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1731, 1781-1992, and undated

Unit Date

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Donnelly, C. Shirley, Reverend

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Higginbotham, Gary R.

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Biographical / Historical

Clarence Shirley Donnelly (1895-1982) was a Baptist minister who collected historical records relating to the history of West Virginia, especially Fayette County and the surrounding area. He was born in Rock Castle, Jackson County, West Virginia, but spent much of his life in Oak Hill and Beckley, where he served as minister to the Oak Hill Baptist Church and Crab Orchard Baptist Church, respectively. He also served as a chaplain during World War II and received the Bronze Star and other medals for his actions. He founded the Fayette County Historical Society and led other historical organizations and also wrote frequently for the Beckley Post-Herald on various historical and related topics.

Scope and Contents

Reverend C. Shirley Donnelly, a Baptist minister and local historian, collected these materials for his own research and interest in West Virginia history. The collection contains various materials pertaining to coal mining and West Virginia history, especially in the New River area and Fayette County. It includes correspondence, land grant and deed records, pamphlets, journals, local histories, records, photographs, and art relating to mining and life in the New River area. One set of correspondence includes recollections, a yearbook, and newspaper clippings by a World War II sailor from the USS West Virginia. Another series of correspondence includes the antebellum, wartime, and postwar letters and personal receipts of Charles Dequasie, a Confederate soldier from Fayette County, West Virginia, and Robert Edward Dequasie's personal and business correspondence. Other ephemera includes West Virginia and mining journals and certificates belonging to Donnelly and others. A scrapbook and notebook of newspaper clippings pertain to early court hangings and executions in West Virginia. Political posters include those for West Virginia Governor William C. Marland and West Virginia Senators Harley Kilgore and Robert Byrd.

Related Materials

Additional material from Rev. C. Shirley Donnelly pertaining to his work was retained by the West Virginia Baptist Historical Society.

Keywords

West Virginia - religion

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Coal mines and mining -- West Virginia -- Fayette County
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Land deeds and grants - Fayette County.
Fayette County (W. Va.)
Coal mining - New River field.
Clay County (W. Va.)
United States Navy - USS WEST VIRGINIA.
Civil War -- letters
Civil War -- Confederate Army
West Virginia - Politics and government.
Murder
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
West Virginia Baptist Historical Society
Higginbotham, Gary R.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1. Correspondence, Local Histories, and Records

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212421

Unit Date 1731-1977

Scope and Contents

Includes correspondence between Donnelly and others about coal mining and mining accidents primarily in Fayette County, West Virginia, in the early twentieth century. Other correspondence includes letters from a sailor recalling his experiences on the USS West Virginia and personal correspondence of Donnelly on various topics. Local histories include manuscripts about the Civil War battle of Carnifex Ferry and the following areas in West Virginia: Thurmond; Fayette County; and Clay County. Highlights of local records include a book of West Virginia land grants (1820s-1840s), 18th and 19th century land deeds, and a roster and history of the West Virginia National Guard (1929, 1950).

Roster and Records, West Virginia National Guard

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212422

Unit Date 1950

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Container I00016 (Item)

Abstract of Oak Hill Post Office Property

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212423

Unit Date 1794-1916

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Container I00018 (Item)

Application for Town of Oak Hill Electric Light, Water Works, Power Plant Franchise

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212424

Unit Date 1909

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Container I00021 (Item)

Vandalia Cemetery, Fayette County, Records

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212425

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Container I00024 (Item)

Huse Memorial Park (Cemetery), Fayette County, Records

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212426

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Container I00025 (Item)

Handwritten History of Education in Fayette County, WV

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212427

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Container I00027 (Item)

History of Harvey Chapel 1877 -- Present Day Methodist Episcopal Church

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212428

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Container I00026 (Item)

Mine Disasters in Fayette County written by Rev. Clarence Figgatt, Mt. Hope, WV

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212429

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Container I00028 (Item)

Public Hangings at Fayetteville, WV (beginning 1893) written by Shirley Donnelly

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212430

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Container I00020 (Item)

Correspondence with USS West Virginia Sailor Charles Rogusky to Writer/Historian Myron J. Smith, Jr.

