Moyers****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/31302**Unit Date** circa 1990**Mixed Materials [1000897478]** 7 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)

Nesselrodt/Nazelrod**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/31303**Unit Date** 1983-circa 1990**Mixed Materials [1000897478]** 7 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Ratliff****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/31304**Unit Date** 1988**Mixed Materials [1000897478]** 7 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Riggleman****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/31305**Unit Date** circa 1990**Mixed Materials [1000897478]** 7 (box)**Container** 8 (folder)**Siever****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/31306**Unit Date** 1959-circa 1990**Mixed Materials [1000897478]** 7 (box)**Container** 9 (folder)**Sirk****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/31307**Unit Date** circa 1990**Mixed Materials [1000897478]** 7 (box)**Container** 10 (folder)**Smith****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/31308**Unit Date** 1970-circa 1990**Mixed Materials [1000897478]** 7 (box)**Container** 11 (folder)**Sonifrank****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/31309**Unit Date** circa 1990**Mixed Materials [1000897478]** 7 (box)**Container** 12 (folder)**Souder****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/31310**Unit Date** 1979**Mixed Materials [1000897478]** 7 (box)**Container** 13 (folder)

Stultz

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Unit Date circa 1990

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Container 14 (folder)

West

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31312

Unit Date 1987-circa 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897478] 7 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Whetzel

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31313

Unit Date circa 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897478] 7 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Wilkins

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31314

Unit Date circa 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897478] 7 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Wittig

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31315

Unit Date circa 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897478] 7 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

Wratchford

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31316

Unit Date circa 1990

Mixed Materials [1000897478] 7 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

Yankey (folder 1 of 2)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31317

Unit Date 1969-1991

Mixed Materials [1000897478] 7 (box)

Container 20 (folder)

Yankey (folder 2 of 2)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31318

Unit Date 1969-1991

Mixed Materials [1000897478] 7 (box)

Container 21 (folder)

Assorted notes (folder 1 of 2)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31319

Unit Date 1974-1991

Mixed Materials [1000908365] 8 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Assorted notes (folder 2 of 2)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31320

Unit Date 1974-1991

Mixed Materials [1000908365] 8 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Caplinger Cemetery ledgers and bylaws

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32321

Unit Date 1986, undated

Mixed Materials [1000908365] 8 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Brocks Gap

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31321

Unit Date 1988-1990

Mixed Materials [1000908365] 8 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Friendship Park insurance policy

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31322

Unit Date 1990

Mixed Materials [1000908365] 8 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Bergton-Criders Community Calendar

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31323

Unit Date 1988

Mixed Materials [1000885712] OV 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)