



*Archival and Manuscript Collections Finding Aid*

**ACCESSION No.:** HRHS-152

**COLLECTION TITLE:** Jacob Strickler Book Collection

**DATES:** 1743-1819

**SIZE:** 14 folders

**DONOR:** Jessie Modisett

**PROCESSED:** Processed 07/16/2015 by K. Craun

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:**

Jacob Strickler was born on November 24, 1770 in what was then known as the Massanutten section of Shenandoah County, Virginia. His family came from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and settled in the Massanutten region around 1733. On July 3, 1819, Jacob married Anna Rothgeb and their only child Mary was born on January 8, 1822.

Jacob Strickler is known for his elaborate and beautiful fraktur. Judging by some of his fraktur, he was believed to be a Mennonite preacher or parochial-school leader. He was most probably a minister based on the sermon books found in his library.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

This is a collection of books that belonged to Jacob Strickler.

**COLLECTION INVENTORY:**

- Folder 1:** 1777 *Calendar/Almanac* in German, by Franz Bailey, Lancaster, PA (very fragile)
- Folder 2:** 1794 *Calendar/Almanac* in German, by Samuel Saur, Philadelphia, PA (very fragile)
- Folder 3:** *Holy War* by John Bunyan in German, 1794, (very fragile)
- Folder 4:** *Bible* in German, title page missing, cover is wood covered in leather (very damaged)
- Folder 5:** Veterinarian manual in German, by Johann Baumann, 1805 (very fragile)
- Folder 6:** Catechism book in German, title page missing (very fragile)
- Folder 7:** *Praxis Pietatis* in German, appears to be a book dealing with religion, life and death, D. Ludwig Baily, 1743 (very fragile)
- Folder 8:** *ABC Book* in German, printed in Shenandoah County, VA by Solomon Henkel, 1819 (very fragile)
- Folder 9:** *Selong Buch*, song book in German by Henrich Ludwig Bronner, 1795, inscribed on inside cover "William Armentrout, May 17, 1803" (very fragile)

**Folder 10:** *Special Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Church* held at New Market, VA, October 4&5, 1807, in German (very fragile)

**Folder 11:** *Doctor Martin Luther's Shorter Catechism*, printed by Jacob D. Dietrick in Staunton, VA, 1808

**Folder 12:** *The Christian Confession of the Faith of the harmless Christians in the Netherlands, known by the name of Mennonists*, printed by Ambrose Henkel, New Market, VA, 1810 (very fragile)

**Folder 13:** Family bible published in Switzerland in 1536 (very damaged)

**Folder 14:** Picture of a hand-press with a stone bed made by Ambrose Henkel and used by him in his print shop which was established in New Market, VA in 1806. This press is now at Duke University, Durham, NC. Also photos of Rev. P. C. Henkel, Rev. Paul Henkel and wife, Ambrose Henkel