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212431

Unit Date 1977

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

"USS West Virginia Crosses the Equator Again" -- roster of crew and photos of ship

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212432

Unit Date 1944

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Newspaper clippings and documents relating to the USS West Virginia

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212433

Unit Date 1941-1961

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

History of the 201st Infantry West Virginia National Guard

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212434

Unit Date 1929

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 13 (Folder)

Container I00017 (Item)

John Cheslock Manuscripts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212435

Unit Date 1969

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 14 (Folder)

William Derenge and Layland Mine Explosion Newspaper Articles

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212436

Unit Date 1958-1982

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 15 (Folder)

Letter written by William Derenge from Quinwood, WV -- Thank you for being sent Highlights in the History of Fayette County WV by Donnelly

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212437

Unit Date 1959

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 16 (Folder)

Container 1 (Item)

Letter written by William Derenge from Quinwood, WV -- talked about stint timbering, serving in the army, death of brother John

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212438

Unit Date 1967

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 16 (Folder)

Container 2 (Item)

Letter written by William Derenge

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212439

Unit Date 1968

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 16 (Folder)

Container 3 (Item)

Letter written by William Derenge from Quinwood, WV -- His work in 1904 in Greenwood -- Brownwood mine, later Lawton at age 13. Then worked at Mindon Mine both with his father.

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212440

Unit Date 1969

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 16 (Folder)

Container 4 (Item)

Letter written by William Derenge -- writing about correcting three of Donnelly's facts on the Layland Mine Explosion

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212441

Unit Date 1972

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 16 (Folder)

Container 5 (Item)

Letter Written by William Derenge from Quinwood, WV

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212442

Unit Date 1974

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 16 (Folder)

Container 6 (Item)

Letter Written by William Derenge from Quinwood, WV -- Donnelly's 1956 book about

Layland Mine disaster and other mine disasters.

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212443

Unit Date 1974

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 16 (Folder)

Container 7 (Item)

Letter written by William Derenge from Quinwood, WV -- details of Layland Mine Explosion; references to Russian coal workers there and his own father from Lithuania

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212444

Unit Date 1975

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 16 (Folder)

Container 8 (Item)

Letter Written by William Derenge from Quinwood, WV -- Layland Mine

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212445

Unit Date 1976

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 16 (Folder)

Container 9 (Item)

Letter written by William Derenge from Quinwood, WV -- chapel car

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212446

Unit Date 1977

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 16 (Folder)

Container 10 (Item)

Print and Negatives of a letter to the Church of Christ

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212447

Unit Date 1731

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 17 (Folder)

New York Detective Library magazine

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212448

Unit Date 1890

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 18 (Folder)

History of Dempsey Community by C. Shirley Donnelly

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212449

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 19 (Folder)

Container 100006 (Item)

Fayette County News Articles

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212450

Unit Date 1970-1977

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 20 (Folder)

Letter from Harlan Adkins regarding Layland Mine with picture of survivors

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212451

Unit Date 1972

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 21 (Folder)

Container L00010 (Item)

Notebook of Clay County History (writings from 1897 through 1902 were gathered and typed by Rev. C. Shirley Donnelly, from the Clay County Star (WV) about the history of Clay County. An index is at the end of the book.)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212452

Unit Date 1947

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container unfolded (Folder)

Notebook including typescript of "A Hole in the Ground and other stories by C. Pierson, Author of the Haunted Bottom and Other Stories. History of Clay County, Pioneer and Pioneer Days of Nicholas County." (1899) Introduction by William P. Gould of Ft. Myers, Florida (1925). Compiled and published by C.W. Bell of Zela, WV

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212453

Unit Date 1899-1925

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container unfolded (Folder)

New River Banking And Trust, Thurmond, WV 75th Anniversary

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212454

Unit Date 1979

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Container 100030 (Item)

Story of Justus Collins who persevered in the Mine Fields by Shirley Donnelly

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212455

Unit Date 1976

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 100001 (Item)

Notable Mine Disasters in Vicinity of Oak Hill

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212456

Unit Date 1900-1927

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 100002 (Item)

History of New River Gorge Area by Otis K. Rice, Published by Fayette Plateau Chamber of Commerce

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212457

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 100003 (Item)

Mine ticket -- Stuart Colliery company -- stoppages against account

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212458

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 100004 (Item)

Multiple articles Mine disasters

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212459

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 100005 (Item)

Fayetteville Rifles First From Fayette

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212460

Unit Date 1961

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 100007 (Item)

