



Archival and Manuscript Collections Finding Aid

ACCESSION No: HRHS-181

COLLECTION TITLE: Henkel Family Records Collection

DATES: 1901-1939

SIZE: 8 folders

DONOR: Unknown

PROCESSED: Processed April 28, 2016 by K. Craun

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

In 1717, a Lutheran minister named Anthony Jacob Henkel arrived in Philadelphia from Germany. The Henkel family has been very prominent in the Lutheran ministry in Virginia.

In 1806, Ambrose Henkel and his brother Solomon, started one of the first German language presses in the South. The press began as an amateur operation in the New Market home of their father, Paul, a prominent Lutheran minister. Many of the people living in the Valley of Virginia shared a German heritage, and the early Henkel materials were printed in German and then later in English. The Henkel Press eventually became an important source for Lutheran devotional material, newspapers, song books, and children's books. The press was always more than just a business venture, and the family believed that it was a way to preserve their culture, language, and religious beliefs.

The Henkel Memorial was produced by the Rev. Ammon Stapleton, D. D. and after his death, it was replaced by the publication titled *The Henckel Family Records*, which was produced by the Henckel Family Association, Elon O. Henkel, Editor.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

This is a collection of publications concerning the Henckel/Henkel family by the Rev. Ammon Stapleton and the Henckel Family Association., Elon O. Henkel, Editor.

COLLECTION INVENTORY:

Publication titled *The Henkel Memorial*, by Rev. A. Stapleton, D. D., published by Henkel & Co. Printers, New Market, VA:

Folder 1:

- First Series, Number Four, 1717-1912
- Second Series, Number One, 1717-1913 (3 copies)

Folder 2:

- Second Series, Number Two, 1717-1914
- Second Series, Number Three, 1717-1917 (2 copies)

Publication titled *The Henckel Family Records*, published by The Henkel Press, New Market, VA by authority of the Henckel Family Association, Elon O. Henkel, Editor:

Folder 3:

- May, 1926, Number 1
- April, 1927, Number 2
- February, 1928, Number 3

Folder 4:

- January, 1929, Number 4
- January, 1930, Number 5
- January, 1931, Number 6

Folder 5:

- July, 1931, Number 7
- January, 1932, Number 8
- July, 1932, Number 9

Folder 6:

- January, 1933, Number 10
- January, 1934, Number 11
- January, 1935, Number 12

Folder 7:

- July, 1935, Number 13
- August, 1939, Number 14

Folder 8:

-Booklet titled *In Memoriam, Rev. Socrates Henkel, D. D.*, 1901

-Booklet titled *New Market, Virginia, Imprints, 1806-1876, A Check List*, University of Virginia Bibliographical Series Number 5, 1942 (2 copies)

-Booklet titled *German-Language Publications in Virginia, 1789-1834*, by Klaus G. Wust, 1953

-Day book (journal) belonging to Socrates Henkel, 1857-1860