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Creator

Monongalia County (W. Va.) Assessor

Extent

15 Linear Feet Summary: ca. 15 ft. (175 unboxed ledgers)

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The earlier volumes include substantial detail regarding taxable property, including horses, mules, cattle, sheep, hogs, carriages (such as pleasure carriages, stage coaches, jersey wagons, carryalls, buggies, and gigs), watches, clocks, pianos and harps, and household and kitchen furniture. Tracking of automobile ownership began in 1907. Bonds, capital, interest or profits, and income were also recorded. Later volumes include substantially less detail regarding property.

Ledgers for 1864 and 1865 are missing; there are other gaps in the total span of 1851 to 1954.

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