Land Office Treasury Warrant -- County of Montgomery

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212461

Unit Date 1781

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 100008 (Item)

Land Deed "County of Kenhawa on Marsh Fork of Cole River"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212462

Unit Date 1795

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 100009 (Item)

Land Deed "500 Acres to John Preston and Francis Preston County of Montgomery"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212463

Unit Date 1799

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 100010 (Item)

Land Deed Delinquent -- Public Auction Fayette County

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212464

Unit Date 1841

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 100011 (Item)

Booklet written by Clarence Shirley Donnelly: The Battle of Carnifex Ferry

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212465

Unit Date 1950

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 100014 (Item)

Town Records Oak Hill, WV

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212466

Unit Date 1903-1923

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 100022 (Item)

Letter in response to Donnelly inquiry -- Bio of Dr. Laird founder of Laird Foundation

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212467

Unit Date 1958

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container L00002 (Item)

Letter from Major Eli M. Dews -- Confederate Soldier's discharge signed by letter sender's great -- grandfather, Captain Samuel S. Dews.

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212468

Unit Date 1979

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container L00003 (Item)

Letter from G. Edmonds -- Whipple Mine Explosion 1907

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212469

Unit Date 1967

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container L00004 (Item)

Letter from J.A. Shuck regarding Red Ash Mine Explosion

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212470

Unit Date 1962

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container L00005 (Item)

Letter from J.A. Shuck regarding Echo Mine Explosion

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212471

Unit Date 1963

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container L00006 (Item)

Letter from Mrs. Elmer Biros regarding where were killed miners buried from Lochgelly Mine

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212472

Unit Date 1968

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container L00007 (Item)

Letter from Mrs. Elmer Biros regarding Lochgelly Mine

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212473

Unit Date 1968

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container L00008 (Item)

Letter from Grace Loving regarding Lochgelly mine explosion

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212474

Unit Date 1969

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container L00009 (Item)

Letter from Sylvester Berry regarding Red Ash, Beury, Old Sugar Creek Mine, Layland Mines

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212475

Unit Date 1972

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container L00014 (Item)

Letter from West Virginia Governor John Rockefeller to Donnelly on New River Gorge Bridge

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212476

Unit Date 1977

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container unfolded (Folder)

Letter from Harlan Adkins to Donnelly

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212477

Unit Date 1972

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container unfolded (Folder)

Booklet on Fayette County Schools

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212478

Unit Date 1925

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container unfolded (Folder)

Certificate of life membership in disabled citizens of World War I

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212479

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Container unfolded (Folder)

Gamble pamphlet

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212480

Unit Date 1904

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Container unfolded (Folder)

Mountaineers Certificate for C. Shirley Donnelly

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212481

Unit Date 1961

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Container unfolded (Folder)

Handwritten Diary/Book recordings: West Virginia Land Grants

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212482

Unit Date 1820-1850

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container unfolded (Folder)

Map of West Virginia with county boundaries

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212483

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Container unfolded (Folder)

Series 2. Correspondence and Receipts of Dequasie Family

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212484

Unit Date 1830-1920

Scope and Contents

Contains the personal correspondence, receipts, and inventories of Charles A. Dequasie, a Confederate soldier from Fayette County, West Virginia. Includes antebellum, wartime, and postwar correspondence with his wife, Rachel, and other family members. Also includes the personal and business correspondence (circa 1890-1920s) of his son, Robert Edward Lee Dequasie. Receipts mainly include the tax receipts of Charles Dequasie. Also included are Dequasie's 1865 military parole given at the war's end, as well as an 1862 Confederate travel pass from Richmond, Virginia.

Assorted Correspondence of the Dequasie Family

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212485

Unit Date 1830-1920

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1-5 (Folder)

Copy of certificate for Charles A. Desquasie from Thurmond, WV

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212486

Unit Date 1865

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Container P00008 (Item)

Copy of Desquasie discharge paper

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212487

Unit Date 1862

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Container P00010 (Item)

Dequasie correspondence and tax tickets and receipts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212488

Unit Date 1849-1907

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Series 3. Photographs and Art

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212489

Unit Date 1837-1992

Scope and Contents

Photographs and art illustrate different scenes and activities in West Virginia, especially in the New River Gorge area, such as schools, churches, landscapes, and individual and group portraits. Morgantown, Lansing, Hinton, Oak Hill, and various Fayette County towns are depicted. Some photographs focus on Civil War history while others focus mainly on Fayette County history. It also features art prints of the West Virginia state capitol and the New River Gorge Bridge, West Virginia.

