



*Archival and Manuscript Collections Finding Aid*

**ACCESSION No:** HRHS-175

**COLLECTION TITLE:** City of Harrisonburg/Rockingham County Collection

**DATES:** 1881 - 2011

**SIZE:** 12 folders, 1 OV folder

**DONOR:** David A. Jackson, Jr., Dora Fechtmann, Jean F. Wine, Berlin & Mildred Wittig, Nancy H. Hess, Nancy Garber, Geraldine Spitzer Lewis, Bill Springston, Michael W. Layman, Sarah Rees, George R. Hedrick, Nancy Brubaker

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**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:**

Harrisonburg, previously known as "Rocktown", was named for Thomas Harrison, a son of English settlers. In 1737, Harrison settled in the Shenandoah Valley, eventually laying claim to over 12,000 acres situated at the intersection of the Spotswood Trail and the main Native American road through the valley.

Rockingham County was established in 1778 from Augusta County. Harrisonburg was named as the county seat and incorporated as a town in 1780. Harrisonburg was incorporated as a city in 1916 and separated from Rockingham County, but it remains the county seat.

In 1779, Harrison deeded 2.5 acres of his land to the "public good" for the construction of a courthouse. In 1780, Harrison deeded an additional 50 acres which is the area now known as "Historic Downtown Harrisonburg."

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

This collection consists of publications, correspondence, programs, etc. relating to the City of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. The Rockingham portion of the collection consists of publications concerning the towns located within the county. This collection also includes old receipts and statements from the Harrisonburg and Rockingham County area from 1881 to 1964.

**COLLECTION INVENTORY:**

**Harrisonburg and Harrisonburg-Rockingham:**

**Folder 1:**

-Typed proceedings of a Harrisonburg Town Meeting in regard to the death of James A. Garfield, President of the United States, 1881

- Facts and Figures, Scenes and Views* publication by The Rockingham National Bank, early 1900's
- Harrisonburg, Center of the Shenandoah Valley*, published by the Chamber of Commerce, early 1900's
- Harrisonburg, 1798-1908*, by the Men's Organ Committee of the Presbyterian Church, 1908 (2 copies) (Donated by Jean F. Wine)
- City of Harrisonburg, Virginia, An Ordinance Regulating Traffic Movement*, 1923
- Annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce*, 1927
- Harrisonburg Virginia, A General Industrial Survey*, issued by The Chamber of Commerce, 1926
- Industrial Survey of Harrisonburg*, 1928

**Folder 2:**

- Annual Report of the Department of Police of the City of Harrisonburg, Va.*, 1934
- Report on Finances, Harrisonburg, VA, 1938
- 1939 Inventory of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce* (Donated by Berlin & Mildred Wittig)
- Official seal of Harrisonburg, issued by Joseph Ney's, 1949
- Some Facts and Figures You Should Know Concerning Harrisonburg & Rockingham County, VA*, 1950
- Comprehensive Plan, Harrisonburg, Virginia*, 1966
- Directory of Social Resources*, 1970-1971
- Harrisonburg and Rockingham County Today*, published by League of Women Voters, 1971

**Folder 3:**

- Harrisonburg Parking Study*, 1973 (Donated by David A. Jackson, Jr.)
- Sixtieth Anniversary, Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce*, 1975
- Harrisonburg Illustrations* by Austin Loewner, c.1970's

**Folder 4:**

- Harrisonburg and Rockingham County Virginia*, c.1970's
- City of Harrisonburg, Employees Handbook*, 1974 (donated by Dora Fechtmann)
- Harrisonburg, Virginia, 1780 Bicentennial 1980*, program
- A Homes Tour Commemorating the Bicentennial of Harrisonburg, VA*, 1980
- Journey Into the Past: Historic Harrisonburg*, by Martha B. Caldwell & Caroline T. Marshall, c.1980
- Harrisonburg, The Transformation of a City*, by the Harrisonburg Bicentennial Committee, 1980 (Donated by Jean F. Wine)
- The Town of Harrisonburg, Virginia 1867*, by The Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society, 2008
- Guest cards provided by the Chamber of Commerce, dates unknown

