



*Archival and Manuscript Collections Finding Aid*

**ACCESSION No.:** HRHS - 124

**COLLECTION TITLE:** J. J. Bowman Diary Collection

**DATES:** 1874-1878

**SIZE:** 1 folder

**DONOR:** Unknown

**PROCESSED:** Processed October 26, 2015 by K. Craun

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:**

J. J. Bowman was born in Rockingham County in 1816 and owned Bowman Mills at Linville Creek in Broadway, VA. On April 5, 1841 he married Abigail Homan of Rockingham County and he refers to visiting Mother Homan on Sundays in his diary. Mr. Bowman suffered a great loss during “The Burning” in October of 1864. He listed his losses as one large merchant mill, two dwelling houses, two barns, one stable, one large double shed, with crib and carriage house, seven horses, several cattle, grain, hay, and straw, with a total loss listed as \$9,850. He was able to recover as the 1880 census shows him as the Miller/Postmaster of Bowman Mills in Broadway, VA.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

This collection contains two diaries of J. J. Bowman dated April 1, 1874 to October 25, 1878.

**COLLECTION INVENTORY:**

Folder 1: Diary from 1874 to 1876 and diary from 1876 to 1878