



*Archival and Manuscript Collections Finding Aid*

**ACCESSION No.:** HRHS-166

**COLLECTION TITLE:** Capt. John Dundore Papers Collection

**DATES:** 1804 - 1858

**SIZE:** One folder

**DONOR:** Brenda K. Crider

**PROCESSED:** Processed October 13, 2015 by K. Craun and L. Carr

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:**

John Dundore was said to be the most picturesque man that ever lived in Port Republic. He was thought to be proud, haughty and arrogant. He wore a fine frock coat, expensive waistcoat, knee britches, and silk hose. He owned 206 acres of land on the Shenandoah River, 160 acres of land in the Blue Ridge, and four lots in Port Republic. The Dundore house is still located in Port Republic. Mr. Dundore was the first resident in the town of Port Republic to own a coach and he trained one of his slaves as coachmen and dressed him in a showy uniform and high hat.

Mr. Dundore was married three times. From the best information at hand he married 1) Jane Martin on May 6, 1806 2) Mrs. Catherine Graham on September 26, 1838 and 3) Mrs. Eliza Funkhouser. He had two daughters named Harriet and Mornen.

The exact date of his birth and death is not known, but it is possible that Mr. Dundore was born in 1777. Mr. Dundore experienced financial difficulties later in life and died a poor man, with a friend providing the clothes in which he was buried. Information obtained from *Port Republic, The History of a Shenandoah Valley River Town*, by George Elliott May.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

This collection contains receipts and other paperwork belonging to Capt. John Dundore.

**COLLECTION INVENTORY:**

Folder 1: Receipts and bills of sale from 1804 – 1858