Photograph -- Hinton, WV -- March of KKK members marching down main street

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212490

Unit Date 1924

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00001 (Item)

Postcard of Lansing, WV

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212491

Unit Date 1837

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00002 (Item)

Photograph -- Bridge Destroyed during Civil War, Gauley Bridge, WV

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212492

Unit Date 1929

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00003 (Item)

Photo of Grave of Stonewall Jackson's Mother, Ansted, WV

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212493

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00004 (Item)

Photograph of Famous Lee's Tree Located on Sewell Mountain near Rainelle, WV Rt 60.

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212494

Unit Date 1929

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00005 (Item)

Photograph of Old Stone House Near Lookout, WV with letter to Arnold Betty and children

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212495

Unit Date 1927-1963

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00006 (Item)

Photograph of Tobacco and General Merchandise sale

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212496

Unit Date 1874

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00007 (Item)

Copy of document: Robert A. Bailey commission to Captain of Riflemen

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212497

Unit Date 1861

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00009 (Item)

Postcard of fairgrounds

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212498

Unit Date 1924

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00011 (Item)

Photograph of McKendree Hospital

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212499

Unit Date 1920

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container P00013 (Item)

Photograph of Morgantown, WV, Company G, World War I Soldiers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212500

Unit Date 1918

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container P00014 (Item)

Photograph of Harrison Ash (1861 -- 1923) Chief of Police -- Thurman, WV

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212501

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00015 (Item)

Photograph of Country Store at Victor, Fayette County, WV

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212502

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00016 (Item)

Photograph of Morris Harvey

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212503

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00017 (Item)

Photograph of Merchants and Miners Bank, Oak Hill, WV

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212504

Unit Date 1906

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00018 (Item)

Photograph of Marian McQuade of Oak Hill, WV, founder of Grandparents Day

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212505

Unit Date 1992

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00019 (Item)

Photograph of Old Rock Head Fayette County, WV

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212506

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00020 (Item)

Photograph of Charles Edgar Mahan IV, President of Fayette County Bank

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212507

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00021 (Item)

Photograph of Hawks Nest near Anstead, WV

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212508

Unit Date 1930

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00022 (Item)

Photograph of Kanawha Falls

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212509

Unit Date 1930

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00023 (Item)

Photograph of New River at Gauley Junction

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212510

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00024 (Item)

Photograph of New River (?)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212511

Unit Date 1933

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00025 (Item)

Photograph of Tourist Cottages Canyon View Park, Gauley Bridge, WV Rt 60

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212512

Unit Date 1940-1949

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00027 (Item)

Photograph of Canyon View Park Office Gauley Bridge, WV

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212513

Unit Date 1940-1949

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00028 (Item)

Photograph of Modern Double Band Saw Mill of Wilderness Valley, WV

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212514

Unit Date 1925

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00029 (Item)

Photograph of Mr. M.J. Simms, President of Montgomery National Bank

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212515

Unit Date 1911-1912

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00030 (Item)

Photograph of R(h)odes Band, Gatewood, WV

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212516

Unit Date 1899

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00031 (Item)

Photograph of Unknown High School (most likely in Fayette County)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212517

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00032 (Item)

Photograph of Large Home unknown (most likely in Oak Hill)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212518

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00033 (Item)

Photograph of Grave Marker Betsy and Peggy Morris "killed by Indians 1792" Lockwood, Nicholas County, WV

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212519

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00039 (Item)

Photo of Camper Trailer being pulled by car in West Virginia

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212520

Unit Date 1956

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00042 (Item)

Photograph of unknown WV residents in front of store?

