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Unit ID

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Unit Date

1835-1952

Language

English German

Creator

Wissler family

Creator

Erb family

Creator

Mayer family

Extent

1.05 Linear Feet

Repository

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Scope and Contents

Papers, circa 1830s-1950s, of the Wissler, Mayer, and Erb families of Grottoes and Columbia Furnace, Virginia, and Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Included are photographs, an autograph album, a manuscript cookbook, receipts, two ledgers, a Bible and hymn book, a Wissler family record for the descendants of William Franklin Wissler and Elizabeth Mayer (m. 1890), and correspondence.

Separated Materials:

Artifacts transferred to the Manuscripts Artifact Collection (Mss. 1.03) include: lockbox of Jacob M. Mayer (2010.223.01), small leather change purse (2010.223.02), brown leather coat wallet (2010.223.03), purple leather accordion wallet (2010.223.04).

Keywords

Autograph albums
Bible records
Cookbooks
Ledgers (Accounting)
Letters (correspondence)
Photographs
Receipts (financial records)
Recipes
Pennsylvania--Genealogy
Pennsylvania--Lancaster County--History
Rockingham County (Va.)--History--19th century
Virginia--Genealogy
Rockingham County (Va.)--History--20th century
Shenandoah County (Va.)--History--19th century

Description of Subordinate Components

Correspondence

Unit ID id70250

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/132072

Unit Date 1862-1919

Scope and Contents

Includes correspondence ranging in dates from 1862-1919. There is a concentration of letters addressed to Henry Erb the 1870s and three letters from W.L. Wissler during training in the military to his mother.

Correspondence

Unit ID id72407

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/132084

Unit Date 1862-1889

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

-Letter dated August 1, 1862, "My dear Grandma," signed "Maggie" -Letter dated December 27, 1873 to Henry Erb, signed "Sarah Burns" - Letter dated March 6, 1874, "Dear Friend" (Henry Erb), signed "Elias Bamberger", from Berkeley County, West Virginia -Letter dated June 30, 1874, "Dear Brother-in-law " (Henry Erb), signed "Elias Bamberger", from Berkeley County, West Virginia -Letter dated July 7, 1874, "Uncle Henry" (Henry Erb), signed "C Kauffman" -Letter dated August 11, 1874, Martinsburg, "Dear Uncle" (Henry Erb), signed "Your affectionate Niece, Lizzie, Andy" -Letter dated November 22, 1874, "Dear Uncle" (Henry Erb), Shippensburg, signed Fannie Bamberger -Letter dated February 16, 1889, "Dear Cousin," signed "Mr. Erb," from San Francisco

Correspondence

Unit ID id78612

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/132085

Unit Date 1889-1919

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

- Letter dated February 16, 1889, "Dear Cousin," signed "Mr. Erb," from San Francisco -Wedding invitation, dated October 4, 1898 -Letter dated November 10, 1906, "My darling Mama and girls," signed "C.B. Price" -Letter dated Saturday, May 22, 1915, "Dear Will" -Letter dated June 15, 1915, signed W.F. Wissler -Letter dated July 29, 1917, Marrine barracks, "Dear Mother," signed "Your loving Son" -Letter dated August 31, 1917, "Dear Mother," unsigned -Letter dated September 8, 1917, "Dear Mother," signed "Your Son" -Christmas card from the United States Marine Corps, dated December 17, 1919 - Farm Catalog and letter, dated January, 1923 -Letter dated March 15, 1954, to Mrs. J.M. Wissler, from J.E. Coleman, about an inquiry regarding a watch and clock appraisal -Pamphlet from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare about Social Security, dated August 30, 1954 -Letter, Undated, signed Mary Gochenour, congratulations on wedding

Financial Records

Unit ID id72408

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/132073

Unit Date 1835-1939

Scope and Contents

This folder includes receipts, bills, business and land contracts, and a ledger (Item 1) belonging to Henry Erb.

