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1757-1922 and undated

Unit Date

1780-1870

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Scope and Contents

More than 600 items from the period 1757 to 1922, with the bulk falling between 1780 and 1870. Most items reference members of the Wilkin/Wilkins family of Shenandoah County, Virginia, particularly Godfrey, John, Philip, Benomi, and Benjamin Wilkin. Other surnames include Gochenauer, Layman, Funkhauser, Koock, and Miller. Most documents are financial or legal, such as receipts, promissory notes, account statements, and probate records. There is some correspondence, as well as a few documents relating to military service in the Revolutionary period and the affairs of the German Reformed Church. Numerous items are written in the German language.

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Shenandoah County (Va.)--History
Shenandoah River Valley (Va. and W. Va.)--History
Funkhauser family
Wilkin, Godfrey, fl. 1788-1815
Wilkin, John
Wilkin, Rachel

Arrangement of Materials:

The collection is arranged chronologically within 5 series.

Description of Subordinate Components

Financial documents

Unit ID id291193

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/194895

Unit Date 1765-1896 and undated

Scope and Contents

These include tax documents, receipts, promissory notes, and account statements.

Tax assessments and receipts

Unit ID id291197

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/194900

Unit Date 1765-1889

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Most items are receipts for payment of parish levies and taxes on real estate and personal property.

Other receipts, invoices, vouchers

Unit ID id291201

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/194901

Unit Date 1765-1896 and undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Receipts acknowledge payments for purchases, services, and debts.

Promissory notes and bonds

Unit ID id291205

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/194902

Unit Date 1770-1889

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Promissory notes indicate terms for the repayment of loans or payments for services provided.

Account statements

Unit ID id291209

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/194903

Unit Date 1786-1891 and undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (folder)

Scope and Contents

These items range from brief mention of an item purchased to several pages from a firm's account book.

Real estate and legal documents

Unit ID id291213

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/194896

Unit Date 1774-1885 and undated

Scope and Contents

These include probate records, copies of deeds and indentures, receipts for recording or issuing court documents, and orders to a sheriff to summon witnesses.

Probate and estate documents

Unit ID id291217

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/194904

Unit Date 1774-1866 and undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (folder)

Scope and Contents

In most cases the deceased are members of the Wilkin family or Wilkin family members are

In most cases the deceased are members of the Wilkin family or Wilkin family members are administrators of the estates. Among the deceased are Jacob Coffman, multiple Godfrey Wilkins, Benjamin Layman, John Wilkin, Jacob Wilkin, and Peter Miller.

Property documents

Unit ID id291221

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/194905

Unit Date 1788-1885 and undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (folder)

Scope and Contents

These include copies of deeds, receipts for recording deeds or registering inherited land, boundary descriptions, and a property sale notice.

Court documents

Unit ID id291225

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/194906

Unit Date 1790-1862 and undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Included are a guardian indenture, an apprentice indenture, receipts for issuing and recording court documents, vouchers for payments to witnesses, orders to a sheriff to summon witnesses, and receipts for payment of court settlements.

Correspondence

Unit ID id291229

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/194897

Unit Date 1809-1894 and undated

Scope and Contents

There are about thirty letters and notes and four empty envelopes.

Correspondence

Unit ID id291233

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/194907

Unit Date 1809-1894 and undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 8 (folder)

Scope and Contents

John Wilkin is the writer or recipient of many items. Some are to or from relatives who have moved to the Midwest. Topics include land, crops, finding wives, and money. Some correspondence with a Mr. E. Duvall involves forming a Branch Society related to alchemy and mining.

Envelopes

Unit ID id291237

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/194908

Unit Date 1890 and undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (folder)

Scope and Contents

There are four empty envelopes; addressees are Isaiah Funkhauser, Dr. E. Duvall, and John Wilkins.

Ephemera

Unit ID id291241

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/194898

Unit Date 1757-1922 and undated

Scope and Contents

This material includes items relating to military service, church business, medicine, and poetry. There also are newspaper clippings and other printed ephemera, as well as numerous fragments and scribbles.

Military documents

Unit ID id291245

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/194909

Unit Date 1778-1815

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 10 (folder)

Scope and Contents

These ten items include certificates for service, supplies, and attendance at a Court Martial during or just after the Revolution. A return for May 1815 of a company of Virginia militia commanded by Captain Samuel Bare has numbers only - no names.

Church documents

Unit ID id291249

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/194910

Unit Date 1841-1854 and undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 11 (folder)

Scope and Contents

These three items include an 1841 letter (without signatures) to the German Reformed Church of Woodstock stating why thirty-nine members are withdrawing their membership, an 1854 request for subscribers to pay for a new preacher in German and English in North Mountain Gorge, and a petition signed by more than one hundred members of Evangelic German Reformed congregations in Shenandoah County asking that the German-speaking Rev. John Kessler be given permission to take charge as their minister.

Medicine and chemicals

Unit ID id291253

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/194911

Unit Date 1864 and undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 12 (folder)

Scope and Contents

These eight items include medical prescriptions and lists of chemicals.

Poetry

Unit ID id291257

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/194912

Unit Date 1867 and undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 13 (folder)

Scope and Contents

There are three poems of unknown origin, though one has three or four names on the back, including Edwina V. Hatfield.

Printed ephemera**Unit ID** id291261**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/194913**Unit Date** 1873-1922 and undated**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 14 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

Among about twenty-five items are candidate lists for an 1873 election in Shenandoah County, newspaper clippings, Sunday school lessons, blank checks, ads for medical products, and a large ad for a Bible.

Fragments and scraps**Unit ID** id291265**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/194914**Unit Date** 1757-1856 and undated**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 15 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

There are approximately fifty items, most of which range from small fragments to significant portions of various types of documents. Other items include scrap paper with scribbles and a page of repetitions of statements apparently assigned to a student for disciplinary purposes.

German-language documents**Unit ID** id291269**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/194899**Unit Date** 1763-1856 and undated**German-language documents****Unit ID** id291273**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/194915**Unit Date** 1763-1856 and undated**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 16 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

These thirty-five documents apparently are written in German or a combination of German and English. There are a variety of formats, but translation is required to reveal purpose and content.