**Folder 5:**

- Maps of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County, c.early 1900's

**Rockingham County:**

**Folder 6:**

- Invitation to formal opening of the Rockingham County Courthouse, 1897

-Address of speech by Judge John Paul delivered at the Laying of the Corner Stone of the Rockingham County Court House, 1896

**Folder 7:**

-*An Economic and Social Survey of Rockingham County*, by the University of Virginia Record Extension Series, 1924

-*Rockingham County Geography Supplement*, 1924

-*Report of Extension Work in Rockingham County, Virginia*, 1919-1926

**Folder 8:**

-Typed letter from the Rockingham County Board of Appraisal Commission concerning the claims of landowners whose lands were being taken for the Shenandoah Nation Park, 1931 (donated by George R. Hedrick)

-Description of Prominent houses in Rockingham County: Bagota, Adam Rader House, Stanley House, Baxter House, Nicholas House, Sites House, Peter Acker House, Isaac Wenger House, Solomon Funk House, Mason House

-*The County Officer* magazine, October, 1944, featuring Rockingham County, Virginia (donated by Sarah Rees)

-*Rockingham* magazine, 1988, 1989, 1992(4)

**Folder 9:**

-*Commemorative Program, 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rockingham County, Virginia*, 1952

-*Rockingham County 1968*, by the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors

-*Annual Report of Rockingham County, Virginia, 1972* (Donated by David A. Jackson, Jr.)

-*Annual Report of Rockingham County, Virginia, 1973* (Donated by David A. Jackson, Jr.)

**Folder 10:**

-*Bridging the Waters, Bridgewater 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Association*, 1960

-*Town of Bridgewater*, c.1970's (Donated by David A. Jackson, Jr.)

-*Bridgewater, Sesquicentennial Edition, 1835-1985*

-*Traffic Ordinance, Town of Bridgewater*, 1986 (Donated by David A. Jackson, Jr.)

-*Budget, Town of Bridgewater*, 1988 (Donated by David A. Jackson, Jr.)

-*Addendum to the Preliminary Engineering Report Industrial Storm Drainage Project for the Town of Bridgewater*, 1988 (Donated by David A. Jackson, Jr.)

**Folder 11:**

-*Golden Jubilee Elkton, Virginia, 1908-1958*, by Ralph K. Babington, Mayor (donated by Roy Baugher)

-*A History of the Town of Dayton Virginia*, 1962, by Carrie B. Sites and Effie A. Hess, The Dayton Woman's Club (donated by Nancy Brubaker)

-*The History of Elkton*, 1976, by R. B. Hutton (donated by Jean F. Wine)

-*Ordinances for Town of Mt. Crawford, Virginia*, 1973

-*The Story of Port Republic*, c.1970's, by Margie H. Alexander

-*Rockingham County Sheriff's Office*, 2011 (Donated by Michael W. Layman)

**Folder 12:**

**Old invoices and statements from local businesses:**

Blakemore & Altaffer, Livery, Feed & Sale Stables, Harrisonburg, 1895

Bridgewater Manufacturing Company, Wool Blankets, Flannels, Cassimeres, Cassinettes, Yarns, Bridgewater, 1907 (Donated by Nancy Garber)