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212521

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00043 (Item)

Photo of Charleston soon after Courthouse was built

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212522

Unit Date 1892

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00044 (Item)

Photo of Charleston Kanawha County Courthouse

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212523

Unit Date 1900

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00045 (Item)

Photograph of group of men hunting

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212524

Unit Date circa 1900-1920

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00046 (Item)

Photo of Sketch of St. John' s Episcopal Church Quarrier Street, Charleston by Harry Rus Warne

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212525

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00047 (Item)

Photo St. John's Episcopal Church Quarrier Street, Charleston

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212526

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00048 (Item)

Photograph of woman by Blackwater Falls

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212527

Unit Date 1950-1959

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00049 (Item)

Picture of Omri N. Blake and introductory Letter regarding Swiss exploits

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212528

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00052 (Item)

Photo of burning of State Capitol Building Charleston, WV

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212529

Unit Date 1921

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00053 (Item)

Photograph of horses and Buggy /Wagon heading up Rocky Hill

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212530

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00054 (Item)

Photograph of Ruins of the Kanawha Falls Hotel after the fire

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212531

Unit Date 1968

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00058 (Item)

Photograph of Unknown Group of school boys

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212532

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00062 (Item)

Photograph of Railway through unknown town

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212533

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00063 (Item)

Photograph of Railway past house in unknown town

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212534

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00064 (Item)

Photograph of Teacher Institute

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212535

Unit Date 1906-1907

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00066 (Item)

Picture of Oak Hill Grade School

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212536

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00034 (Item)

Picture of High School Class

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212537

Unit Date 1920

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container unfolded (Folder)

Picture of Lewis Oak in Marlinton, WV

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212538

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container P00035 (Item)

Picture of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver P. Reffe

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212539

Unit Date 1917

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Container unfolded (Folder)

Marriage picture of Wennier Eckreckerdoor and Harriet Ann Tory

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212540

Unit Date 1881

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Container unfolded (Folder)

Red Sweet Springs, WV 8"x10 1/2" Print (2 copies)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212541

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container Po00006 (Item)

Sketch of the Old West Virginia Capitol building, Charleston

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212542

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Sketch of the West Virginia Capitol building, Charleston

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212543

Unit Date 1949

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

New River Gorge Bridge, WV "Always in October" #48 of 1000 Juanita H. Akers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212544

Unit Date 1981

Mixed Materials 8 (Box)

Container A00004 (Item)

New River Gorge Bridge, WV "Bridge Over Antiquity" #475 of 1000 Juanita H. Akers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212545

Unit Date 1977

Mixed Materials 8 (Box)

Container A00005 (Item)

New River Banking And Trust early 1900s Thurmond, WV Print

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212546

Unit Date 1979

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Container A00003 (Item)

Series 4. Scrapbook and Newspaper Clippings

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212547

Unit Date 1897-1956

Scope and Contents

Donnelly documented and saved newspaper clippings of the last public hangings and first executions by the electric chair in West Virginia, which is reflected in his scrapbook and his notebook of newspaper clippings on such events. It includes the original court reporter transcript of the circuit court in Fayette County and photographs relating to the murder case regarding the accused Lemuel Thomas Steed. Also includes Donnelly's ticket of admission to Steed's execution in 1948.

Scrapbook -- Lemuel Thomas Steed, Murder Defendant and conviction

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212548

Unit Date 1948

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container unfolded (Folder)

Original Court Reporter Transcript of Steed case in the Circuit Court of Fayette County, WV

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212549

Unit Date 1948

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container unfolded (Folder)

Ticket to Rev. C. Shirley Donnelly from West Virginia Penitentiary for Admittance for Hanging

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212550

Unit Date 1948

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container unfolded (Folder)

Photographs of murder victim and crime scene -- Steed case

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212551

Unit Date 1948

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container unfolded (Folder)

Clippings on Fazio murder case -- first possible death in electric chair

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212552

Unit Date 1949

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container unfolded (Folder)

Clippings and death sentences of first 3 WV men sentenced to death

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212553

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container unfolded (Folder)

Notebook with newspaper clippings

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212554

Unit Date 1897-1956

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container unfolded (Folder)

Series 5. Political Posters

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212555

Unit Date circa 1940-1975

Scope and Contents

Political posters include original Democratic Party posters for West Virginia Governor William C. Marland and West Virginia Senators Harley Kilgore and Robert Byrd.

Campaign Poster: William C. Marland Democratic Candidate for Governor

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212556

Unit Date circa 1940-1959

Mixed Materials 1 (Folder)

Container Po00002 (Item)

Campaign Poster: regarding elect Kilgore to U.S. Senate

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212557

Unit Date circa 1940-1959

Mixed Materials 1 (Folder)

Container Po00003 (Item)

Campaign Poster: Robert C. Byrd

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/212558

Unit Date circa 1958-1975

Mixed Materials 1 (Folder)

Container Po00004 (Item)