Financial Records

Unit ID id72409

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/132086

Unit Date 1835-1939

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

- Receipt from September 30, 1835 to March 22, 1839 - Receipt from September 30, 1835 - Receipt dated January 21, 1837 - Receipt dated December 26, 1838 - County Statement, dated May 24, 1839 - Receipt dated March 8, 1847 -Promissory note dated September 14, 1848 for \$15.70 - Receipt dated October 15, 1867 - Tax Receipt, dated 1869, of Martin Coffman - Receipt dated December 25, 1882 - Contract between F.H. Wissler and S.E. Shelton from May, 1903 for a tract of land in Nelson County, Virginia -Certificate of Incorporation of the Nelson Mining and Manufacturing Company in Southampton, Virginia, dated October 29, 1907 -Letter dated June 15, 1915 to the Treasure of Grant County, regarding land and taxes -Check from Augusta-Rorkingham Bank, dated April 4, 1936 for \$25.00 -Patronage Dividend from the Southern States cooperation, dated July 1, 1938 and July 1, 1939 -Marks note

Ledger

Unit ID id72410

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/132087

Unit Date 1848-1858

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Ledger from January 3, 1848 to April 1, 1858, belonging to Henry Erb and relating to Erb and Mayer families

Photographs

Unit ID id72411

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/132074

Unit Date 1912-Undated

Scope and Contents

Includes photographs of the family and a photograph album (Item 2)

Negatives

Unit ID id72413

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/132088

Unit Date Undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Subjects Include: -Landscapes -Dr. Wissler -Family Portraits, including Michelle Lee Boggs (Alice Lee's daughter), Edna, -The Grottoes School -The Liberty Furnace ("Great Grandfather [John Wissler] built this church for the people who worked for him at the furnace. Dr. W.F. Wissler is buried here") -Farm Life - Family Pets

Negatives

Unit ID id72412

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/132089

Unit Date Undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Subjects Include: -Landscapes -Dr. Wissler -Family Portraits, including Michelle Lee Boggs (Alice Lee's daughter), Edna, -The Grottoes School -The Liberty Furnace ("Great Grandfather [John Wissler] built this

church for the people who worked for him at the furnace. Dr. W.F. Wissler is buried here") -Farm Life - Family Pets

Photographs - Portraits

Unit ID id79902

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/132090

Unit Date Undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Includes pictures of Dr. Wissler, Michelle Lee Boggs (Alice Lee's daughter), Edna, students at the Grottoes School, and unnamed family members.

Photographs

Unit ID id79903

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/132091

Unit Date 1912-Undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

-Landscapes -Dr. Wissler -Family Portraits, including Michelle Lee Boggs (Alice Lee's daughter), Edna, - The Grottoes School -The Liberty Furnace ("Great Grandfather [John Wissler] built this church for the people who worked for him at the furnace. Dr. W.F. Wissler is buried here") -Family Pets -Farm Life

Photographs

Unit ID id79904

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/132092

Unit Date 1912-Undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

-Landscapes -Dr. Wissler -Family Portraits, including Michelle Lee Boggs (Alice Lee's daughter), Edna, - The Grottoes School -The Liberty Furnace ("Great Grandfather [John Wissler] built this church for the people who worked for him at the furnace. Dr. W.F. Wissler is buried here") -Farm Life -Family Pets

Photo Album

Unit ID id72414

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/132093

Unit Date Undated

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Photo Album with Family record in front, Undated, includes 5 loose photographs and 24 formal portraits of family

Personal Papers

Unit ID id72415

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/132075

Unit Date 1920-Undated

Personal Papers

Unit ID id72416

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/132094

Unit Date 1830-1959

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Includes death notices from newspapers, an American Kennel Club Registration, Drawing of a seal for Elizabeth Erb, typed science exam (Undated), calling cards, and various pamphlets ("Keep 'em Smiling," "What the Stars Say," and "Washington's Birthday Patriotic Service")

Manuscript Volumes

Unit ID id72417

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/132076

Unit Date 1841-1887

The Holy Bible containing the Old and New Testaments: Translated out of the original tongues; and with the Former Translations Diligently Compared and Revised

Unit ID id72418

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/132095

Unit Date 1841

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Book of Commonplace Poetry

Unit ID id72614

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/132096

Unit Date 1863

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Commonplace book, 1863, compiled by Mary E. Baird, Ivy Hall, November 4, 1863

Cookbook

Unit ID id72616

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/132097

Unit Date 1887

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Handwritten Cookbook – M.E. Baird and Samuel J. Baird, includes recipes and fixes for common problems

A Choice Selection of Hymns From Various Authors Recommended to All Denominations for the Worship of God

Unit ID id72617

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/132098

Unit Date 1800-1899

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Fifth Edition

Autograph Album**Unit ID** id72618**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/132099**Unit Date** 1880-1889**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Scope and Contents**

Belonged to Bessie Mayer

Die Bibel oder die ganze heilige Schrift des Alten Und Neuen Testaments nad ber Deutschen Uebersekugn D. Martin Luthers**Unit ID** id72615**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/132077**Unit Date** 1863**Scope and Contents**

Leipzig and Dresden: 1863. German Leather Bible belonging to the Reverend Martin Mayer (died in 1873)