Chapman's Mobil Station, Harrisonburg, 1948

Coiner Milling Co, The, Port Republic, 1912, 1913

Cunningham, W. H. & Co., Buggies, Wagons, Harness, Harrisonburg, 1918  
Daily News, The, Harrisonburg, 1906  
Davis, D. M., A First Class Livery, Feed and Sales Stable, Elkton, 1917  
Flippo's Esso Servicecenter, Harrisonburg, 1948  
Flory, J. S. & Company, Hay, Grain, Mill Feed, Harrisonburg, 1915 (Donated by Bill Springston 90.14.3)  
Furr Brothers Electrical Dealers, Harrisonburg, 1911  
Glick & Company, Dayton, no date (Donated by Nancy Garber)  
Good, J. E, Tin and Sheet Metal Worker, Harrisonburg, 1913 (Donated by Nancy H. Hess)  
Gooden Brothers, Contractors and Builders, Elkton, 1919  
Harris, Frank L, Dr., Dentist, Harrisonburg, 1891 (Donated by Geraldine Spitzer Lewis 93.17)  
Harrisonburg Electric Light Co, The, Harrisonburg, 1899  
Harrisonburg Free Press, Harrisonburg, 1892  
Harrisonburg Mutual Telephone Company, Harrisonburg, 1902  
Heatwole, P. X. & Son, Dayton, 1908 (Donated by Nancy Garber)  
Hillcrest Esso Station, Harrisonburg, 1948  
Hott, J. Winton, Dry Goods, Notions, Groceries, Boots, Shoes, Dayton, 1897 (Donated by Nancy Garber)  
Klingstein Company, Wholesalers, Harrisonburg, 1948  
Kyger, W. H., Penn Laird, 1911  
Lincoln, J. E., Dr., Lacey Spring, 1901 (Donated by Nancy Garber)  
Marshall & Davis, Corn Meal, Mill Feed, Elkton, 1913 & 1914  
Merchants Grocery and Hardware Co., Harrisonburg, 1937  
Morrison, John C., Carriage Builder, Harrisonburg, 1881  
Ott, Luther H., Druggist and Pharmacist, Harrisonburg, 1895, 1897, 1905 (Donated by Nancy Garber)  
Pankey, H. C., Hard and Soft Coal, etc., Harrisonburg, 1883  
Penn Laird Mills, Full Roller Process Flour, Corn Meal and Feeds, Penn Laird, 1916  
Peoples Chevrolet, Harrisonburg, 1948  
Rhodes, J. B. D. Company, General Merchandise, Linville, 1908  
Riddel Lumber Co., Bridgewater, 1936  
Rockingham Motor Company, Harrisonburg, 1937  
Rockingham National Bank, The, Harrisonburg, 1907  
Roudabush, G. W & Co., All Grades of Flour and Feed, Harrisonburg, 1888  
Shrum Brothers, Dayton, 1916 & 1919 (Donated by Nancy Garber)  
Smith, Blaine, Inc., Aluminum Siding, Harrisonburg, 1964 (Donated by Nancy Garber)  
Snell, J. M. & Sons, Dealers in Hay, Corn, Oats, etc., Harrisonburg, 1911 & 1914 (Donated by Bill Springston 90.14.5)  
Sprinkel, C. A. & Son, Harrisonburg, 1916  
Taylor's Esso Service, Harrisonburg, 1948  
Thompson's Service Station, Harrisonburg, 1949  
Town of Dayton, tax bill, 1902 (Donated by Nancy Garber)  
Town of Harrisonburg, water bill, 1894  
Valley Creamery, Inc., The, Penn Laird, 1921  
Webster, A. F. Esso Dealer, Harrisonburg, 1948

Wenger, C. D., Grower and Shipper of Apples, Harrisonburg, no date (donated by Bill Springston 90.14.1))  
Wenger, J. A. & Son, Seed Potatoes and Fancy Poultry, Bridgewater, 1914 (Donated by Bill Springston 90.14.4)  
Wetsel, D. M. & Son, Harrisonburg, 1915  
Whitesel, H. N & Bro., Harrisonburg, 1911  
Will, Dr. E. J., Veterinary Surgeon, Harrisonburg, 1916 (Donated by Bill Springston 90.14.2)  
Wilton Hardware Co., Harrisonburg, 1911

**OV Folder:**

*Rockingham County: Its Past and Present Illustrated*, published by Harrisonburg Daily News, early 1900's (Donated by George R. Hedrick)